

# Odawa Trails



## LTBB APPELLATE COURT TO RESOLVE RECALL ELECTION CHALLENGE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On December 1, 2014, former LTBB Tribal Chairperson Fred Kiogima and former LTBB Vice Chairperson Deb DeLeon filed a complaint and election challenge (Case No. C-205-1214) against the LTBB Election Board in LTBB Tribal Court following the November 17, 2014 recall election, which removed them from office and placed them on paid leave of absence pending the certification of the recall election results.

In the complaint and election challenge, Kiogima and DeLeon asked the Court to "1. Hold that the recall election concluded on November 17, 2014 was unlawful and invalid, and in violation of the LTBB Constitution, statutes and/or election regulations; 2. Order that Plaintiffs be reinstated into their respective elected offices; 3. Sanction Defendant Election Board and/or any of its members found to have violated Tribal law, including, but

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## FEDERAL COURT: GREAT LAKES WOLF HUNTING ENDS NOW, SPORT HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF WOLVES IS OVER

Editor's note: The following is a Human Society of the United States (HSUS) press release dated December 19, 2014.



Sport hunting and trapping of wolves in the Great Lakes region must end immediately, a federal District Court has ruled. The court overturned a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) decision which removed Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves living in the western Great Lakes region, which includes Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Humane Society of the United States and a coalition of wildlife protection groups, including Born Free USA, Help Our Wolves Live and Friends of Animals and Their Environment, filed suit against the USFWS's premature December 2011 delisting decision. The decision threatened the fragile remnants of the gray wolf popula-

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## KEEPING WARM THANKS TO THE HARBOR SPRINGS GRANGE QUILTERS



By Wendy Congdon, Pre-Press Graphic Specialist

According to [www.michiganstategrange.org](http://www.michiganstategrange.org), the Grange is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization with grassroots units established in 3,600 local communities in 37 states. Its 300,000 members provide service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues, including economic development, education, family endeavors and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America. It was formed in the years following the American Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population. During the past 137 years, it has evolved to include non-farm rural families and communities.

The Harbor Springs Grange has become a community service provider, currently having 25 adult members and 12-14 junior members. New members are always welcome.

In late November 2014, Kaye Rowland, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, was contacted by the Harbor Springs Grange Quilters group to see if she knew of anyone who could use a few warm quilts. This was the start of a beautiful friendship! She made arrangements for the 12 quilts to go

to tribal citizens in need of warmth and comfort. In early January 2015, she received six more quilts. While visiting in Lansing, MI, Kaye noticed a group of people living under the Pennsylvania Bridge. Kaye and her daughter, Carrie Wisniewski, took quilts and wrapped them around the people living there. They were overwhelmed by the kindness, even causing one man to weep tears. Two more quilts were shared with two homeless men. Kaye said it was fantastic to be able to help someone in such need. She had the quilts in the car, and her heart knew this is where they needed to be.

I was asked by Kaye to join her in retrieving a bundle of quilts and had the opportunity to take a few pictures of the group quilting. We were warmly met by Wilbur Kurburski, showing us the way to enter the building. Inside, his wife, Caroline, was working at a sewing machine on a quilt top. Jean Schlappi, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, and Helen

"Quilters" continued on page 19.



Pictured from left to right with some of the donated quilts are Kaye Rowland and Jean Schlappi. Courtesy photo.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S COLE MEMORANDUM STATES DOJ WILL NOT STOP THE GROWING AND SELLING OF MARIJUANA ON TRIBAL LANDS IF TRIBES PASS LAWS LEGALIZING IT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On December 11, 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released the Cole Memorandum, which outlined new policies allowing American Indian tribes to grow and sell marijuana on tribal lands if they have laws legalizing it.

The three-page memorandum, dated October 28, 2014, has the subject line, "Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country."

According to the memorandum, some tribes requested guidance on the enforcement of the Controlled Substance Act (CSA) on tribal lands by the United States Attorneys' offices with a number of states legalizing marijuana for use and production.

The memorandum provides guidance to the United States Attor-



neys on the proper prioritization of marijuana enforcement in their districts given the number of states that have moved to legalize marijuana for medicinal, agricultural or recreational use. It lists eight federal law enforcement priorities where the department will focus its limited investigative and prosecutorial resources

in all states.

These eight priorities are as follows: Preventing the distribution of marijuana to minors; preventing revenue from the sale of marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels; preventing the diversion of marijuana from states where it is legal under state law in some form to other states; preventing state-authorized marijuana activity from being used as a cover or pretext for the trafficking of other illegal drugs or illegal activity; preventing violence and the use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana; preventing drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use; preventing the growing of marijuana on public lands and the attendant public safety and environ-

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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 1-19-15 = 4,569

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Please do not contact the grant writers regarding personal grants from LTBB. For information regarding personal grants from LTBB, please contact Tribal Administrator Assistant at 231-242-1420.

**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**

Dwendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwa wiimnaadendziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

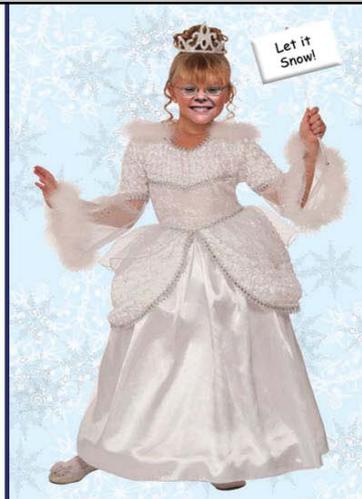
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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter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

The deadline for the March 2015 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 2, 2015.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto: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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- 3 months = \$40.80 **save \$7.20!**
- 6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**
- 12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

# VETERAN SPOTLIGHT



## HONORING OUR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN VETERANS - ANTHONY LOUIS DAVIS, SR.



Anthony Louis Davis, Sr. was born January 26, 1959 to Louis and Mary (Chingwa) Davis. He was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and has five siblings, two older sisters, one older brother and two younger brothers.

He and his wife, Cathy, have six children together. He has three children, two sons and a daughter, and is a proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, 1977, serving as a Boiler Technician after volunteering for military duty.

After receiving his GED in 1978, he became a Certified Addiction Disorder Counselor Level 1 in 2002 through the Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addic-

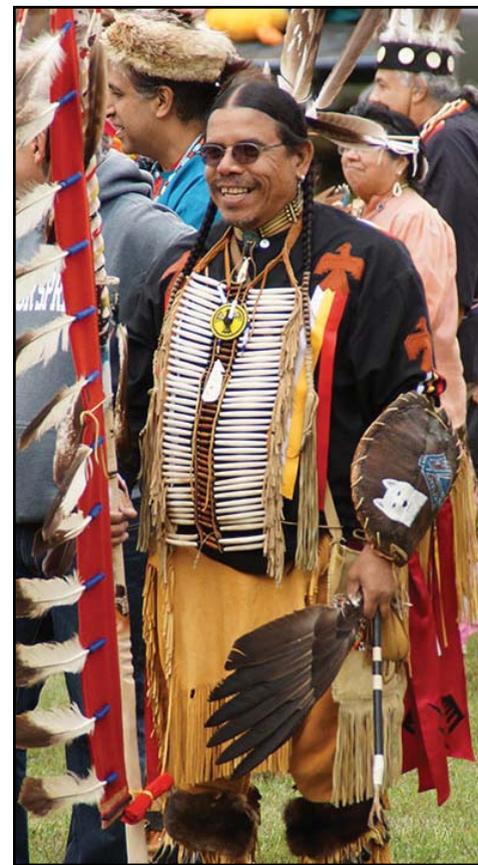
tive Disorders. He worked as a Cultural Advisor in the LTBB Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department from April 2002 to December 2009 and as a Cultural Advisor/Substance Abuse Counselor for American Indian Health & Family Services from January 2010 to December 2011.

Currently, he is the Cultural Resources Advisor for the LTBB Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program in the LTBB Tribal Court. He is a 2014 Circle of Excellence award recipient; the Circle of Excellence program provides the LTBB Governmental Team a chance to recognize seven team members for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, dependability and commitment to customer service.

He serves in the color guard at pow wows and tribal events and is a traditional dancer and pipe carrier.

Davis said he keeps the Anishinaabe culture his first priority.

"I changed my lifestyle in October 1988 and in that process, began the intense learning of the Anishinaabe Way of Life," he said. "Creator's path and design for me has led me to the Anishinaabe Way of Life. I do not question the Creator. My life is as it should be because I believe in it, and it, in turn, believes in me. Life for me today is spirituality. All goodness comes from spirituality. I was ready for the teacher in the fall of 1990 and have been learning since."



He and Bill A. Denemy, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, started the Migizi Riders motorcycle club in 2012.

Photo by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon, courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.

Every month, we will honor LTBB Tribal Citizen Veterans, past and present, who have served our country in the various branches of the military.

If you would like yourself, a family member or someone you know to appear in this series, please send us an e-mail at newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov with the name of the veteran(s), and please provide your contact information.

Anthony Louis Davis, Sr.

# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### DON'T FORGET TO FILE FOR AN EXEMPTION WITH YOUR 2014 TAXES IF YOU DID NOT HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE IN 2014

Submitted by Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist



the IRS. I strongly encourage you to take charge and contact me for assistance filling out Form 8965 to file for the Indian exemption or to visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov to print the form. Follow the instructions and file the exemption with your 2014 taxes, so when you send your taxes in, there will be no surprises (like the feds charging you a penalty for not obtaining health insurance!)

The penalty for not carrying health insurance is Huge! Here is an example:

**Married couple with two children, \$70,000 income:**

Eduardo and Julia are married and have two children under 18. They did not have minimum essential coverage for any family member for any month during 2014, and no one in the family qualifies for a coverage

exemption.

For 2014, their household income was \$70,000 and their filing threshold is \$20,300.

To determine their payment using the income formula, subtract \$20,300 (filing threshold) from \$70,000 (2014 household income). The result is \$49,700. One percent of \$49,700 equals \$497.

Eduardo and Julia's flat dollar amount is \$285 or \$95 per adult and \$47.50 per child.

Because \$497 is greater than \$285 (and is less than the national average premium for bronze level coverage for 2014), Eduardo and Julia's shared responsibility payment is \$497 for 2014 or \$41.41 per month for each month the family was uninsured (1/12 of \$497 equals \$41.41).

**I am happy to say, we as Native Americans, are exempt from this penalty, but we MUST fill out an exemption with the IRS in order to take advantage of this provision.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Valorie Glazier, the Patient Benefits Specialist at the Health Park, anytime at 231-242-1748, by e-mail vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or by stopping by her office.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, and courtesy graphic.



Hello all. It is getting to be tax time, and I want to make sure everyone knows if you Did Not have health coverage (Medicaid, Medicare, VA, Tricare or private insurance) in 2014 and you're a Native American, you NEED to file an exemption in order to avoid paying a tax penalty out of your income tax refund per the Affordable Care Act.

If you have no health insurance and have not seen me at the Health Department to fill out the federal exemption, there is a form called 8965 I can NOW download and print off for you to fill out and SEND along with your completed 2014 taxes to

### 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!

**Al-Anon Family Groups**  
Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers

Weekly meetings are held each Wednesday at 7pm in the LTBB Health Clinic upstairs conference room. For more information, contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department at 231-242-1640.

Mnozhiyaa and Mno Ode Invite you to our next

## Laugh Learn Live Well Class

Monday, February 9  
5pm - 8pm  
WaaNODEGAMIK, 5656 Appishmok Blvd, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (Community Center off State Road)

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. We will be making beaded earrings; there will be several styles available depending on your skill level. Class is limited to 25 participants. Please R.S.V.P. by February 6th to Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**HOMETOWN WIRELESS GROUP**

HOMETOWN WIRELESS GROUP WILL GIVE 15% OFF ALL ITEMS TO ANY LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN, LTBB EMPLOYEE, OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EMPLOYEE. ALL WE NEED IS YOUR TRIBAL ID OR EMPLOYEE BADGE. WE HAVE 3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU:

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|--|---|--|
| HARBOR SPRINGS<br>HARBOR PLAZA<br>8430 M-119<br>231-487-9390 | ALANSON<br>7722 US 31 NORTH<br>(NEXT TO SUBWAY)<br>231-548-5997 | KALKASKA<br>559 S. CEDAR (131)<br>800-757-5997 |
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# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Aanii Tribal Elder,

This article is to provide you with information about the Food and Utility Reimbursement program. An Elder is defined as 55 years of age or older by December 31, 2015. If all requested documents are turned in to the Elders Department by the deadline, you may be able to receive a check up to \$400. *The deadline to submit your application and receipts is December 12, 2015. Please read this letter all the way through before sending receipts.*

**Step One.** Application materials:

Fill out 2015 application included with this letter.

Send in 2015 grocery receipts adding up to \$200.

*Items allowed: Food grocery, toiletries, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towel and household cleaners only.*

*Items not allowed: Pet supplies, tobacco products or alcohol.*

Send in 2015 utility bills adding up to \$200.

*Utility bills allowed: Heating, electric, water and trash removal paid in 2015.*

*Utility bills not allowed: Cell phone, cable, satellite, Internet.*

**Hand written receipts, cancelled checks or money order receipts will NOT be accepted.**

**Step two:** How to complete the application:

Complete and sign the application.

Double check your 2015 grocery receipts add up to \$200.

Double check your 2015 utility bills add up to \$200.

Mail to the above address or drop off at the office.

**Step three:** How your application is processed:

*\* Please note this process takes about two weeks.*

When we receive your application, it is stamped with the date it arrives.

We review the application to make sure it's complete with signature and add up the grocery receipts and utility receipts.

If application and receipts are complete, a check request will be submitted to the LTBB Accounting Department.

The LTBB Accounting Department will mail your check.

Miigwech,  
Elder Department Staff  
231-242-1423

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Elders Department  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Ph: 231-242-1423**



## Food & Utility Reimbursement Application

January 5, 2015

Please **print** the following information:

**Tribal Enrollment Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please remember to include original utility & grocery receipts for current calendar year.**

**For office use only, please do not write in this section.**

**Utility Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grocery Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Current year 2015

**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

**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 or Trista Paone, Outreach Worker, 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.

**Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!**

**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.

# February Elders Birthdays

**February 1**

Doris Beaudin  
Kathryn Loonsfoot  
Eileen O'Shea  
Lori Gee

**February 9**

Joey Deckrow  
Wynonah Shawa Waldfried  
Grace Zerbe

**February 19**

Nancy Bailey  
Leela Harrison  
Carol Jeffers  
Chris Peariso

**February 2**

William Hulka  
Karen Lambert  
Patricia McCarty  
Carolyn Mejia  
Michael Peters  
Yvonne Salter

**February 10**

Arlene Boggs  
Geraldine Hutton  
Michele Mabry  
Sally Spangler  
Ralph Swanson

**February 20**

Krystine Rojas  
Justin Shananaquet  
Deleta Smith

**February 3**

Paul Shananaquet  
Clayton Walker  
Denise Zimmer

**February 11**

Katherine Beech  
Donna Hielkema  
Joyce Thompson

**February 21**

Steven Otto  
Wade Smith  
Kathryn Terlizzi  
William Vandegriff  
Kimberly White

**February 4**

Charlotte Duvernay  
Theodore Engstrom

**February 12**

Floyd Genia, Jr.  
Wayne Montez  
Josephine Pawneshing  
William Tuffelmire

**February 22**

Ida Sminesvik

**February 5**

Benjamin Bernard  
Timothy Keller  
Barbara Memon  
Darlene Mulholland

**February 13**

Henry Dubiel  
Joyce Smith

**February 23**

Arvilla Bateman  
Mashilaa Beam  
William Meshekey, Jr.  
Ronald Washegesic, Sr.

**February 6**

Sherry Archibald  
Kathy Austin  
Francie Loper

**February 14**

Mikel Bagby  
Patricia Dyer-Deckrow  
David Gross  
Rhonda Lowe  
Brenda Spikes

**February 24**

Jerri Lynn Barker  
Johanna Cameron  
Shirley Startup

**February 7**

Daugherty Johnson, Jr.  
Donald Masse  
Patrick Shomin  
Richard Wanshon

**February 15**

Virginia Adams  
Kevin Casey

**February 25**

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Carla Osawamick  
Dolores Thomas

**February 8**

Lewis Fisher  
Connie Fitch  
Marcia Stratton  
Frank Thompson

**February 16**

Betty Moses  
Sharon Shepard

**February 26**

Jeanette Bailey  
David Duvernay  
Wayne Gasco  
Eric Lieby  
Allan Moore

**February 17**

Jacqueline Campos  
Lee Graham  
Marjorie Williams

**February 27**

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If you have answered "YES" to these questions, you may qualify for Medicaid due to the Michigan Medicaid Expansion effective on April 1, 2014: Healthy Michigan!! Please contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 for assistance.

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Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Citizens are eligible for hearing aid assistance **NO MATTER** age, income or residency.

Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620 or e-mail [dmsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dmsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) for more information about the Binagek Hearing Aid Assistance Program.

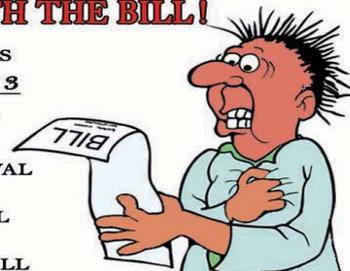


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- Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level\* (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
-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

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

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

## Parental Acceptance of Underage Drinking: Know the Facts



Grandfather teachings: To cherish  
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Let Your Kids Know You Care!

"Drinking while the brain is still maturing may lead to long lasting intellectual effects and may even increase the likelihood of developing alcohol dependence later in life."

"Make a Difference: Talk to your child about Alcohol," National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2009, [http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/MakeADiff\\_HTML/MakeADiff.pdf](http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/MakeADiff_HTML/MakeADiff.pdf)

Alcohol affects young people differently than adults.



## "First a child needs roots to grow, then wings to fly"

Nishing/Maanaadak, the Nishing (good) path and the Maanaadak (bad) path. We have the ability to make choices every day of our lives. It does not matter how hard it is or how difficult the path appears to be, we will always have the choice to make decisions for ourselves.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## IT TAKES A COMMUNITY, MITTEN TREES

Submitted by the Human Services Department

This year has been the biggest year of donations since Lead Tribal Social Worker Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar took over the hat and mitten trees in 2009. The hat and mitten tree has existed for many years prior to her involvement, but donation numbers were not kept, so numbers are limited.

The community pulled together this year with hundreds of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and face masks placed on the trees at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and in Petoskey, MI, at the Health Park, the 911 Building and at Odawa Casino. Though a coat drive was not done this year, someone was kind enough to decorate the tree at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, with jackets, snow pants and winter boots. The donations this year were plentiful. So many donations; some individual, some sets, all different colors, all shapes and sizes, and enough to keep the entire community warm.

There was such an abundance of donations this year, some were handed out at the Children's Winter Solstice Party on December 13, 2014, reaching community members who had not received items before. Additional donations were made after as well. Every tree was emptied at least once, and the community restocked them a second time. If you or someone you know is in need of warmth, please direct them to the department.

Miigwech to the entire community from the Department of Human Services and the community. The donations this year were amazing, and we were able to keep the trees up until the first of the New Year to stock up for an entire winter. Your donations are appreciated, and it displays what a supportive community the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has.

Photos by Lead Tribal Social Worker Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar and Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



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

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!  
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\*food distribution varies depending on availability

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## Stay up to date!

Join LTBB Higher Education Department on Twitter at: @LTBBHigherEd and Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation](http://www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation)

## Did you know...



3 in 10 teen girls in the U.S. will get pregnant at least once before the age of 20?

During 2011, there were almost 11,000 teen births in Michigan between the ages of 15-19, and 112 births to girls under the age of 12! That means our kids are having kids too soon! Most teens must raise their child alone and with little income. These statistics are present despite the 1/2 credit requirement for sex education in the schools.

The most recent high school surveys have reported at least 47% of students have had sex.

Unfortunately, 1 in 3 adolescents in the U.S. will be the victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. This is higher than any other type of youth violence.

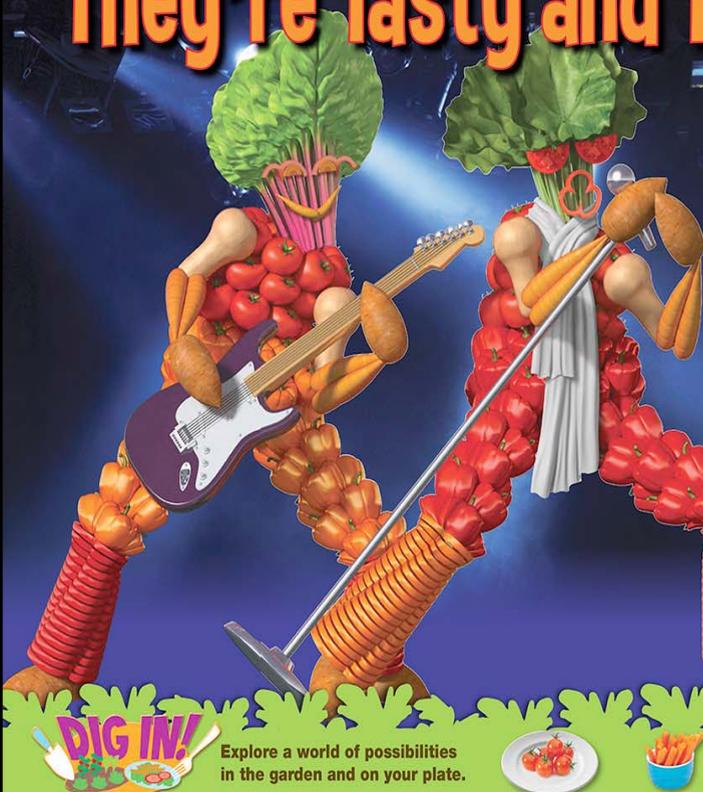
What can we do in our community to change these statistics?

Our tribal Health Department offers education and mentoring on healthy relationships, proud choices, self-esteem and the prevention of teen pregnancy, HIV and STD's. There is also a lesson on the importance of continuing education and applying for college.

**PARENTS:** We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your kids and to consider an appointment. We have many ways in which they can learn this material either on an individual basis, with a few close friends or in small groups. The setting in which the learning takes place can be creative and combined with traditional teachings.

Enrollment has incentives!! Please inquire by calling tribal health: Trista Paone at 231-838-5761 or Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601. Ask about the Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program or TPREP!

## They're Tasty and They Know It!



Taste a tomato.  
Crunch a carrot.  
Savor a sweet potato.  
Rock your colors!  
Choose dark-green, red, and orange veggies at meals and snacks.



Explore a world of possibilities in the garden and on your plate.

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# JUDICIAL BRANCH

## LTBB TRIBAL COURT HONORS RETIRING DHS DIRECTOR MAURA CORRIGAN

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

With the recent retirement of Maura Corrigan as the Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, the LTBB Tribal Court presented Corrigan with a shawl made by LTBB Tribal Citizen Regina Brubacker-Carver.

“Director Corrigan supported the passage of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act,” LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado said. “She empowered the Office of Native American Affairs within DHS.

“She was critical in convincing the State of Michigan to sign the brief in the support of the tribes’ position in *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*, 570 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2013), a decision of the Supreme Court interpreting several sections of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).”

Corrigan served on the Michigan Supreme Court from 1999 until the end of 2010, including four years as Chief Justice. Prior to that, she served on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Brubacker-Carver said she suggested giving Corrigan a shawl because it represents the protective mother figure.

“Judge Maldonado was telling me she needed to come up with gift ideas for retirees who had been helpful to LTBB’s Court,” Brubacker-Carver said. “While we



were talking, I came up with the idea for the mother and child design in the center of the shawl. She was talking to me about it because I’ve done other items for the Court. I’ve made beaded eagle feathers a couple times and some ribbon shirts for the White Feather (the LTBB Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program) graduates.”

*Courtesy photos.*



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|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <p><b>LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT</b></p>    | <p><b>NOTICE TO DEFENDANT</b></p> | <p><b>FILE NO.</b><br/>PPO-035-0914</p> |
| <p><b>TO DEFENDANT:</b> _____ Mary Rachel Cody-Gibson _____</p>   |                                   |   |
| <p><b>CASE NO.:</b> PPO-035-0914</p>  |                                   |   |
| <p><b>NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:</b> An Order to Publish Notice has been issued regarding a Personal Protection Order (“PPO”) on behalf of Plaintiff, Danielle Santos, signed and dated <u>December 26, 2014</u>.</p> |                                   |   |
| <p>The Defendant, Mary Rachel Cody-Gibson, may contact Tribal Court with any questions. In writing to <u>LTBB Tribal Court, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740, or call (231) 242-1462.</u></p>       |                                   |   |

# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Greetings from the Executive Offices.

We have begun our transition into the new year, and many of you are ready for spring.

I am able to give you a brief update on our progress. We

completed some of our agenda items in regards to regulations, the 2015 Hunting, Fishing and Gathering regulations were approved by Tribal Council at the December 18, 2014 meeting and are posted on our website.

We continue to stay focused on the betterment of you, our Tribal Members, and the Tribe as a whole. With that being said, I am happy to share with you some very exciting news regarding the Michele Chingwa scholarship. The scholarship will be paid in one installment for the semester. Our college students will not have to wait for the second installment; this should assist students in purchasing items needed for their studies.

This past month I, along

with Tribal Council members and employees, attended a seminar, “Understanding and Responding to Domestic Violence in the Tribal Community,” which was very informative and enlightening.

In closing, by the time you read this article, we will be gearing up for the annual Goo-nignebig Damnawin (snowsnake games). The games will be held February 20, 2015 at 4 p.m. at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. I hope you and your family can enjoy renewing relationships and friendships at this fun, family cultural event. We hope to see you there.

As always, may you be blessed with continued good health, safety and success.

### Anishinaabemowin Language Class

for World Language Credit to fulfill graduation requirements!!!

Come and learn the culture and language of the waganakising Odawa!!

Remember, when planning your semester schedule, the Anishinaabemowin Language Class will be offered at Petoskey High School and Harbor Springs High School in the Fall 2015 semester!!!

**This class is OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!!!**

You do **NOT** have to be Native American to enroll.

Learning another language helps you learn more quickly by using different parts of your brain!!

If you would like more information or to enroll in this class, please contact:  
Netawn Klogima, Anishinaabemowin Language Teacher  
LTBB Gijigowi Language Department  
Phone: 231-242-1456, e-mail nkiogima@ltbbodawa-n.s.n.gov or The LTBB Gijigowi Language Department at 231-242-1457

## 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.



### Because ONE is too many

- 1 in 3 native women experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- 1 in 3 native teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been physically hurt by their partner.
- 1 in 3 native homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner who is non-native.

**Take action! Be part of the solution!**  
Support survivors and live by the teachings of zaagidwin (love) and mnaadendmowin (respect). Domestic violence is not traditional. Speak out against behaviors and attitudes that go against these traditions.

Our daughters Gdaansinaanik  
Our sisters Gmisenhinaanik  
Our friends Gwijikwenhinaanik  
Our mothers Gashinaanik

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**  
Call Monday-Friday: (231) 242-1620

**Women’s Resource Center of Northern Michigan**  
24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995 (long distance) - wrcnm.org

\*This flyer was developed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Victim Support Services supported by Grant No. 2012-TW-AX-0034 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

## PETOSKEY’S ORANGE GROUP

I am a proud parent of an Inmate. I am starting a support group for Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers and friends of a Loved One who is incarcerated. It’s about time we empower ourselves with positive input on a daily basis in this journey.

Contact: Janice Shackelford  
Phone or text: 231-881-8787  
e-mail: janiceshomin@icloud.com

Would appreciate input or ideas. Group to start January 20, 2015. Everyone is welcome.

**STRENGTH AND HOPE FOR FAMILIES!**

## New Anishinaabemowin Language App Now Available for Android and IOS!

Wikwemikong Heritage Organization recently released a new language learning app. Available at Google Play or iTunes, \$7.99 for the download. It is well worth the price. The app includes various tools to review the language. Android for Smart Phones and IOS for iPad, iPod and iPhone devices.



Includes These Categories and More: Pronunciation Guide, Animals, Birds, Body Parts, Body Phrases, Buildings, Clothes, Clothes Phrases, Colors, Domestic Animals, Family, Feelings, Fish, Food and Beverage, Food Phrases, Furniture, Greetings, Hunting, Nature, Numbers, Occupations, People, Pronouns, Seasons, Small Insects, Time, Tools, Transportation, Trees, Questions and Value

# GIIJOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## Zaagidwin Giizhigat

| Anishinaabemowin  | By sound  | Zhaaganaashimowin  |
|---|---|--|
| Zaagidwin   | zaa gid win   | Love   |
| Gzaagin.  | g zaa gin   | I love you.  |
| Gzaagigo.   | g zaa gi go   | We love you.   |
| Gzaagigoom.   | g zaa gi goom   | We love you both/all.  |
| Gzaaginim.  | g zaa gi nim  | I love you both/all.   |
| Aapiji gwa gzaagin.   | aa pi ji gwa g zaa gin  | I love you very much.  |
| Ngichizaagaa.   | n gi chi zaa gaa  | I really love him/her.   |
| Gbishigenamin.  | g ba shi ge na min  | I like you.  |
| Gmezinin.   | g mez nin   | I miss you.  |
| Kiimezinin.   | kii mez nin   | I missed you.  |
| Gmezinigo.  | g mez ni go   | We miss you.   |
| Gmakwenimigoom.   | g ma kwen mi goom   | We are thinking of you both/all.   |
| Jiimshin.   | jiim shin   | Kiss me.   |
| Aabitoojiinshin.  | aab too jiin shin   | Hug me.  |
| waawaashkeshi   | waa waash ke shi  | dear (deer)  |
| Nbazgim   | n baz gim   | my sweetheart  |
| Gwiizhinaagos.  | gwii zhi naa gos  | You are cute.  |
| Gdi gzhis!  | g di g zhis   | You're hot!  |
| Gdaa dibenim na go?   | g daa di ben nim na go  | Will you be my mine?   |
| Nbazgim na gwii'aaw?  | n baz gim na gwii aaw   | Will you be my sweetheart?   |
| Gmikwendmin ensa giizhigat.   | g mi kwen di min en sa giizhi gat   | I think of you every day.  |
| Ndinendam jiganawenmininaan.  | n di nen dam ji ga na wen min naan  | I think I'll keep you.   |
| nwiijikiwenh  | nwiij ki wenh   | my friend  |
| gwiiijikiwenh   | gwiiij ki wenh  | your friend  |
| Nbishigenamaa.  | n bi shi ge na maa  | I like him/her.  |
| Pkwenigen.  | p kwe ni gen  | check him/her out.   |
| Noondawishin.   | noon da wi shin   | Hear me.   |
| Gnoonshin.  | g noon shin   | Talk to me.  |
| Ndokach.  | n do kach   | I'm cool. (literal)  |
| Shtaataahaa!  | shtaa taa haa   | Wow!   |
| Gaagiidzide na?<br>Zaam nshtigwaaning<br>gdi zhaabatoogibe-giizhigat. | gaa giid zi de na?<br>zaam n shti gwaa ning<br>gdi zhaa ba too gi be-giizhi gat | Are your feet sore?<br>Because you have been running<br>through my head all day. |

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Community College, Nishnaabemwin  
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**Wenesh Pii? When?**  
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January 30, 31, February 1  
February 20, 21, 22  
March 13, 14, 15  
April 10, 11, 12

**Aaniish Epiichaak? What time?**  
Fridays 1 pm - 8 pm  
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Sundays 8 am - noon

**Aapiish? Where?**  
LTBB Waasnodeki Community Center

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231-242-1480.

Ask us about downloading eBooks  
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### Across

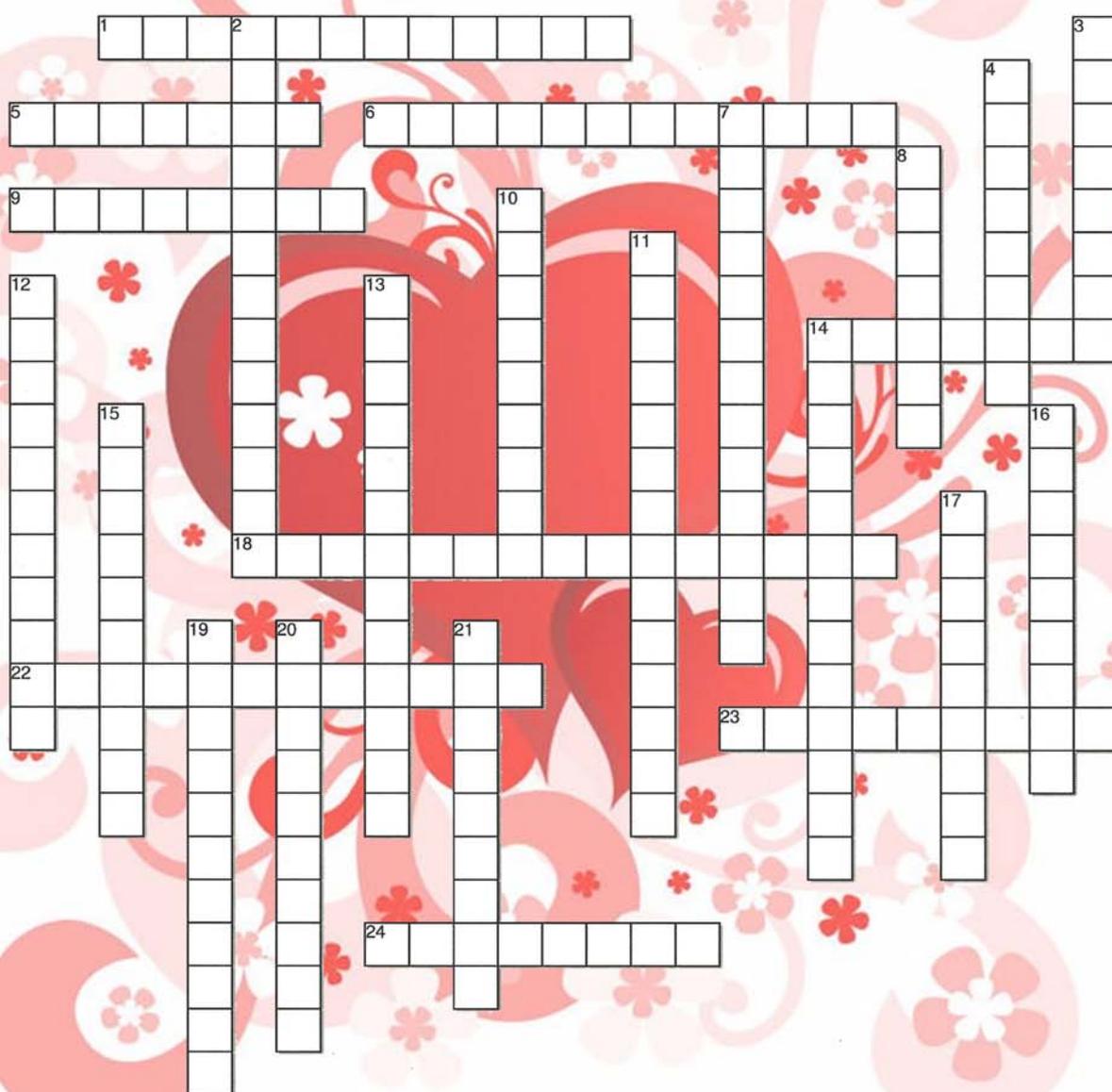
- Hear me.
- my sweetheart
- my friend
- You're hot!
- I love you.
- Hug me.
- I really love him/her.
- I love you both/all.
- kiss me

### Down

- I like him/her.
- I miss you
- We love you.
- dear (deer)
- I'm cool. (literal)
- We miss you.
- We are thinking of you both/all.
- your friend
- You are cute.
- I like you.
- I missed you.
- Talk to me.
- Check him/her out. (admire)
- Wow!
- We love you both/all.
- love

### Zaagidwin Kidwinan

Fill in the crossword from the given clues. The answers can be found on page 11.



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UPDATE

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

Aanii miinwaa MnoNimkwadaading (Hello and Happy New Year!)

The Department of Commerce (DOC) mailed out the "2014 MICHIGAN Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit" forms to Resident Tribal Members (only), aged 18 and older (as of 1/1/2014) who resided within the tribe's Tax Agreement Area (TAA) from January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014. However, if you MOVED out of the TAA during that time and are filing 2014 Michigan income taxes, please contact me to receive this form. **Please note this form IS NOT AVAILABLE on the tribal website or on the State of Michigan's website.** This is because not everyone is eligible for this tax credit and to assist in deterring ineligible claims for the credit. Therefore, citizens MUST request this form from the DOC. Also, if you are a minor with wages from income, your parent/legal guardian must re-

quest the form for you. If you have any questions regarding this form, also known as the 4013, please feel free to contact me during office hours at 231-242-1584.

I also wanted to inform the membership the quota for tax-exempt diesel fuel was increased due to successful negotiations with the State of Michigan. Thanks to General Counsel, James Bransky, and staff as well as the Accounting Department and the DOC. The quota for diesel fuel has been increased from 15,000 gallons to 17,000 gallons of tax-exempt diesel for citizens and the tribe (tribal government/tribal entities/casino operations).

One more thing, the DOC will be posting a date for the next "Odaawe Giizhigat" (Barter Day) event soon.

Please check the tribal website often for updates ... they don't always make it into the newsletter due to time constraints and advance deadlines for the newsletter.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Resident Tribal Member Tax Information**

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Cross Village (all)                           | Readmond (all)               |
| Friendship (all)                              | West Traverse (all)          |
| Little Traverse (all)                         | City of Harbor Springs (all) |
| Resort (partial)                              | Bay (partial)                |
| Hayes (partial)                               | Bear Creek (all)             |
| City of Petoskey (all)                        |                              |
| City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge) |                              |

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

\*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

\*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.**

**The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.**

## 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 util-

ity 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/lbtbtaxagr>

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@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov).

**THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

**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.

**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

**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.

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2015

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2015. 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, 2015 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2015.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at [www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/](http://www.lbbodawa-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.

**LTBB TRIBAL DIRECTORIES**

LTBB tribal directories are available for sale in the Enrollment Office. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2013, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

**Qualifications:**

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

**Mail to:**  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
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.

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

- Services:**
- Enrollment Applications.
  - Address Change Forms.
    - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
    - 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.

**TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION**

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

| Tribal Notary Commission Full Name | Current Status | Appointment Date | Expiration Date   | Serial Number |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Theresa C. Keshick                 | Active         | 2/18/2009        | February 18, 2015 | 01-09         |
| Rebecca R. Fisher                  | Active         | 2/23/2009        | February 23, 2015 | 02-09         |
| Lisa Flynn                         | Active         | 2/23/2009        | February 23, 2015 | 03-09         |
| Heatrice A. Law                    | Active         | 5/11/2009        | May 11, 2015      | 04-09         |
| Cynthia Brockaert                  | Active         | 06/07/2011       | June 07, 2017     | 05-09         |
| Kathryn L. McGraw                  | Active         | 04/02/2013       | April 2, 2019     | 06-09         |
| Kiley Farrowshing                  | Active         | 05/29/2013       | May 29, 2019      | 07-09         |
| Gwendolyn Gasso                    | Active         | 07/02/2013       | July 2, 2019      | 08-09         |
| Yvonne E. Brown                    | Active         | 03/25/2014       | March 24, 2020    | 09-09         |

# 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     | December 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| 12/1/14  | Whitehouse Tribal Leaders Conference  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  | X |
| 12/1/14  | Gaming Authority Committee work session   |   |   | X | X |   |   |  | X |
| 12/2/14  | Appropriations and Finance Committee  | X | X |   | X | X |   |  | X |
| 12/3/14  | Gaming Authority Committee  |   | X | X |   |   |   |  | X |
| 12/3/14  | Agricultural Assessment Work Group  |   | X | X | X |   |   |  |   |
| 12/5/14  | Agricultural Assessment Work Group  |   | X | X | X |   |   |  |   |
| 12/9/14  | Legal and Legislative Committee   | X |   |   |   | X | X |  | X |
| 12/12/14 | Domestic Violence Prevention Work Group   | X |   |   |   |   | X |  |   |
| 12/7/14- | -12/12/14 Youth and Food Sovereignty Conference   |   | X |   | X |   | X |  |   |
| 12/9/14  | Legal and Legislative Committee   | X |   |   |   | X | X |  | X |
| 12/15/14 | Ethics Committee  |   | X | X |   | X |   |  |   |
| 12/16/14 | Gaming Authority Committee  |   | X | X | X |   |   |  | X |
| 12/16/14 | Tribal Council Work Session   | X | X | X | X | X |   |  |   |
| 12/17/14 | Appropriations and Finance Committee  |   | X |   | X | X |   |  | X |
| 12/17/14 | Agricultural Assessment Work Group  |   | X |   | X |   |   |  |   |
| 12/18/14 | Tribal Council Meeting  |   | X |   | X | X | X |  | X |
| 12/23/14 | Ethics Committee  |   | X |   | X | X |   |  |   |
| 12/26/14 | Land and Reservation  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  | X |
|          | *additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |

## LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- January 1st – New Year's Day
- April 3rd – Good Friday
- May 25th – Memorial Day
- July 3rd – 4th of July Observed
- September 7th – Lewis and Doris Adams Holiday
- September 21st – Sovereignty Day
- September 25th – Michigan Indian Day
- November 11th – Veteran's Day
- November 26th – Thanksgiving
- November 27 – Friday after Thanksgiving
- December 24th – Christmas Eve
- December 25th – Christmas
- December 31st – New Year's Eve

## 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.

## 2015 Tribal Council Regular Schedule

Tuesday-Work Sessions-1 pm & Thursday-Meetings-9 am  
LTBB Governmental Center Tribal Council Chambers

(January 1, New Year's Day, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-January 6, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-January 8, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-January 20, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-January 22, 2015

Work Session: Tuesday-February 3, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-February 5, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-February 17, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-February 19, 2015

Work Session: Tuesday-March 3, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-March 5, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-March 17, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-March 19, 2015

(April 3, Good Friday, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-April 7, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-April 9, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-April 21, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-April 23, 2015

Work Session: Tuesday-May 5, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-May 7, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-May 19, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-May 21, 2015

(May 25, Memorial Day, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-June 2, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-June 4, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-June 16, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-June 18, 2015

(July 3, in recognition of Independence Day, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-July 7, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-July 9, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-July 21, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-July 23, 2015

Work Session: Tuesday-August 4, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-August 6, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-August 18, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-August 20, 2015

Work Session: Tuesday-September 1, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-September 3, 2015

(September 7, Lewis and Doris Adams Holiday, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-September 15, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-September 17, 2015

(September 21, Sovereignty Day, Office Closed)  
(September 25, Michigan Indian Day, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-October 6, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-October 8, 2015  
Work Session: Tuesday-October 20, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-October 22, 2015

Work Session: Tuesday-November 3, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-November 5, 2015

(November 11, Veterans Day, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-November 17, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-November 19, 2015

(November 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday-December 8, 2015 Meeting: Thursday-December 10, 2015

(December 24-25 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed)  
(December 31 New Year's Eve, Holiday Office Closed)



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](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

### 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                      |
| Education Appeals Board                     | 4 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                      |
| Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. | 3 yr.-5 yr. term | 2                      |
| Odawa Fishery, Inc.                         | 3 yr. term       | 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](mailto: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:

#### Executive Branch Postings:

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, nominated by the Tribal Chair and appointed by Tribal Council  
Refer to WOS 2013-002 Tribal Historic Preservation Office Protection and Management of Archaeological, Historical, and Cultural Properties and Cultural Resources for duties and authority.

#### Judicial Postings:

Associate Judge, 4 year term, expiring February 20, 2016  
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.  
Appellate Judge/Enrolled Tribal Member over 55, 6 yr. term, expiring March 20, 2020  
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX, B.2. of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians for requirements. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

## Save on your next computer with Dell

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

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



# NATIVE NEWS

## THE ONEIDA INDIAN NATION TO OPEN YELLOW BRICK ROAD CASINO, A NEW \$20 MILLION, WIZARD OF OZ-THEMED GAMING VENUE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK WITH VEGAS-STYLE SLOT MACHINES AND A BINGO HALL

Editor's note: The following is an Oneida Indian Nation press release dated December 22, 2014.



The Oneida Indian Nation, owner of the renowned Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY, today (December 22, 2014) announced plans to expand its upstate New York operations with a new \$20 million, 67,000 square foot casino in the Village of Chittenango, NY. Paying homage to the community's identity as the birthplace of L. Frank Baum, author of "Wonderful Wizard of Oz," Yellow Brick Road Casino will feature more than 430 Vegas-style cash slot machines, a 500-seat bingo hall, two casual dining options, a country western bar and a general store. The new facility will complement existing Oneida Nation businesses and bring diversification to guests, appealing to locals interested in the excitement of slot machines and bingo while grabbing a quick, casual meal. Yellow Brick Road Casino is projected to open in spring 2015.

"Our expansion with this new casino is yet another opportunity for the Oneida Nation to create more jobs for Central New Yorkers, to invest in our region's economic growth, and to improve and diversify our guest experience," said Oneida Nation Representative and Nation Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter. "The Yellow Brick Road Casino will create numerous construction jobs for our local trade workers and more than 250 permanent positions once it opens."

Halbritter continued: "We're also excited to help bring a fresh vitality to the area by investing \$20 million in local businesses and converting an under-used shopping center into a new modern casino, featuring a one-of-a-kind tourist experience that is unique to Chittenango."

The Oneida Nation has enlisted Hayner Hoyt Corporation of Syracuse, NY, for general contracting and construction management for the new ca-

sino project and Hnedak Bobo Group, visionaries for Hard Rock Café New Orleans and the upscale Westin Memphis Beale Street Hotel, for the design work of Yellow Brick Road Casino.

In addition to slot machines and the bingo hall, Yellow Brick Road Casino will feature several casual dining options. This will include a counter-service restaurant offering a variety of grill and deli-style options, including burgers, hotdogs and grilled chicken sandwiches, and dinner entrees such as meatloaf and steak; a sit-down and take-out pizza restaurant serving New York-style pizza and chicken wings; a country western style bar with live entertainment from local musicians; and the Oz General Store.

While a world-class facility in its own right, Yellow Brick Road Casino will provide a different experience than the Oneida Nation's Turning Stone Resort Casino. The fifth-largest tourist attraction in New York State, Turning Stone has evolved into a full-scale, four-season destination resort offering gaming, hotels, entertainment, golf courses, spas, more than 20 dining options, including four fine-dining restaurants, nightlife, and in 2016, luxury outlet shopping.

### About the Oneida Indian Nation

The Oneida Indian Nation is a federally recognized Indian nation in Central New York. A founding member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (also known as the Six Nations or Iroquois Confederacy), the Oneida Indian Nation sided with the Americans in the Revolutionary War and was thanked by Congress and President George Washington for its loyalty and assistance. Today, the Oneida Nation consists of about 1,000 enrolled members, most of them living in Central New York. The nation's enterprises, which employ 4,500 people, include Turning Stone Resort Casino, the SavOn chain of gas stations and convenience stores, RV Park, three marinas, Indian Country Today Media Network – the premier national multi-media source for American Indian news and information, and Four Directions Productions - a 3D animation HD cinematography studio. Proceeds from these enterprises are used to rebuild the nation's economic base and provide essential services, including housing, health care and education incentives and programs, to its members.

*Courtesy photo.*

**Attention 8th grade students and parents!!!!**

**Anishinaabemowin Language Class**  
for World Language credits for graduation!!

When planning your freshman schedule for the 2015 Fall Semester, remember the Anishinaabemowin Language Class will be offered at Petoskey High School and Harbor Springs High School!!!

**This class is OPEN to ALL students!!**  
You do NOT have to be Native American to enroll.

Come and learn the culture & language of the Waganakising Odawa!!

If you would like more information or to enroll in this class, please contact:  
**Netawn Kiogima, Anishinaabemowin Language Teacher**  
LTBB Gijigowi Language Department  
Phone: 231-242-1456, e-mail: nkiogima@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or the Gijigowi Language Department at 231-242-1457

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS EDUCATION APPEAL BOARD**

Purpose: Conduct hearings for student appeals of denials or adjustments to the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship in accordance with REG-WOS 2007-05 102912-010, Section V.

Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Appeals Form available online: [ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) > Education Department > Higher Educational Services

**Questions? Contact the Tribal Chairman's Office: 231-242-1401**

Chairperson: Melissa Colby  
Secretary: Catherine Laba  
Treasurer: Lily Anderson

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on **facebook**

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto:tpaone@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

**family SPIRIT**  
Promoting Maternal and Early Child Health

Answers for puzzle on page 8.

**Zaagidwin Kidwinan**

**Across**

2. I miss you. (gmezinin)
6. my friend (nwijikiwenh)
10. love (zaagidwin)
13. Hug me. (aabitoojinshin)
15. I like him/her. (nbishigenamaa)
17. I'm cool. [literal] (ndokach)
18. I really love him/her. (ngichizaagaa)
19. my sweetheart (nbazgim)
20. your friend (gwijikiwenh)
21. Talk to me. (gnoonshin)
22. We love you. (gzaagigo)

**Down**

1. I missed you. (kiimezinin)
2. We miss you. (gmezinigo)
3. You're hot! (gdogzhis)
4. Kiss me. (jiimshin)
5. Check him/her out. [admire] (pkwenimin)
6. Hear me. (noondawishin)
7. We are thinking of you both/all. (gmakwenimigoom)
8. You are cute. (gwiizhinaagoz)
9. dear [deer] (waawaashkeshi)
11. I like you. (gbishigenamin)
12. We love you both/all. (gzaagigoom)
14. Wow! (shtaataahaa)
16. I love you both/all. (gzaaginim)

**Interested in working for LTBB?**

Jobs are updated daily at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

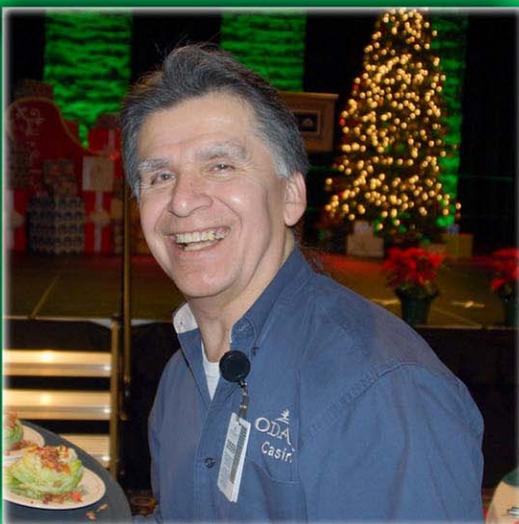
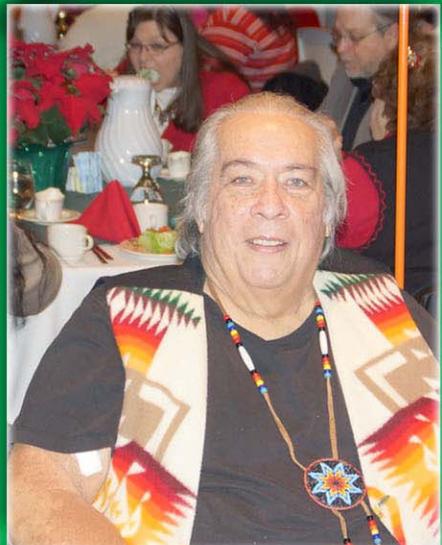
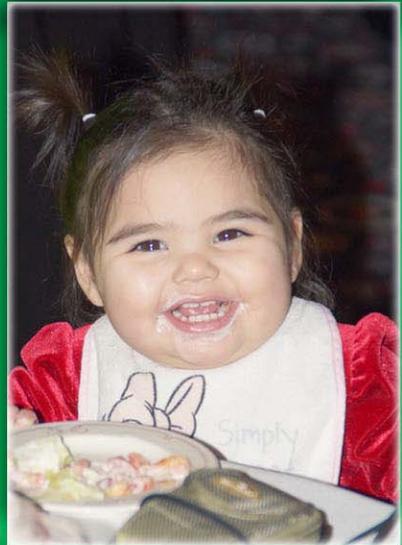
Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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

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## 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

## VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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

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

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# On the Pow Wow Trail

**MICHIGAN**

March 21-22  
Celebrating Life: 26th Annual CMU Pow Wow  
McGuirk Arena in the CMU Events Center  
Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Contact Information: CMU Native American Programs at 989-774-2508, cmich.edu/powwow or nap@cmich.edu

April 4-5  
43rd Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow  
Skyline High School  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Contact Information: Dance for Mother Earth Powwow on Facebook

April 18  
32nd Annual MSU Pow Wow of Love  
Jenison Field House  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI  
Contact Information: Ashley Ryerse at ryerseas@gmail.com

May 24-25  
Gissiwis Creek Pow Wow 2015  
Marion, MI  
Contact Information: Terri Kogler at 616-813-7639 or terri.kogler@gmail.com

**MINNESOTA**

February 13  
American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 612-396-5365

March 13  
American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 612-396-5365

March 14-15  
Ain Dah Yung Center's 17th Annual Cherish the Children Traditional Pow Wow  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: Ain Dah Yung Center on Facebook

April 11  
Augsburg Fairview Academy 2nd Annual Pow Wow  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: Liz Saunby at 612-294-1016

May 29  
American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 612-396-5365

**WISCONSIN**

April 11-12  
On Wisconsin Annual Spring Pow Wow 2015  
Madison, WI  
Contact Information: Nichole Boyd at 608-265-3420 or 618-201-7953

April 25  
2015 Madison College Pow Wow  
Madison, WI  
Contact Information: Nicole Soulier at 608-246-6268

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**POW WOW**  
JOIN US AND CELEBRATE  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE  
Feb. 14th Grand Entries 12pm and 7pm  
Feb. 15th Grand Entry 12pm

COMMUNITY FEAST  
Feb. 14th @ 5pm in the Cafeteria  
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**8th ANNUAL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA ROUND DANCE**  
March 14th, 2015

Evening Schedule  
5:00pm- Pipe Ceremony and Feast  
7:00pm- Round Dance  
8:30pm- SCA Honoring  
10:00pm- Memorial Song  
12:00am- Midnight Lunch  
1:00am- Raffles & Drawings  
3:00am- Closing

The 8th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance invites all singers and families to attend. World Class singers from across the United States and Canada bring their gift of song to share with all. This annual event grows larger and more exciting year after year and this will be our best yet!

For More Information:  
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Aaron Chivis (989)506-0609  
"Bud" Day (231)492-3271  
"Cub" Sprague (989)708-2227

50/50 All Night!  
Concession Booth All Night!  
Round Dancing All Night!

Enceer: Mike Sullivan - Lac Courte Oreilles, WI  
Stickman: Joe Syrette - Batherswana, ON  
Invited Singers: To Be Announced

All Singers presented the Sticks receive an honorarium. All singers are welcome and will be acknowledged. Live Recording of Digital Release Album by ReZonance Productions

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym - 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Ain Dah Yung Center's 17th Annual Cherish the Children Traditional Pow Wow**

Central High School, 275 Lexington Ave. St. Paul, MN

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
March 14th—15th  
2015

4th Annual Ain Dah Yung Center Ambassador Contest  
(For details contact Victoria.johnson@adycenter.org)

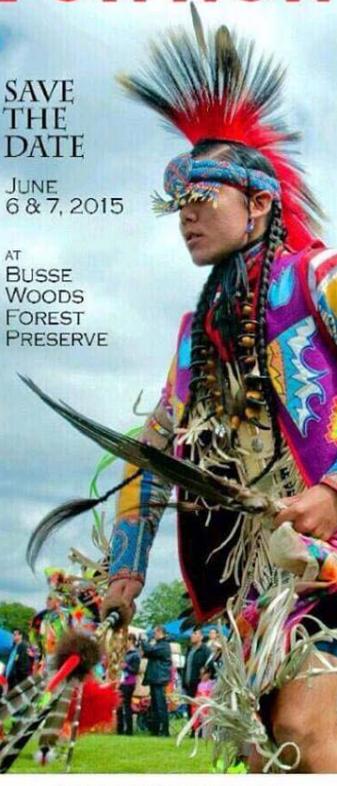


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Jason Kingbird

WHIPMEN  
Charles Lasley Sr.  
Wanbli Charging Eagle

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Nathan Rikishi Pelly  
Sonny Eagle Speaker  
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1ST \$2000 & PENDLETON  
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2PM HAND DRUM CONTEST  
4PM PIPE CEREMONY  
WOKINSUYE TO FOLLOW  
5PM ROUND DANCE START

LOCAL INVITED SINGERS  
Opie Day-Bedeau  
Nokie Clairmont  
Keveon Kingbird  
Pete Gahbow  
Mike Sullivan

\$5 Entry Fee - All proceeds go to the singers  
Vendors: Limited Arts and Crafts Vendors only \$150 Hallway \$200 Gym Floor

INFORMATION CONTACT  
MARCUS DENNY: 303.842.5012  
DYLAN JENNINGS: 715.348.6594  
If you would like to make a donation please contact Dylan Jennings.

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**2015 KBIG ROUND DANCE**

Saturday February 7th  
Ojibwa Community College Gymnasium  
Baraga, MI  
Potluck feast @ 4pm followed by Singing and Dancing

MCs:  
Brian Moore & Darrell Kingbird

Stickman:  
Harvey Dreaver

Invited Singers:  
Pete Gahbow, Erik Gahbow, Opie Day, Wayne Silas Jr, Mike Sullivan, Mark Kingbird, Ahsinees Larson, Ryan Metzger, Ogeema Anziano

Honorarium for first 10 registered singers that sing a set of songs  
3 Singer Hand Drum Contest, Adult and Youth  
50/50 raffles throughout the evening

For more info contact:  
Gary Loonsfoot Jr @ (906) 524-5517 or (906) 201-1445

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2nd Place - \$300  
3rd Place - \$200  
HAND DRUM CONTEST  
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Saturday - 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Sunday - Noon  
Doors open to public at 11 a.m.

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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**  
**November 20, 2014**

Closed Session: Yes  
 Call to Order: 9:15 a.m.  
 Opening Ceremony: Beatrice Law  
 Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Aaron Otto  
 Absent: Councilor Michael Naganashe, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase  
 Due to the Constitution responsibilities, Legislative Leader shall serve as Chairperson until a special election can be conducted to fill the remaining terms. While acting as Chairperson, the Legislative Leader will not be considered a Tribal Council member. After a Chairperson is elected and sworn in, the Legislative Leader will resume his/her position as a Tribal Council member for the remainder of his/her term.

In the absence of the Legislative Leader the Tribal Council Secretary shall preside over meetings of the Tribal Council.

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Legislative Office Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols  
 Judicial Staff: None  
 Public: Andrew Stich  
 9:25 a.m. Treasurer Reyes arrives.  
 9:30 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives.

9:36 a.m. Break.  
 9:50 a.m. Resume.  
 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt the agenda of November 20, 2014, as amended and in honor of Elder Dorothy Sagataw.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the minutes of November 6, 2014 as corrected.

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

**9:13 a.m.: Elder comments** - None at this time.

**Executive Updates**

**Discussion Items:** Issue with Native Way Gym, Petoskey News Review Statement, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority meetings and refreshments, addressing Personnel issues, Administrative signature issues, and Update on Per Capita checks.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge the verbal report of Tribal Chair Gasco Bentley as presented on November 20, 2014.

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

**Legislative Leader Report: Nothing to Report.**

**Discussion Items:**

**Secretary Report**

**Discussion Items:** Cancellation of Tribal Council Work Session, Succession Memo, Counter signatures on Tribal Documents Cancellation of Land & Reservation Meeting, Recommendation of motion to remove and replace Councilor Naganashe from seated Tribal Council Committees, Attendance at Chairperson swearing in ceremony, request that Legislative Attorney Budnick round up all Legislation and Regulations dealing with Election process, and concern for a quorum at the December 11, 2014 Tribal Council Meeting.

The following Tribal Council approved/adopted documents were delivered to the Executive for signature:  
 Vetoes:

Tribal Resolution 4-02-Supplemental Funding for Accounting to Reconstitute the Tribal Employee Weekly Pay-

roll in the amount of \$64,000.00 to come from prior period funds.

Tribal Resolution #100914-03-Tribal Government Priority Funding Percentage Allocation for FY 2016.

Phone Polls: None.  
 10:59 a.m. Break.  
 11:16 a.m. Resume.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on November 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to remove Councilor Naganashe from the following Tribal Council Committees: Land and Reservation, Agricultural Assessment Work Group and Ethics Committee and to elect new committee members.

Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to cancel the December 9<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council Work Session and the December 11<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council meeting and reschedule both for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. Work Session and December 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Tribal Council Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opens

Citizen Andrew Stich inquired into the need for Agricultural Assessment Work Group to meet more than (2) times per month; Why is Tribal Council sitting on the Farm Board?; Inquired into Investigation; Would like to know why Council is not building more Housing; Did Appropriations and Finance Committee (AFC) give Odawa Fishery Inc. (OFI) \$150,000 line of credit; and when and how much will it cost to attach a hotel to the casino.

12:10 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:10 p.m. Lunch break.

1:30 p.m. Meeting resumes.

1:33 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

1:34 p.m. Secretary Shananaquet arrives.

1:41 p.m. Councilor Otto arrives.

2:30 p.m. Break.

2:42 p.m. Resume.

2:43 p.m. Return to closed session.

3:48 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.

3:49 p.m. Public Comment opens - No comments made.

3:50 p.m. Break.

4:01 p.m. Resume meeting.

**Treasurer Report**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on November 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Gaming Authority Committee**

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Gaming Authority Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Travel Reports**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to acknowledge the verbal report from Councilor Wemigwase for her attendance at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference held in Atlanta, GA., October 27-31, 2014.

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

**Agriculture Assessment Work Group**

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Assessment Work Group as presented by Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee** - No meeting held since last Tribal Council meeting.

**Legal Legislative Committee** - No meeting held since last Tribal Council meeting.

**Ethics Committee**

**Discussion Items:** (2) pending complaints.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Reports:**

**Treasury Director Report**

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Treasury Director Garrow's written and verbal report as presented on

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

- February 3 Work Session
- February 5 Council Meeting
- February 17 Work Session
- February 19 Council Meeting

- March 3 Work Session
- March 5 Council Meeting
- March 17 Work Session
- March 19 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**

- Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader
- Marci Reyes, Treasurer
- Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor
- John Keshick III, Councilor
- Bill A. Denemy, Councilor
- Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor
- Mike Naganashe, Councilor
- Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

November 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Services Attorney Report**

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's written and verbal report as presented on November 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Enjinaaknegeng Report**

5:20 p.m. Break.

5:28 p.m. Resume.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to go closed for confidential business.

Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (Secretary Shananaquet), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the action items contained within Confidential Memo 112014-02 as presented by Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to accept Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on November 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Manager Report**

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on November 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Action Items - Motions**

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Keshick to assign Councilor Law and Councilor Otto to the Land and Reservation Committee.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to assign Treasurer Reyes to the Gaming Authority Committee.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to assign Councilor Wemigwase to the Legal and Legislative Committee.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to assign Councilor Denemy to the Ethics Committee.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to assign Councilor Otto to the Agricultural Assessment Work Group

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Certified Motion #112014-01: Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2015 Tribal Youth Initiative Youth Conservation Corps.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Certified Motion #112014-02: Request for Funding from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Sema Policy Development.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion #112014-03: Request for Funding from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Under Section 103 of the Clean Air Act, FY 2015 Region 5 Tribal Air Grants, Clean Air Program.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Certified Motion #112014-04: Request for Acceptance of Donation from the University of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$5,000.00

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to post to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register, Ziibimijwang, Inc., Corporate Charter as sponsored by Councilor Keshick.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion 112014-05 Request for FY 2015 Litiga-

tion Support Funds by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA).

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve 2015 Council Regular and Work Session/Meeting Schedule.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to Override Executive Veto: Tribal Resolution #100914-02-Supplemental Funding for Accounting to Reconstitute the Tribal Employee Weekly Payroll in the amount of \$64,000.00 to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to Override the Executive Veto: Tribal Resolution #100914-03-Tribal Government Priority Funding Percentage Allocation for FY 2016.

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

Motion carried.

**Action Items - Roll Call Votes**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to pass Leasing of Trust Land Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to pass Gaming Enterprise Statute as sponsored by Councilor Law. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$72,000 for Burial Assistance Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to amend the agenda to include the following: Motion for Treasurer Duties, and posting of Amendment to the Succession Statute.

Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (Secretary Shananaquet), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to request, authorize and approve the Treasurer to perform the following duties, in accordance with Article VII, C(3): signatory for certified motions, Legislative Branch documents, staff travel, PTO, and other similar day-to-day functions for Legislative Branch and office operations.

Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (Secretary Shananaquet), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to post to the Legislative Agenda of the Odawa register the Amendment to the Succession Statute.

Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (Secretary Shananaquet), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to adjourn meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting

December 18, 2014

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:

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

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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 December 18, 2014

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Aaron Otto  
Absent: Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Wemigwase, Secretary Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, General Counsel James Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols  
Judicial Officials and Staff: Cynthia Brouckaert

Public: Doug Emery, Andrew Stich, Linda Gokee

Invited Guests: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by to Councilor Otto to adopt agenda as amended for December 18, 2014 in honor of Michael Kiogima Sr., and Leona Honson.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Naganashe, Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Law to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014 as presented.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Naganashe, Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Elder Comments:  
Doug Emery thanked Tribal Council for their services; Thanked Tribal Council for changing the payroll to weekly for employees; and challenged Tribal Council to address the low Cost of Living Adjustment level, merit, and the wage grid.

9:59 a.m. Recess called.  
10:08 a.m. Meeting Resumes  
10:09 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Keshick), 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Naganashe, Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried.

10:20 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

11:50 am. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.  
Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried.

11:51 a.m. Public Comment opened:

Citizen Andrew Stich asked for an update regarding the 2013 investigation; the money we pay to the Election Board; and will Tribal Council be addressing the Prosecutor position up for appointment.

Citizen Linda Gokee commented on the Election Board not utilizing cost efficient teams support; the Tribal Court not having an Associate Judge and the Court's view on Domestic Violence victims; the Court's lack of communication with Human Services; the Chief Judge's ethics; Tribal Council review of all statutes that concern domestic situations; job posting processes; and the possibility of office closures this for December 26, 2014 & January 2, 2015.

Andrew Stich asked about the Odawa Fishery, Inc., request for reimbursement funds.

12:12 p.m. Secretary Shananaquet arrived.

12:24 p.m. Lunch break  
1:43 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., as presented by Alan Proctor and Bryan Gillett.

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

Treasurer Reyes returns at 1:53 p.m.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Dene-

my to accept the nomination of Timothy MacArthur for Tribal Prosecutor and to set up an interview.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to appoint Rochelle Ettawageshik to the Child Welfare Commission to a 3-year term ending December 18, 2017.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to amend the agenda to include the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Inter-Tribal Council Of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) regarding the Anishnaabek Healing Circle, Access to Recovery Program (ARP).

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Use of the Strategic National Stockpile in the Event of a Mass Medical Emergency as received by the Executive. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the Partnership Memorandum of Understanding with Northwest Michigan Brownfield Assessment Project.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Inter-Tribal Council Of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) regarding the Anishnaabek Healing Circle, Access to Recovery Program (ATRP).

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the November 2014 Executive Oversight Report, the Executive Recommended 2016 Government Wide Budget and the verbal Executive Report as presented by Interim Chairperson Gasco-Bentley.

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

Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports: Secretary Report**

The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered to the Executive for signature:  
Waganakising Odawak Statute #2014-017: Leasing of Trust Lands signed by Executive on 11/25/14.

Tribal Resolution #112014-01; Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$72,000 for Burial Program signed by the Executive on 11/25/14.

Vetoes: None to report.

Phone Polls: The following phone polls were conducted:

Approve Request for Funding from Association of American Indian Physicians Medical Equipment Grant LTBB Dental Clinic Nitrous Oxide Sedation Equipment. Vote: 6-yes, 1-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent

Approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Zibimijwang Forestry Management Plan dated 11/25/14. Vote: 6-yes, 1-no, 0- abstained, 1-absent

Approve Certified Motion #120114-01; Funding from Assoc. of American Indian Physicians. Vote: 6-yes, 1-no, 0- abstained, 1-absent

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on December 18, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report**

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on December 18, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Reports:**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Councilor Wemigwase verbal Report for her attendance to the December White House Tribal Conference, Washington, DC.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to accept Treasurer Reyes verbal report for her attendance to the Inter Tribal Council Agriculture Meeting held in Las Vegas, NV.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Otto's verbal report regarding Little Traverse Bay Bands tentative future Hotel attachment at the Odawa Casino.

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

Motion carried.

3:22 p.m. Public Comment

Citizen Cathy Bradley commented the good work Councilor Otto did researching hotel attachment.

3:23 p.m. Public Comment closes

3:23 p.m. Break

3:38 p.m. Meeting resumes

**Tribal Council Committee Reports:**

**Agriculture Assessment Work Group**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Assessment Work Group as presented by Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

**Gaming Authority Committee:**

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the verbal and attached 2015 GAC Annual Budget report of the Gaming Authority Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee:**

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase 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 Naganashe)

Motion carried.

**Legal Legislative Committee:**

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the verbal report of the Legal Legislative Committee as presented by Councilor Law, Committee member.

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

Motion carried.

**Ethics Committee:**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Reports:**

**Treasury Director Report**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Treasury Director Garrow's written and verbal report as presented on December 18, 2014

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Services Attorney Report**

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's written and verbal report as presented on December 18, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Enjinaaknegeng**

4:53 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to go closed session for Land issue.

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

Motion carried.

5:05 p.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 Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to

accept Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on December 18, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

5:06 p.m. Break

5:18 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to Authorize Odawa Casino Resort to enter into a contract with TripAdvisor including TripAdvisor Business Listing Terms and Conditions.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize the Tribal Court to enter into the Contract with the Michigan Department of State to access driver's license records. The Tribal Council authorizes individual Court employees to execute affidavits waiving their immunity, but does not otherwise authorize a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Tribe, its sub-entities, officials and employees.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to approve BDO 2014 Letter of Engagement for audit of 401(k) plan, with limited waiver of sovereign immunity as stated therein to the extent of the contract amount.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize the Chair to execute a document increasing the annual diesel quota in the Tax Agreement to 17,000 gallons.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize the action set out in Confidential Memo 121814-01 by General Counsel James Bransky.

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Manager**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on December 18, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Action Items:** Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to post the Migizi (Eagle) Protection Draft Statute to the Legislative calendar in the Odawa Register as received from the Executive/Natural Resource Department, sponsored by Councilor Wemigwase and co-sponsored by Councilor Law.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to re-post to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register the Victim's Rights Statute, the Elder's Commission Statute and the Donated Land Acceptance Statute.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to approve travel for Tribal Council to attend the 16th Annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference in Traverse City Michigan January 23 - 24, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Travel for Tribal Council to attend the Domestic Violence Prevention Training workshop, hosted by the Tribal Court and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges held at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI on January 12th-13th, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to approve travel for a Tribal Council Member to attend the annual Midwest Tribal Budget Meeting on January 15, 2015 in

Minneapolis MN.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages solely for consumption on the premises at the Odawa Hotel, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1444 US 131 S. Petoskey, MI 49770, until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chair to sign the license.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at Odawa Casino Resort, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1760 Lears Road, and an "off-premises" license for wine sales at the "Just North" and the Sage Restaurant at the same address until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chair to sign the license.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve a liquor license for Bi-indigen for "off-premises" license to sell alcohol at 2169 U.S. 31 North, Petoskey, MI 49770 until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chair to sign the license.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to authorize and approve the Tribal Treasurer sign the Independent Contracting Agreement with Wes Andrews for FY 2015, regarding Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act, and Michigan Anishinaabe Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance services.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to table all Enrollment Approvals and Declinations until such time that a full Council is present per Tribal Constitution.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Enrollment List C - Voluntary Relinquishment dated December 5, 2014 for a total of 1.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship Regulations REG-WOS 2014-010-121014-001.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Shirley Naganashe Oldman Secondary Education Completion Award Regulations REG-WOS 2011-016-121614-005.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to approve Tribal Council attendance at 2015 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Corporate Charter meetings.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion #121814-01 Request for Funding from Futures without Violence Project Connect 2.0: A Coordinated Public Health Initiative to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Women Year 03' Funding Increase.

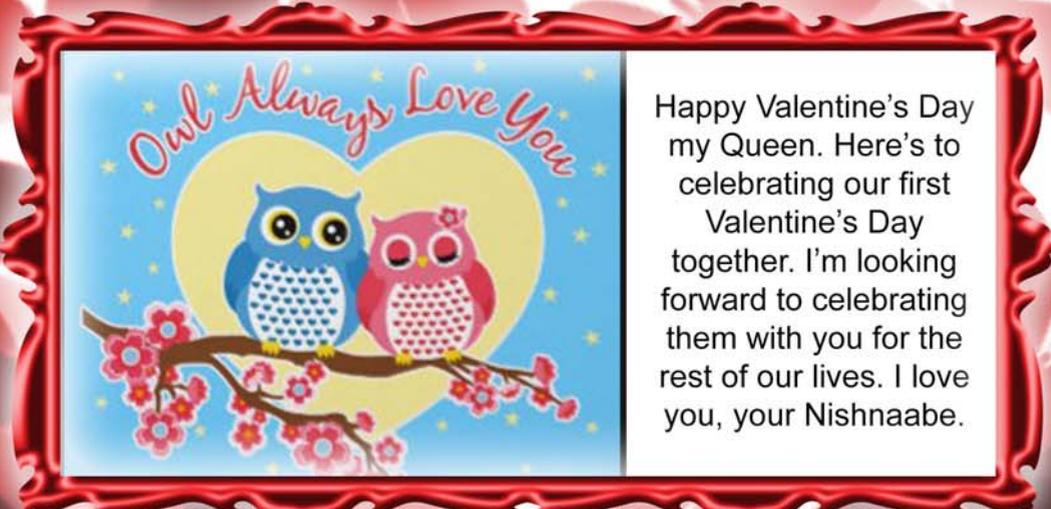
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LOVE LINES

To all my family, happiness comes from things that touch the heart with joy and love. My family touches my heart every day and makes me the happiest person in the world. All my love, John, Pops and Papa Bott.

God blessed me with the best sisters and brothers in the world, Worley, Norman, Darlene and Paula. Also to my sweetheart Vince. Love you all very much. Verna Jeanotte.

Dear James, Happy Valentine's and Happy Birthday. Just wanted to let you know how much I love you and really appreciate all of your support. Signed your loving wife, Tamora.



Happy Valentine's Day my Queen. Here's to celebrating our first Valentine's Day together. I'm looking forward to celebrating them with you for the rest of our lives. I love you, your Nishnaabe.

# 2015 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

- MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015 ~ CALL TO ELECTION MAILED
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION BY 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS: 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015 ~ CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO THE ELECTION BOARD BY 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS: 12 P.M. TO 5 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015 ~ ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS STARTING AT 5 P.M.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 ~ LAST DATE FOR THE CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW IN WRITING FROM THE ELECTION
- MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015~ CANDIDATE BIO'S MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015
- TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION BY 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS: 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED
- FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015 ~ "MEET THE CANDIDATES" 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
- SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 ~ "MEET THE CANDIDATES" 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
- MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO CHALLENGE THE PRIMARY ELECTION BY 5 P.M.
- TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AND BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.
- FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED
- FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015 ~ "MEET THE CANDIDATES" 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
- SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 ~ "MEET THE CANDIDATES" 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
- FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 ~ "MEET THE CANDIDATES" 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. IN LANSING, MI
- SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 ~ "MEET THE CANDIDATES" 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. IN LANSING, MI
- MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY
- TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO CHALLENGE GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED
- TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.

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## 21st ANISHINAABEMOWIN-TEG INC.



**Theme: "Naakaazdaa Enweying"**  
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**March 26th to 29th, 2015**

Kewadin Casino and Convention Centre - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

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- \* Evening Socials
- \* Anishinaabemowin Education & Health Workshops
- \* Arts & Crafts Workshop

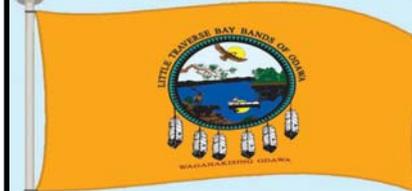
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|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1                          | Housing Commission Meeting<br>4 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312   | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Legal and Legislative Cmte. Mtg.<br>9 am Tribal Council Chambers<br>Tribal Council Work Session<br>1 pm Tribal Council Chambers                                | Agriculture Assessment<br>Work Group Meeting<br>4 pm Tribal Council Chambers   | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Tribal Council Meeting<br>9 am Tribal Council Chambers |   |   |
| 8                          | LTBB Annual Community Meeting - Planning Meeting<br>1 - 2 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312<br>Appropriations and Finance Committee<br>1 pm Tribal Council Chambers | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Election Board Open 2 - 5 pm<br>To Accept Voter Registrations for the Primary Election<br>Appropriations and Finance Committee<br>1 pm Tribal Council Chambers | Election Board Work Session<br>5 pm<br>Election Board Open 12 - 5 pm<br>To Accept Candidate Nomination Petitions<br>Natural Resource Commission Meeting<br>6 pm Natural Resource Bldg. | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Election Board Work Session<br>4:30 pm                 | Election Board Meeting<br>12 pm<br>Child Welfare Commission Meeting<br>4:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312 | Valentine's Day<br>Youth/Elder Dance<br>6 pm<br>Waasnodegamik Community Center                                      |
| 15                         |   | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Land and Reservation Committee Meeting<br>9 am Tribal Council Chambers<br>Tribal Council Work Session<br>1 pm Tribal Council Chambers                          | Agriculture Assessment<br>Work Group Meeting<br>4 pm Tribal Council Chambers   | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Tribal Council Meeting<br>9 am Tribal Council Chambers | 2015 GooniGnebig<br>Damnawin<br>4 pm<br>Governmental Center   |   |
| 22                         | LTBB Annual Community Meeting - Planning Meeting<br>1 - 2 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312<br>Citizenship Commission Meeting<br>5:30 pm Govt. Center Room 118      | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Gaming Authority Committee Meeting<br>10 am Tribal Council Chambers  | Natural Resource Commission Meeting<br>6 pm Natural Resource Bldg.   | Elders Luncheon at Noon   | Election Board Work Session<br>4:30 pm  | Election Board Meeting<br>12 pm   |
|                            |   |   |  |   |   | Elders Open Swim<br>Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI<br>Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm<br>Call 231-242-1423 for details |

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Clark were laying out fabric swatches for a new quilt while Marcella Fisher was working with her daughter, Linda Fisher McGeorge, tying a quilt on a frame. Wilbur and Caroline Kurburski shared some of the history of the Grange and its quilters. Wilbur is the Grange #730 Master or now known today as President.



The group was originally housed in downtown Harbor Springs, MI, but after the building was sold, it was relocated to the workspace at the First Presbyterian Church on Cemetery Road in Harbor Springs. They now meet every Thursday in the Gathering Place at the church. The group has been making quilts for more than 40 years. They receive donations of fabric, batting, blankets sewing notions and such in order to make all of the quilts. The hardest item to have enough of is the batting. Batting is the layer in between the top and back of the quilt which gives it the softness and warmth. Many times,

the quilters make due by placing bed blankets in place of batting. They use fabric of all sorts, cotton, polyester double knit, dress fabrics, curtain fabrics, salesman samples, etc.

The Harbor Springs Grange Quilters provide quilts for the Mary Margaret House and Nehemiah House, homeless shelters located in Petoskey, MI, and the Manna Food Project, a food pantry in Petoskey, MI. They also work with the local 4-H community, help with local roadside trash pick-up and even helped to paint the Andrew J. Blackbird Museum in Harbor Springs, MI.

I was glad to have an opportunity to meet this great group of people who want to continue giving back to the local community. The Harbor Springs Grange Quilters are always looking for new members. If you would like to enjoy a wonderful experience working with these great people, please join them in their quilting endeavor! You do not have to be a Grange member to help. Take a day out to try it, you may find out you love it. You don't sew? That is OK! You don't have to have experience to be needed. There are many steps to be taken, from arranging fabrics to setting up the quilt frame and tying the quilt together. I promise you that you will be warmly welcomed and soon feel comfortable in the project. Still don't want to quilt? That is OK, too! You can still help make a difference in someone's life by donating needed supplies like fabric or batting and blankets. It only takes a few kindnesses to make a big difference.

If you would like more information about the Grange or would like to be involved with the Harbor Springs Grange Quilters, please call 231-526-5227.

Photos by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.



Standing from left to right is Wilbur Kurburski, Caroline Kurburski, Jean Schlappi, Marcella Fisher and Linda Fisher McGeorge. Sitting at the table is Helen Clark.

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mental dangers posed by marijuana production on public lands; and preventing marijuana possession or use on federal property.

Tribes would need to avoid these eight enforcement triggers, which apply to state marijuana sales, if they choose to grow and sell marijuana on tribal lands under applicable tribal laws.

Possession of marijuana is a federal crime in the United States. In a statement, the DOJ said U.S. Attorneys will review tribal marijuana policies on a case-by-case basis, and prosecutors retain the right to enforce federal law.

Despite President Barack Obama hosting the White House Tribal Nations Conference in early December 2014, no mention was made of this memorandum there.

The memorandum acknowledges tribes are sovereign nations, therefore, they have the right to pass their own laws regarding the growing and selling of marijuana on their tribal lands.

It is illegal to possess, use, sell, manufacture and/or distribute marijuana in the State of Michigan and on LTBB tribal lands except for medicinal purposes. In the Waganakising Odawa Tribal Code of Law, it states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, sell, manufacture, and/or distribute any controlled substance defined and/or described in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 812, as updated, without prior authorization."

The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act was approved by Michigan voters on November 4, 2008.

On January 9, 2011, the LTBB Tribal Council passed WOS 2011-002 Medical Marijuana Patient

Protection with then Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington signing it into law on February 8, 2011. The purpose of the statute is to provide protection for LTBB Tribal Citizens or others that would otherwise be approved under State of Michigan law for patient utilization of medical marijuana. The statute states, "It shall be legal for Tribal Citizens and others on Tribal lands to obtain, possess, transport, manufacture or use medical marijuana, provided the following: 1. The individual is a qualifying patient and has been issued and possesses a registry identification card under applicable laws of the State of Michigan; 2. The individual is a caregiver as authorized under State of Michigan law, to obtain, possess, transport within the State of Michigan, or manufacture medical marijuana from obtaining, possessing, transporting within Tribal Lands, or manufacturing medical marijuana on a qualifying patient's behalf; or 3. Is a pharmacy or other entity authorized under State of Michigan law, to distribute medical marijuana to qualifying patients from obtaining, possessing or distributing medical marijuana to such qualifying patients on Tribal Lands."

On January 16, 2015, the Billings Gazette reported the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board approved a resolution 7-4 on January 12, 2015 to legalize medical marijuana on the reservation. The Billings Gazette further reported the board set a deadline of June 1, 2015 to work out details like laws, amendments to existing laws, finding suitable grow sites, the most effective ways to grow and establishing tribal prescription cards.

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Bibezhik Kidwin ~ One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion # 121814-02 Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY2015 Fish Hatchery Maintenance Project.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion # 121814-03 Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY2015 Circle of Flight Project.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion # 121814-04 Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY2015 BIA GLRI Fisheries Habitat Monitoring Project.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion #

121814-05 Request for Funding from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality FY 2016 Coastal Zone Management Program Beaver Island Invasive Species Control Project.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. conceptual site plan version November 21, 2014.

Vote: 2-Yes, 4-No (Councilor Keshick, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Denemy, Secretary Shananaquet), 1-Abstained (Councilor Otto), 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe) Motion fails.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to request the Executive to file a police complaint and to allow staff to investigate the illegal Tree cutting in Cross Village Michigan trust land parcel 05-04-33-401-060.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to pursue parcel 84.

Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No (Secretary Shananaquet), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to approve 2015 Reservations Natural Re-

source Rules and Regulations REG WOS 2001-004 121814-005-A, and 2015 1836 Ceded Territory Rules and Regulations REG-WOS 2001-004 121814-005-B

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$9,000 for the Election Board.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding not to exceed \$733,000 payable to loan servicer, Community Reinvestment Fund, in repayment of the principle balance remaining for the loan with Indian Land Capital Company which was initially utilized to purchase 312.5 acres of land known as the Ziibimijwang Farm, to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to

adopt Tribal Resolution: Reimbursement of Funds in the Amount of \$37,529 for Building Maintenance Upkeep Costs as Incurred by the Odawa Fishery, Inc.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to pass the Amendment to Land Use Building Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to pass the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation for Tribal Council.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Gaming Authority FY 2015 Budget in the amount of \$110,000 to be reimbursed by Odawa Casino Resort.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes,

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to amend the agenda to include Tribal Resolution, Funding for FY 2015 \$135,000.00 Shortfall for Min-A-Mskiki Gumik.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt Tribal Resolution: Funding for FY 2015, \$135,000.00 Shortfall for Min-A-Mskiki Gumik to come from Indian Health Service carryover funds.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to amend the agenda to include Tribal Resolution: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Transfer of Funds, and the posting of the Personal Protection Statute.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to post to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register the Personal Protection Statute as sponsored by Councilor Wemigwase.

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

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt Resolution: Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$40,000 from the Executive Budget to the Legislative Branch Budget to support the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of Protection and Management.

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

Adjournment 7:02 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn meeting.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Law) Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting January 8, 2015

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected: Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date



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## NCAI CONGRATULATES GOOGLE ON CHANGES TO BETTER ACKNOWLEDGE TRIBAL NATIONS ON GOOGLE MAPS

Editor's note: The following is a National Congress of American Indians press release dated December 19, 2014.



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Today (December 19, 2014), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is announcing the results of joint efforts with Google to ensure better visibility for Indian reservations in the United States on Google Maps. During the past year, Google launched several improvements for the way reservations appear on Google Maps, including labeling reservations, highlighting reservation borders in search results and ensuring their reservation dataset is as comprehensive as possible. The most recent update was rolled out in November 2014 to coincide with Native American Heritage Month.

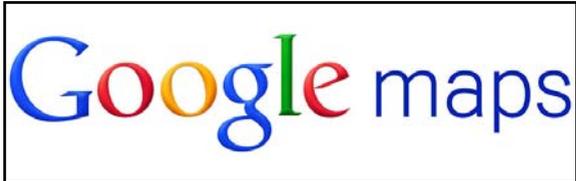
In 2012, NCAI and the Google American Indian Network co-hosted a summit at the Googleplex in Mountain View, CA. At the summit, tribal leaders underscored the role of tribal nations as first American governments, explained the significance of land to Native peoples and urged Google to consider closer partnerships with Native peoples as the first American innovators.

As a result of those discussions, Google Maps now makes it easier than ever to search for federally recognized tribal reservations. The project was led by the Google American Indian Network (GAIN)

and the Google Earth Outreach (GEO) team in close collaboration with NCAI and the Tribal Technology Taskforce. Including reservations on Google Maps is an important part of creating a comprehensive map of the United States and the world. Google and NCAI worked together to accurately represent reservation labels, borders and additional details in a way that was respectful of indigenous communities.

Welcoming the development, NCAI President Brian Cladoosby released the following statement:

"NCAI congratulates Google on this important innovation to acknowledge the place of tribal nations in the American family of governments. America's 566 federally recognized tribes are acknowledged alongside foreign nations and state governments in the U.S. Constitution, and they have jurisdiction over a land base of over 100 million acres. This land base is larger than all but three



American states. Thanks to the partnership between NCAI and the GAIN and GEO teams, the lands of America's first governments are now clearly highlighted on Google Maps. We look forward to our ongoing partnership to improve the representation of tribal lands on Google Maps.

This is a great step forward to acknowledge the place of tribes in the past, present and future of the United States, but it is not the last. NCAI will continue to build partnerships with tech companies like Google to ensure the first American innovators remain on the front lines of 21st century innovation."

*Courtesy graphics.*

### February 21, 2015

## Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament

Location: LRBOI Aki Maadiziwin Community Center located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

**Competition starts at 10:00 am**

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- Competitors **MUST** be registered
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The overall goal of STEP-UP is to build and sustain a biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social science research pipeline focused on NIDDK's (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney) core mission areas of diabetes, endocrinology and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases and nutrition; kidney, and urologic and hematologic diseases.

### Program Highlights

- 8 to 10 weeks of full-time research experience with flexible starting dates.
- Students receive a summer research stipend.
- Students are assigned to one of four high school STEP-UP Coordinator Centers to help coordinate and monitor their summer research experience.
- Students are not required to relocate in order to conduct their summer research.
- Students are encouraged to choose a research institution and/or mentor near their hometown or within commuting distance of their residence.
- Students receive training in the responsible conduct of research.
- All-paid travel expenses to the Annual STEP-UP Research Symposium held on NIH's (National Institutes of Health's) main campus in Bethesda,

MD.

• Students are given the opportunity to conduct a formal oral and poster presentation at the symposium.

### Eligibility Requirements

#### Applicants must

- Be a U.S. Citizen, non-citizen national or legal permanent resident.
- Be in their junior or senior year of high school (at the time of the application).
- Have a minimum overall 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- Have personal medical/health insurance coverage throughout the duration of the program.

Applicants must also meet one or more of the following:

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The STEP-UP Program is a federally funded program managed and supported by the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney at the National Institutes of Health.

*Courtesy graphic.*

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not limited to, ordering them to pay Plaintiffs for their reasonable costs and attorney fees necessitated by Defendants’ actions in connection with the prior recall election, and such other sanctions as are necessary to deter similar violations in the future; and 4. Award such other relief as the Court deems just, necessary and proper under the law.”

In their motion to dismiss filed on December 2, 2014, the LTBB Election Board requested “dismissal of Plaintiffs’ Complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction due to the Complaint being filed outside of the constitutionally-prescribed period.”

According to the LTBB Constitution, any registered voter of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians may challenge for cause the results of any election by filing a written challenge with the Tribal Court within 10 days after the election. The complaint filed by Kiogima and DeLeon was filed on December 1, 2014, 14 days after the recall election was held on November 17, 2014.

In their response, Kiogima and DeLeon requested “that the Court deny Defendants’ Motion, arguing that their Complaint was timely filed as the Tribal Court was closed 10 consecutive days after the recall election concluded on November 17, 2014 for the Thanksgiving holiday and Plaintiffs filed on the ‘first available day they could after the Tribal Court reopened for business.’”

In his ruling dated December 14, 2014, LTBB Pro Tempore Judge Patrick Shannon wrote, “After considering Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss and Plaintiffs’ Response, and reviewing any applicable case law, the Court notes that the LTBB Appellate Court has issued an opinion interpreting the language at issue that is controlling in this matter. Specifically, in *Harrington v. LTBB Election Bd.*, No. A-019-1011 (LTBB Ct. App. 2012), the Appellate Court held that the Constitution’s ‘ten’ days limitation for challenging election results refers to ‘ten consecutive days, without regard for weekends, holidays, or days when tribal administrative offices are open or closed.’ In reaching this decision, the Appellate Court necessarily, by noting that *weekends, holidays, and days when tribal administrative offices are open or closed*, considered and concluded that citizens challenging election results would not have ten ‘business days’ in which to file a valid petition, a point which invalidates Plaintiffs’ efforts to distinguish prior opinions

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tion by confining wolves to a small area in the Great Lakes region—where state politicians and agency officials have rushed forward with reckless killing programs which threaten wolves with the very same practices which pushed them to the brink of extinction in the first place.

Jonathan Lovvorn, Senior Vice President and Chief Counsel for Animal Protection Litigation at the HSUS, said, “In the short time since federal protections have been removed, trophy hunters and trappers have killed more than 1,500 Great Lakes wolves under hostile state management programs that encourage dramatic reductions in wolf populations. We are pleased that the court has recognized that the basis for the delisting decision was flawed, and would stop wolf recovery in its tracks.”

In its 111-page ruling, the court chided the USFWS for failing to explain why it ignored the potential for further recovery of wolves into areas of its historic range which remain viable habitat for the species. The court also noted the USFWS has failed to explain how the “virtually unregulated” killing of wolves by states in the Great Lakes region does not constitute a continued threat to the species.

Following federal delisting, Wisconsin and Minnesota rushed to enact emergency regulations to allow the first public hunting and trapping seasons in the Great Lakes region in more than 40 years. The states authorized some of the most abusive and unsporting practices, including hound hunting, snares, baiting, electronic calls and the use of leg hold traps. Wisconsin’s wolf hunt ended this

from the case at hand. Therefore, in light of the LTBB Appellate Court’s controlling opinion in *Harrington v. LTBB Election Bd.*, No. A-019-1011 (LTBB Ct. App. 2012), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED. Plaintiffs’ Complaint is DISMISSED. IT IS SO ORDERED.”

Despite the dismissal of the complaint, the LTBB Election Board cannot certify the recall election results because Kiogima and DeLeon filed an appeal with the LTBB Appellate Court on December 18, 2014.

According to the LTBB Constitution, the election shall be certified and the results posted by the Election Board 10 business days after the election if there are no unresolved challenges pending.

As of January 19, 2015 when this newsletter was sent to the printer, the appeal did not appear on the Weekly Tribal Court Docket, so it is unknown when the appeal will be heard by the LTBB Appellate Court.

Until the challenge is resolved, Regina Gasco-Bentley will continue to serve as LTBB Tribal Chairperson with Kiogima and DeLeon on paid leave of absence per WOS 2013-001. WOS 2013-001 states, “If the preliminary non-certified results show that the elected official subject to the recall was successful in the recalling of the official, then the official shall be placed on paid leave of absence until the Election Board certifies the election results.” WOS 2013-001 further states, “The official on paid leave of absence shall receive his or her compensations as set forth by Tribal Statute. The official on paid leave of absence shall have all the duties, authority and privileges associated with the official’s position suspended. Such suspension shall include barring access to confidential information, tribal records, properties and equipment associated with the position.”

According to the unofficial recall election results released immediately following the election on November 17, 2014, Kiogima was removed by a 379-325 vote (53.84% to 46.16%) and DeLeon was removed by a 384-315 vote (54.94% to 45.06%). According to the LTBB Constitution, elected officials shall be recalled upon a majority vote if at least 30% of the registered voters vote in the recall election. Of the 1,703 registered voters, 706 ballots were cast for 41.46%.

To read the ruling in Case No. C-205-1214, visit <http://tinyurl.com/electionchallenge>.

year after killing 154 wolves – 80% of them in leg hold traps. And in Minnesota, 272 gray wolves were killed – 84% of the wolves in this year’s late season were trapped.

The Michigan legislature also passed three separate laws to designate wolves as a game species in its zeal to allow the state to authorize a trophy hunting and trapping season for wolves and to undermine a fair election by Michigan voters on wolf hunting. However, in response to a referendum campaign launched by the HSUS and other animal welfare and conservation groups and Native American tribes, the 2014 wolf hunt was canceled and voters in Michigan soundly rejected sport hunting of wolves in the recent November election.

Despite rhetoric from state politicians about wolf depredation of livestock, a new study of 25 years of wolf data has shown hunting wolves may increase livestock losses. Michigan lawmakers relied on false stories about wolves to push through a hunting season and had to apologize for misleading statements.

Today’s ruling by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia follows another ruling by the same court in September which rejected the USFWS’s decision to delist wolves in the State of Wyoming. The HSUS was also a plaintiff in the Wyoming litigation.

The plaintiffs in the Great Lakes lawsuit were represented in the case by Schiff Hardin, LLP and attorneys within The HSUS’ Animal Protection Litigation section.

Courtesy photo.

## WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

## 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

## 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](http://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.

## 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 rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family’s monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.



## 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  
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Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550 TDD 800-649-3777



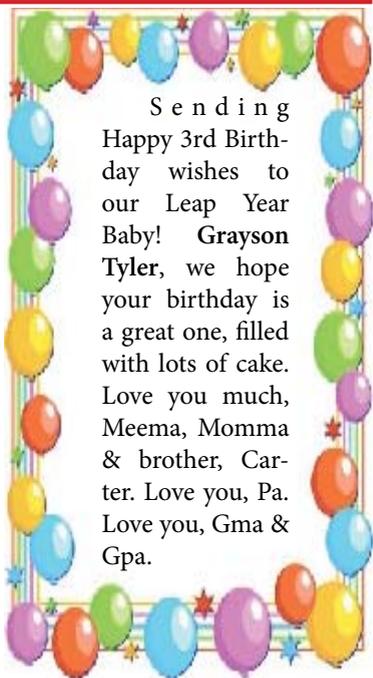
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# LINEs FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays



Happy 3rd Birthday wishes to our Leap Year Baby! Grayson Tyler, we hope your birthday is a great one, filled with lots of cake. Love you much, Meema, Momma & brother, Carter. Love you, Pa. Love you, Gma & Gpa.

Happy birthday to Aunt Tina, whose special day is February 19th. We hope your day is as wonderful as you are. We love and miss you, Collin, Braden and Kaitlynn Sutton.

Happy birthday to our nephew, Matthew Gasco, on February 18. Hope you have a wonderful day. Uncle Tom and Aunt Marcia.

Happy 2nd birthday to Miss Mya Leigh Butts from her loving family!!! You're such a big girl now. Love, Mommy, Daddy, Priscylla and Gabrielle.

Happy birthday to our niece and cousin, Tina Peterson, on February 19. Hope you have the best day ever. Aunt "D," Uncle John, Wayne, Angie and Chris.

Happy birthday to our nephew and cousin, Matthew Gasco, on February 18. You are an awesome young man. Aunt "D," Uncle John, Wayne, Angie and Chris.

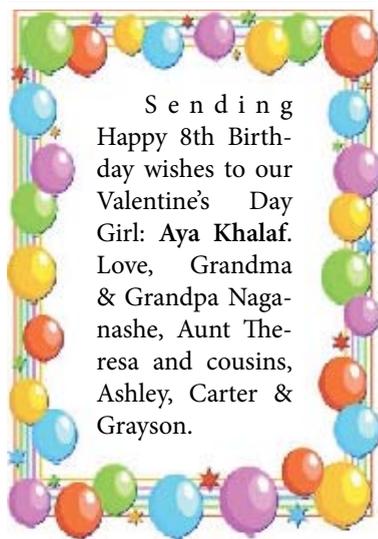
To my eldest child, Adam, Mnodibishkin! It has been 30 years now that you have been part of my life. May you find the light! Peace, blessings and much love always!

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to our daughter, Tina Peterson, whose special day is February 19th. Hope this year brings you many wonderful things. Love and Miss you, Mom and Dad.

Mno Dibishkaan Ndaanis Carla Ozawamick on February 25th. I am so proud of you and the work you are doing for Anishinaabemowin. It is a difficult road to follow, and it takes someone like you to carry it forward. Dedication, perseverance, success describe Ndaanis ... Pane Gazaagin, Gashi.

Mno Dibishkaan Noshenh Netawn Kiogima-Smith, whose special day is February 19th! I am so thankful you and your family are back living in our homeland. I am proud to say Noshenh is a language teacher at Petoskey High School and Harbor Springs High School where students earn their language requirements in Anishinaabemowin for graduation. It makes me happy to see your dreams come true! Many more to come! Pane Gazaagin, Nokomis.



Happy 8th Birthday wishes to our Valentine's Day Girl: Aya Khalaf. Love, Grandma & Grandpa Naganashe, Aunt Theresa and cousins, Ashley, Carter & Grayson.

Happy 43rd birthday to Kathy VanDeCar on February 24. May your Michigan State Spartans be forever victorious! We hope you enjoy your special day. Thank you for everything you do for us. From the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, General Junior and Sonny Boy.

## Miigwetch

The family of Michael Kiogima, Sr. would like to thank everyone who helped him on his journey.



Michael L. Kiogima, Sr., 52

Loving husband, father and grandfather, Michael L. Kiogima Sr., 52, walked on from this life in the early afternoon hours of December 14, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, MI. Mike was born on July 3, 1962, the son of Archie and Dorothy (Adams) Kiogima in Petoskey, MI, where he grew up and attended school. On May 30, 1986, Mike married his love and soul mate, Vickky Cool, in Petoskey, MI. Together, they raised two daughters and a son, each of whom were the center of his universe. To those who knew him best, Mike was silly, quirky and fun and fiercely loyal to family and close friends. He was a gifted guitar player who loved animals, cars, motorcycles and fishing. Mike is survived by his wife, Vickky, and by their two daughters, Tiahia (James) Lappan and Dorothy Kiogima (Justin Pagel), and son, Michael L. Kiogima, Jr. Mike's grandchildren include Sophia, Emma, Owen, Kierra and Noah. His surviving brothers and sisters include Patricia DeHaaney, Darlene Mulholland, Jane Martell, Archie Kiogima, Jr., Thomas Kiogima, Carol Kiogima and Keith Kiogima, Sr. He is also survived by his father-in-law, Roy Cool, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Dorothy, and by his mother-in-law, Patricia Cool.

## Walking On...

**GooniGnebig Damnawin**

February 20, 2015  
4 pm - ?

**Ndagiizhtaa. Giin dash?**

LTBB Governmental Center (Tentative)  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

Competition for all ages.  
To register, contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 or e-mail [cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Include your name, age and grade if still in school.  
Eighteen year olds still in high school, you must register in the 9th-12th grade category.

Soup, Salad and Sandwiches will be served.  
Bring a dish to pass or sign up for a soup. If possible, please bring your own meal bag.

**Bizhaak Enji-nishinaabemoyiing.**  
Come Visit Anishinaabe Language Immersion.

Join us for a couple hours, for the day or for the entire weekend.

Friday, February 20 ~ 1 pm - 8 pm  
Saturday, February 21 ~ 8 am - 8 pm  
Sunday, February 22 ~ 8 am - 12 pm

Stop in Anytime, Stay Warm and Enjoy Listening to Stories as the teachers use drawings and actions to help tell the story.

Held at LTBB Community Center at Waawaasnodeki  
5656 Ap-gish-mok Road  
Harbor Springs, MI  
(large building on the right just as you drive into complex)

# NATIVE WAY 2 GYM

**YOGA**  
MONDAY & THURSDAY  
8 AM TO 9 AM

**BOXING**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
4 PM TO 5:30 PM

**JIU JITSU**  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

**BEGINNER TAE KWON DO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
6 PM TO 6:30 PM

**ADVANCED TAE KWON DO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!  
CALL COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR MORE INFORMATION  
231-242-1601

## NEW YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM!

The Youth Services Program is relocating to 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey Michigan 49770 the week of January 19, 2015. Due to the New Year and relocation of the program, all youth who wish to participate will need to have new registration/consent/waiver forms completed prior to participating in any youth programming. All parents of participating youth will also need to complete registration expectations as well. A Youth Program Open House/Registration Event will be held as soon as possible, details to follow. The Youth Program tentative plan is to hold an after-school program M-TH from 4PM to 8PM. Information about the new changes will be provided at the open house/registration event. Any questions can be directed to Bernadece Boda, who has taken on the role of the New Youth Coordinator for LTBB. She can be reached at 231-242-1593 or [bboda@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:bboda@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). If you have a problem reaching the program at the regular contact number during the relocation, please be routed to the program from 231-242-1400. Youth will not be allowed to participate in any youth activities until the proper paperwork completed, so please attend the open house/registration event.

INTERESTED YOUTH AGES 7 TO 18:  
If you are interested in attending the Language Conference in Sault Ste Marie, MI from March 26-29th, please contact the Youth Program by February 20, 2015, so we can complete the travel arrangements. Space will be limited, so please respond sooner rather than later.

Bernadece Boda, Youth Coordinator  
Barry Bott, Youth Program Assistant  
RJ Smith, PEACE Grant Outreach Assistant  
Sara Lucier, PEACE Grant Youth Assistant

231-242-1593

# 2015 Youth/Elder Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 14, 2015  
6 - 8 pm

Bring a dish to pass!

Wear your dancing shoes. Join us for games and lots of family fun.

# HEARTS

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Tournament

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