

# ODAWA TRAILS



## EXECUTIVE TEAM PLACED ON PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE PENDING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE RECALL ELECTION RESULTS, FIRST FEMALE CHAIRPERSON REGINA GASCO-BENTLEY ASSUMES POSITION TEMPORARILY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

A special recall election was held on November 17, 2014 for both Tribal Chairperson Fred Kiogima and Vice Chairperson Deb DeLeon.

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%.

Immediately following the unofficial recall election results, Kiogima and DeLeon were placed on paid leave of absence pending the certification of the recall election results 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."

In lieu of this, Legislative Leader Regina Gasco-Bentley assumed the Tribal Chairperson position after taking the oath of office from Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado on November 18, 2014. In Article XIII Recall, Removal and Vacancies of the LTBB Constitution, it states, "In the event of a simultaneous vacancy in both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson seats, the Legislative Leader shall serve as Chairperson until a special election can be conducted to fill the remaining terms. While acting as the 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.

Gasco-Bentley, a Boyne City, MI, resident, became the first female to serve as Tribal Chairperson and has served 11 years on Tribal Council. She assumed the Legislative Leader position on Tribal Council on September 8, 2013. She previously owned and operated Boyne Valley Printing Company in Boyne City, MI.

With a vacancy in the Legislative Leader position, Secretary Julie Shananaquet will chair the Tribal Council meeting. She

previously served as the Legislative Leader from August 23, 2009 to September 1, 2011. Shananaquet was the first female Vice Chairperson, serving from September 1, 2011 to August 18, 2013. She first served on Tribal Council from August 23, 2009 to September 1, 2011 and began serving her current term on Tribal Council on



August 18, 2013. She worked for the LTBB Tribal Government and the casino from "Female Chairperson" continued on page 25.

## WOCTEP GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL FOR THREE NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Submitted by the WOCTEP Program

The Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) recently received notice from our federal funders (the Native American Career and Technical Education Program a.k.a. NACTEP) that we may go ahead with three certificates offered in collaboration with North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, MI.

Long-time WOCTEP programs, *Textiles* and *Entrepreneurship Essentials*, have been phased out for 2015, making room for fresh new programs, which include The Business of Art, Medical Billing and Coding and Computer Numerically Controlled.

The **Business of Art** curriculum is geared toward local artisans who may want to make a living or side business out of artisan skills. This may not be a stereotypical Career and Technical Education program for certain regions; however, we are lucky to boast that Northern Michigan is host to a plethora and wide array of fine artists. Talent like this should not be overlooked!! We are hopeful that the Business of Art program will be the catapult that launches many artisan careers!!

**Medical Billing and Coding (MBC)** will also be available winter semester, which will provide necessary training to work for or within a medical clinic or hospital billing office setting. Careers in the medical field are abundant and will only increase as time goes on. Department of Labor data shows Michigan is one of the higher paying states in the Midwest for Medical Billing and Coding salaries.

**Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC)** is one of our most unique certificates offered this winter. The manufacturing industry has communicated there is a great need for CNC machinists/lathe operators throughout the Northern Michigan region. Training will take place in NCMC's state of the art FAB LAB mobile training unit. NCMC is proud to be the only community college in Michigan to offer this mobile CNC training!!

We will continue to provide assistance for Nurse Aide, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, New Media, Graphic Arts in addition to CNC, Medical Billing and Coding and the Business of Art. WOCTEP has also been approved to assist with **tuition** and **required course materials** such as textbooks, training uniforms, storage devices and art supplies. WOCTEP will also provide **mileage** assistance (.56 per mile) to students who maintain NCMC's minimum cumulative grade requirement. **Hourly stipend** (\$9.25 per contact hour of class) is available as well with stipend eligibility based on current federal poverty guidelines.

Please contact WOCTEP at 231-242-1489 for more information or e-mail [kdominic@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:kdominic@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

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- The Business of Art
- Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC)
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- New Media
- Graphic Arts
- Phlebotomy
- Medical Assisting
- Nurse Aide

\$\$\$\$ CONTACT YOUR WOCTEP OFFICE TODAY FOR INFORMATION ON TUITION ASSISTANCE, TEXTBOOKS/SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT, CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE, MILEAGE, HOURLY \$TIPEND AND MORE!!! 231-242-1494

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 12-15-2014 = 4,572

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**Being Odawa is all about Freedom**  
 The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

#### **Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement**

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, ganamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin 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 February 2015 issue of *Odawa Trails* is December 29, 2014.

You can e-mail your submissions to [newsletter@ltbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbodawa-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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# VETERAN SPOTLIGHT



## HONORING OUR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN VETERANS - ARLENE MARIE NAGANASHE



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](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) with the name of the veteran(s), and please provide your contact information.

### Arlene Marie Naganashe

Arlene Marie Naganashe was born March 15, 1939 to Irene Shomin and Peter "Sully" Petoskey. Due to the unexpected passing of her mother, she was raised by her grandparents. Because of this, she was raised among her elders, immersed in the Odawa language and culture.

Arlene served as a Seaman Apprentice in the U.S. Navy from June 1958 to January 1959. She said the U.S. was in a recession at that time and young people were having difficulty finding jobs, which led to many young people joining the military. She and her friend, Rita Masteau, joined the Navy together to support one another, however, they were separated when they were placed in different companies at boot camp in Bainbridge, MD. After boot camp, Arlene was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Base in Great Lakes, IL, and Rita was sent to California.

Arlene said serving in the military is a big part of her family's history because her

father, Peter "Sully" Petoskey, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; her aunt, JoAnn Petoskey, and her uncle, Sylvester Petoskey, both served in the U.S. Army during World War II; five uncles on her mother's side served during World War II; and her sister, Audrey Hagenbarth, served in the U.S. Air Force.

Arlene earned a Bachelor of Nursing Science from Ferris State University in 1990 at the age of 51 and a Master's degree in Nursing Administration from Northern Michigan University in 1999 at the age of 60. Her belief in lifelong learning was a teaching from her grandmother, and she has passed that teaching onto her children,

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She developed the health care service currently in use by LTBB.

She worked for Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI, from August 1986 to December 2011 and started as the SPRING Health Educator in December 2011. She worked as the SPRING Health Educator until she transferred to her current position, the Healthy Heart Case Manager in the Healthy Heart Program of the Health Department, in June 2014. She assists people with managing their diabetes. She is a 2014 Circle of Excellence 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.

Arlene is very active in the tribal and non-tribal communities, presenting at several Michigan universities, public schools and organizations; helping organize and sponsor pow wows; serving in the color guard at pow wows; participating in pow wows as a traditional dancer; participating in tribal events; and serving as the Chairperson of the Title VII Indian Education Program at Petoskey High School, as the Chairperson of the Petoskey Public Schools Head Start Committee, on the LTBB Housing Commission, on the first Indian Parent Committee for Petoskey Public Schools, as the Secretary for the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association (NMOA), as an officer for Unit One of NMOA, on the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Maternal Child Health Advisory Committee, on the Michigan State Advisory Council on Mental Illness, on the State Child Death Review Board, on the Peer Review Board for State Mental Health block grants and on the Northern Michigan Hospital Internal Review Board for research projects. She was also the Indian Education Coordinator at Petoskey High School.

Arlene and her husband, Jim Naganashe, have been married for 51 years and have seven children, 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They reside in Petoskey, MI, and she has lived in the Northern Michigan area all of her life.

*Photo by Annette VanDeCar. Courtesy graphic.*



Each month, we will highlight LTBB Governmental Employees who serve our tribal community. Many of these employees are not often seen as they work behind the scenes. We hope to have an opportunity to introduce you to everyone who works to make the tribal government a success in serving the tribal citizens, both inside and outside of our local community.



**Dawn Richards, Grant Compliance Officer**

**Odawa Trails:** When did you start working for LTBB in your current position?

**Dawn Richards:** "I started in April 2013. I worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the 15 previous years, first as an Accountant, and the last eight as Controller."

**Odawa Trails:** Please describe what your job entails. What are your major job duties?

**Dawn Richards:** "Primarily, I am responsible for compliance in relationship to grants. Grants come with all kinds of rules, stipulations and hoops to jump through in order to maintain the organizational level of integrity that qualifies LTBB to receive those awards. In addition to what I fondly refer to as "reporting season" (the preparation of quarterly federal financial reports), I also verify that program staff are meeting the various programmatic and narrative reporting deadlines imposed by the funding sources as well as following the unique work plans associated with each project. I also do research; lots of research. As the grant world is on the verge of implementing the largest overhaul to its grants management policies and procedures in 30 years, this is a really cool time to be involved in grant compliance! Clearly, my inner dork is showing, but part of what makes this field so rewarding, is the problem solving and directional changes needed to keep up with the constantly changing rules and regulations."

**Odawa Trails:** What do you enjoy about your job?

**Dawn Richards:** "Problem solving! I love that no day ever looks just like any other day. Each e-mail, question and obstacle is a unique puzzle. I enjoy working with program staff to find solutions to the obstacles they face with the restrictions of their funding agreements and ensuring that there is enough documentation available so that independent auditors don't get excited about documentation proving expenditures are reasonable, allowable and necessary to complete the objectives of the program. Geek speak aside, though, what I like the most is knowing that by keeping the paper trails clean, the LTBB's reputation as responsible stewards of federal funding is maintained, which in turn, provides opportunity for more grant based funding and more and continued services for the Citizens."

**Odawa Trails:** What is challenging about your job?

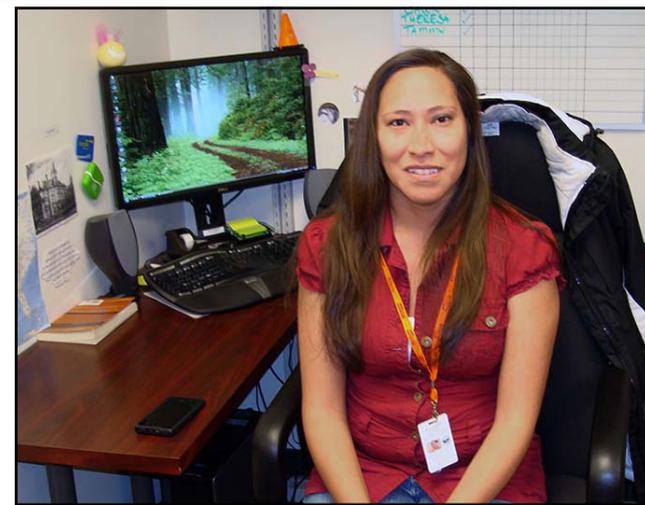
**Dawn Richards:** "Reporting Season! Getting all of those reports completed and submitted by October 30, January 30, April 30 and July 30 is by far the most challenging aspect of what I do. Getting those reports together involves following up on financial obligations, making sure all the expenditures for the period have been identified (especially those in transition at the end of the reporting period), following up on projects in progress, ensuring that the indirect cost share has been calculated correctly, and pulling together that snapshot for the funding sources to be submitted at the various federal reporting sites, feels like a never ending battle. Of course, once the last report is submitted for the period, you can generally find me doing a little compliance happy dance!"

**Odawa Trails:** How far do you travel to get to work?

**Dawn Richards:** "Having relocated for this position from way up north in the U.P. (Upper Peninsula of Michigan), I am happy to report that I have finally found a house. I only need to travel about 15 miles to get to work. Although with winter upon us, it seems much farther."

**Tammy Gasco, Education Department Administrative Assistant**

Aanii Tribal Citizens. My name is Tammy Gasco. I am your Education Department Administrative Assistant. I've been working for the Education Department since



August 16, 2011; Education was previously the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department. I made the switch to the Education Department from the Tribal Administration Receptionist position, which I worked for since March 2005.

Working here has taught me quite a few things and has also brought me back to my roots. I lived downstate for a few years after I graduated from high school, and eventually, I got homesick and missed my family.

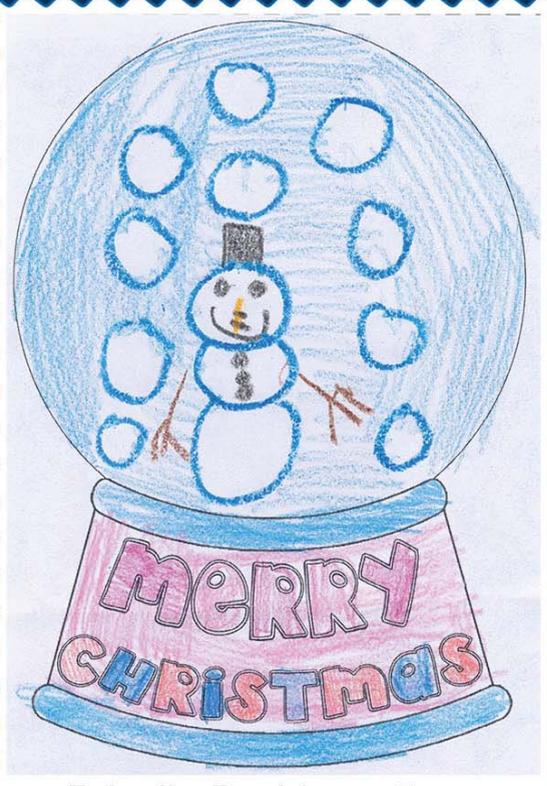
Over time while working in Education, I've found that I like working on big projects with a close deadline. It may not be as big of a project, but my attention to detail tends to make it a bigger deal than what it usually is. So, I strive for perfection in my work. This may sound weird, but like a famous quote I heard suits me, "I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by." Just the fact that I finished a crucial project in a matter of days/hours, helps me feel like I've accomplished something, so I can say I did my job and can call it a day. I also like helping my fellow Tribal Members and LTBB Employees. I was once told by a former boss that "Admin Assistants are the backbone of the departments" so I keep that in mind when I'm at work. I always try to be a reliable source for my co-workers in Education. If they have a question, I try my best to take it upon myself to find their answers for them and to make it less stressful. I also handle and keep track of all the mail that we receive and send out of our office. I try to keep everything organized and up to date.

# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS

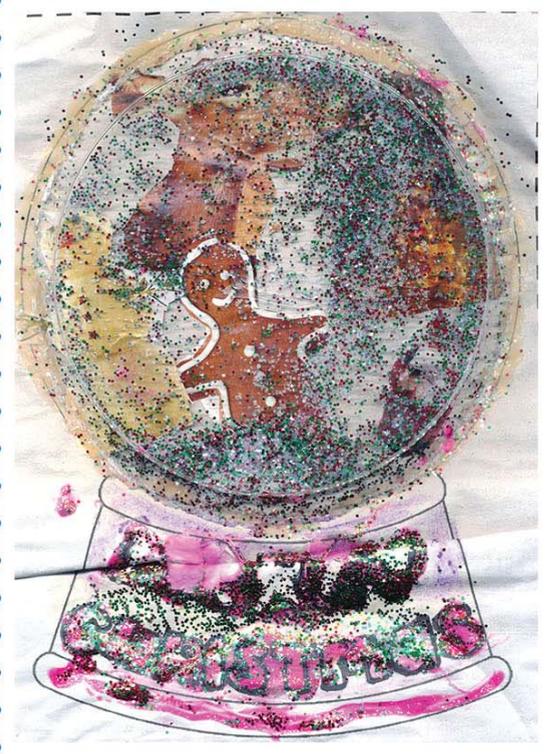


## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

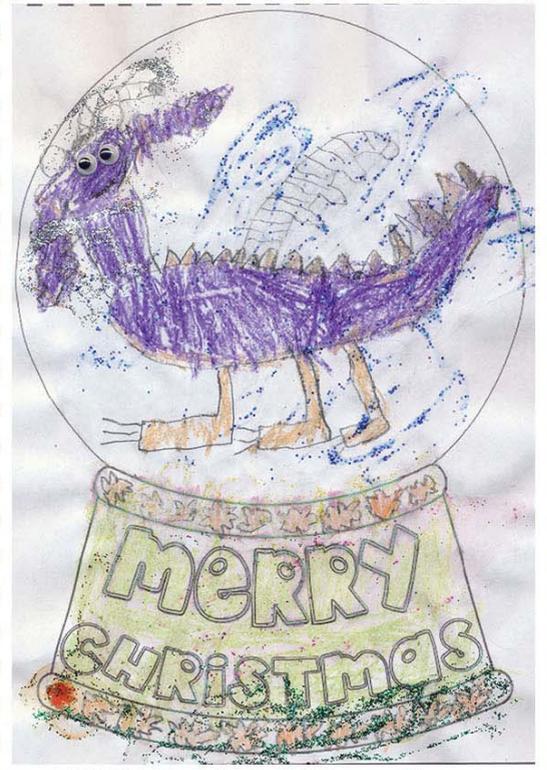
### Coloring Contest Winners!



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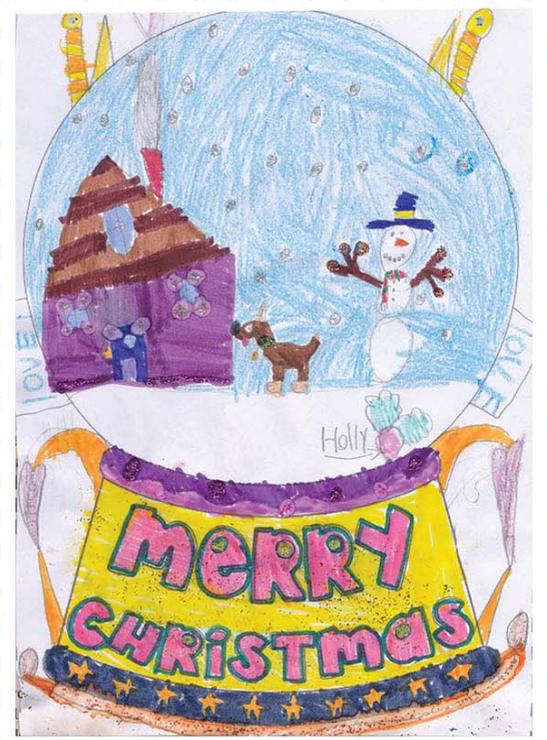
Elizabeth Sagataw - 8 yrs



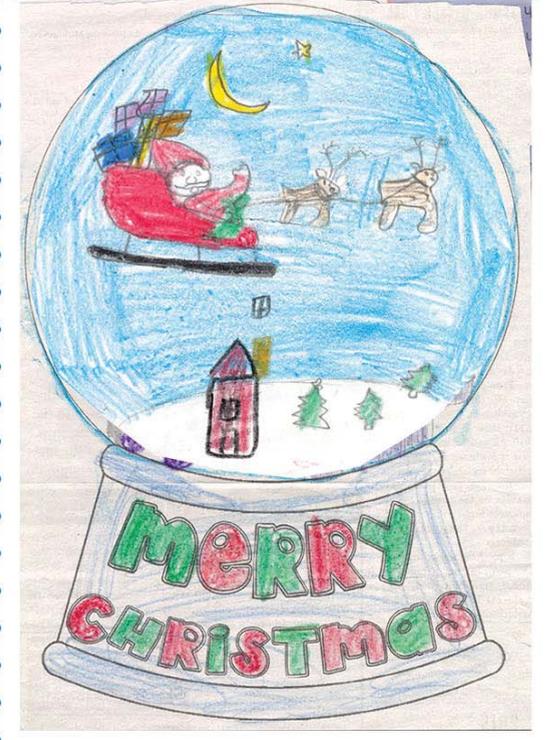
William Petoskey - 5 yrs



Shyana Renay Bowman - 10 yrs



Olivia Petoskey - 7 yrs

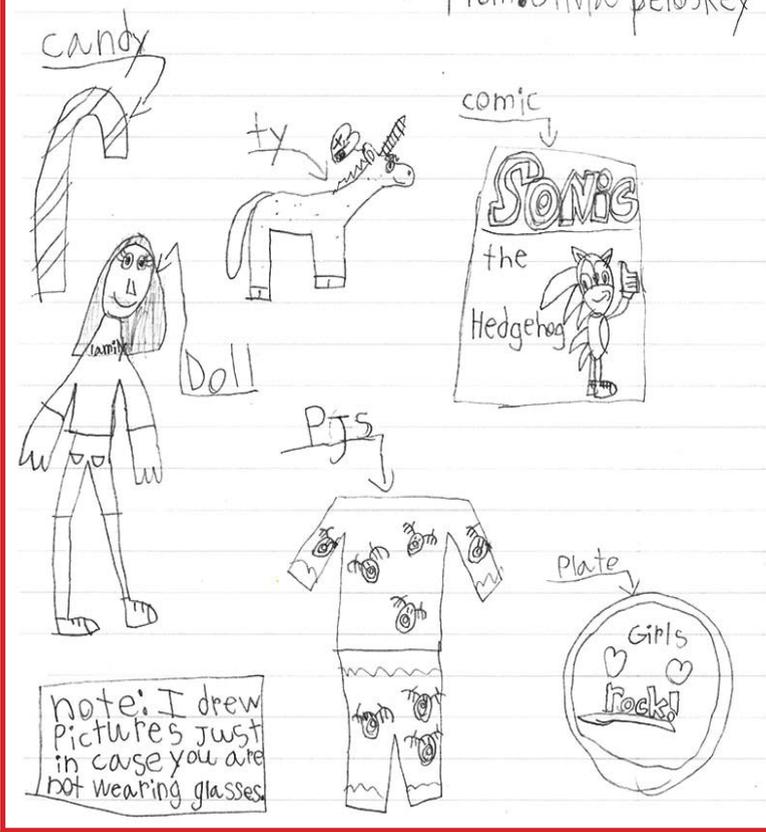


Gracie Cutler - 10 yrs

### Letter to Santa Winner!

Dear Santa. what I want for Xmas is a candycane, a Ty® toy, and a family doll and reindeer pjs, with a new princess plate, and a 1994-1995 Sonic comic book, please. Ho ho ho and a jolly good day!

From: Olivia petoskey



Dear Santa.

What I want for Xmas is a candy cane, a TY® toy, and a Lamily doll, and reindeer pjs, with a new princess plate, and a 1994-1995 Sonic comic book, please. Ho ho ho and a jolly good day!

From: Olivia Petoskey  
(Age 7)

note: I drew pictures in case you are not wearing glasses.

Do you have loved ones who you want to know how special they are? Send them a Love Line in the February issue of the Odawa Trails! It's not just for couples, it's for everyone you love!

We will print your Love Lines in the February issue of the Odawa Trails to celebrate Valentine's Day. Please e-mail your Love Lines submissions by January 12, 2015 to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Important guideline to remember: They must be signed with your name or nickname. Sorry, no secret admirers or unsigned Love Lines will be published.

Surprise them by showing your love and appreciation for what makes them special to you!



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF TAX-EXEMPT DIESEL FUEL

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant



Aanii. In order to effectively monitor the usage of tax-exempt DIESEL fuel gallons, the Department of Commerce (DOC) has mandated the purchase of tax-exempt diesel fuel will only be available at the tribally-owned convenience store Biindigen, effective December 1, 2014.

This mandate will be lifted January 1, 2015. Thank you for your cooperation.  
*Courtesy graphic.*

## 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@lbtbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@lbtbodawa-nsn.gov).

### 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 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.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm](http://www.ltbodawa-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.

### 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

## 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 B. Fisher	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/07/2011	June 07, 2017	05-09
Kathryn I. McGraw	Active	04/02/2013	April 2, 2019	06-09
Kiley Powningshug	Active	05/29/2013	May 29, 2019	07-09
Gwendolyn Gasco	Active	07/02/2013	July 2, 2019	08-09
Yvonne J. Brown	Active	03-25/2014	March 24, 2020	09-09

## Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule

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

# January Elders Birthdays

## January 1

Janice Beckhorn  
John Deckrow, Sr.  
Leslie Flint

## January 2

Priscilla Leist  
Margaret Ortner  
John Walker

## January 4

Leon Bailey, Jr.  
Nancy Honeysette  
Verna Jeanotte  
David Kughman

## January 5

David Adams  
Monica Baker  
Donna Bartley  
Michael Dayson  
Jay Harrington  
Betty Hoffman  
Lawrence Petoskey  
John Shonibin, Jr.

## January 6

Marie Bowers  
Sharon Searles

## January 7

Gary Harper  
Jane Martell  
Raymond Shawa, Jr.

## January 8

Lauree Kirchoff  
Rosemary Knapp  
Corrine Smith  
Christine Thomas

## January 9

Brian Fluette  
Deborah Harrison  
Virginia Irland  
Roger Martell

## January 10

Steven Melancon, Jr.

## January 11

Sharalee Boda

## January 12

Brian Anthony, Sr.  
David Demoinés  
Nivia Paul

## January 14

Sophie Conlin  
Anna Disbrow  
Penelope Griffin  
Dollie Keway  
Bernard Roussain  
Tonia Schwanke

## January 15

Lorraine Jung  
Laurie Sloan  
Curtis Willis  
Kaye Zitka

## January 16

Patricia Alsip  
Andrea Cagle  
Judy Field  
Kevin Gross

## January 17

William Boda  
Marie Carter  
Rosemary Lucchese  
Carole Prior

## January 18

Mary Rittase

## January 19

Francis Crossett

## January 20

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

## January 21

Regina Bentley  
Gary Compo  
James Covey  
Christine Merrill  
Constance Woods

## January 22

Deborah Cracraft-Nord  
Steven Crossett  
Robert Kiogima  
Andrew Lasley  
Jeanette Mathews

## January 23

John Chisholm, Sr.  
Denise Frye  
Marilyn McDonald  
Carolyn Taglauer

## January 24

Richard Gould

## January 25

Sherry Andrews  
Patrick Anthony  
Deborah De Leon  
Glenna Kimball  
Lawrence Stead

## January 26

Brenda Cash  
Anthony Davis, Sr.  
Betty Keller  
Ronald Mulholland  
Linda Tragoszanas

## January 27

Edward Burch  
Diane Curtiss  
Dee Dee Gasco  
John Liebgott

## January 28

Garland Baker  
Melinda Engstrom  
Richard Petoskey  
Kathryn Siler  
Richard Wilburn

## January 29

Laurie Davidson  
Catherine Schwiderson  
Rita Shananaquet

## January 30

Daniel Clark  
Timothy Lacroix  
Donna Shlechter  
Mary Steffes

## January 31

Shirley Dunkley  
Ruth Eagleman  
Jennie Heeres  
Joan Jacobs  
William Massey  
Juanita Rogers

### 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](mailto: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!

*Casino vouchers  
and Shuttle available!*

*Family Owned*

## Coachhouse Inn LLC

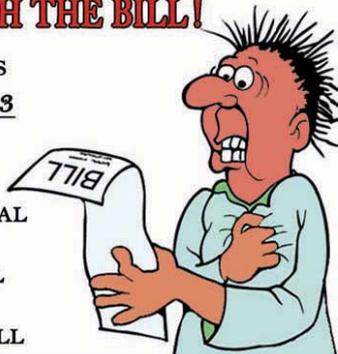
1011 US-31 N  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-347-8281

### DON'T GET STUCK WITH THE BILL!

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

NO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION  
(REFERENCE NUMBER)  
OR PRESCRIPTION PRE-APPROVAL  
=

NO CHS PAYMENT FOR BILL  
=  
PATIENT RESPONSIBLE FOR BILL



### LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



Wednesday, December 24, 2014 - Christmas Eve Day  
Thursday, December 25, 2014 - Christmas Day  
Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - New Year's Eve Day  
Thursday, January 1, 2015 - New Year's Day

### Are you having trouble hearing? You may need hearing aids?

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.



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



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

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

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

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

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Take Your Game to the Next Level



Get points for eating your colors!  
Choose fruits and veggies at meals and snacks.  
They'll help you be your best at school and at play.

## EMMET COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

**ALANSON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
4-5:30PM WEDNESDAYS  
7489 MISSION RD., ALANSON, MI  
231-548-5462

**NORTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
ALANSON, MI  
DELIVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE, CALL  
231-548-5836

**PETOSKEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
12:30-1:30PM FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS  
1727 ANDERSON RD., PETOSKEY, MI  
231-347-0210

**BAY SHORE PANTRY**  
NOON-3PM SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS  
06072 US 31 NORTH, BAY SHORE, MI  
231-347-3618

**HARBOR SPRINGS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
9:30AM-NOON MONDAYS  
HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDING  
150 WEST MAIN ST.  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI, ENTER THROUGH DOUBLE DOORS ON THIRD ST.

**THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT PANTRY**  
9AM-NOON TUESDAYS; CALL FOR EMERGENCIES  
8791 McBRIDE PARK COURT  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI  
231-347-8852

**PELLSTON GRACE COMMUNITY**  
5:30-6:30PM WEDNESDAYS  
161 US 31, PELLSTON, MI  
231-539-8570

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
9AM-NOON WEDNESDAYS MEAL PROVIDED  
11:30AM-12:30PM MONDAYS  
308 MONROE ST., PETOSKEY, MI  
231-347-6181

**SALVATION ARMY PETOSKEY CORPS**  
9AM-NOON MONDAY-FRIDAY  
712 PLEASANT ST., PETOSKEY, MI  
231-347-3531

**ST. FRANCIS/BROTHER DAN'S FOOD PANTRY**  
9AM-NOON TUESDAYS; CALL FOR EMERGENCIES  
MEAL PROVIDED NOON-1PM TUESDAYS  
415 STATE ST., PETOSKEY, MI  
231-347-7423

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN DIAPER PANTRY**  
9:30-11AM FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS  
8781 McBRIDE PARK COURT,  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI  
DISTRIBUTES DIAPERS ONLY

**CROSS OF CHRIST CHURCH**  
5-7PM SECOND THURSDAY;  
9-11AM FOURTH THURSDAY  
1450 EAST MITCHELL ST., PETOSKEY, MI  
231-347-5448  
PAPER PRODUCTS, TOILETRIES DISTRIBUTED

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

**BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
10AM-NOON FIRST MONDAY;  
5-7PM THIRD MONDAY  
401 STATE ST., BOYNE CITY, MI  
231-582-2551

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
6-8PM MONDAYS;  
10AM-NOON WEDNESDAYS  
326 PARK ST., BOYNE CITY, MI  
231-582-0151

**JORDAN RIVER RISING CHURCH**  
457 WATER ST., EAST JORDAN, MI  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
CALL 231-735-6920

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
6-7PM FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS; CALL FOR EMERGENCIES  
05855 M-66 NORTH,  
CHARLEVOIX, MI  
231-547-4300

**THIRD DAY FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH**  
2PM AND 6PM  
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
1204 BRIDGE ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI  
231-547-8040

**CHARLEVOIX WALLOON LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
5-6:15PM SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS  
4320 M-75, WALLOON LAKE, MI  
231-535-2288

**CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
10AM-NOON AND  
5:30-7:30PM MONDAYS;  
10AM-1PM THURSDAYS  
100 WEST HURLBUT ST.  
CHARLEVOIX, MI  
231-237-9490

**CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY**  
3-6PM TUESDAYS;  
9AM-NOON THURSDAYS  
ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO CLOSING TO BE SERVED.  
SERVES RESIDENTS OF THE EAST JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY  
205 WATER ST., EAST JORDAN, MI  
231-536-7423

**BOYNE VALLEY PANTRY**  
2-5PM THURSDAYS  
3031 MAIN ST., BOYNE FALLS, MI  
231-549-2230

## EMMET/CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SOUP KITCHENS

**ALANSON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
4-5:30PM WEDNESDAYS  
7489 MISSION RD., ALANSON, MI  
231-548-5462

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PETOSKEY**  
NOON-1PM THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS  
501 EAST MITCHELL ST., PETOSKEY, MI  
231-347-4792

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD**  
11AM-1PM MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
202 WEST HURLBUT ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI  
231-547-2875

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH OF CHARLEVOIX**  
BREAKFAST SERVED EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY  
8-10AM  
100 OAK ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI  
231-547-9482

**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-AK-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.

**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.

**Do you qualify for the LTBB U.S.D.A. Food Distribution Program?**



Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!  
Call Monday - Friday  
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.  
\*food distribution varies depending on availability

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**child care ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!**

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!  
Human Services Department - 231-242-1620

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

The deadline for the winter/spring semester Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship Application is February 15, 2015. Students must have a complete file, including application, release forms, student aid report, previous semester grades and current schedule by this date in order to receive the scholarship. Late applications will not be accepted.

Also, please remember in order to receive the second installment of your Fall award, the Educa-

tion Department needs to receive your Enrollment Verification Form after your school's add/drop period and before the last day of the semester. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received.

For more information or help with higher education, please contact Jon Anthony, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at janthony@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

### MERIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Merit scholarships are available for students who have graduated with a certificate or degree for the 2013-2014 academic year. Students need to submit a completed form and a copy of the official transcript

showing the degree received by December 1, 2014. For more information, contact Jon Anthony, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at janthony@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

**Don't forget!**

UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR

**Winter (Jan. - May) February 15<sup>th</sup>**

For more information, contact Academic Services at 231-242-1480

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 1, 2014, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

**\*\*Please Note\*\***  
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students



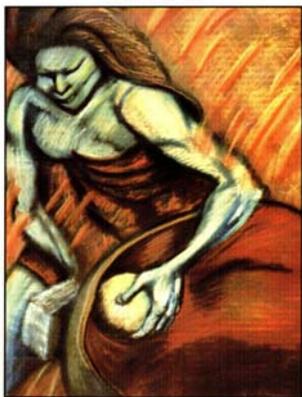
Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

## JANUARY IS INDIGENOUS POETRY MONTH AT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

Here at the LTBB Cultural Library, we are all about celebrating arts and culture of indigenous people; not only from our tribe, but from all tribes. This month, we are celebrating a cultural art which may not always come to mind when thinking about cultural arts, indigenous poetry!

### Old Shirts & New Skins

SHERMAN ALEXIE



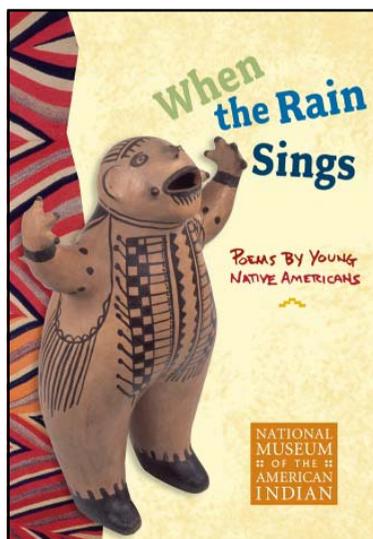
AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

We have a nice selection of poetry books here at the library whether it is written by one per-

son like the book *Old Shirts & New Skins* by Sherman Alexie or books with multiple authors like *When the Rain Sings*, *Poems by Young Native Americans* edited by the National Museum of the American Indian.

Some of the books in our collection contain both poems and short stories. We invite you to come on in and visit with us and explore the options you can find.

Since this month is indigenous poetry month, we would like to invite anyone who has written poetry to visit and share with us. Poems may be delivered by hand to the LTBB Cultural Library, located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs MI, by U.S. mail (LTBB Cultural Library, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740) or by e-mail (dnightlinger@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Unless you request otherwise, you will find your poem published in the *Odawa Trails* in the coming months.



February will be oral traditions month, and we will highlight some of the great material we have here in the library waiting for you to explore.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Miigwech,  
Library Staff

231-242-1487

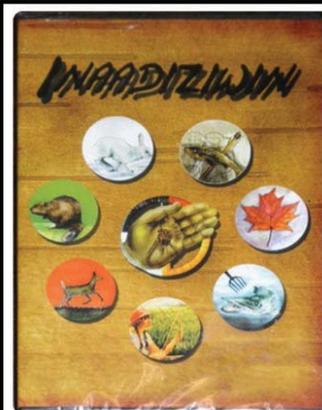
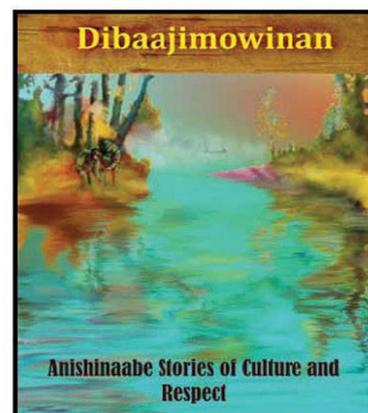
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Courtesy graphics.*



Anishinaabe Stories of Culture and Respect provides another valuable language resource for Anishinaabemowin learners as well as interesting stories from Ojibwe/Odawa elders translated into English. There are 34 stories in the book, and an accompanying CD with more than six hours of the stories recorded in Anishinaabemowin.

Check this and our other language and oral traditions materials out at the Cultural Library.



Anishinaabe language DVD utilizes the harvesting seasons of the Ojibwe/Odawa to teach the language. Learn words and phrases relating to spearing fish, tanning hides, sugar bush, wild rice harvesting and processing and much more.

Check this and our other great language DVD's and CD's out at the Cultural Library.

## LTBB TRIBAL YOUTH FEATURED ON A POSTER PROMOTING EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S PRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AT DULUTH CAMPUS

Submitted by the Education Department

On October 23, 2014, the Education Director presented on the community-based science activities the department implemented for K-8 students funded by the Center of American Indian and Minority Health (CAIMH) at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

The presentation to the Community Advisory Board of the CAIMH was open to all university faculty and students and was promoted around campus using a poster which pictured one of our very own tribal citizens, Ms. Evelyn Gibson, age 10 (age nine at the time of the photo). Evelyn's smiling face and thumbs up served as the background image of the poster and became well-known all around the Duluth campus!

Recently, the Education Director sat down with Ms. Gibson and asked her to share her experiences this summer and her thoughts and feelings about becoming a well-known face around the University of Minnesota at Duluth campus. During that interview, she shared the following:

**Education Director:** What were your favorite parts about camp this summer?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "When we got to push each other in the water at the lake, when we got to paint, and when we got to go in the circle and tell each other our clan. My clan is Bear, the Mkwa."

**Education Director:** What was one thing that you learned at camp this summer?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "I learned how to say my clan and name at camp (in Anishinaabemowin)."

**Education Director:** Did you meet any new friends at camp?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "I met Corrina and Alexis and Vanessa and Sabrina and Corrina's brothers and a lot of other people, but I can't think of their names."

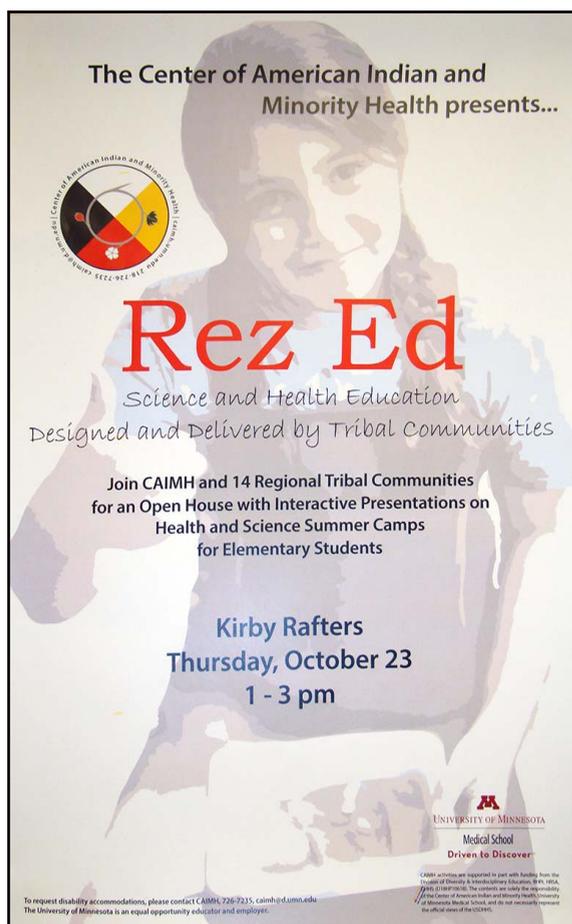
**Education Director:** What new things did you do at camp that you've never done before?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "I've never been to Raven's Hill. It's kinda weird 'cause when you come, there's this head with spider webs coming out, and it was weird. Also, when we went to that place where he showed us the place by Cross Village. I've never been there."

**Education Director:** What was your first thought or feeling when you found out that your picture was being used on the poster?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "I was like 'whaaaaat?' Usually, there's always these people on posters, and I've never seen myself on a poster before, so I was pretty surprised and happy."

**Education Director:** What are you going to do



when you get a copy of the poster?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "I'm going to post it on my wall and show my mom."

**Education Director:** Is there anything else that you want to share about the poster or camp?

**Evelyn Gibson:** "Camp was really fun, and they show you stuff that you can do, like you can ask your mom and dad to get in a circle with your family to say your clan and name."

The funding from the Center of American Indian and Minority Health, which totaled \$10,543, allowed the Education Department to implement the community-based science activities through a four-week summer program, Camp Mnobimaadziwin (the good life.) The camp sought to expose participants to topics and careers in health and science through health and wellness activities which used an indigenous land-based education framework. The framework wove academic and community-based cultural knowledge into an integrated curriculum. Camp Mnobimaadziwin started on June 24, 2014, and ended on July 11, 2014. Camp Mnobimaadziwin was held four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

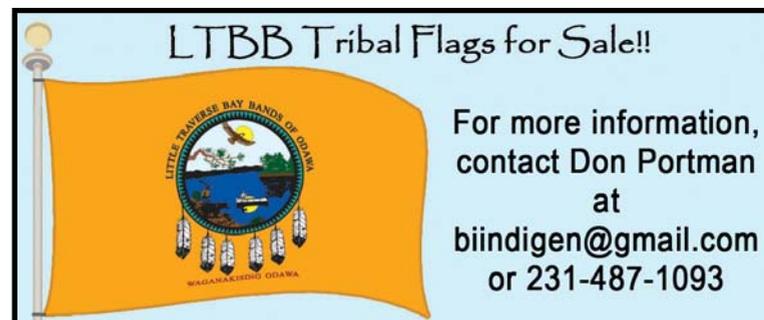


The LTBB Cultural Library is open 5 days a week!

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

For more library information, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480.

Ask us about downloading eBooks and Audiobooks online!



LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!

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

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Please call Sean Kutzler today for more information 231-242-1493.

You may also request a WOCTEP Information packet through e-mail at [skutzler@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV](mailto:skutzler@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV)

# CELEBRATING THE CULTURAL LEGACY OF THE MANDA-BEE-KEE DANCE TROUPE

By Wendy Congdon, Pre-Press Graphic Specialist

On November 14, 2014 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the Archives and Records, Education – Cultural Services, the Elders Department and the Youth Services Department hosted a reunion feast for the Manda-bee-kee Dance Troupe. The dance troupe was formed in the mid-1950s and continued into the 1970s. It not only shared in performances at pow wows and events, but also educated the public about Odawa culture. It was a full house as troupe members, family and friends enjoyed stories of traveling and dancing in exhibitions

throughout the country. Regalia and pictures were displayed. Simon Otto shared several cultural stories. Other speakers included David Dominic, Marvin Mulholland, Dave Shananaquet and Joe Mitchell. David Dominic led a demonstration of one of the troupe's traditional dances. The evening finished with the remaining troupe members receiving gifts from various LTBB Departments, the Homecoming Pow Wow Committee and tribal citizens. The gifts included Manda-bee-kee embroidered patches, picture frames made by tribal youth, a black ash basket made by Wasson Dillard and a Pendleton tote and blanket.

Photos by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.



**Give from your heart.  
Receive from your heart.**



**This holiday season, may you find peace in giving and receiving good things, from the heart.**

Produced by the IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, [www.diabetes.ihs.gov](http://www.diabetes.ihs.gov)



## 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

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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.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## CHAMPIONS OF THE HEART: HEALTHY HEART SUCCESS STORIES



Submitted by Arlene Naganashe, Healthy Heart Case Manager

Shared with permission

from a Healthy Heart Champion.

This summer, when I was recruiting individuals to walk with me, I approached this individual. The individual informed me the individual exercised by walking around the house. I encouraged the person to walk with me to the end of the driveway as walking outdoors increased the benefits of walking.

With encouragement from other family members, the individual agreed to try walking outdoors. The first trial required the use of the walker and a few

rest stops. The pace was slow but steady, and the individual set the distance limit. As the individual's strength increased, the distance increased.

After a few weeks, the individual was able to progress to walking with a cane. Recently, the individual walked a quarter of a mile without the use of a cane or needing to stop for rest.

This individual now is up to walking 2 ½ miles an hour on a treadmill. **Way to Go Champion !!!**

Graphic by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.

## MEET CONTRACT HEALTH FRONT DESK ASSISTANT MARIA SARGENT



Maria Sargent started as the Contract Health Front Desk Assistant in the Health Department on November 6, 2014.

As the Contract Health Front Desk Assistant, she is responsible for patient registration and eligibility updates for the LTBB Contract Health Services (CHS). She answers incoming calls for Contract Health and greets patients and clients at the front office window. She also assists with Contract Health referrals and prescription authorizations.

It is the responsibility of Contract Health to administer

the Indian Health Service prospective payment program. This program has strict federal guidelines that must be followed. CHS is not an entitlement program or an insurance plan, but rather an alternate resource for health care costs for LTBB tribal citizens and their descendants. CHS is the payer of last resort, so if a citizen or descendant does not have another resource such as private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, that citizen or descendant will be required to apply for medical assistance to exhaust all resources. Ineligibility for medical assistance needs to be established to satisfy payer of last resort criteria.

Sargent, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, owned and operated Sweet Maria's Confections in downtown Petoskey, MI, from 2005 to 2014. Prior to opening Sweet Maria's Confections, she made wedding cakes and special order cakes from scratch in the commercial kitchen she and her husband built behind her parents' house in Petoskey, MI. She grew up in Petoskey, MI, and

is a graduate of Petoskey High School, North Central Michigan College (NCMC), Wilton Master Cake Decorating and the New England Culinary Institute. She earned an Applied Science degree AOS at the New England Culinary Institute and earned an Associate of Arts from NCMC. She has cooked in California and Vermont and has worked for various Northern Michigan area restaurants.

She met her husband Rob, when they were both attending the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont, and they have a son, Riley, 6, who is in kindergarten. Rob, a graduate of the New England Culinary Institute, is a trained chef, who has spent 19 years in the culinary business. Rob worked for six years as the Head Chef at the Sage Restaurant located inside Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI. Her grandparents are the late Alice and the late Fred Harrington, Sr., and her parents are Julie and Fred Harrington, Jr.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Together, we can improve the health of our nation one person at a time.

Call today to find out how you can make a difference!

Diane Bott, RN  
231-242-1615

Arlene Naganashe, RN  
231-242-1616

Michele Keshick, RN  
231-242-1606

## HEALTHY HEART PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR NATIVE COMMUNITY ADULTS WITH DIABETES

Dear tribal citizens,

Do you have diabetes or know an adult Native who has diabetes and lives in our community? This message is for you. The tribal Community Health Department has a grant, which assists Native community adults in managing their diabetes, so they can prevent or minimize the other health risks associated with diabetes by focusing on physical activity and healthy food choices.

Those in the program have an opportunity to earn incentives by meeting their goals. Incentives may include the following: Cross fit shoes, exercise garments, physical activity classes, gym memberships and farm/meat market vouchers. Mno Ode participants are also eligible to participate in our loan programs in which we currently offer bikes, George Foreman grills and Wii fitness systems. This is a participant directed program, so we will take your needs and suggestions for programming in the development of your wellness plan as well as any future programs we will offer.

Together, we can improve the health of our nation one person at a time. Positive changes will ripple throughout our community like a pebble tossed into a pond.

If you or someone you love has diabetes, please call the Mno Ode staff listed below.

Diane Bott, RN, at 231-242-1615, Arlene Naganashe, RN, at 231-242-1616 or Michele Keshick, RN, at 231-242-1606

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## Laugh Learn Live Well Series

### Lavender Eye Pillows

Tuesday, January 13  
at 5 pm

Waasnodegamik, 5656  
Apgishmok Blvd,  
Harbor Springs, MI  
49740 (Community  
Center off State Road)



There is a growing concern about the deep connection between diabetes and stress. The Live Well series is designed to bring those at risk for diabetes into a fun environment and to give them tools to reduce stress and prevent or delay diabetes and its complications.

Class is limited to 25 participants. To register for this event, contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

## Are You:

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



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

## Check out our Environmentally-Friendly Homeowners Guide!

You may receive a copy by contacting Environmental Services at 231-242-1574. It is also available online at

<http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/env/>



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

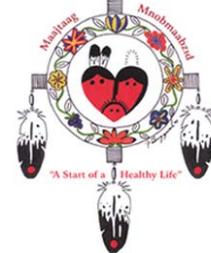
We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed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

# IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY TURNED 18 AND UTILIZE SERVICES AT THE LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO ENSURE YOU REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES

Submitted by Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist



When you turn 18, you are considered an adult. Congratulations on this milestone! As an adult, there are a few things you need to know about your medical record, and a few steps to take to ensure you remain eligible for services at the LTBB Health Department.

1. Come to Central Registration to fill out a new Patient Registration Packet. Please remember to bring your Picture ID with you and two pieces of mail with your current address. Central Registration Clerk Jennifer Yuhn or I (Patient Benefits Specialist Valorie Glazier) are willing to help you fill out and understand the paperwork. The packet includes documents such as address verifications, release of information, consent to treat and protected health information release (PHI), which is necessary to have in your file once

you turn 18 and are an adult.  
 2. If you are not covered by private insurance (for example, Blue Cross Blue Shield or Priority Health), you must now apply for Medicaid on your own now that you are an adult. I am available to help you do the application online in my office during business hours or I can also help you over the phone if you do not live in the area. Keep in mind, it is always best to make an appointment to fill out the Medicaid application, which takes approximately 15 to 30 minutes depending on the circumstances, but walk-ins are always welcomed.

3. Do you want anyone else besides yourself to have access to information in your medical record?

If the answer is yes, then you must fill out a Protected Health Information (PHI) form at the Central Registration desk. Anyone listed on this form may access your health records at the LTBB Health Department. Health records may include the reason for your visit, the diagnosis, the treatment plans and medications you may be on as well as past appointments. You may revoke this access at any time.

If the answer is no, you don't have to do anything. If anyone calls the Health Department and wants to discuss



anything regarding your health record, the staff will not provide any information. Examples: A patient's mom calls asking for a reference number for her son's appointment. Unless you have signed a PHI release, the staff will not issue a reference number or discuss your situation with your mom once you are an adult.

If you have any other questions or concerns about what your responsibilities are now that you're an adult, please don't hesitate to call Valorie Glazier, LTBB Patient Benefits Specialist, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 231-242-1748, by e-mail at vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or stop by the Health Park in Petoskey, MI.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar and courtesy graphic.

## 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.

### 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

## DID YOU KNOW? Youth Obtain Alcohol From Friends, and the rates are going up!

Grandfather Teaching (TRUTH)

Truth is to know and respect all Seven Grandfather Teachings.



If LTBB youth drank, the percent who got alcohol from friends/peers...

- \*2011: 14.9%
- \*2012: 15.9%
- \*2013: 20.8%



Source: LTBB Youth Survey

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



## 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!

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## GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for both Native and non-Native organizations. If you would like an application, please call 231-242-1420.

The deadline for submitting an application is March 31, 2014. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Aanii from the Executive Branch offices of the tribal governmental center. As most LTBB Tribal Citizens are probably well aware, a recall campaign and election took place this fall. The ballots were counted on November 17, 2014, and a preliminary certification was issued by the Election Board later that evening. According to the preliminary certification, 706 tribal citizens voted in the recall election. The Tribal Chairman and the Vice Chair were recalled by a vote of 54% and 55% respectively.

Currently, Legislative Leader Regina Gasco-Bentley is serving as Tribal Chair, and she will continue to do so until either a challenge to the election is heard and decided by the Tribal Court or until a new Tribal Chair can be elected in a Special Election, which will be held within 90 days of the

final certification of the recall election. Our annual Children's Winter Solstice Party was held December 13, 2014 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The event was complete with pizza, music provided by a DJ and lots of fun for our community. The kids were blessed this year to have 100% of the funding for the gifts provided by donations. Many thanks to Arlene Naganashe and Deleta Gasco Smith for their time, effort and dedication in organizing the gift drive this year.

2015 will soon be upon us, fresh with new beginnings and hopes for the coming years. We extend to you our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*



# 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
<b>Correction</b>	As this office previously reported, Treasurer Reyes not in attendance at the Agricultural Assessment Work Group on October 22nd.									
<b>DATE</b>	<b>November 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE</b>									
11/04/14	Legal and Legislative Committee			X	X	X				X
11/04/04	Tribal Council Work Session		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/05/14	VAWA-Stalking/Domestic Violence Meeting		X					X		
11/05/14	Agricultural Assessment Work Group				X	X			X	
11/06/14	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
11/10/14	Ethics Committee			X	X					
11/12/14	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X		X	X			
11/19/14	Gaming Authority Committee				X					X
11/19/14	Agricultural Assessment Work Group			X	X					
11/20/14	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
11/21/14	Gaming Authority Committee			X	X					X
11/21/14	Ethics Committee			X	X		X			
11/21/14	Domestic Violence Prevention Work Group							X		
	<b>*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs</b>									

# JUDICIAL BRANCH

<b>LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT</b> 	<b>NOTICE TO RESPONDENT</b>	<b>FILE NO.</b> PCG-205-1014
To Respondent: <u>Arnold Shawanoo Walker</u> Case No.: <u>240002954, 1995003094, 28007895, 2007005217</u>		
<b>NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:</b> An Order for Notice by Publication has been issued regarding the Per Cap Child Support Order signed and dated, <u>November 5, 2014</u> .		
Respondent, Arnold Shawanoo Walker must contact Tribal Court within 21 days for copies of the orders listed above. After 21 days, respondent's per cap check will be garnished for back child support.		
Please contact Tribal Court in writing at <u>LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740</u> or call <u>231-242-1462</u> .		

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Seeking seasonal help:  
**American Indian Interpreter**

Colonial Michilimackinac, has a full-time and a part-time summer seasonal position available for the upcoming 2015 season to be an American Indian Interpreter. Low cost dormitory housing at approximately \$96 a month is available, pay starts at \$8.15 hour, 40 hours/week. Positions start in early May or early June and work through Labor Day (or later). Please visit our web page at [www.MackinacParks.com](http://www.MackinacParks.com) for a complete job description as well as a listing of all the summer positions available or call 231-436-4100, or E-mail [FEGANK@michigan.gov](mailto:FEGANK@michigan.gov) for further information. EOE

## 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**

## 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.



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:

HARBOR SPRINGS HARBOR PLAZA 8430 M-119 231-487-9390	ALANSON 7722 US 31 NORTH (NEXT TO SUBWAY) 231-548-5997	KALKASKA 559 S. CEDAR (131) 800-757-5997
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## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to **medical appointments only**.

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

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

Transportation is based on availability.  
 Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

**Miigwech!**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

# LTBB Hosts the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum's First Major Meeting Since 1992



By Maria Sargent

For the first time in more than 20 years, the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum Naa-konigewin (charter) met on October 27, 2014 at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey MI.

The meeting, funded by the Casey Family Programs and hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, was the first major gathering of the forum since 1992. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh, who along with Chief Judge Michael D. Petoskey served as original members of the forum, remarked members were excited to be reconvening after 22 years of dormancy.

The Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum was created to encourage ongoing dialogue between state, federal and tribal judiciaries. The forum is composed of a tribal judge from each of Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes and 12 state court judges and welcomes participation by the federal bench and officials. The forum is currently led by Co-chairs LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado and Judge Tim Connors.

Among the forum's principal goals is the pursuit of consensus on improving the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). The forum was responsible for the creation of "Enforcement of Tribal Judgments" in 1992, and most recently, the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act.

The reconvening of the forum came with the desire to improve working relations and communication among jurisdictions and to produce better outcomes for Indian children and families. The spir-

it of ICWA and its formation dominated the day-and-a-half meeting in Petoskey. ICWA, passed in 1978 following Congress' review of the percentage of Indians adopted or in foster care, was intended to address the American Indian Police Review Commission's finding that Indians were 22.4 times more likely than non-Indians to be placed in foster care, and that the adoption rate of Indian children was eight times more likely than non-Indian children. Further still, the commission found 90% of Indian children were placed into non-Indian homes, and that the majority of Indian children were not being removed for physical abuse or neglect, but rather as a result of the Indian family's poverty.

By establishing minimum federal standards regulating states in the handling of the removal and placement of Indian children, ICWA is intended to protect the best interests of Indian children and their communities. ICWA also recognizes tribes should have the primary role in child welfare decisions and establishes transfer of procedure to tribal court.

At the October meeting, the forum had the opportunity to discuss their agendas, review and discuss ground rules, tour the LTBB Courtroom and make commitments to uphold the original forum's desire to create a powerful venue for improving working relationships amongst the three jurisdictions and to produce better outcomes for Indian children and their families.

The forum has a long list of ambitious goals, all of which strive to improve tribal, state and federal court relations.

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# 2014 LTBB Children's



# Winter Solstice Party

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## 2015 Kichitwaa Giizhigidoon

January 1	New Year's Day	Nimkwadaading
Any Date	Birthday	Dibishkaa
	Happy Birthday! / Have a h.b.	Minodibishkaa. / Minodibishkaan.
January 5	Full Moon	Mnido Giizis
January 19	Martin Luther King Day	Martin Luther Ogimaanhs Giizhigat
January 24	Belly Laugh Day	Chi-baapi-masad Giizhigat
February 2	Ground Hog's Day	Kookajiish Giizhigat
February 4	Full Moon	Mkwa Giizis
February 14	Valentine's Day	Zaagidwin Giizhigat
March 5	Full Moon	Naabdin Giizis
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	Kichitwaa Patrick Giizhigat
March 20	Spring Equinox	Mnookmi Maajtaamigat
April 1	April Fools Day	Wayezhi'iiwewin Giizhigat (fool, deceive)
April 4	Full Moon	Ziisabaakdake Giizis
April 5	Easter	Baakwang
April 22	Earth Day	Aki Giizhigat
May 4	Full Moon	Nmebine Giizis
May 10	Mother's Day	Gashi Giizhigat
May 25	Memorial Day	Mikwenim Giizhigat
June 2	Full Moon	Waabgonii Giizis
June 14	Flag Day	Akiwewin Giizhigat
June 21	Summer Solstice	Niibin Maajtaamigat
June 21	Father's Day	Noos Giizhigat
July 2	Full Moon	Odemin Giizis
July 4	Independence Day	Dibendizwin Giizhigat
July 26	Parents Day	Gitzimak Giizhigat
July 31	Full Moon	Miin Giizis
August 9 & 10	Odawa Homecoming Powwow	Jiingtamok
August 29	Full Moon	Mnoomin Giizis
September 7	Labor Day	Chi Nokii Giizhigat
September 13	Grandparents Day	Mishomis & Nokomis Giizhigat
September 21	LTBB Sovereignty Day	Waaganakising Giizhigat
September 23	Fall Equinox	Dgwaagi Maajtaamigat
September 25	Michigan Indian Day	Anishinaabe Giizhigat
September 28	Full Moon	Waabagaa Giizis
October 16	Boss's Day	Nokii-Gimaa Giizhigat
October 17	Sweetest Day	Wiishkibang Giizhigat
October 27	Full Moon	Bnaakwii Giizis
October 31	Halloween	Tasewang
November 11	Veteran's Day	Zhimaaganish Giizhigat
November 25	Full Moon	Baashkaakodin Giizis
November 26	Thanksgiving	Mzisenh Giizhigat, Miigwechwendamomi Giizhigat
December 21	Winter Solstice	Biboon Maajtaamigat
December 25	Christmas Day	Niibaanamaang
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April 10, 11, 12

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# NATIVE NEWS

## 2014 CAREER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM GRADUATES HONORED AT ODAWA CASINO IN PETOSKEY, MI

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Co-ordinator



Odawa Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, started its Career Enrichment Program (CEP) in January 2011.

The program has three tracks, two for all casino employees and one for LTBB Tribal Citizens. The track for LTBB Tribal Citizens was created to develop LTBB Tribal Citizens for executive positions at the casino.

On November 18, 2014, Odawa Casino Resort held its CEP Graduation Ceremony at Ovation Hall inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. Both the 2014 Leadership Essentials graduating class and the 2014 Leadership Development graduating class were honored there.

The first track, Leadership Essentials, is a year-long program, which combines Skillsoft courses completed online by participants, classroom instruction (CEP Leadership Essentials, a four-credit elective course through North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI) and a group project. The group project includes developing an action plan, a budget and a business plan. Each group presents its project to the casino's executive team to conclude the program. This year, groups were tasked with coming up with a way to attract the 30-something crowd to the casino.

For the first time, Odawa Casino Resort offered this program to a limited number of LTBB Governmental Employees. LTBB Housing Director John Givens and LTBB Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar were members of the 2014 Leadership Essentials graduating class, which also includes the following casino employees: Robin Joan Barber (Hostess/Cashier in Hospitality), Patti Boda (Table Games Pit Manager in Table Games),

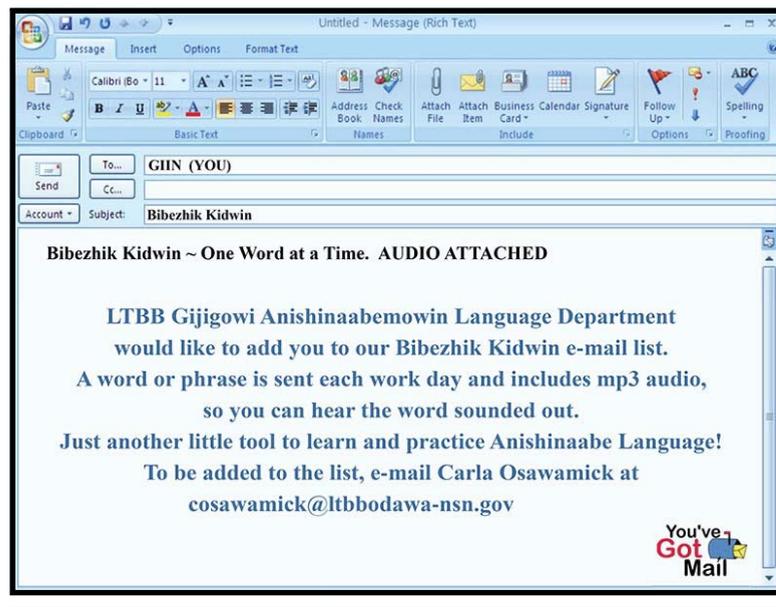
Amanda Furgeson-Foster (Banquet Server in Hospitality), Brad Hall (Table Games Supervisor in Table Games), Cory Handy (TDR Line Cook in Hospitality), Rose Kenwabikise (Front Desk Representative in Hospitality) and Benjamin Wemigwase (Table Games Supervisor in Table Games). Givens, VanDeCar and Wemigwase are LTBB Tribal Citizens.

Employees who complete the first track, Leadership Essentials, may continue for another year in the second track, Leadership Development. Leadership Development is also a year-long program, which combines Skillsoft courses completed online by participants, classroom instruction (CEP Leadership Development, a four-credit elective course through North Central Michigan College) and a group project. Similar to Leadership Essentials, the group project includes developing an action plan, a budget and a business plan, each group presents its project to the casino's executive team to conclude the program, and each group was tasked with coming up with a way to attract the 30-something crowd to the casino. The 2014 Leadership Development graduating class includes the following casino employees: Lila Bertram (Benefits Specialist in



Human Resources), Nicholas Foltz (Table Games Pit Manager in Table Games), Staci Gray (Mainbank Cashier II in Finance), Dmitri Jacobs (Count/Drop Team Member in Finance), Mandy Oliver (HRIS Analyst in Human Resources), Kimberly Pearson (Guest Services Supervisor in Marketing), Jodi Skrobak (Administrative Assistant II in Human Resources) and Cheryl Stead (Guest Services Representative in Marketing). Bertram, Foltz and Stead are LTBB Tribal Citizens.

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2014 Leadership Development graduates pictured from left to right are Nick Foltz, Kimberly Pearson, Staci Gray, Jodi Skrobak, Cheryl Stead, Dmitri Jacobs, Mandy Oliver and Lila Bertram. Editor's note: A group photo of the 2014 Leadership Essentials graduates was not taken; individual photos of the Leadership Essentials graduates were taken.

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## LAND PARCELS AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ENERGIZE THE PROGRESS OF THE TRADITIONAL TRIBAL BURIAL GROUNDS



By Nichole Biber, Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds Board member

Thanks to the support and assistance of many in our tribal community, almost 10 acres of land is now approved for use for the Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds (TTBG). This includes about three acres on the Murray Road parcel and about six acres out at Osbourne Road. This is a major step forward for the project and will enable our goal of offering a place for the natural burial of tribal citizens and their families beginning in 2015.

The Burial Grounds Board is working to make sure those who wish for a more peaceful, simple return to the earth will be able to bypass the concrete, steel and invasive procedures which characterize conventional burials and cemeteries. For a more detailed account of our plans, please visit our blog site: [tribalburialinc.wordpress.com](http://tribalburialinc.wordpress.com). There is also a Facebook page which offers updates and also links to the blog website. We ask either forum be used to MAKE COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS about the rules and regulations as they now stand. The more community support and participation, the better.

As drafted, the rules and regulations do not stipulate or limit what spiritual practices or belief systems are conducted at the time of burial, but rather outline how the burial grounds themselves will remain a welcoming place for wildlife, plants and the natural cycles of regeneration which make up the Circle of Life. The "traditional" part of the project's name refers to the long-established relationship between the life-giving earth and the Anishinaabek who will one day return to and contribute to those sustaining soils.

We have had many discussions about the need for an Anishinaabemowin name which will best communicate the intentions and purposes of the burial grounds. Related to this need, Carla Osawamick of the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD) suggested inviting Willard Trudeau and Marie Eshkibok-Trudeau as people knowledgeable in both the language and the teachings associated with death and burial. The Trudeaus traveled here from Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve of Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. Marie's mother, Josephine Eshkibok, and the Wikwemikong Chief Duke Peltier, also visited, and we were honored to welcome them all on November 21 and 22, 2014.

Co-sponsored by the TTBG Board and the GALD, this event was very well received with approximately 60 Waganakising Odawak present at Saturday's teaching event held at the LTBB Community Center. As Netawn Kiogima stated in her welcoming remarks, the show of interest and support was a heart-gratifying scene of connection and sol-

idity which can only strengthen community ties. The day began with smudging, the sounds of the eagle bone whistle and ceremonials from community and visiting pipe carriers to assure all present were prepared in spirit to receive the teachings offered by the Trudeaus. As a Midewiwin taking care of a little boy water drum as well as other sacred bundles, Willie Trudeau is committed to sharing the teachings he has gained over many years of connecting with knowledgeable elders. Supported by Marie's knowledge of roles specific to women, Willie shared teachings about how to support

the four day journey which the spirit must make at the time of the body's demise in order to return to the original spirit home which was left behind at the time of birth. There was a wealth of information shared, from explaining a fire must be lit immediately after death in order to calm the new spirit at a fearful and uncertain time, to the cedar bath Grandmother-aged women give the body, to the family's role in making black tobacco ties, to the diverse choices and difficulties encountered by the spirit on the return journey, to the memorial feasting which occurs a year after death. The teachings, offered in great detail and augmented by songs and petitions in Anishinaabemowin, affirmed to all present the beauty, wisdom and practicality of our traditional ways. It is beyond the scope of this article to recap or effectively summarize the approximately 10 hours of teachings the Trudeaus gave in their time here. What is certain is they were given in the spirit of generosity and renewal, intended to be taken to heart and utilized by those who choose to adhere to these death and burial traditions.

Many elements of community support would be required to offer a burial in alignment with these teachings. There is a definite need for a core group of people willing and able to help the families of the deceased, and the spirit of the departed, complete this journey. Firekeepers, women to gather cedar, feast helpers and so much more. Also for those who follow other ways of commemoration and mourning, there is a need for support. Anishinaabek have always cared for and esteemed our ancestors; an intentional, respectful burial keeps those ties strong. It is imperative to decide on personal burial plans, both to assure a gentler process for remaining family and to assure your wishes are made known.

For documentation's purposes, there was a visual recording made by the GALD, which they will work with during the course of the next few months in the effort to transcribe the Anishinaabemowin and enhance the resources available for language revitalization. Not intended for general public distribution, the record of the teachings can be accessed by interested Anishinaabek by contacting the GALD.

A special miigwech to Wasson Dillard for her work on the beautiful, large black ash basket the TTBG Board gave as thanks to the Trudeaus. The GALD also presented Willie, Marie, Josephine and Duke with gifts and gift bags of Anishinaabe language materials representative of Waganakising Odawak. The TTBG will continue working to assist those who wish for a simpler burial and return to the earth. Please attend our meetings, and visit our blog site to make comments or give suggestions at [tribalburialinc.wordpress.com](http://tribalburialinc.wordpress.com).

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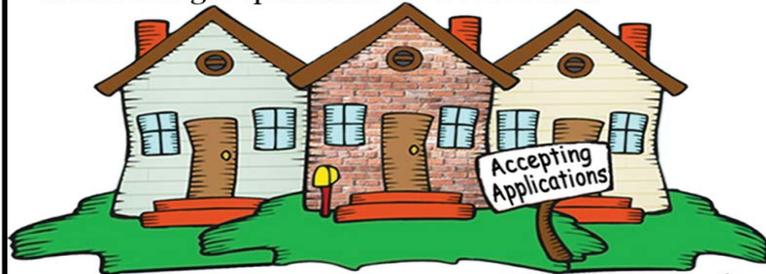
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# On the Pow Wow Trail

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December 31  
Grand Traverse Band  
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New Year's Eve Pow Wow)  
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St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 612-396-  
5365

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

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

December 30  
LCO New Year's Pow Wow  
Hayward, WI  
Contact Information: 715-634-  
8924

December 31  
Menominee New Year's Eve Pow  
Wow  
Keshena, WI  
Contact Information: 715-756-  
2354

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  
Soulie at 608-246-6268

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NORTHERN DANCE JUDGE: Shirley Hill - Calgary, AB  
SOUTHERN DANCE JUDGE: Bonnie Mononey - Florida, OK  
SOUTHERN DRUM JUDGE: Jay Madsen - ND  
NORTHERN DRUM JUDGE: Jordan White-Fox - Wichita, KS  
ARENA DIRECTORS: Randy Medicine Bear - Loveland, CO  
George "Gopher" Shultz - Shawnee, OK  
ANNOUNCERS: Sammy "Tucker" White - Anadarko, OK  
Dennis Brown, Sr. - Tulsa, OK  
Vince Boyd - Benning, GA  
Rabon Little Head - Happy Falls, MT  
(Roving) Jason Whitehouse - Madison, WI, MI  
(Roving) Larry Wazle - Iowa, IA  
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Saturday January 10th 2015

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# ODAWA CASINO RESORT RAISES MORE THAN \$23,000 FOR LOCAL BREAST CANCER CHARITIES IN OCTOBER 2014



**Editor's note:** The following is an Odawa Casino Resort press release dated December 5, 2014.

Odawa Casino Resort (OCR), owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, announces \$23,086.60 was raised during its "Play for Pink" fundraising promotion in the month of October 2014.

"We are so impressed by the level of support from the guests and team members for a cause that touches so many in our community," said Eric McLester, OCR General Manager. "Odawa Casino is proud to support local charities making a difference locally with breast cancer treatment and education."

"We are so grateful to Odawa Casino Resort customers and employees for making a difference locally in the fight against breast cancer. Early detection and education about breast health gives women the best chance for survival. This generous donation of \$11,543.30 will support the Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund which pays for diagnostic tests, including mammograms and biopsies for men and women right here in Northern Michigan. This gift will truly save the lives of friends, family members and neighbors. On behalf of the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation and the patients who will hear the words, 'Your mammogram is covered,' I sincerely thank you." said Moon Seagren, the Vice President and Chief Development Officer at McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation.

"The generosity of your patrons and staff has truly overwhelmed us! This wonderful donation will make such a difference for so many women. We applaud the resourcefulness and vision of your staff in the imaginative ways they raised money for this worthwhile cause and promise you that it will be put to good use immediately. The Circle of Strength, our cancer support group at Charlevoix Area Hospital,

provides mammograms for women who can't afford them. They are so touched to receive this very generous check because they are fully aware of how many lives your donation will impact. Thank you for being such wonderful neighbors," said Cathy Fischl with Charlevoix Area Hospitals Marketing and Public Relations Department.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Circle of Strength is a Cancer Resource Program which provides education and emotional support as well as financial assistance with mammograms, diagnostic tests and other treatment expenses for those in need. The program is run by a group of volunteers who help patients, families and friends through the challenging times after a cancer diagnosis.

The total donation amount was divided equally between the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Circle of Strength. Each charity received a check in the amount of \$11,543.30 during a check presentation ceremony hosted in Sage, Odawa Casino's fine dining restaurant.

Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the \$140 million Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, opened in June 2007 and features 1,200 slot machines, 29 table games, a six table Poker Room, a live entertainment venue, several restaurants, gift stores, a nightclub and a 137-room hotel.

*Pictured from left to right in the courtesy photo are Moon Seagren - McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, Bea Law - LTBB Gaming Authority and Tribal Council, Eric McLester - General Manager of Odawa Casino, David Zechman - McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, Roger Borton - Director of Finance at Odawa Casino, Gay Pung - Charlevoix Area Hospital Circle of Strength and Kim Stevens - Charlevoix Area Hospital Circle of Strength.*

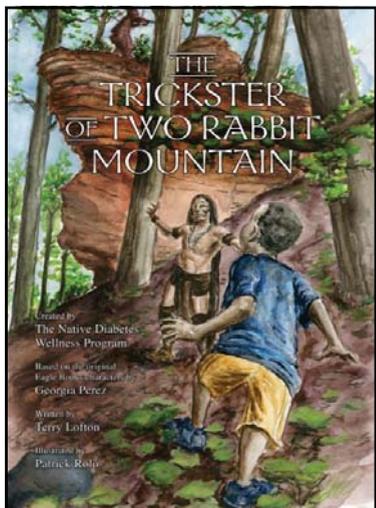
# THE TRICKSTER OF TWO RABBIT MOUNTAIN, THE THIRD EAGLE BOOKS YOUTH NOVEL NOW AVAILABLE

Join Rain and Boomer, who accompany Rain's dad on a trip to vacation. There, they meet two Af-Hailey Jackson. As soon as you can new friends embark on an exciting the mythic and elusive "Lit-Two Rabbit," a comical storyteller stories from Native America turers learn how small, seemingly their wits to overcome bigger

The Eagle Books youth nov-through nine, continue the adhis friends from the Eagle Books' school students. The third youth Mountain is now available for or-CDCInfoOnDemand.aspx?pu-

The original Eagle Books are a by wise animal characters, Mr. Eagle and Miss Rabbit, and a clever trickster, Coyote. They engage Rain That Dances and his young friends in the joy of physical activity, eating healthy foods, and learning from their elders about traditional ways of being healthy. The series continues through a young adult Eagle Books trilogy featuring the characters as middle school students.

The books were developed by the CDC Division of Diabetes Translation's Native Diabetes Wellness Program (NDWP) in collaboration with the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and the Indian Health Service, in response to the burden of diabetes among American Indian and Alaska Natives and the need for type 2 diabetes prevention materials for children. The NDWP also sponsors the Traditional Foods Project and supports the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools **Health is Life in Balance** curriculum.



are now in middle school, as they the Taniba Springs Indian Reser-rican-American kids, Marcus and say "Coyote," the boys and their ing adventure where they encoun-tle People." With the help of "the whose tales bring together trick-and West Africa, the young adven-defenseless individuals can use adversaries.

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Forms are also available at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-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.**

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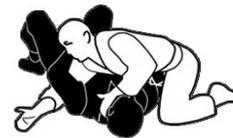
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## YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

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Ages for the youth activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are ages 8-18 years old unless accompanied by an adult. Activities are open for Native and non-Native youth who are involved in the community. Youth Services releases a monthly calendar and updates can be found on Facebook. Look us up on Facebook at Waganakising Eshkiniigijik or by e-mail at [bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Youth Services also does a number of other activities throughout the year such as Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program, Be Active Be Healthy workshops and the Annual Jiimaan Journey. Please check out the LTBB website and Facebook for more information.

### WAGANAKISING ESHKINIIGIJK UNITY COUNCIL

Meets Monday nights from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the LTBB White House. Includes leadership activities, fundraisers and various other community events. Provides opportunities for youth to become active leaders in the community.



For more information on Youth Services, contact:  
Barry Bott - Youth Assistant  
231-242-1589  
Sara Lucier - Youth Assistant  
231-242-1589

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with law and policy, Elders Comment/Public Comment as recorded in the minutes will contain the name of the Citizen or "Immediate Family" or "Family member" and only the subject matter brought by the individual. No attempt will be made by the Legislative Branch to summarize the comments. Written public comments will be accepted by the Legislative Office. Written comments shall be attached to the official approved minutes housed in the Legislative Branch. Written comments are not published, however shall be open to review within the Legislative Office in accordance with any laws regarding such documents.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
November 6, 2014

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.  
Opening Ceremony: Michael Naganashe

Council Present: Legislative Leader Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Aaron Otto

Absent: Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

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 Chairman Fred Kiogima, Vice-Chairperson Deb DeLeon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols

Judicial Staff: None  
Public: Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort: General Manager Eric McLester, Slot Director Dennis Shananaquet, Food and Beverage Director Hank Rowland, Table Games Director Shane Robertson, Director of Finance Roger Borton, Human Resources Director Katie Eberly, Property Operations Director Barry Laughlin.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda of November 6, 2014, in honor of Elder Patrick V. Naganashe.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014 as corrected.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

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

## Executive Updates

**Discussion Items:** Update on issues presented at National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) regarding pipeline issues. Chairman Kiogima gave notice of upcoming meetings: December 3, 2014, White House Meeting, November 23, 2014 Michigan State University (MSU) Annual Conference meeting with Kevin Washburn, staff Achievement Awards: December 3, 2014, honoring Joe VanAlstine for commodities work, Valarie Glazier re: Tax Exempt Applications, the Government Building roof repair meeting on November 13, 2014. And the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority Meeting's lack of refreshments; Chairman Kiogima will look into costs.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to acknowledge the verbal report of Tribal Chairman Kiogima as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

9:30 a.m.: Gaming Authority Committee Report and Odawa

Casino Resort 2014 3rd Quarter Report and Business Plan Update.

**Discussion Items:** Secretary Shananaquet raised questions regarding Employee Chamber Bucks and plan to increase revenue? Councilor Law requested update on maintenance Issues and signage, and Councilor Denemy commended Casino for lighted water tower. Councilor Keshick suggested serving Buffalo meat.

10:04 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Law to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

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

10:15 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept the Gaming Authority Committee Report and to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Casino Resort 2014 3rd Quarter Report and Business Plan update as presented by on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

10:48 a.m. Break  
11:01 a.m. Resume

11:01 a.m. FY2013 Rehmann Audit Exit Interview - Doug Deeter  
**Discussion Items:** Clean audit for Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., Trust Fund, Burial Fund, 401 (K). Modified audit opinion of overall government audit due to exclusion of Odawa Fishery, Inc. (OFI). Overall LTBB received a good audit. Single audit of grant programs (7 programs) had no findings this year!

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Rehmann 2013 Audit Report as presented on November 6, 2014, by Doug Deeter.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Legislative Leader Report

**Discussion Items:** Legislative Leader has not received a response from Tribal Court Appellate regarding the overdue Backlog Report, Attended Appellate Justice presentation, Government to Government Training (Homeland Security re: Hacking); and Gambling in a smoke free environment.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley's verbal report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Secretary Report

**Discussion Items:** On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, Tribal Prosecutor Lesky delivered a letter signed by Chairman Kiogima regarding "unauthorized use of the Tribal Seal of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB)". After much discussion by Tribal Council at Tuesday's November 3, 2014 Work session, I respectfully submit a draft article for the Citizen Website and publication in the Odawa Trails and I recommend a public hearing with our Tribal Citizens to hear their suggestions and input regarding

possible amendments to the Waganakising Odawa Statute 2006-015, The Tribal Seal Of The Waganakising Odawa Nation.

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

Certified Motion #102314-01 Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Annual funding Agreement, Award Increase

Certified Motion #102314-02 Request for funding from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Project (WOCTEP) Supplemental Funding

Certified Motion #102314-03 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY2014 GLRI Wetland and Waterfowl Monitoring and Enhancement

Certified Motion #102314-04 Request for funds from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan REACH Program

Certified Motion #102314-05 Approval of FY 2015-FY 2018 Tribal Transportation Improvement

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

January 6 Work Session  
January 8 Council Meeting  
January 20 Work Session  
January 22 Council Meeting

February 3 Work Session  
February 4 Council Meeting  
February 17 Work Session  
February 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

Plan

Certified Motion #102314-06 Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service 2015 Annual Funding Agreement, Award Increase

Tribal Resolution #102314-01: Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$31,000 for Network Security Assessment.

Waganakising Odawa Statute Repeal of WOS 2010-006 Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.

Waganakising Odawa Statute Repeal of WOS 2009-023 Economic Development Commission

Veto: None

Phone Polls: None

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

11:48 a.m. Public Comment opens

Citizen Andrew Stich attended Violence Against Women Act work session and inquired into the process; What is the intended use of

Mackinaw City properties including Odawa Fishery, Inc. (OFI); inquired into the farm property and house; questioned OFI need for additional funds; and would like to know what type of housing will be put on Harbor Springs 2nd Street property.

Citizen Fred Kiogima brought up Elder request that Tribal Council members and employees park in back parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Citizen Law would like to know who will do the maintenance at Housing and who handles housing complaints after offices are closed.

12:05 p.m. Public Comment closed

12:05 p.m. Lunch Break

1:31 p.m. Meeting Resumes

## Treasurer Report

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Tribal Council Travel Reports

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge the verbal and/or written report from Secretary Shananaquet, Treasurer Reyes, and Councilor Law for their attendance at the 71st Annual National Congress of American Indians Conference held in Atlanta, GA., October 27-31, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Tribal Council Committee Reports

### Agriculture Assessment Work Group

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

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Land and Reservation Committee

FYI: Next meeting will take place on November 18, 2014. Motion made by Councilor and supported by Councilor to accept the verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Legal Legislative Committee

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

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

## Ethics Committee

**Discussion Items:** FYI There has not been a meeting held since last Council meeting. Ethics Ad/hoc meeting will be held on November 12th at 3:30 p.m. and the Ethics Committee will take place on November 10th at 1:00 p.m.

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

Chairman.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

## Legislative Office Reports

### Treasury Director Report

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasury Director Garrow's written and verbal report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

2:25 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Resume

## Action Items - Motions:

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve travel for Councilor Wemigwase to attend the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference December 2 - 4, 2014, and travel for Councilors to the National Reservation Economic Summit (RES) March 9 - 12, 2015, the 2015 Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week March 8 - 11, 2015, and the National Indian Child Welfare meeting in Portland Oregon March 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Law to approve Odawa Fishery, Inc., Corporate Charter Addendum.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law

to appoint Cathy Bradley to the Gaming Regulatory Commission for a 3-year term ending September 21, 2017.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to repost the Human Resources Department Statute to the Odawa Register.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Naganashe to post the Constitutionally Mandated Tribal Council Compensation Statute to the Odawa Register as sponsored by Secretary Shananaquet.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

2:41 p.m. Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Reyes and Councilor Keshick exit the meeting.

## Legislative Services Attorney Report

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 4-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Keshick) Motion carried.

## Enjinaaknegeng

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky's verbal report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 4-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Keshick) Motion carried.

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Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve retainer with BDO 2014 Letter of Engagement, with limited waiver of sovereign immunity as stated therein to the extent of the contract amount.

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 4–Absent (Councilor

Wemigwase, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Keshick) Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Manager**

**Discussion Items:** Have not received the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report from OFI. Sound system maintenance completed. Dumpster Issue on Farm property resolved and had fee waived. No more contracting request will be processed after tomorrow per Accounting Department.

Motion made by Councilor

Denemy and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount verbal and written report as presented on November 6, 2014.

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 4–Absent (Councilor Wemigwase, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Keshick) Motion carried.

**Other Items of Business:**

Vice-Chairperson Deb DeLeon responded to Councilor Law’s question regarding Hous-

ing Department and who will take over the duties of retiree Richard Wemigwase, and what will the cost be. She also stated that John Givens and Kay Rowland are available for after hour calls. And that there has been a new sound system installed in the commons area.

**Adjournment**

3:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to adjourn meeting.

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 4–Absent (Councilor

Wemigwase, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Keshick) Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting November 20, 2014

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 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

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
ELDERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

Board members present: Chairperson Richard Wemigwase, Bill Denemy, no quorum established.

Board members absent: Secretary Marcia Sutton, Vice Chairperson John Kawegoma, Joan Robinson and Glenna Kimball.

Other members present: Joann Carey, Virginia Lewis, Fran Holdorph, Janice Shackelford, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Alice and Pete Lieb Gott, Bob Dominic, Dave Dominic, Susie Swadling and Janet Sagataw.

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m. by Chairperson Richard Wemigwase.

Motion by Virginia Lewis and supported by Dave Dominic to approve the agenda for September 9, 2014 with additions.

Vote: Enh by consensus, No 0, Absent 3.

Motion carried.

Motion by Fran Holdorph and supported by Rochelle Ettawageshik to approve the minutes for August 12, 2014 with corrections.

Vote: Enh by consensus, No 0, Absent 3.

Motion carried.

No Treasurer’s Report. Discussion held this report just needs to be included as presented, not voted on.

Report of the LTBB Elders Department as given by Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet.

- Activities coming up: Traditional Pow Wow, Dennis Banks visit, Sovereignty Day - float ideas.

- Materials for grave flower crowns provided, need date to work on them.

- Direct Client Services, Dental, Emergency Fuel & including shut-off for gas, propane and wood are on hold until budget modification has been completed. New Elders Department Manager is looking at 2014 budget. Elders Department Coordinator has met with the Elders Department Manager, and they are working together at reviewing budget numbers that had been allocated by Tribal Council and authorized by the Executive, Dexter McNamara and Julie Shananaquet. Elders Department Coordinator stated even with cuts ordered by the Executive team, Fred Kiogima and Deb DeLeon, there should be plenty of money available for budget modification. \$40,000 for snow removal, \$20,000

for housekeeping and \$114,000 for contractors. Alleged 2014 budget short by \$31,000 not true, it is only a matter of budget modifications. Home Care was not put under the Contractors line item in the budget.

- A discussion was held about approaching the Executive and Legislative branches to restore previous programs.

Motion by Dave Dominic, and seconded by Fran Holdorph to accept Elders Coordinator’s report.

Vote: Enh by consensus, No 0, Absent 3.

Motion carried.

Report of the LTBB Elders Association Chairperson Richard Wemigwase.

- Grave site coordination with Eric Hemenway for maps with names.

- MIS maps of areas.

Motion by Robert Dominic, and seconded by Dave Dominic to accept the verbal report of the Elders Association Chairperson given by Richard Wemigwase.

Vote: Enh by consensus, No 0, Absent 3.

Motion carried.

**Old Business**

- Care of Cemetery/Grave Markers: Archives Director Eric Hemenway was not available, but Archivist Jessica Dominic presented information. Previously, Eric Hemenway and his department mowed and worked on identification. Recently, they were told this was not to be done during work hours, but Eric has continued on his own time and expense on weekends.

- Discussed the care and identification of our past relatives’ graves was high in priority among our members. Also stated, LTBB needs a government department/program to take care of graves. It was decided a letter would be drafted by Rochelle Ettawageshik to go to the Executive and Legislative branches about our concerns in regard to cemeteries upkeep.

- Report at the next meeting by committee. Dave Dominic will look at the various costs from suppliers for permanent markers and Virginia Lewis and Fran Holdorph will work with Richard Wemigwase on the locations of cemeteries and location of our ancestors.

- The suggestion of a resolution

to the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting regarding focus of assistance/support of the state MIEA Association was discussed. It was reported other tribes in Michigan have programs for their elders, this is a LTBB problem and should be internally resolved.

**New Business**

- Letter to be drafted by Robert Dominic at the next meeting for Tribal Council to look into a facility near the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for athletics and elders use.

- Calendar for membership dues was discussed, persons who signed up in the last quarter of 2014 will be good for the 2015 association year, which is from October through Sep-

tember.

- Announced foster families will be honored at the Traditional Pow Wow.

- At the next meeting, a committee to be formed for by-law updates.

- Notice to the Elders Department of more food to be available at luncheons, persons who are at the end of the line have no food.

Motion to adjourn by Joann Carey and supported by Bill Denemy at 2:45 p.m.

Vote: Enh by consensus, No 0, Absent 3.

Motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 1 p.m.

13 members present -no drawings.

**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)

# PRESIDENT OBAMA COMMITS TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

**Editor's note:** The following is a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) press release dated December 4, 2014.



Yesterday (December 3, 2014), President Obama hosted more than 300 tribal government and youth leaders at the Sixth Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference. During sessions throughout the day, 10 Cabinet Secretaries and the Administration highlighted their deepening partnership with tribal nations, particularly on the critical matters of Native youth, tribal economic development and climate change. The President was introduced by Terry Rambler, Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, who declared President Obama

“promised to meet with us annually, and he has kept his promise. During this time, we have accomplished many things for our communities.”

President Obama focused his remarks on Native youth, building upon his summer 2014 visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe where the President and First Lady visited with a group of young people. He shared how they stayed longer than planned as the young people opened up about the extraordinary challenges they faced.

The President then made a series of concrete commitments designed to create new avenues of opportunity for Native youth:

- The release of the White House Native Youth Report detailing the realities Native young people face and offering recommendations to address those issues.
- The launch of the Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour through which each Cabinet Secretary will pay visits to Indian country in 2015 to hear directly from Native youth.
- The establishment of the Generation Indigenous (Gen I) national initiative, which will seek to identify and remove obstacles standing in the way of

Native Youth success.

- The creation of the Native Youth Community Projects, which will facilitate collaboration between tribes and schools to support students in a range of areas.
- The convening of the First White House Tribal Youth Gathering in 2015.

The President stated, “The United States shares a sacred bond with our Native nations. We have a sacred responsibility to all our young people, including Native youth.”

The President also pledged his continued commitment and that of his administration to promote economic growth in tribal communities, address the accelerating impacts of climate change and submit a budget to Congress which seeks smarter, stronger investments important for Indian country.

NCAI President Brian Claudio said, “President Obama has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring a stronger relationship for the next generation. He has committed himself and his administration to building a bright future for Native youth and a stronger tomorrow for tribal nations.”

*Courtesy photo.*

# TRIBAL LEADERS MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN WHO ADDRESSES EFFORTS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER ANNOUNCES INITIATIVE ON INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

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Vice President Joe Biden joined more than 300 tribal leaders at the sixth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference today (December 3, 2014). At the opening of the conference, Vice President Biden delivered an impassioned speech about violence against women in Indian country saying, “The most horrific prison on earth is the four walls of an abused woman’s home. For far too many Native American women, that is a daily reality.”

The Vice President, who was the original author of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and has been its most steadfast supporter during the past 20 years, was introduced by Councilwoman Deborah Parker from the Tulalip Tribes, “Vice President Biden has led the movement to protect women against rape and domestic violence. Last year, he helped pass the much needed protection to help Native women from violence. Mr. Vice President, you are correct when you say no means no no more abuse.”

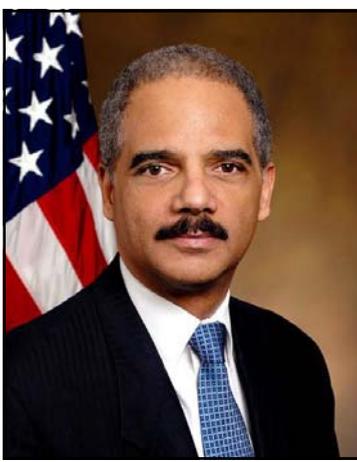
Referring to the provisions added to VAWA in 2013, which

allow tribal governments to prosecute non-Indian domestic violence offenders in certain cases, the Vice President apologized it took so long to give tribal governments the tools to hold offenders accountable in their communities, saying, “As long as there is a single place where the abuse of power is excused as a question of jurisdiction or tolerated as a family affair, no one is truly safe, and we cannot define ourselves as a society that is civilized.”

The Vice President delivered a call to action saying, “Tribal governments have an inherent right, as a matter of fact, they have an obligation, to protect their people. All people deserve to live free of fear.” He urged all tribal governments to be prepared on March 7, 2015 when the law goes into effect to use their authority to aggressively prosecute domestic violence offenders. He stressed the need to change the culture which too often leaves victims asking what they did wrong and instead to focus on sending a strong message violence against women is always unacceptable.

Vice President Biden also acknowledged we have much more to do to protect Native women from violence, including giving Alaska tribes the same authority and expanding the provision to cover sexual assault and other crimes. Biden called on Congress to appropriate the \$25 million in grants authorized in VAWA 2013 to implement the new law.

Attorney General Eric Holder followed Vice President Biden, and strongly stated the Department of Justice’s (DOJ’s) commitment to improving law enforcement in Indian country



and to institutionalizing that commitment, so it will continue. He announced he has implemented a Statement of Principles to guide the department’s work with tribal nations into the future.

Attorney General Holder also announced a new initiative to promote compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act in partnership with the Departments of Interior and Health and Human Services. Holder stated the initiative is “working to actively identify state-court cases where the United States can file briefs opposing the unnecessary and illegal removal of Indian children from their families and their tribal communities.” Holder went on to explain DOJ will work with its partners and tribes to “to promote tribes’ authority to make placement decisions affecting tribal children; to gather information about where the Indian Child Welfare Act is being systematically violated; and to take appropriate, targeted action to ensure that the next generation of great tribal leaders can grow up in homes that are not only safe and loving, but also suffused with the proud traditions of Indian cultures.”

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Housing	4 yr. term	2
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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  
7600 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.

## 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.

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

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## NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:  
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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.

"Female Chairperson" continued from page 1.

1993 to 2008 and served as a LTBB Commissioner/Member of the Indian Child Welfare Commission, the Housing Commission, the Gaming Regulatory Commission and the Election Board.

According to the LTBB Constitution, the Election Board shall post non-certified election results within three business days in the tribal offices, and in the next issue of the tribal newsletter. 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.

The Election Board could not certify the recall election results until Case No. C-204-1014 Fred Kiogima v LTBB Election Board was resolved in Tribal Court in mid-December 2014. As of press time, the recall election results had not yet been certified.

The case was filed on December 1, 2014, 10 business days after the special recall election took place on November 17, 2014.

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 Tribal Court shall act on a challenge to any election within 20 days of receiving the challenge in Tribal Court.

Once the challenge is resolved in Tribal Court, the Election Board can certify the recall election results and schedule a special election within 90 days of the certification to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson to serve the remainder of Kiogima and DeLeon's four-year term ending on August 18, 2017.

On October 9, 2014, the Election Board validated the signatures and certified the recall petitions for Kiogima and DeLeon. In order to be certified, the recall petitions had to be signed by a number of registered voters equaling 20% of the registered voters who voted in the last general election. In this case, 161 signatures were required. The Election

Board validated 177 signatures for Kiogima and 176 signatures for DeLeon and scheduled the special recall election for November 17, 2014. The Election Board mailed the ballots for the recall election on October 17, 2014.

On November 12, 2014, a motion hearing for Case No. C-204-1014 Fred Kiogima v LTBB Election Board was held. On November 14, 2014, the temporary Associate Judge released a ruling in the case. In it, the judge declined to grant an injunction to stop the special recall election from being held on November 17, 2014 and ruled the recall petitions were not exempt from public disclosure, therefore, allowing any tribal citizen to review the recall petitions per WOS 2010-009 Public Documents.

The Election Board had passed Motion 2014-001 Public Documents Exempt from Disclosure in which it stated it would not release the names of any individuals who had signed the recall petitions. The Election Board based this on Section VI Documents Exempt from Public Disclosure Subsection B3 of WOS 2010-009 Public Documents which states, "Records that rise significant privacy or confidentiality concerns for the tribe or a tribal citizen." It had released the number of signatures obtained on the recall petitions, the number of signatures verified on the recall petitions and the total number of signatures equaling 20% of the registered voters who voted in the last general election for the petition to be deemed valid.

WOS 2010-009 Public Documents states, "Tribal citizens have a right to review public documents unless exempted."

The photo of Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley and Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado is by Josie Laughlin. The photo of Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet is by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

To read the ruling in Case No. C-204-1014 Fred Kiogima v LTBB Election Board visit <http://tinyurl.com/kiogimaorder>

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## 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](mailto:janiceshomin@icloud.com)

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

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

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

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231-242-1670

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





# 2014 NICWA Holiday Bazaar



Miigwetch to everyone who made the NICWA Holiday Bazaar a success this year! We raised \$1,334.07 for NICWA. Joann Carey won \$50 for the best decorated tree. Congrats to Cherie Dominic for being the Grand Hotel prize winner. Other prizes included jewelry from Ward & Eis Gallery and a Pendleton tote donated by the Homecoming Pow Wow Committee. Winners included Bea Law, Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet, Greg LaCount, Bev Jenkins, Marcia Sutton, Anna Stead, Bev McLean, Cherie Dominic, Brittany Bentley, Marcia Sutton, Joe Jacobs, Mary Powell and Anthony Atkinson.



# LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays



Happy birthday to Mommy Dearest! Love, Katie, Nathan and Abigail.

Wishing a very special Mom, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother the very best of days. Happy birthday on January 8th to Irene Petoskey aka "GG." We could not have asked for a more dedicated, loving and devoted role model. You have truly shown us all the perfect example of perseverance, determination and will to be the best we can. Your loving and nurturing has brought us all through so much. We thank the Creator for another year spent with you, and hope for many more to come. Much love to you, John, Deleta, Wayner and Chris.

Happy 38th birthday to my oldest brother, Gregory Glazier, on the 21st. You're an amazing person, hope your day is all you want it to be! Love, Valorie and the rest of the gang.

Happy birthday, January 21st, Aunt Gina. Love, Wayner and Chris.

Happy birthday to our Dad, Michael Sutton, whose birthday is January 6th. We love you lots, and hope your day is as great as you are. Love, Collin, Braden and Kaitlynn Sutton.

Happy birthday to my mom, Irene Petoskey. Thank you for all the help and support you have given us. Hope your day is a special one. Love, Tom and Marcia.

Happy birthday to GG (Irene Petoskey). We love you lots, and hope your birthday is wonderful. Thank you for all the things you do for us. Love, Collin, Braden and Kaitlynn.



Happy birthday to our mama, Vicki, who turns the big FIVE ZERO on the 25th! I'm sure you'll hate us for putting your age in the paper, but what are kids for, right!? We love you so, so much! Love, your Olson twins and Navy daughter. ☺

## Birthdays

To my darling wife on this special 25th day of January, happy birthday Vicki! May you always be 29 and 13 at heart!

Happy birthday to my brother, John, on January 27th. Hope you have a great day! Love, Cynthia & Gabe.

Happy birthday Michael Sutton from the Smith clan.

Happy birthday Curtis Willis on January 15.

Happy birthday P.J. Harmon on January 1.



Wishing our Mom a happy birthday on January 16. Love, Crackers and Peekachoo.



Happy birthday to my brother, Nicholas, on January 19th. Have a wonderful birthday! Love, Cynthia & Gabe.

To Michael Sutton, whose birthday is January 6th. We hope you have a wonderful day, we are proud of the father and son you have become. Love, Mom and Dad.

## Birthdays



Happy birthday to my Queen on January 16. It's even better the second time around! I love you. From your Nishnaabe.

## Miigwetch

The family of Dorothy Sagataw wishes to give a big chi-miigwetch to all who came to help out for her funeral, and a special thank you to Janet Sagataw for her support and assistance with the funeral arrangements. A special thank you to the firekeepers and cooks, who helped at her luncheon. Special thanks to Joe Mitchell for his uplifting words and ceremonial rites. Chi-miigwetch to all the drummers for their special songs they sang. Dorothy Sagataw was a strong tribal elder (91 years young) who enjoyed her work for the Women's Auxillary American Legion for many years, including the selling of poppies. In her younger years, she enjoyed a good square dance and many card parties she hosted at her home. She was always helpful to family and friends when needed for any gatherings. Her years of service at the Bay Bluffs facility and retirement from there is where she spent her final days. She will be missed, but never forgotten, for she holds a special place in our hearts.

## Walking On...



Patrick Vincent Naganashe, 69

Patrick Vincent Naganashe, (Tchi-geeg-do-nun-ba-bwim-widut), Nimkee Dodem, was born on May 3, 1945 in Harbor Springs, MI. He attended Holy Childhood of Jesus Boarding School through eighth grade and Harbor Springs High School, both in Harbor Springs, MI. Patrick was a loving husband, brother, uncle, cousin, relative and friend to many. Patrick began his journey to the western direction on October 31, 2014. Services took place at the Naganashe family home from Oc-

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tober 31, 2014 to November 3, 2014 with burial on November 3, 2014 at Holy Childhood Cemetery. Patrick was 18 when he entered basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois. In 1962, he was assigned to the USS Trathen 530 as a machinist mate and served his first term in the Vietnam War. After his first term in Vietnam, the USS Trathen 530 was decommissioned in California. Patrick was then stationed on the USS Mansfield Destroyer, Division 728, for a second term in Vietnam. When the USS Mansfield returned to California, Patrick served on the Arnold J. Isabelle for a few months before being honorably discharged in 1966. Patrick stayed in California for a year, returning to Michigan in 1969. Later that year, he moved to Detroit, MI, and worked for Allied Van Lines with several agents. He then worked for Riverside Moving and Cartage for almost 20 years, and later, became one of the partners who purchased Riverside Moving & Storage. Patrick also served on boards which fought for the betterment of Michigan Indian Education; both the Hazel Park Title IV Indian Education Program and the Detroit Urban Indian Health. He was President of the Southeastern Michigan Indian Center, Inc. and was on the Detroit 300 Spirituality Committee when the city of Detroit, MI, celebrated its 300th birthday. In 2003, Patrick returned home and moved to Good Hart, MI. He worked for Victories Casino and the Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, as a shuttle bus driver for six years before retiring. He could often be found drumming and singing at various pow wows and gatherings all over Indian country. He was a respected elder, teacher and proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. As a pipe-carrier and veteran, he served his community as Headman since 1989 and was made Headman at the area council tree. Daniel Stead, great-nephew, was planned for, and is now Headman of Harbor Springs, MI. Patrick was called upon to assist many community members with spiritual needs and ceremonies. As one of the fluent Odawa language speakers, he also assisted the tribe with prayers at gatherings and attended language classes. Patrick's immediate family includes Valissa Naganashe, wife; brother, Joseph Naganashe, and wife, Ann; sister, Anna May Stead, and late husband, Francis Stead; sister, Dianna, and husband, Thomas Naganashe; sister, Margaret Rose Naganashe; sister, Mary Agnes Bryant; sister, Shirley, and husband, Steven Oldman; and brother, Jesse Dilbeck, and wife, Linda. His family and many nieces, nephews, younger relatives and students will truly miss him and his constant support in their lives' endeavors, but will carry on his legacy with all that he has taught them. He

was preceded in death by Dan and Eva (Petoskey) Naganashe, Patrick's mother and father; sister, Margaret Rose Naganashe; sister, Mary Agnes Bryant (Naganashe); and sister, Shirley Oldman (Naganashe); brother, Richard A. Naganashe; brother, Harry G. Naganashe; brother, John A. Naganashe; brother, Daniel M. Naganashe, Jr.; and sister, Louise Naganashe.



Leona "Leone" M. Honson, 79

Leona "Leone" M. Honson, 79, walked on December 6, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, MI. Leona was born October 19, 1935 to Anna Kewaygoshkum and Henry George of Petoskey, MI. From school days at Haskell, to time spent with Foster Otto and Ann Smith, two well-known tailors, she spent summers working for Adelaide's in Harbor Springs, MI, then became the seamstress for The Clothes Post for many years until retiring. She devoted her life to her children throughout their lives, attending softball, football, basketball games galore, going two-tracking and mushroom hunting, picnics and berry picking. She would drive 200 miles to attend a band concert, then drive back home. After her empty nest, she met and married George Honson and discovered a love for travel to Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois. They shared a passion for flea markets, resale shops and yard sales. Throughout her life, she was a strong, remarkable woman. Even until the time she no longer needed her earthly body, she gave this life her all. Leone was a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Joanne George, Mabel Engle and Margaret Wright; brothers, Carl and James George; and husbands, Alvin (Vince) Keway and George Honson. Survivors include sisters, Adeline (Clark) Lyons of Redlands, CA, and Kahtnee Tobiasageshik of Harbor Springs, MI; daughters, Dollie Keway and Lisa Flynn, both of Petoskey, MI; son, Gregory Keway, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; five stepchildren and their families; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Of particular pride to her are her seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren with three more on their way.

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