

ODAWA TRAILS

Spring Break!

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE (NCMC) IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN, NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE MICHIGAN VETERAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE, LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN MELISSA COLBY IS NCMC'S VETERAN RESOURCE REPRESENTATIVE



obtain the skills and qualifications for a successful civilian career.

Veteran Resource Representatives assist veterans on campus to resolve problems which could interfere with their educational and employment goals. They are trained to connect veterans with institutional, local, state and federal resources which address veterans' challenges and provide opportunities. They conduct interviews and provide networking opportunities, assist veterans in completing benefit applications, coordinate with Student Veterans of America (SVA), act as a resource to faculty, staff, financial aid and the admissions office on campus, and connect to the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center (MVRSC) and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

Veterans can contact Colby by calling her at 231-348-6820 or e-mailing her at mcolby@ncmich.edu.

"I have had the pleasure of working with our student veteran population as the Veterans Affairs School Certifying Official since 2010," Colby said. "My new role on campus as the VRR will allow me to connect veterans and their families with addi-



tional benefits they are entitled to receive in the areas of education, employment, health care and quality of life. North Cen-

tral has approximately 100 students that utilize veteran educational benefits each year, and I am excited to connect these students to the additional benefits they are entitled to receive as they work toward completing their college goals."

For the last four years, Colby has worked at NCMC in the Financial Aid Office serving the student veteran population as the Veterans Affairs School Certifying Official. Prior to that, she worked for the LTBB tribal government as the Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department from 2005-2007 and as the Higher Ed Coordinator in the Education Department from 2007-2010. She served on the LTBB Education Appeals Board from 2011-2014 as the Chairperson. She earned a Master's degree in Business Administration with a specific focus on Strategic Management from Davenport University.

Colby comes from a military family. Her grandfather, Albert Colby, Sr., was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army; her father, Albert Colby, Jr., served in the U.S. Navy; her mother, Barbara, served in the U.S. Navy; and her

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LTBB APPELLATE COURT TO HEAR RECALL ELECTION CHALLENGE ON MARCH 6, 2015

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The LTBB Appellate Court will hear Case No. A-025-1214 Fred Kiogima v LTBB Election Board in open session on March 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the LTBB Tribal Court located at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI.

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

LTBB Pro Tempore Judge Patrick Shannon dismissed the case in his ruling dated December 14, 2014.

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

Kiogima and DeLeon filed an appeal with the LTBB

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SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 24TH ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Deadline: Must be received by the LTBB Pow Wow Committee by Thursday, April 30, 2015.

Theme: Honoring Our Elders.

Open to Native Americans only, you must provide a copy of your Tribal ID. Please also provide your name and contact information.

All entries must be submitted in person to the LTBB Communications Department, located at 1345 U.S. 31 N, Petoskey, MI, mailed to LTBB Communications Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 or e-mailed to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 2-16-2015 = 4,568

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Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

LTBB Governmental Website www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov
 Odawa Trails Website www.odawatrails.com
 Joan Jacobs, Receptionist 231-242-1400
 1-866-652-5822

Tribal Administration

Beverly Wernigwase, Interim Assistant
 242-1420

Health Department

242-1611

Health Clinic
 242-1700

Tribal Council/Legislative Office

1-866-972-0077

Health
 242-1600

Tamara Kiogima,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1403

Community Health
 (Transportation)
 242-1601

Tribal Chairman's Office

Lisa Flynn,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1401

Dental Clinic
 242-1740

Tina Shawano, Maternal
 Child Health Outreach
 242-1614

Accounting Department

Krystal Kiogima, Assistant
 242-1440

Diane Bott,
 Healthy Heart Specialist
 242-1615

Mandy Szocinski, Contracts
 242-1439

Housing Department

Mike Lyons,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1540

Archives, Records and Repatriation Department

Eric Hemenway,
 Director
 242-1527

Human Resources Department

Dorla Field, Administrative Assistant
 242-1555

Commerce Department

Theresa Keshick,
 Assistant
 242-1584

Human Services Department

Brenda Schoolcraft,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1621

Communications Department

Annette VanDeCar,
 Coordinator
 242-1427

Law Enforcement Department

Tribal Police
 242-1500

Wendy Congdon,
 Pre-Press Graphic Specialist
 242-1429

Legal Department

Su Lantz,
 Assistant
 242-1407

Elders Department

Assistant
 242-1423

MIS Department

Mark Tracy,
 Director
 242-1531

Enrollment Department

Linda Gokee,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1521

Natural Resource Department

Debra Smithkey-Browne,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1670

Facilities & Safety Department

Susan Gasco,
 Director
 242-1558

Planning, Zoning and Building Department

Shari Temple,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1581

Education Department

Tammy Gasco,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1480

Amanda Swiss,
 Mobility Coordinator
 242-1508

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

Carla Osawamick, Director
 242-1454

Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Department

Pat Boda,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1640

GIS Department

Alan Proctor,
 Director
 242-1597

Jennifer Wilson,
 Office/Intake Coordinator
 242-1642

Grant Writers

Julie Kauppila
 242-1560

Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program

242-1462

Tribal Prosecutor's Office

Celestine Petoskey,
 Office Manager
 242-1475

Youth Services Department

Bernadece Boda, Coordinator
 242-1593

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

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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



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 April 2015 issue of *Odawa Trails* is March 2, 2015.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 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.

ADVERTISE WITH US!

FREE GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES AVAILABLE!

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- 1 Month = \$36
- 3 months = \$91.80 **save \$16.20!**
- 6 Months = \$172.80 **save \$43.20!**
- 12 Months = \$324 **save \$108!**

4 of our most popular sizes!!

A complete listing of ad sizes and prices are on our website at: www.odawatrails.com

2 Column X 4 in.

- 1 Month = \$32
- 3 months = \$81.60 **save \$14.40!**
- 6 Months = \$153.60 **save \$38.40!**
- 12 Months = \$288 **save \$96!**

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- 1 Month = \$16
- 3 months = \$40.80 **save \$7.20!**
- 6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**
- 12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

2 Column X 2 in.

- 1 Month = \$16
- 3 months = \$40.80 **save \$7.20!**
- 6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**
- 12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

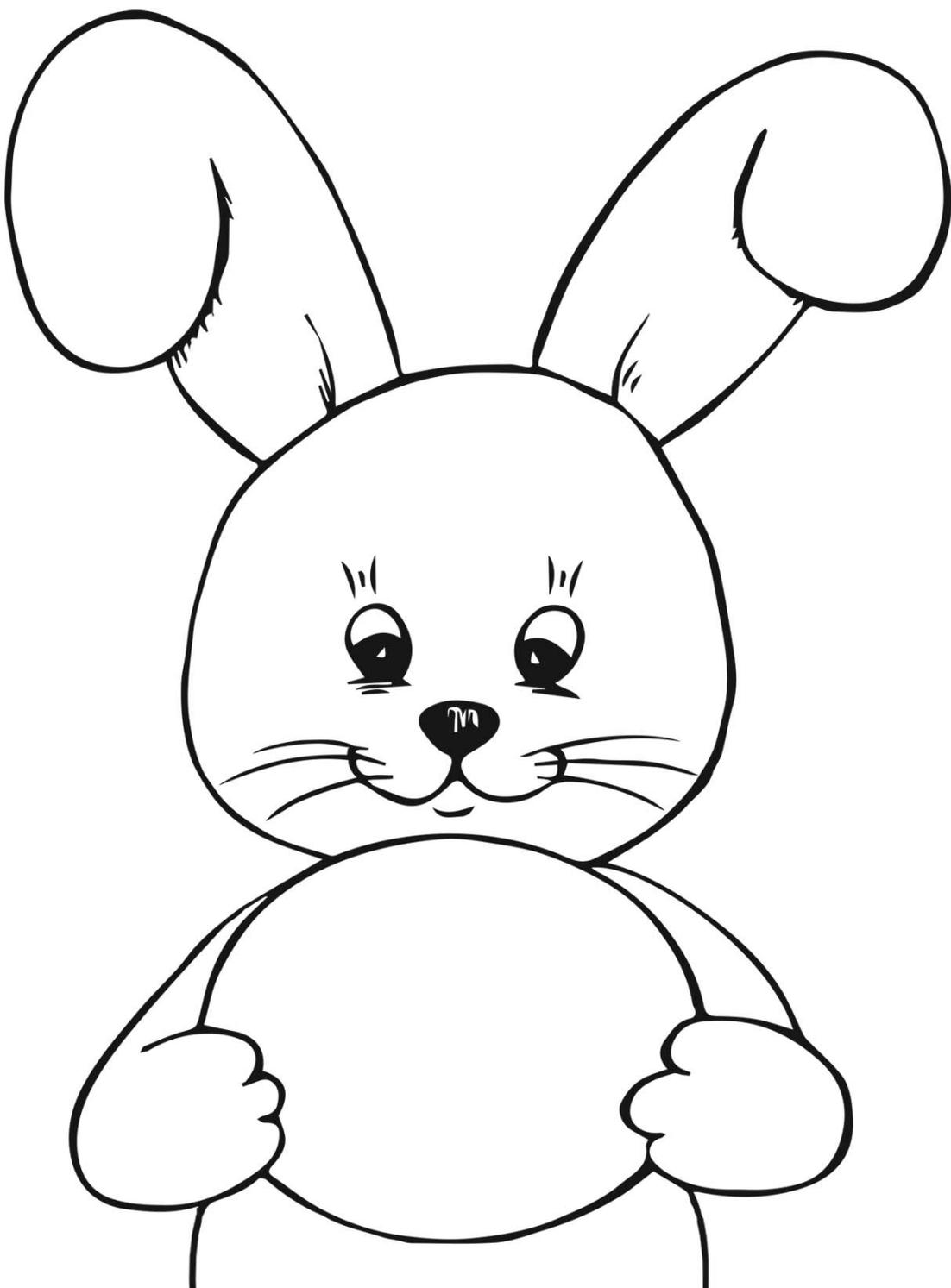
KIDS! DECORATE THE EASTER BUNNY AND YOU COULD WIN A \$20 TOYS"R"US GIFT CARD!

Easter Bunny Decorating Contest Rules

- You may use colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, and glitter on the picture.
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- All entries must be the original size.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 13, 2015. No exceptions!
- Limit one submission per child.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12. Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Mailing Address:

Easter Bunny Decorating Contest
 Attn: LTBB Communications Department
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740



THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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

This information will be used by the Grants Department.
 Megwetch,
 Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS

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

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

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule

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

Services:

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

Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

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 concern-

ing 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.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

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.

March Elders Birthdays

March 1

Evelyn Cody
Margaret Kaestner
Melvin Kiogima
Richard Masse

March 12

Herbert Kesick
Regina Kiogima
Virgina Lewis
Judith Pierzynowski
Juanita Taylor

March 20

Roseanna Alexander
John Beaver
Bennie Lacroix
Donald McMillan
Sheran Patton
Patrick Sloniker
Glenda Turner

March 2

Pricilla Dickerson

March 13

Deborah Blake
Marsha Griffin
Alice Hughes
Marie Miller
Rosalie Springfield

March 21

Frank Emery
James Hardwick
Laura Kieliszewski
Carolyn Medawis
Joan Pricco

March 3

Paul Booth
Leonard Dashner-Gasco
James Fisher

March 4

Camilla Jensen
Darla Roush
Deanne Samuels

March 14

Beverly Cabral
Gina Gregory
Gail Neeb
Mary Zeppa

March 22

Judith Kosequat

March 5

Dennis Hardwick
Karen Randolph

March 15

Lucy Daniels
James Lasley
Arlene Naganashe

March 24

Sharon Sanders
Mildred Shomin

March 6

Raymond Suhr
Robert Taylor

March 16

Roger Emery
Rebecca Healy
Carla Hilyard
Dawn Thorpe

March 25

Theresa Stieve

March 7

James Vincent

March 17

Charles Brooks
Jewell Chingman
Fred Kiogima
Gary Otto

March 26

Harry Fenner

March 8

Mary Lawler
Beverly Wemigwase

March 18

Lewis Adams, Jr.
Eleanor Barber
Sharon Casey-Hook
George Shomin

March 27

William LaCroix
Janet Sagataw

March 9

Donna Lord

March 19

Joseph Allen
Theresa Fischer
Katherine Fletcher
James Skippergosh, Sr.

March 28

Wendy Morris

March 10

Bradley Baker
Marcia Bane
Sara Curto
Elroy Davenport

March 19

Joseph Allen
Theresa Fischer
Katherine Fletcher
James Skippergosh, Sr.

March 30

Pauline Bowers
Rachel Neville
Jo Ann Seay

March 11

Richard Crossett
Peggy Holappa
Mark Kishego
Patsy McGowan
Marie Miskell
Douglas Wright, Jr.

March 31

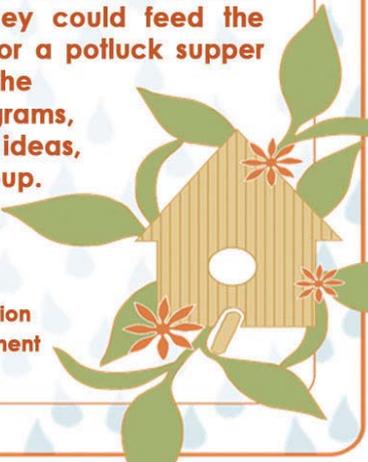
Bonita Crowe
William Devernay, Jr.
Wanda Thompson

MNOZHIYAA INVITES YOU TO ASINAABOO NAAKSHIK (STONE SOUP EVENING)

March 24th, 6 pm to 8 pm
LTBB COMMUNITY CENTER
5656 APGISHMOK BLVD, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

You may be familiar with the story, how a community who thought it had nothing found by working together they could feed the entire village. Join us for a potluck supper and get together. Meet the people, who run our programs, bring your questions and ideas, and one ingredient for soup. We'll provide the stones! (And the meat ☺)

Sponsored by LTBB Community Health Mnozhlyaa in collaboration with the Kikaajik Elders Department and Eshkiniligijik Youth Services



2015 Annual LTBB Community Meeting

Date: May 2, 2015
Time: 8 AM Registration
8 AM - 12 PM Executive Departments' informational booths
Where: Ovation Hall, Odawa Casino - Petoskey, MI

For more information or suggestions, please contact Annual Meeting Speaker Emily Proctor at proct64@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unable to attend the LTBB Annual Meeting, join us via Adobe Connect. We will be live-streaming the Annual Meeting at: <http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AM2013>

We will be gathering questions before the annual meeting, please post questions on the LTBB website, Citizens Only Portal: <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov>



DON'T GET STUCK WITH THE BILL!



CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES
NO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (REFERENCE NUMBER)
OR PRESCRIPTION PRE-APPROVAL
=
NO CHS PAYMENT FOR BILL
=
PATIENT RESPONSIBLE FOR BILL

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES ABLE TO OFFER TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS

Submitted by Contract Health Services

Is your medical appointment more than 100 miles away from your home? Are you eligible for Contract Health Services (CHS)? If so, then, you may be able to get help with paying for the cost of transportation to your appointment from Contract Health Services.

Traveling for medical reasons can create hardships for our tribal families, and CHS wants to help. CHS will use Google maps to calculate the distance from your home to the medical facility where your appointment is. If the distance is more than 100 miles one way



(200 miles roundtrip), then, you can receive either gas reimbursement or possibly a bus ticket to get you to your medical appointment.

It is important you talk to CHS at least two weeks before

your appointment in order to process a check request for the cost of gas. Assistance with the cost of one night at a hotel may also be available depending on the time and the nature of your medical appointment. Hotel costs are considered on a case by case basis.

As with all Contract Health assistance, this service is only provided if funds are available in the budget. Contact Marcia Sutton, Contract Health Specialist, if you would like to request travel assistance to your medical appointment which is a minimum of 100 miles away. Call Marcia at 231- 242-1609. We look forward to helping you!

Courtesy graphic.

ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Aanii Tribal Elder,

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

Step One. Application materials:

Fill out **2015** application included with this letter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Step two: How to complete the application:

Complete and sign the application.

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

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

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

Step three: How your application is processed:

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

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

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

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

The LTBB Accounting Department will mail your check.

Miigwech,
Elder Department Staff
231-242-1423

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



Food & Utility Reimbursement Application

January 5, 2015

Please **print** the following information:

Tribal Enrollment Number: _____

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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

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

Utility Total: _____ **Grocery Total:** _____

Current year 2015

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

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, 2015. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- E-mail: hr@ltbodawa-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.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annu-

al Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

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

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

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

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas,

propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

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

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

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

<http://tinyurl.com/lbttaxagr>

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

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.

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.

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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL BUSINESSES/ENTREPRENEURS!

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

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 Parneshing	Active	05/29/2013	May 29, 2019	07-09
Gwendolyn Gasco	Active	07/02/2013	July 2, 2019	08-09
Yvonne I. Brown	Active	03/25/2014	March 24, 2020	09-09

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

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Citizenship	3 yr. term	3
Elders Commission	2 yr., 3 yr.	5
Education Appeals Board	Open term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	2
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

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

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

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

The Executive Office is also accepting resumes' for nominations for the appointed position of:

Judicial Branch posting:

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.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG



Regina Gasco-Bentley
Julie Shananaquet
Marcy Reyes
Aaron Wayne Otto
John Keshick III
Bill A. Denemy
Winnay Wemigwase
Mike Naganashe
Beatrice A. Law

DATE	January 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE								
1/6/15	Legal and Legislative Committee		X	X	X	X	X		X
1/6/15	Tribal Council Work Session			X	X	X			X
1/7/15	Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group			X		X			
1/8/15	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X	X		X
1/12/15	Domestic Violence Prevention Training		X	X	X		X		X
1/13/15	Domestic Violence Prevention Training		X	X	X		X		X
1/15/15	Tribal Budget Conference - Minnesota						X		
1/19/15	Appropriations and Finance Committee		X	X		X	X		X
1/20/15	Tribal Council Work Session		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/20/15	Land and Reservation Committee			X	X	X			X
1/21/15	Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group			X		X			X
1/22/15	Tribal Council Meeting			X	X	X	X	X	X
1/23/15	Small Farm Conference			X		X			
1/24/15	Small Farm Conference			X		X			
1/27/15	Gaming Authority Committee		X	X					X
	*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs								

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Odawa Fisheries, Inc., Corporate Charter member opening for a 3-year term

The purpose of the corporation is to pursue business opportunities and economic development with an emphasis on Great Lakes commercial fishing. If interested, please send your letter of interest and resume' to:

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Legislative Office
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Ph:231-347-1404

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

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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

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100 OAK ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI
231-547-9482

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1-855-NRD-TIPS
TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

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

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

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



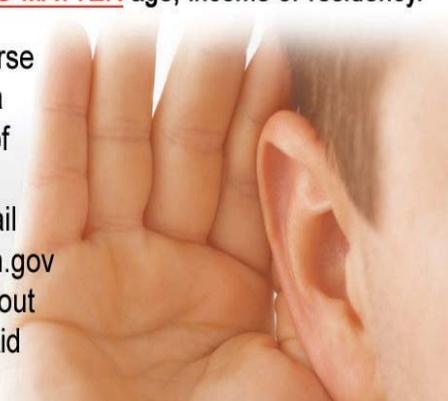
7845 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1670
dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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

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



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.

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JUDICIAL BRANCH

CLARIFICATION

Submitted by the LTBB Tribal Court

The February 2015 issue of *Odawa Trails* features an article titled, "LTBB Appellate Court to Resolve Recall Election Challenge." Quoting the Plaintiffs in the case (Case No. C-205-1214), the article states the LTBB Tribal Court was "...closed 10 consecutive days after the recall election concluded on November 17, 2014 for the Thanksgiving holiday..." The Tribal Court wishes to clarify the information provided in the Plaintiffs' response to the motion to dismiss regarding the Court schedule was inaccurate; the Court was not closed 10 consecutive days following the election of November 17, 2014. Pursuant to government policy, the Court was closed for the Thanksgiv-

ing holiday for only two days, November 27 and 28, 2014. The Court re-opened on December 1, 2014 with all other LTBB Governmental offices. The Court continues to follow the holiday schedule approved by the LTBB Government.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



LTBB CHIEF JUDGE ALLIE GREENLEAF MALDONADO SERVING ON MADCP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado was selected to be on the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) Board of Directors.



According to the MADCP website, its mission is to provide leadership to drug treatment courts in the State of Michigan. The MADCP by-laws state, "The qualifications for members of the Board of Directors shall be professionals who are associated with a particular Drug Court in Michigan or with the Drug Court movement in Michigan, or who are otherwise involved in the administration of justice in Michigan."

The LTBB Tribal Court has an Adult Drug Court and the Waabshki-Miigwan (White Feather) Program. The mission of the Waabshki-Miigwan Program is to implement a collaborative partnership among the community, service providers, court and adults who face substance abuse challenges in order

to restore holistic balance using Odawa values and teachings as envisioned by our ancestors in order to ignite the healing and rehabilitation of non-violent addicted offenders. The Waabshki-Miigwan Program has participated in the Motorcycle Relay for Recovery events, which were held in celebration of National Drug Court month and sponsored by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) and MADCP.

Maldonado received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School in May 2000 where she was a Contributing Editor of the University of Michigan Law Review, the Chair of the Native American Law Students Association, a Kellogg Foundation Fellow, a Voelker Foundation Fellow, an A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholar, a Joseph Seiger Scholar, an American Indian Graduate Center Scholar and a Native American Scholarship Fund recipient.

After receiving her Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School, she worked as a Staff Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Indian Resources Section, from June 2000-December 2001. She also worked as a Staff Attorney for Monteau & Peebles, L.L.P. from January 2002-September 2002.

In September 2002, she started as LTBB's Assistant General Council, a position she held until January 2012 when she became LTBB Chief Judge. She is currently serving a four-year term as the LTBB Chief Judge.

Maldonado was one of 30 members of the Michigan Lawyers Weekly's Women in the Law Class of 2014, and she received the Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 2014 Woman of the Year award at the Michigan Lawyers Weekly annual Women in the Law event on September 11, 2014.

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

VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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Our mothers Gashinaanik

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24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995 (long distance) - wrnm.org

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LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Citizens Legal Assistance has been established to provide assistance for the following:

- Wills
- Real Estate
- Landlord/Tenant Issues
- Procedural Probate Advice
- Guardianships
- General Legal Advice
- Family Law Matters
- Birth Certificates
- Conservatorships
- Driver's License Restoration

For assistance and to make appointments, call:
1-800-968-6877, Monday- Friday, 9 am - 5 pm; or 231-242-1433 or 231-242-1426 on Fridays

Onsite office hours at LTBB Governmental Center every Friday from 9 am - 5 pm, excluding holidays

2015 Powwow Logo Contest - "Honoring the Water"

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee is having a Logo design contest for this year's upcoming Powwow. If you would like to enter please send your entries to the Powwow committee.

Your logo design should be designed around the theme "Honoring the Water" entries can be in color (4 color max)

Your designs can be hand drawn or created electronically. Please mail your design entries to

Attn: Powwow Committee, 7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

They can also be dropped off at the At-Large Office C/O Craig Graveratte.

If you create an electronic version it can be emailed to cgraveratte@sagchip.org

All entries must be received no later than March 27, 2015. Please include your contact information along with your entry. And for the best part the winning design will be displayed on the T-Shirts for this upcoming year. Also the winning Logo Design will receive \$200 and a free T-Shirt or Hoodie with your design. Prizes will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place as well (Yet to be Determined). If you have any questions please contact us at 989-775-4942.

LTBB TRIBAL COURT HOSTS TWO-DAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP



Submitted by the LTBB Tribal Court

The LTBB Tribal Court hosted professionals from a wide array of Michigan court, law enforcement and advocacy agencies at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, on January 12 and 13, 2015 for a two-day workshop focusing on understanding and



responding to domestic violence in the tribal community.

The workshop, titled, "I See Your Face, I Hear Your Voice," was sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and facilitated by the National Council of Juvenile and

Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Nationally-recognized experts from NCJFCJ were on site to pilot the workshop, providing an interactive program covering issues ranging from victim-offender dynamics to domestic violence laws and emergency intervention.

NCJFCJ's Judge Steven Aycock, Judge Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks, *Dorma Sahneyah* and Victoria Sweet worked with participants during the course of the two-day workshop, providing expertise and encouraging participation. "The Tribal Court is proud to host the knowledgeable and experienced trainers from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges," said Gregory Justis, LTBB Domestic Violence Court Coordinator. "Judge Aycock, Judge Fairbanks, Ms. Sahneyah and Ms. Sweet are not only preeminent scholars in their field; they are remarkable communicators and educators as well. This has been an extraordinary opportunity for scholarship and teamwork regarding this

critical issue."

Participants in the two-day workshop included staff from throughout LTBB Government as well as government and private agency professionals from Emmet County, MI, and the



surrounding counties. Members of the LTBB Domestic Violence Advisory Committee were on hand, representing LTBB's ongoing efforts to respond to domestic violence and to raise community awareness.

"Successfully addressing domestic violence truly requires a team effort," Justis said. "Opportunities like this allow us to learn and gain experience together as a unified front, and to make our communities stronger and safer in the process."

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

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

STRENGTH AND HOPE FOR FAMILIES!

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

From the Executive Office



As the new year unfolds, we are looking forward to the spring and warmer weather.

I want to thank the staff who have given so much during this last month. Our Facilities crew worked very hard this season to keep the roadways, sidewalks and building areas safe and clear of snow and ice. Special thanks for all the additional effort from staff and visitors while the Commons Area at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, was under construction. It was a tad confusing getting from one side of the building to the other. Thank you again for your patience. We have wrapped up the

construction of the roof project at the governmental center. It was great to have our elders back to gathering for luncheons on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Commons Area.

The Youth Services Department has moved to 915 Emmet Street in Petoskey, MI. We are looking forward to the exciting changes with additional programming and more afterschool activities to assist on keeping our youth active. Be on the lookout for an announcement of an open house at the new location on Emmet Street.

The Tribal Council passed legislation to enact an Elders Commission; our office is currently accepting letters of interest. Staff is working on the Archives and Records expansion, a project funded with grant dollars. I was honored to welcome a group of judges, court staff and other professionals at a domestic violence training hosted by LTBB.

Our Live Well classes sponsored by Community Health are gaining momentum; this past series has seen positive feedback and record attendance.

The Community Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2015 at

Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall. We look forward to getting a record number of tribal citizens at this meeting. Each department will have a table set up from 8 a.m. to noon to answer questions and to explain about programming and services offered.

We have had a lot of discussion currently on the LTBB Government mission statement, so in closing, I would like to leave you with the mission statement as adopted June 22, 2001: "*Being Odawa is all about freedom. The freedom to be part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture, and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication, and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the Tribe forward.*"

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1	2 Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312	3 Elders Luncheon at Noon Legal and Legislative Cmte. Mtg. 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Tribal Council Work Session 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers	4 GRC Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	5 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Govt. Center	6	7
8	9	10 Elders Luncheon at Noon AFC Meeting 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers	11 Agricultural Assessment Work Group Meeting 4 pm Tribal Council Chambers Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 pm Natural Resource Bldg.	12 Elders Luncheon at Noon	13 Child Welfare Commission Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312 Election Board Work Session 4:30 pm	14 Election Board Meeting 12 pm
15	16 Citizenship Commission Meeting 5:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 118 AFC Meeting 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers	17 Elders Luncheon at Noon Land & Reservation Cmte. Mtg. 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Tribal Council Work Session 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers St. Patrick's Day	18 GRC Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	19 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 1:30 pm - 4 pm Tribal Council Chambers	20	21
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

TUTORING UPDATE



Submitted by the Education Department

For the remainder of the school year, the LTBB

Education Department will be providing academic support through after school tutoring, which will take the place of previous "in school" tutoring. This program is geared toward elementary and middle school youth who are performing below grade level in any core subject. In order to qualify for support, students must be an enrolled LTBB Tribal Citizen or have a parent who is enrolled.

LTBB's after-school tutoring is available Monday-Thursday at the Petoskey Middle School from 3:30-5 pm (unless schools are closed). All students interested in attending this program need to have a completed and verified referral form on file. Please contact the LTBB Education Department at 231-242-1480 or asimon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Courtesy graphic.

WOCTEP

WOCTEP, a program under the Education Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, offers career-based and Technical Education Opportunities in partnership with North Central Michigan College.

MONEY FOR SCHOOL, BOOKS & MILEAGE ASSISTANCE

We will also cover certification fees upon successful completion of any WOCTEP program.

Looking for a career change or for an in-demand degree that will help you enter the work force quickly?? WOCTEP offers assistance to NCMC students who are interested in one of our eight programs listed below.

Programs offered

- Medical Assistant
- Certified Nurse Aide
- Phlebotomy
- New Media
- Graphic Arts
- Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC)
- The Business of Art
- Medical Billing and Coding

Please contact the WOCTEP

office at 231-242-1494

Or Visit our Website at

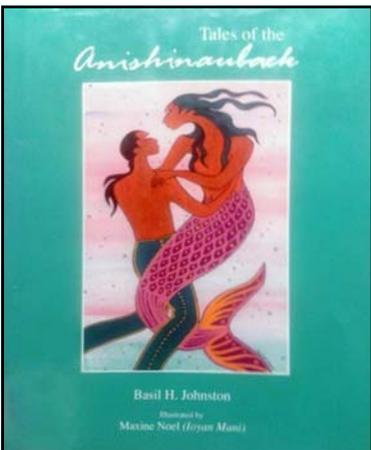
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/EDU/WOCTEP.html

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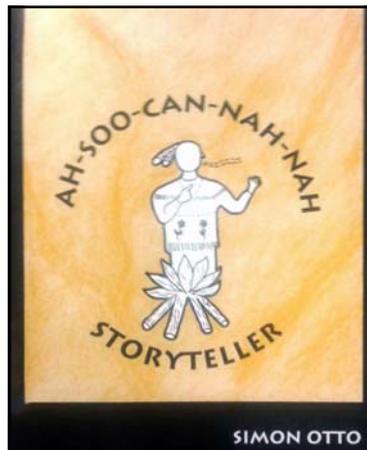
WOCTEP is made possible through a U.S. Department of Education NACTEP grant. Federal funds provide 83% (\$386,424) of project costs. Non-federal funds provide 17% (\$77,579) of total project costs. Total costs to operate WOCTEP are \$464,003.

INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING MONTH



February is Storytelling Month in the LTBB Cultural Library. We have tons of books on oral traditions, short stories written by indigenous people and other great books to choose from. Please stop in, visit our wonderful library and check out our great selection of oral tradition books and many other great materials we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you!

Miigwech,
The Library Staff



SEEKING ASPIRING WRITER SUBMISSIONS

The Cultural Library would also like to offer any inspiring writers out there to send in their short stories and oral traditions and we will display them around the library and publish them in the Odawa Trails newsletter to share with the

rest of the tribal community. You can drop them off at the library, e-mail them to dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or mail them to LTBB Cultural Library, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

New Media & Graphic Arts

Learn the art of...

- Web Design
- Videography
- Photoshop & InDesign
- Graphic Design

Career and Technical Education

Earn a free technical education career through your local Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program. The WOCTEP program is available for any student enrolled in one of our certificate programs through North Central Michigan College (tribal or non-tribal). WOCTEP provides assistance in the form of: Tuition, Mileage, Textbooks, Child-care, Certifications, Uniforms and more. Upon joining WOCTEP, students are assigned a career advisor to help with registration processes and to assist with questions throughout their educational experience. WOCTEP students are also privileged to participate in NCMC's WOCTEP early registration, which ensures registration into WOCTEP courses.

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

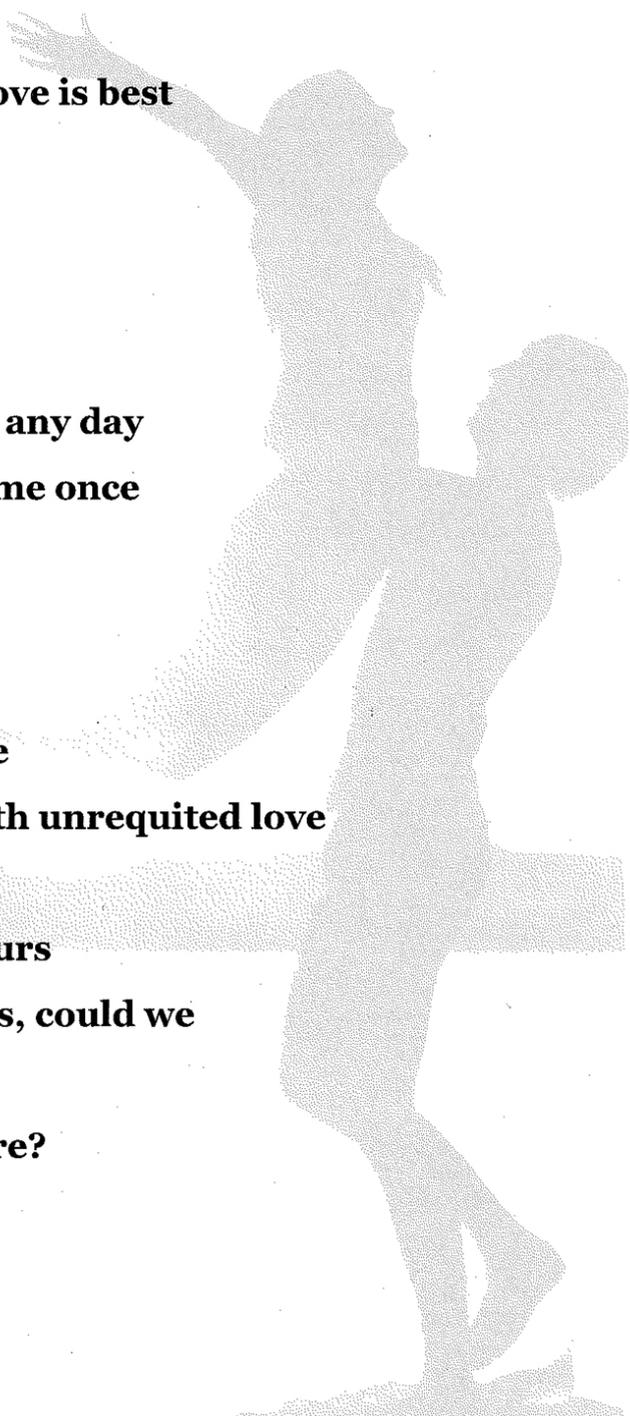
You may also request a WOCTEP Information packet through e-mail at skutzler@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

WOCTEP

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[HTTP://WWW.LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV/EDU/WOCTEP.HTML](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/EDU/WOCTEP.html)

**They say unrequited love is best
To not love at all
Than to be loved once
And never again
But I think not
I would take your love any day
Knowing that u loved me once
That u cared
That u once could say
That u Love me
That u once were there
So no I don` t agree with unrequited love
Being best
Because once I was yours
When the question was, could we
Love at all
Could we hope for more?**

By Jasmine Graves



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and Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation

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 or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

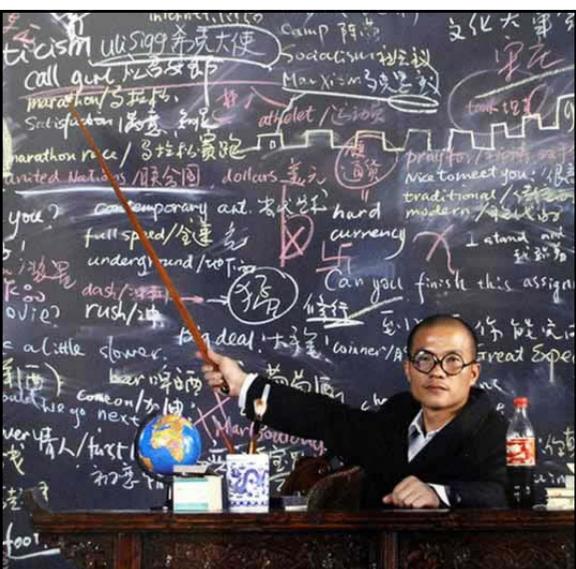
UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE
MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP
FOR THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR

**Winter
(Jan. - May)
February 15th**

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

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

10 SUPERB PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES OF LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE



Editor's note: The following article by Dr. Jeremy Dean appeared on PSYBLOG Understand Your Mind on September 12, 2013 and is reprinted here with permission. Dr. Jeremy Dean is a psychologist and the author of PSYBLOG. His latest book is "Making Habits, Breaking Habits: How to Make Changes That Stick."

Learning Another Language Can Promote Brain Growth, Stave Off Dementia, Boost Memory, Improve Attention and More ...

"To have another language is to possess a second soul." – Charlemagne

People used to think that learning two languages created confusion in the mind.

Far better, it was thought, to get one right than bother with two.

An even more extreme and absurd view was that learning two languages caused a kind of schizophrenia or dual personality.

Some studies did seem to back up the idea that learning two languages could be problematic; early researchers noted that bilingual people tended to have smaller vocabularies and slower access to words.

But, these myths and minor disadvantages have now been overshadowed by a wave of new research showing the incredible psychological benefits of learning another language. And, these extend way beyond being able to order a cup of coffee abroad or ask directions to your hotel.

1. Brain Growth

Language centres in the brain actually grow as a result of successful language learning. The better you learn, the more those vital areas of the brain grow (Mårtensson et al., 2012).

2. Stave Off Dementia

Bilingualism delays Alzheimer's disease in susceptible people by as much as five years (Craik et al., 2010). Seems incredible, but the studies are continuing to support this result. To put this in context: The effect on dementia of learning another language is much greater than anything achievable with the

latest drugs.

3. Hear Language Better

Being bilingual can lead to improved listening skills since the brain has to work harder to distinguish different types of sounds in two or more languages (Krizman et al., 2012).

4. Become More Language Sensitive

Infants in bilingual households can distinguish languages they've never even heard before (Werker & Sebastian-Galles, 2011). Just being exposed to the different sounds in, for example, Spanish and Catalan, helps them tell the difference between English and French.

5. Boost Your Memory

Babies brought up in a bilingual environment have stronger working memories than those brought up with only one language (Morales et al., 2013). This means they are better at mental calculation, reading and many other vital skills.

6. Better Multi-tasking

Bilingual people can switch from one task to another more quickly. They show more cognitive flexibility and find it easier to adapt to unexpected circumstances (Gold et al., 2013).

7. Increased Attention

Bilinguals have stronger control over their attention and are better able to limit distractions (Bilalystok & Craik, 2010).

8. Double the Activation

Cognitive boosts like improved attention and better multi-tasking may come because bilingual people have both languages activated at the same time, and must continually monitor which one is appropriate (Francis, 1999). All that switching back and forth confers the mental benefits.

9. New Ways of Seeing

Learning a new language can literally change the way you see the world. Learning Japanese, for example, which has basic terms for light and dark blue, may help you perceive the colour in different ways (Athanasopoulos et al., 2010).

10. Improve Your First Language

Since learning a second language draws your attention to the abstract rules and structure of language, it can make you better at your first language.

As Geoffrey Willans said, "You can never understand one language until you understand at least two."

Exploring Other Cultures

These 10 are all quite apart from the benefits of immersing yourself in another culture, and of seeing your own culture from the perspective of another.

All told, you may well get something like "a second soul" from learning another language.

(Note: Some of these studies relate specifically to those who have learned two languages from very early on, but may also be relevant to new language learners).

Image credit: Michael Davis-Burchat

SOURCE: <http://www.spring.org.uk/2013/09/10-superb-psychological-advantages-of-learning-another-language.php>

The LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

will be **CLOSED** on

Thursday, March 26, 2015 from noon - 5pm

and

Friday, March 27, 2015 from 8am - 5pm

for Professional Development so that staff can attend the 21st Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Language Conference.

The office will reopen on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 8am.

BIBWAACHIGEK ENJI-NISHINAABEMOYING.

COME VISIT ANISHINAABE LANGUAGE PANE WEEKEND.

Stop in Anytime and Have a Cup of Coffee. You'll Enjoy Listening to Stories, Even if you can't understand all of them. Join us for a couple hours or for the day!

Friday, March 13, ~ 1 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, March 14, ~ 8 am - 8 pm
Sunday, March 15, ~ 8 am - 12 pm

LTBB Community Center at Waawaasnodeki
5656 Ap-gish-mok Road
(Large Building on the Right just as you drive into complex)

Kaabmigoom Oodi.
(we'll see you'll over there)



Anishinaabemowin Game Night and Potluck

Join us for a night of games and friendly competition!

All levels of language learners are welcome!!

Please bring a dish to pass!!

Try your hand at a round of

Anishinaabemowin Quiz Bowl or WEPAAADII

Other team games will also be played.

Drawings and Prizes for the winners!!

For more information, contact the LTBB Gijigowi Language Department at (231)242-1457 or email: langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Wenesh Pii? When?
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Aaniish Epiichaak? What time?
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Aapiish? Where?
LTBB Waasnodeki Community Center
5656 Ap Gish Mok Blvd.
Harbor Springs, MI



LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on facebook



Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

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

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

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

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

Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion

Spring Semester 2015 NPIP Pane Language Immersion

Ideal for ALL levels!
from Beginner to Advanced

Join Us!
Open classes, Drop in!
Guests Welcome!

For more information, contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department, Gwen Gasco, 231-242-1457, 866-652-5822, ggasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
In Collaboration with Bay Mills Community College, Nishnaabemowin Pane Immersion Program (NPIP)

Wegnesh? What?
5 Weekends Per Semester

Wenesh Pii? When?
January 9, 10, 11
January 30, 31, February 1
February 20, 21, 22
March 13, 14, 15
April 10, 11, 12

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

Aapiish? Where?
LTBB Waasnodeki Community Center

Ebiimoshin

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

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List -

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

Anishinaabemowin E-mail List -

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

Send us an e-mail, and we'll add you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List" or the "Anishinaabemowin E-mail List." Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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Bibezhik Kidwin ~ One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED

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

You've Got Mail

PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDYING ANISHINAABEMOWIN

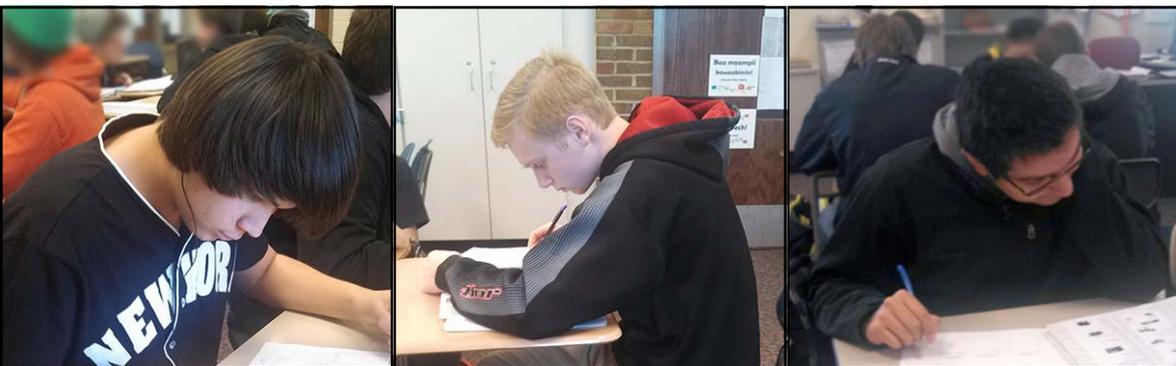


Now that the students have a solid base, we will be focusing on simple sentence structure and add on more advanced vocabulary. We incorporate culture and have discussions on why this class is so important and unique. We talk about the endangered element of Anishinaabemowin and their knowledge will be greatly significant in revitalizing the language. It's not just a class or requirement to them, it's gaining a sense of pride and contributing to the community. We have 22 enrolled students in the class. Be sure to look for other features and updates about PHS Anishinaabemowin class in future Odawa Trails.

Gijigowi Language Department, Netawn Kiogima, Language Instructor, 231-242-1456

Aanii kina gwiiya! Biidaasige Kinoomaagegamikong, Petoskey High School (PHS), is coming along great! We are in our second semester and ready to put our new language skills to work. The students up above (left to right), Alex Boulton, Alex Dewey and Conner Smith,

are some of the first students to take Anishinaabemowin at PHS. So far, they have learned their self-introduction (some students knew theirs coming in the class), Seven Grandfather Teachings, Dodem system (clan), the date/day/year, season, weather, counting, colors, nouns and verbs.



Anishinaabemowin Online Class, Wednesdays, 7 pm - 8 pm
WEPASH - FREE

This is only 1 hour per week, and there is no cost, it's Free! You'll see and hear the words and phrases. The screen is set up so you can see and hear the words and phrases. You can also see the instructor, Isadore Toulouse, and below his photo is scrolling texts of questions and answers for those who want to type the answer in. You do not need a videocam or microphone to participate - the teacher is the only one who uses a microphone and camcorder.

Attend as a Group or as a Family - the More the Merrier!

It is very simple to join the class each week. There are 2 ways:

1. In Facebook, go to Online Anishinaabemowin Facebook Page. Click on the link you will see in the newsfeed.
2. On the Internet, go to the website <http://onlineanishinaabemowin.blogspot.ca/> Click ">> Biindigen <<" to enter class" button.

Then, you connect to the event by typing in a username (you can use any name or nickname). No password is needed. Then, click "Connect."



Mnozhiiyaa and Mno Ode Invite you to our next

**Laugh
Learn
Live Well
Class**



Tuesday, March 10
5pm - 8pm

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

We will be learning how to make our own seed tapes in preparation for another growing season. Seed tapes help with uniform sowing of seeds, preventing waste. Gardening is a great way to improve the health of your diet as well as sneak in a little activity to your day!

Class is limited to 25 participants. Please R.S.V.P. by February 6th to Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@lrbodawa-nsn.gov

21st ANISHINAABEMOWIN-TEG INC.



Theme: "Naakaazdaa Enweying"
Let Us Use Our Voice

March 26th to 29th, 2015

Kewadin Casino and Convention Centre - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- * Children's Activities
- * Evening Socials
- * Anishinaabemowin Education & Health Workshops
- * Arts & Crafts Workshop

\$300-Adults, \$250-Elders/Students, \$125-Child.

Registrations sold online at www.anishinaabemowin-teg.org

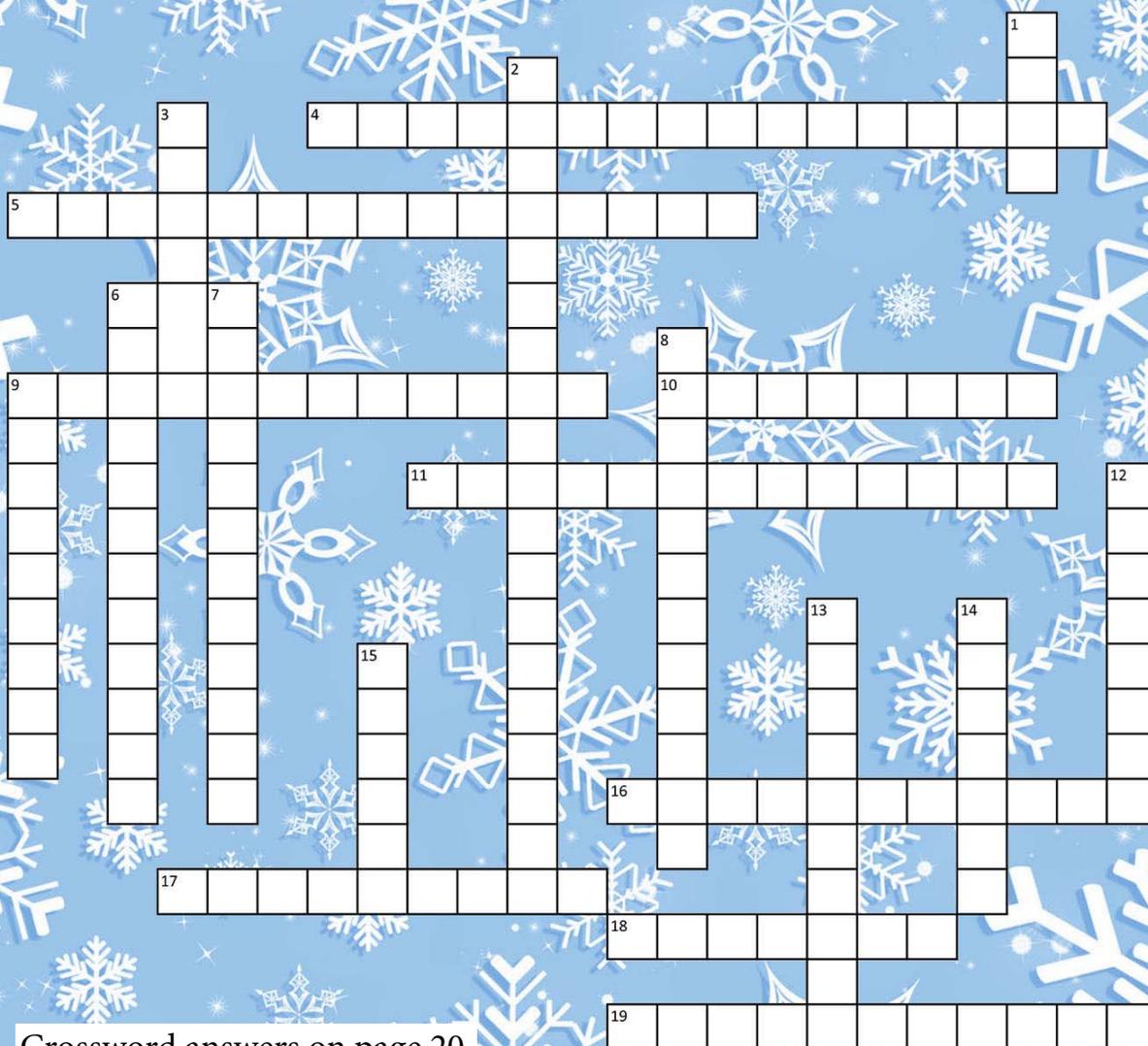
Payment will be accepted by PAYPAL. Only 500 Banquet tickets available.

**This is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event.
Please Keep Conference Area Smoke Free.**

January Bibezhik Kidwinan

Word Bank

- nshiimenh
- gaazhagenhs
- ngashi
- zhooshkwaade
- bagaapkwagan
- nday
- aagimak
- zhooshkjiwe
- zhooshkwadaaganan
- jiishaaginige
- zhooshkiboosenh
- nookomis
- aagimose
- nmisenh
- nmishoomis
- zhooshksenhs
- noos
- ngododeziwin
- nwiikaane
- zhooshkijiwedaabaan



Across

- 4. ice skates
- 5. snowmobile
- 9. my family
- 10. S/He is snowshoeing.
- 11. S/he is shoveling.
- 16. cat, kitten
- 17. my younger sibling
- 18. snowshoes
- 19. S/He is sledding.

Down

- 1. my dog
- 2. bobsled
- 3. my father
- 6. S/He is skating.
- 7. sled
- 8. a shovel
- 9. my brother
- 12. my grandmother
- 13. my grandfather
- 14. my older sister
- 15. my mother

Crossword answers on page 20.

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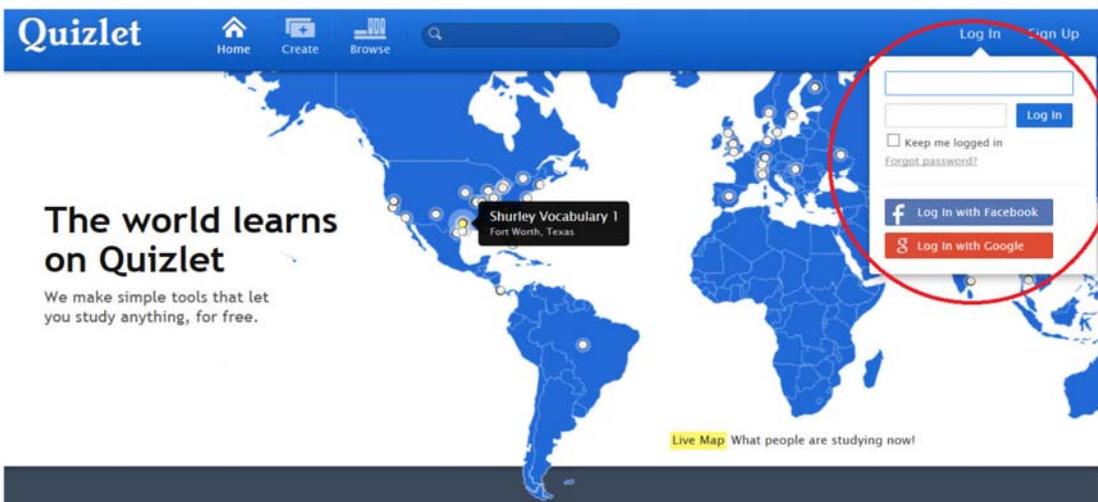
We've created "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" class in the online program called "Quizlet." We're experimenting and have created a weather unit, a "Set" of 25 weather terms. It includes audio, photos and bilingual text both on the learning page and with the flashcards. You can set up quizzes to test yourself, and it will track which terms you need help with. Most fun is the matching game called "Scatter." Click the link below to join the class. Please let us know if you find the program useful. If there is enough interest and usage, we can develop additional units.

Instructions to access Quizlet unit are quite easy and just takes a minute:

- *Go to website Quizlet.com
- *Click "Sign Up"
- *Enter a username, your e-mail address and a password.
(username can be your full name, first name, nickname, whatever you want to use)
- *Click "I agree to terms of service"
- *Click "Sign Up"
- *Type in a search for the class or go to http://quizlet.com/_xdwre
The class is named "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."
- *Click "Join Class"

You will receive an e-mail letting you know you are in the class, and then, you can access the weather unit.

For more information, contact Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457 or e-mail langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



NEW YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM!

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

INTERESTED YOUTH AGES 7 TO 18:

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



Bernadece Boda, Youth Coordinator
Barry Bott, Youth Program Assistant
RJ Smith, PEACE Grant Outreach Assistant
Sara Lucier, PEACE Grant Youth Assistant
231-242-1593

child care ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

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

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!**

A.

Jiimshin!

Anishinaabe n'daaw!

B.

Jiismibizhige nigaabijigewin

C.

Gaawiin jiismibizhigewin da-tesinoo!

D.

Gegwa jiismibizhike!

E.

Zhaawshkwaande ndo'biito-miiknot!

F.

Zhaawshkwaaza maaba.

G.

Maamji i ndo'zhaawshkwaande te.

H.

Zhaawshkwaande maanda.

Match the Anishinaabemowin St. Patty's Day phrases with their translations!!

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ 1. This is green (animate). | ___ 5. My underwear is green! |
| ___ 2. Kiss me. I'm Indian. | ___ 6. Here is my green. |
| ___ 3. No pinching! | ___ 7. This is green (inanimate). |
| ___ 4. Pinch Protection | ___ 8. Don't pinch! |

On the Pow Wow Trail

MICHIGAN

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

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

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

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

June 15-17
 36th Annual Great Lakes Area
 Pow Wow
 Wilson, MI
 Contact Information: Molly
 Meshigaud at 906-723-2270

June 20-21
 Honoring Saganing
 Traditional Pow Wow
 Standish, MI
 Contact Information: Saginaw
 Chippewa Indian Tribe's At-
 Large Program at 1-800-884-
 6271

July 24-26
 31st Annual Saginaw
 Chippewa Tribal Pow Wow
 Mt. Pleasant, MI
 Contact Information: Liz
 Saunby at 612-294-1016

August 8-9
 24th Annual Odawa
 Homecoming Pow Wow
 LTBB Pow Wow Grounds
 Harbor Springs, MI
 Contact Information: Annette
 VanDeCar at 231-242-1427,
 avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov,
 www.odawahomecoming.com
 or Odawa Homecoming Pow
 Wow on Facebook

September 5-6
 23rd Annual Honoring Our
 Elders Traditional Pow Wow
 Hart, MI
 Contact Information: Pat Beatty
 at 231-894-8361, missbeatty@
 hotmail.com or http://hartpow-
 wow.weebly.com/

MINNESOTA

March 13
 American Indian Magnet
 School Pow Wow
 St. Paul, MN
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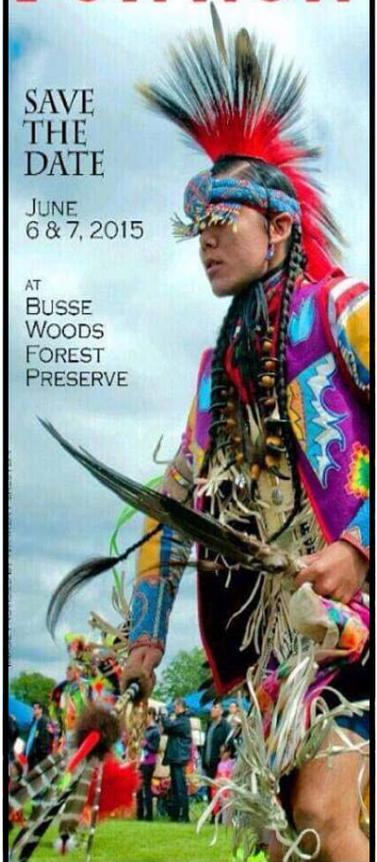
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NATIVE NEWS

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN ARTISTS

American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists nationwide have until April 6, 2015 to apply for the 2015 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) Artist Fellowship.

Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai and Chippewa descent). "More Native artists than ever before are exploring performing arts through multi-disciplinary approaches. We are looking forward to seeing what Native performing artists have been up to around the country!"

DEADLINE: Monday, April 6, 5 p.m. P.S.T.

To apply, artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria and complete an application at <http://your.culturegrants.org> before the April 6, 5 p.m. PST deadline.

The foundation will announce award recipients in August 2015. For questions and technical support, contact Program Officer Andre Bouchard at andre@nativeartsandcultures.org or 360-314-2421.

One of the only opportunities in the U.S. of this magnitude dedicated to supporting indigenous artists and culture

makers, the foundation's national fellowship has been awarded to 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists so far. Artists who have received the award in the past are ineligible to apply for the 2015 NACF Artist Fellowship. Past fellows include visual artist Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), recording artist Keola Beamer (Native Hawaiian), choreographer Emily Johnson (Yup'ik), author David Treuer (Ojibwe), multi-disciplinary artist Shan Goshorn (Eastern Band Cherokee) and film director Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Iñupiaq).

Since it began operating in 2009, the non-profit foundation has invested \$5,113,574 in programs to support Native arts and cultures across the nation, including direct support for more than 127 Native artists and organizations. To learn more about the foundation's mission and past fellows awarded, visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org.

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SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

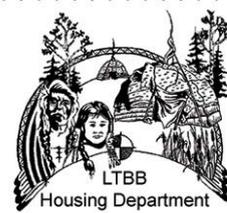
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Office of Public & Indian Housing

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION

2015 NACF Artist Fellowships

The coveted national award includes support ranging up to \$20,000 per artist. Awards will be made in six artistic disciplines, including: Performing arts, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts.

"To meet a broadening need in the arts community, this year, we invite applications in the discipline of performing arts," said NACF Program Officer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

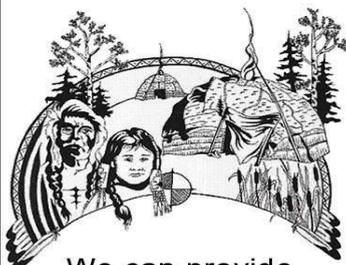
Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get assistance with a well and septic system or replace your current system.

\$50 MILLION TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM H & H FOR FUNDING ON CHIPPEWA MICHIGAN GROW FACILITY TO BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED AND EQUIPPED BY IMD



“The Michigan facility project secures a very important element to our identity as a commercial grow facility builder and administrator. In addition, the facility in Nevada (site to be determined) will use the exact same plans and requirements as the Michigan facility,” said Jim Filkins, V.P. of Sales for iMD Companies. “But, the residual effects are far more reaching as we will use our manufacturing capabilities in the development of products and components to be utilized in these facilities while also distributing them to the open market.”

About iMD Companies, Inc.

iMD Companies, Inc., (OTC MARKETS: ICBU) is a Florida corporation, engaged in the medical diagnostics and health industries. The company has recently re-positioned to be a holding company for acquisitions in the medical and marijuana industry. Recent acquisitions in those areas are R-Quest Hydroponics Inc. from Anything Technologies Media (EXMT). Greenlinks, Inc. and Lumz'n Blooms, Ltd., a Manufacturer of Indoor Gardening and Hydroponics Equipment. The company and the principals of the management team have extensive backgrounds in finance, new technologies, manufacturing, marketing and distribution. ICBU's goal is to create and increase shareholder value by tactically growing our core Hydroponics business while strategically seeking to acquire new business and create other business alliances, which generate increased revenues and earnings.

Courtesy graphic.

Editor's note: The following is an iMD Companies, Inc. press release dated November 12, 2014. In an October 28, 2014 iMD Companies, Inc. press release, iMD Companies, Inc. announced it had moved into the first of a three-phase process to build a historic grow facility on the Chippewa Indian Reservation in Michigan. At that time, it was in the process of hiring approximately 50 engineers, laborers and consultants to work on the construction of the facility as well as on a potential second location. It said it would announce plans for a second facility as the necessary funding agreements were signed. In a January 6, 2015 iMD Companies, Inc. press release, iMD Companies, Inc. stated, “Upon face to face meetings in January, we believe we will sign LOI's for our team to develop and build out grow rooms facilities for each tribe. We expect to supply all of Hydroponics equipment and building info-structure at each location. Expected tribes include the Ho-Chunk, Pala, Isleta and Chickapee.”

iMD Companies, Inc. (ICBU) is pleased to announce funding needed to commence the construction of the first grow facility on the Chippewa Indian Reservation in Michigan has been approved and is expected to be received in approximately 45 days. In addition, a Nevada facility has also been given the go ahead to be constructed with these funds. H & H is expected to receive \$50 million from borrowed funds against assets owned by the Tribal Group, which has agreed to fund these projects.

Tribal approval was given to use their assets as collateral to secure the funding. Ground will be broken on the inaugural facility when the actual first transfer of money is received by R-Quest Hydroponics.

H & H Organics Investments and R-Quest Hydroponics have an exclusive contract to design, construct and equip all grow room facilities. H & H has an agreement with the Chippewa Indian reservation to build out the first grow rooms for nutraceutical products. R-Quest Hydroponics will be the beneficiary of those agreements and iMD Companies Inc., has been advised by H & H in regards to the funding and schedule of the build outs for these grow rooms.

WATCH OUT FOR TAX SCAMS AS FILING SEASON IS UPON US



Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) urged taxpayers to be aware tax-related scams using the IRS name proliferate during this time of year.

Tax scams can take many forms with perpetrators posing as the IRS in everything from e-mail refund schemes to phone impersonators. The IRS warned taxpayers to be vigilant of any unexpected communication that is purportedly from the IRS at the start of tax season.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be on the lookout for phone and e-mail scams which use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for personal identification numbers (PINs), passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov. Additional information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

In addition, the IRS continues to aggressive-



ly expand its efforts to protect and prevent refund fraud involving identity theft as well as work with federal, state and local officials to pursue the perpetrators of this fraud.

The IRS offers several suggestions for taxpayers to help protect themselves against scams and identity theft:

- Don't carry your Social Security card or any documents which include your Social Security number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- Don't give a business your SSN or ITIN just because they ask. Give it only when required.
- Protect your financial information.
- Check your credit report every 12 months.
- Secure personal information in your home.
- Protect your personal computers by using firewalls and anti-spam/virus software, updating security patches and changing passwords for Internet accounts.
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LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



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

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- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

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

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

GROW THEIR OWN! CALIFORNIA TRIBE WILL GROW MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON TRIBAL LAND

By Indian Country Today Media Network Staff

Editor's note: The following article appeared on the Indian Country Today Media Network on January 26, 2015 and is reprinted here with permission.



The Pinoleville Pomo Nation in northern California's Mendocino County is set to be the first tribe to grow and manufacture medical marijuana on tribal land.

The tribe has inked a deal to develop an indoors grow facility on its rancheria north of Ukiah.

"We anticipate construction to begin in early February, and operations to commence by the end of the month," Barry Brautman, President of FoxBarry Development Company, LLC, told Indian Country Today Media Network.

FoxBarry Farms—a subsidiary of the Kansas-based firm, which partners with tribes on economic development projects ranging from farms to casinos—will help develop the "state-of-the-art greenhouses, as well as processing and office space," Brautman said.

FoxBarry will additionally manage distribution of the medical marijuana and related products in the state.

"Our first phase will include 90,000 feet of greenhouse space, and another 20,000 feet of indoor space," Brautman said.

The operation will sell marijuana only for authorized medical users and dispensaries in accordance with California state law. Many anticipate California to join at least four other states in legalizing recreational use of marijuana next year.

FoxBarry has pledged \$30 million to develop at least three medical marijuana facilities on tribal lands in northern, central and southern California. Brautman noted FoxBarry has reached terms with one other Indian nation, though he declined to identify the tribe at this time.

"Documentation is nearly complete," Brautman said. "I anticipate that the operations for that tribe is 30-to-45 days behind Pinoleville."

Colorado-based United Cannabis will offer consulting services to the FoxBarry-managed medical marijuana farms, particularly related to cultivation, harvesting, processing and sales of medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products. Under the licensing agreement, United Cannabis will receive \$200,000 in prepaid royalties and

15% of net sales. In return, FoxBarry will have exclusive distribution rights to United Cannabis products in California.

"The project will be producing the full range of medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products under the licensing agreement with United Cannabis," which will include leaves, flowers, hash, hash oil, medicinal pills, medicinal liquids/oils, and much more, Brautman said.

The products will contain various levels of the psychoactive ingredient tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and the non-psychoactive cannabidiol (CBD). "This includes many 'inactive' products," Brautman added.

While CBD has been widely touted for its medicinal benefits, particularly in reducing symptoms of intractable epilepsy, pot strains with higher levels of THC have proven effective in controlling the symptoms of autism in some children by stimulating brain cell signaling and reducing certain dysfunctions, reported the *San Francisco Gate*.

United Cannabis is also a supplier of the marijuana-derived Prana Bio Nutrient Medicinals, available in oil and pill form in micro doses. The medicine seeks to target patient ailments related to the central nervous system or the immune system, respectively.

Hemp—the non-psychoactive cannabis that can be used to make more than 25,000 products ranging from clothing to dynamite — may come into play in the future.

"We are talking with several tribes about industrial hemp, although our main priority is getting our grow op projects open and online," Brautman said.

News of the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, FoxBarry and United Cannabis agreement comes on the tail of the U.S. Justice Department's recent memo—originally dated October 28, 2014 and released in December 2014 — which states federally recognized Indian nations can grow, manufacture and sell marijuana and marijuana-related products on their tribal lands without fear of federal harassment. Tribes selling marijuana on sovereign lands — even in states where marijuana remains illegal — will only be prosecuted if they violate any of the eight guidelines also in place in states where it's legal to grow and sell marijuana, such as selling to minors or diverting it to states where marijuana is illegal.

Brautman underscored tribal participation is not limited to growing and manufacturing.

"There are also other great ways for many California tribes all over the state to get involved with our project," Brautman said. "Our time frame is immediate, and we are looking forward to finding and documenting our other tribal partners as we speak."

While Brautman doesn't think medical marijuana will become the new casinos, he has high expectations for the industry.

"I don't think anything will ever provide the far-reaching economic benefits of gaming to tribes. That being said, the marketplace is lucrative on the proper scale," he said. "Tribes that participate in the right type of projects will certainly be in a position to provide their membership with benefits, including housing, health care and education."

Courtesy graphic.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

1. If your residence is on Tribally owned land;
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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

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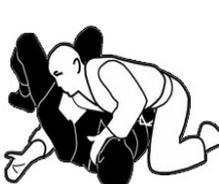


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8th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance
March 14th, 2015

Emcee: Mike Sullivan . Lae Courte Oreilles, WI
Stickman: Joe Syrette . Batchewana, ON
Invited Singers: To Be Announced

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

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

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LTBB CITIZENS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Organizational Meeting
January 15, 2015 5:30 PM
Tribal Council Chambers

Vice Chair Dominic suggested we approach article by article, and we all review the document and come prepared to the next meeting to further discuss. George Anthony suggested everyone be sure to review *Article XVII*.

AMENDMENTS A. *This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the qualified voters of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians voting in an election called for by action of the Tribal Council or Tribal Membership. A petition for a constitutional amendment shall be signed by no less than twenty percent (20%) of registered voters of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians as certified by the Election Board. At least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote must cast a ballot in the election of the election results by the Election Board.* There is a letter B. in this section, however, it is thought not to be applicable since being adopted. Legal will be consulted.

Reform Process: Due to the length of the meeting, it was suggested this item be addressed at the next meeting. David Dominic mentioned his niece, Cherie Dominic, who is a lawyer and tribal citizen, has offered her services. David will request her attendance at our next meeting.

Other items brought up and discussed, included the following:

How can we get more citizens to attend future LTBB Annual Community Meetings?

Alice Yellowbank mentioned her husband's tribe, the Ho-Chunk of Wisconsin, offer their eligible voting tribal citizens \$100 when attending their yearly community meetings to help offset their travel costs. This incentive/assistance is distributed at the close of the meeting if a quorum is met and held for the duration of the meeting.

Another idea was some tribes' annual meetings are three days long and actually have work done and voted on by the end of the three days.

Some tribes have their annual meeting closer to the end of the year, so it can actually present a real budget to the citizens.

These are all good discussion items as we continue through this process.

Recorder Law will contact the *Odawa Trails* for any/all publications for the CRC and create posters to publicize meeting place and times.

Chair Bradley will send any and all electronic notifications.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Beatrice Law - Recorder

Attendance: Cathy Bradley, David Dominic, Debra Janney, Andrea Otto, Simon Otto, Warren Petoskey, Barbara Petoskey, Nancy Wanshon, John Kawegoma, Andrew Stitch, Debbie DeLeon, Bea Law, George Anthony, Alice Yellowbank, Carol McFall, Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet, Michael Smith, Joan Jacobs, Joseph Jacobs, Vera (Rosie) Tipkey, Viola Wood and Bev Wemigwase.

The meeting was called to order, and the following discussed:

Purpose: Review of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted February 2, 2005 to prepare amendments for consideration at a future citizens' Annual Meeting. The Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) welcomes any tribal citizens to attend and/or provide any input, including recommended areas for revision or not.

Introduction and Welcome: Cathy Bradley and David Dominic co-chaired the meeting and extended the welcome and introductions. They further explained the purpose (above) for calling the meeting, and everyone shared their reason for attending the meeting. Each expressed their concerns regarding the outdated constitution and desire to be involved in the revision development process.

Organizational Structure/Election of Officers: Although this item was not on the initial agenda, Bea Law recommended this be done, so there could be some structure and leadership to address the ongoing responsibilities of the committee. All agreed; Ms. Law then nominated Cathy Bradley for Chairperson and David Dominic as the Vice Chair. George Anthony supported the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet and supported by Alice Yellowbank to nominate Bea Law as Committee Recorder. The motion passed unanimously. Secretary Law will prepare meeting agendas and do a list of the meeting dates.

Meeting Dates: Following a discussion, it was decided meetings would be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. through the end of March 2015 and reassess frequency at that time. Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Sub Committees/Work Groups: A discussion was held regarding whether or not to establish sub-committees/work groups, how and at what point would that best serve its purpose and where to start.

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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.

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

Office hours: 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm
 March 4-6, March 30, 31 & April 1
 May 6-8, June 3-5, July 8-10, August 5-7
 September 2-4 and 30, October 1-2
 November 4-6, December 9-11

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

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

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

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

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

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



LTBB Citizens Constitutional Review Committee

2015 Meeting Dates: February 23, March 9,
 March 23, April 13 and April 27

Meetings are held in the Tribal Council Chambers, LTBB Governmental Center, Harbor Springs, MI
 All meetings start at 5:30 p.m.



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- Youth acceptance of underage drinking by peers
- Youth believe there is high alcohol usage by peers

Grandfather teachings: Honesty is to be truthful and trustworthy



• **Good News!** Emmet County, MI, high school youth were more likely to think none of their friends had been drunk recently in 2014 (46.4%) compared to 2012 (34%) (2012 & 2014 MiPHY HS Youth Survey)

• **Bad News!** 11th grade students (61%) in Emmet County, MI, are less likely than 9th graders (74.2%) to report their friends think having 1 or 2 alcoholic drinks nearly every day is wrong or very wrong (2014 MiPHY HS Youth Survey)

• **Iffy News!** The percent of LTBB youth who approve of alcohol use by their peers increased from 0% to 5% between 2011 and 2013 (LTBB Youth Survey)



"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."
 - Chief Seattle

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

“Veteran Resource” continued from page 1.
brother, Nicholas Colby, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

She said connecting veterans and their dependents to the benefits they are entitled to receive is a job she takes very seriously, and she is excited for this opportunity to expand services to the veteran population in her Northern Michigan community.

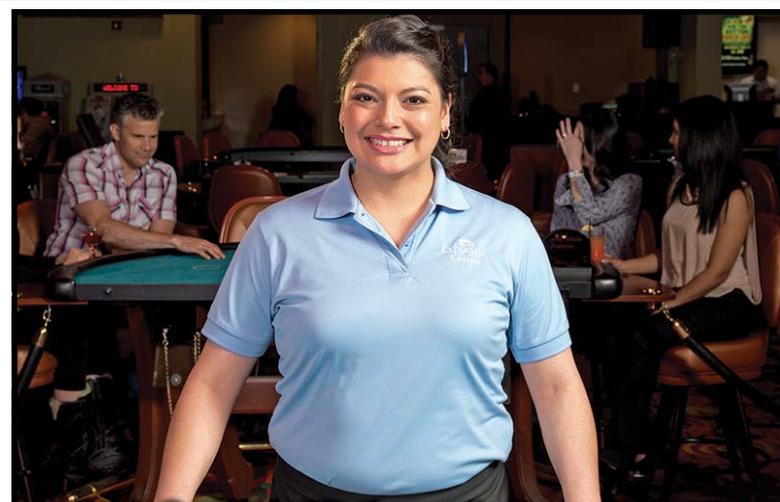
In September 2012, Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, named NCMC a Military Friendly School. The Military Friendly School list honors the top 20% of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

NCMC has 24 associate degrees and 40 certificates available.

Since 2008, LTBB, through the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) operating within the Education Department, has partnered with NCMC to offer short training programs. Together, they offer skill-focused, career-based certificate programs. The certificate programs enhance both personal and professional development and lead to increased employability skills. At 16-34 credits, depending on the program, they provide students with the opportunity to be successful in their chosen career field.

For information about WOCTEP, call 231-242-1494.

Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.



2015 Blackjack Dealer Training

<p>Section 1 (Six Weeks) March 3 - April 10</p> <p>Class A Tuesday – Friday 8am-11am Class B Tuesday – Friday 3pm-7pm Class C Tuesday – Friday 8pm-11pm</p>	<p>Section 2 (Six Weeks) April 14 - May 22</p> <p>Class A Tuesday – Friday 8am-11am Class B Tuesday – Friday 3pm-7pm Class C Tuesday – Friday 8pm-11pm</p>
<p>Section 1A (Nine Weeks) March 14 - May 9</p> <p>Class D Saturday 1pm-7pm</p>	



2015 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 ~ LAST DATE FOR THE CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW IN WRITING FROM THE ELECTION

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015~ CANDIDATE BIO'S MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION BY 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS: 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015 ~ “MEET THE CANDIDATES” 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 ~ “MEET THE CANDIDATES” 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO CHALLENGE THE PRIMARY ELECTION BY 5 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AND BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015 ~ “MEET THE CANDIDATES” 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 ~ “MEET THE CANDIDATES” 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 ~ “MEET THE CANDIDATES” 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. IN LANSING, MI

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 ~ “MEET THE CANDIDATES” 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. IN LANSING, MI

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2015 ~ LAST DATE TO CHALLENGE GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.

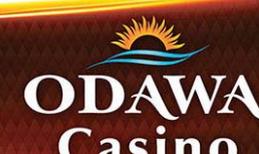
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4. ice skates (zhoshwadaaganan)	1. my dog (nday)
5. snowmobile (zhooshkiboosenh)	2. bobsled (zhooshkijiwedaabaan)
9. my family (ngododeziwin)	3. my father (noos)
10. S/He is snowshoeing. (Aagimose.)	6. S/He is skating. (Zhooshkwaade.)
11. S/He is shoveling. (Jiishaaginige.)	7. sled (zhooshksenhs)
16. cat, kitten (gaazhagenhs)	8. a shovel (bagaapkwagan)
17. my younger sibling (nshiimenh)	9. my brother (nwiikaane)
18. snowshoes (aagimak)	12. my grandmother (nookomis)
19. S/He is sledding. (Zhooshkjiwe.)	13. my grandfather (nmishoomis)
	14. my older sister (nmisenh)
	15. my mother (ngashi)

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 January 8, 2015

Closed Session: Yes
Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.
Opening Ceremony: Beatrice

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

Absent: Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols, and Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson: Natural Resources Department (NRD): Director Doug Craven, and Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis

Public: Citizen Doug Emery. John Kawegoma

Invited Guests: Michigan Lobbyist Noel LaPorte

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda of January 8, 2015, amended.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the minutes of December 18, 2014 as corrected.

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

9:19 a.m.: Elder comments: Citizen Doug Emery commented on lack of food quality occurring at Elder's Luncheons, and would like to see the Human Resources Department Statute enacted as soon as possible. He further is not pleased with the Elder Department's current staffing issue.

Citizen Michele LaCount discussed the need to revisit and revamp tribal hospitality issues.

Executive Updates
Discussion Items: Working on restructuring Elder's Department, changes are being made in the Health Department, including new staff; Apleyard property update; Prices for next year's vegetables are too high so Tribe will not be participating with Berg Farm; and Gaming Regulatory Statute amendments will be forthcoming.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge the verbal Executive report of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley as presented on January 8, 2015.

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

Legislative Leader Report - Position is currently vacant.

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

Tribal Resolution: 121814-01 Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$9,000 for the Election Board. Signed by Executive on 12-29-14.

Tribal Resolution: 121814-02 Supplemental Funding not to exceed \$733,000 payable to loan servicer, Community Reinvestment fund, in repayment of the principle balance remaining for the loan with Indian

Land Capital Company which was initially utilized to purchase 312.5 acres of land known as the Ziibimijwang Farm. Signed by Executive on 12-19-14.

Tribal Resolution: 121814-03 Reimbursement of Funds in the Amount of \$37,529 for Building Maintenance Upkeep Costs as Incurred by the Odawa Fishery, Inc. Signed by the Executive on 12-29-14.

Tribal Resolution: 121814-05 Funding for FY 2015 \$135,000.00 Shortfall for Min-A-Mskiki Gumik. Signed by Executive on 12-29-14.

Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-007 Land Use, Building Regulation, and Zoning. Submitted on 12-23-14 to the Executive.

Vetoes:
Tribal Resolution: 121814-04 VETOED Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015 Budget. Vetoed on 12-30-14.

Tribal Resolution: 121814-06 VETOED Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$40,000 from Executive Budget to Legislative Budget to support Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO).

Vetoed on 12-30-14.

Phone Polls: None to report.

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

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

Treasurer Report - No meeting held since last Council meeting and there have been a few Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting date changes.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on January 8, 2015.

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

Tribal Council Member Reports

FYI - Councilor Law brought requested discussion regarding the creation of Little Traverse Bay Bands Constitution Reform Committee.

FYI - Councilor Denemy requested discussion and revote of the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) Site Plan for the former Victories property. He is requesting that Council revisit motion to approve site plan so that site plan can move forward. OEDMI has been requested to attend the January 2, 2015 Council meeting and promote ProForma study.

10:33 a.m. Break.

10:47 a.m. Resume.

FYI - Councilor Keshick requested discussion regarding 2020 Consent Decree and strategic formation of LTBB's Legal representation team. Councilor Keshick requested General Counsel Bransky retrieve 2000 Consent Decree documents presented by Marianna Schulstad.

11:06 a.m. - 11: 52 a.m. Presentation by Michigan Lobbyist Noel LaPorte. Written report attached to minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge the verbal and written report of Michigan Lobbyist Noel LaPorte and to extend thanks for his information and time.

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

11:52 a.m. Public Comment opens:

Elder Citizen John Kawegoma stated that he does not agree that Tribal Council should tell him or other Citizens that the issues being brought forward to Council should be

addressed as "Executive issues" and that those issues cannot be addressed by the legislative body: John also made reference to a recall petition of Council. Additionally John believes that Council should be able to step into all government branch practices Such as Elder Housing needs, Veteran Housing needs, the Healthy Heart Program and Elder department staffing issues.

12:25 p.m. Public Comment closes.

12:25 p.m. Break.

12:35 p.m. Resume. Action Items

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to approve Tribal Council attendance at the United Tribes of Michigan Legislative Reception and Meeting to be held February 10 and 11, 2015 in Lansing Michigan.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to acknowledge receipt of the Tribal Traditional Burial Board, Inc., 2014 4th Quarter report.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained,

Vetoed on 12-30-14.

Phone Polls: None to report.

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

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

Tribal Council Meeting Dates
March 3 Work Session
March 5 Council Meeting
March 17 Work Session
March 19 Council Meeting

April 7 Work Session
April 9 Council Meeting
April 21 Work Session
April 23 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

2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Winnay Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the Ziibimijwang Corporate Charter, Inc.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve the letter to Waganakising Odawa Development Chartered Corporation, Inc. (WOD), regarding remaining assets of the dissolved corporation, and to authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign and submit the letter.

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to post Recall of Official and Leave of Absence Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Keshick.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion Ad Hoc Agricultural Work Group.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained,

2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Winnay Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to appoint Councilor Keshick, Treasurer Reyes and Councilor Otto to the Ad Hoc Agricultural Work Group.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the USDA Local Food Promotion Program Grant, Invitation to Bid, and to have it posted to LTBB's website.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Funding in the amount totaling \$60,000.00 for Waganakising Odawak Statute 2014-013 Tribal Historic Preservation Office Protection and Management of Archaeological, Historical and Cultural Properties and Cultural Resources.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to amend the agenda to include Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for the Ad Hoc Agricultural Work Group, in the Amount of \$57,114.29, to come from Prior Period Funds: Tribal Resolution: Transfer of Funds from the Legislative Branch to Ziibimijwang, Inc., a Tribally Chartered Corporation, in the Amount of \$67,722.08: Tribal Resolution: Appropriation of Supplemental Funding not to exceed \$40,000.00 for a Feasibility Study for a potential Odawa Casino Resort Hotel Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for the Ad Hoc Agricultural Work Group, in the Amount of \$57,114.29, to come from Prior Period Funds.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Transfer of Funds from the Legislative Branch to Ziibimijwang, Inc., a Tribally Chartered Corporation, in the Amount of \$67,722.08.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt Tribal Resolution: Appropriation of Supplemental Funding not to exceed \$40,000.00 for a Feasibility Study for a potential Odawa Casino Resort Hotel Project to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Secretary

Shananaquet to approve the Pro Forma Proposal and authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign a contract with Pro Forma which is not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Keshick to recommend to Tribal Council to send two people from the Agricultural Assessment Work Group Committee to travel to Lacrosse, WI for the Moses Organic Farm Conference on February 26, 27 and 28, 2015.

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve stipend for Counselor John Keshick on 12/19/14 for meeting with the electricians at the Ziibimijwang Farm.

Vote: 5-Yes, 1-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Winnay Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to post the Health Department Statute to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Keshick.

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

Tribal Council Committee Reports:

Gaming Authority Committee - No meeting was held since last Tribal Council meeting. However discussion occurred regarding submitting amended Supplemental Funding Request for GAC budget.

Agriculture Assessment Work Group

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

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

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

Legal Legislative Committee

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

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

Ethics Committee

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

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

Legislative Office Reports:

Treasury Director Report

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report as presented on January 8, 2015.

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

Legislative Services Attorney Report

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report as presented on January 8, 2015.

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

2:51 p.m. Break.

2:59 p.m. Resume.
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Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Otto to accept General Counsel Bransky’s verbal report as presented on January 8, 2015.

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

Legislative Office Manager

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

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

Other Items of Business (Prior to Adjournment):

FYI – Councilor brought up the 2 contracts that need to be reviewed and discussed at next Tribal Council meeting.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to amend agenda to include Tribal Resolution: Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015 Budget.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015 Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

3:24 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adjourn meeting.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

January 22, 2015

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 January 22, 2015

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Bill A. Denemy

Council Present: Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Absent: Secretary Julia A. Shananaquet

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Interim Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Gaming Regulatory Commission: Cathy Bradley, Beverly Wemigwase, David Dominic

Public: Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) Alan Proctor, Brian Gillett and guest Steven Hayward. Merrill Lynch Barbara Bencini

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt the agenda of January 22,

2015 as corrected.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve the minutes of January 8, 2015 as corrected.

Vote: 7 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

9:08 a.m.: Elder comments:

Cathy Bradley commented on creating policy for the Regulatory commission as submitted to the Executive.

Beverly Wemigwase requested equitable compensation to be in line with the Gaming Authority compensation for attending meetings, and would like Tribal Council to consider this when reading over the policies because of the different issues they have to deal with being on the commission.

David Dominic commented on getting qualified tribal members to work for the Odawa Casino, his goal is trying to bring good young tribal people into the tribe to work for us. He is going to help teach tribal dance classes. He wants our tribal people to be involved with the tribe without wanting to be compensated for it. He understands wanting to be compensated because being on commissions and boards do take a lot of time do be dedicated to, but working with the elders and youth is something we should do because of our traditions.

Executive Updates

Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., Provided update on Elder’s luncheons; the Youth Program will be moving to 915 Emmet Street Petoskey, and Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority issues.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive report of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley, and verbal report by Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., as presented on January 22, 2015.

Vote: 7 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Report - Position is currently vacant.

Secretary Report:

The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered to the Executive for signature: Tribal Resolution #010815-01: Funding in the amount totaling \$60,000.00 for Waganakising Odawak Statute 2014-013 Tribal Historic Preservation Office Protection and Management of Archaeological, Historical and Cultural Properties and Cultural Resources. Signed by Executive on 01/13/15

Tribal Resolution #010815-02: Supplemental Funding for the Ad Hoc Agricultural Work Group, in the Amount of \$57,114.29, to come from Prior Period Funds. Signed by the Executive on 01/15/15.

Tribal Resolution #010815-03: Transfer of Funds from the Legislative Branch to Ziibimijwang, Inc., a Tribally Chartered Corporation, in the Amount of \$67,722.08. Signed by the Executive on 01/15/15

Tribal Resolution #010815-04: Appropriation of Supplemental Funding not to exceed \$40,000 for a Feasibility Study for a potential Odawa Casino Resort Hotel Project to come from prior period funds. Status: Pending.

Tribal Resolution #010815-05: Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015 Budget. Signed by the Executive on 01/15/15

Veto:

Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-007 Land Use, Building Regulation, and Zoning Statute. Vetoed on 01/19/15 by Executive.

Phone Polls: None

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Secretary Shananaquet report as presented by Treasurer Reyes on January 22, 2015.

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

Treasurer Report:

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Treasurer Reyes’ verbal report as presented on January 22, 2015.

Vote: 7 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

9:49 a.m. Resume.

10:04 a.m. Resume.

10:05 a.m. – 12:03 p.m. (Will Return at 1:30) Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI)

11:47 a.m. - Public Comment opened:

Andrew Stich- the Appropriations and Finance Committee should be consistent on when he can speak at Public Comment. The Land and Reservation Committee should have had Closed Session sign on the door. How much debt we incur from the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Victories Center site plan? What will we do with the property in Mackinaw? What happened with the investigation with the tree cutting in Cross Village? What do Tribal Council members do in the Ethics Committee and why are they closed sessions? Asked Michael Naganashe twice if he was going to resign.

David Dominic-Tribal Council should give Tribal Members a better explanation if they still don’t understand what a committee does. Comments OEDMI and Treasury Director Michael Garrow’s with the work they have been doing in developing the old Victories Casino property and making sure it is right for the tribe.

Michele LaCount, Citizen: Shares concern with Andrew Stich and confidentiality of the Ethics Committees. Read a portion of the Ethics Committee Statute. She does not agree that any complaints made against an Elected Official should be confidential.

12:02 p.m. –Public Comment Closes.

12:03 p.m. Lunch Break

12:33 p.m. Resume

12:33 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Merrill Lynch, Barbara Bencini presentation.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge the verbal and written Semi-Annual report of Barbara Bencini of Merrill Lynch and to extend thanks for her information and time.

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

Tribal Council Member Reports

Councilor Denemy Comment-Visited the Food Distribution Program. He would like to find a different facility for them, somewhere down the road.

Councilor Law comment-Constitutional Review Committee Dates they will meet twice a month. Attendance at the Superstar Award for employees at the Casino yesterday, 01/21/15. Shared City of Petoskey flyer: How to Prevent Being in a Crash. Mentioned the Violence Against Woman Act Conference she attended at the Odawa Casino Resort.

Councilor Keshick attended the 2015 Midwest Region Budget Meeting at Bloomington, Minnesota and gave a brief explanation of what was presented at the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase supported by Councilor Otto to accept the verbal Tribal Council Member reports of Councilor Denemy and Councilor Law, and Travel Report of Councilor Keshick as presented on 01/22/15.

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

1:33 p.m. to 2:44 p.m. OEDMI, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to amend the agenda to add approval of the Site Plan for the Victories Center presented by OEDMI dated January 6, 2015.

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

(Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to approve the site plan for the Victories Center as presented by OEDMI dated January 6, 2015, provided that any vertical construction on site must be approved by Tribal Council before any commitment to the construction.

Vote: 5-Yes, 2-No (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Councilor Keshick voted no to the above motions because he would like the Casino hotel Feasibility Study done before any construction to be started at the Victories Center.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge the PowerPoint Presentation report of OEDMI, Inc. and to extend thanks for their information and time.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to re-assign Alan Proctor to a 3 year term beginning January 23, 2015 ending January 23, 2018 for the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and to reflect the re-assignment within the OEDMI Corporate Charter documents.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Resume

3:00 p.m. Public Comment Opens:

No Comments

3:00 p.m. Public Comment Closes.

Tribal Council Committee Reports

Gaming Authority Committee – Next meeting on Tuesday January 27, at 10:00 a.m. Councilor Otto will give them more information on the hotel project.

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

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

Agriculture Assessment Work Group

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

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee – Met January 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legal Legislative Committee-No meeting to report.

Ethics Committee – No meeting to report. Next Meeting 02/02/15.

Legislative Office Reports

Treasury Director Report

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to accept Treasury Director Garrow’s verbal and written report as presented on January 22, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney Report

3:32 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Naganashe to go into closed session for Legal.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

3:53 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

3:53 p.m. Break.

4:03 p.m. resume.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick’s verbal and written report as presented on January 22, 2015.

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

Enjinaaknegeng-No Report.

Legislative Office Manager

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount’s and Legislative Office Assistant Kiogima’s verbal and written report as presented on January 22, 2015.

Vote: 7 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Action Items

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Tribal Council attendance at the Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference to be held at Kewadin Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, March 26 – 29, 2015.

Vote: 7 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Tribal Council attendance at the National RES Economic Summit in Las Vegas NV March 9-12, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Tribal Council attendance at the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention in San Diego CA March 30-April 2, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the final payment on the Independent Contracting Agreement with Douglas Schlappi in the amount of \$6,313.34 as recommended by the Agricultural Assessment Work Group minus a deduction as replacement of receipts for the purchase of supplies, in the amount of \$1,957.22 paid to Mr. Schlappi in advance for a total amount of 4,356.12.

Vote: 7 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to approve Certified Motion #012215-01; Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, FY 2015 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion #012215-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance, FY 2015 LTBB Anishinaabemowin Project.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #012215-03; Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, FY 2015 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS).

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2008-006 Enrollment for Citizenship Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept and authorize the Indian Health Service Contract Support Cost settlement, in the amount of \$411,691.38, received July 17, 2014, be deposited into the General Fund Account.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to post the Amendment to the Election Board Statute sponsored by Councilor Wemigwase.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naga-

nashe to approve the letter to the Appellate Court regarding Administrative Rule, ATBB AR-001: Backlog Reports and authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign and submit the letter to the Appellate Court.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of REG-WOS 2014-017 012015-002 Leases of Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) Trust Lands Regulations on January 20, 2015 from the Executive Department.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Councilor Naganashe to approve travel for a Tribal Councilor to attend meetings with Federal Agency staff, in both Washington, D.C. in February 2015 and Minneapolis, MN in the Spring of 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the

Amount of \$4,500.00 for the FY2014 Election Board Budget, to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$95,850.00 for FY2015 Department of Kikaajik, to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Amendment to the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook, Cost Of Living Adjustment at the fixed amount of 1.5% yearly.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes,

Councilor Law-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Keshick to appoint Timothy MacArthur as Tribal Prosecutor for a 3-year term. Roll call: Councilor Denemy-no, Councilor Keshick-no, Councilor Law-no, Councilor Naganashe-no, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-no, Treasurer Reyes-no, Secretary Shananaquet-absent

Motion failed.

Other Items of Business (Prior to Adjournment):

5:15 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to go into closed session for personnel issues.

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

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

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

Adjournment

5:47 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to adjourn meeting.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting February 5, 2015

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Special Meeting Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 January 30, 2015

Closed Session: Yes Call to Order: 9:03 a.m. Opening Ceremony: Michael Naganashe

Council Present: 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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt the agenda of January 8, 2015.

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

9:07 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session for personnel issues.

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

9:55 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives

10:12 a.m. Break 10:43 a.m. Resume 11:35 a.m. Break 11:42 a.m. Resume

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

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

12:31 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to authorize General Counsel James Bransky to extend Cherie Dominic’s Office Of Citizens Legal Assistance (OCLA) Contract and MILS Contract until July 1, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to renew the Office of Director of Treasury Contract for Michael Garrow.

Vote: 4-Yes, 4-No(Councilor Law, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Wemigwase Secretary Shananaquet) 0-Abstained, 0–Absent Motion fails Adjournment

12:39 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn meeting.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting January 22, 2015

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 corrected.

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD P.O. BOX 160 CONWAY, MI 49722 PHONE (616) 774-9534 FAX (231) 242-0587

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

- IMPORTANT NOTICE -

The Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal member and verified by the seal and signature of a notary public OR including a legible copy of one of the following forms of identification: a valid Tribal Identification card, Driver’s License, State issued Identification Card, or Passport, provided that such identification bears the signature of the Tribal member.

YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET.

THIS FORM MUST BE:

- 1. SIGNED
2. AND ACCOMPANIED BY A LEGIBLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION (see above notice) OR NOTARIZED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC TO BE ACCEPTED.

Please fill out the form below completely. This address will be used to mail your ballot. Thank you.

PLEASE PRINT

Form fields for LAST NAME, GENERATION (Sr., Jr., etc.), MAIDEN NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME, STREET OR POST OFFICE ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, ROLL NUMBER, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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

Signature of Voter

Date

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires

"T-shirt Contest" continued from page 1.

Entries must be 8" x 8" and 4 colors maximum. Black and white are to be counted as colors.

Two winning designs will be selected by the Pow Wow Committee in the following categories: Youth (9-17) and Adult (18 and up).

The youth winner will receive \$100 while the adult winner will receive \$200. Original submissions only.

All designs submitted become the sole property of the LTBB Pow Wow Committee and may be used in current or future promotional material for the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow. By submitting

a design and participating in the contest, each artist confirms that the design submitted is original and does not infringe on any copyright. Each artist agrees that in return for the opportunity to participate in the contest, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shall have the right, without further payment, to use the design on the 24th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow t-shirts, and on related promotional materials. By submitting a design, each artist forever waives any royalty or other payment for the use of the design.

For more information, please contact Annette VanDeCar at avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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Appellate Court on December 18, 2014.

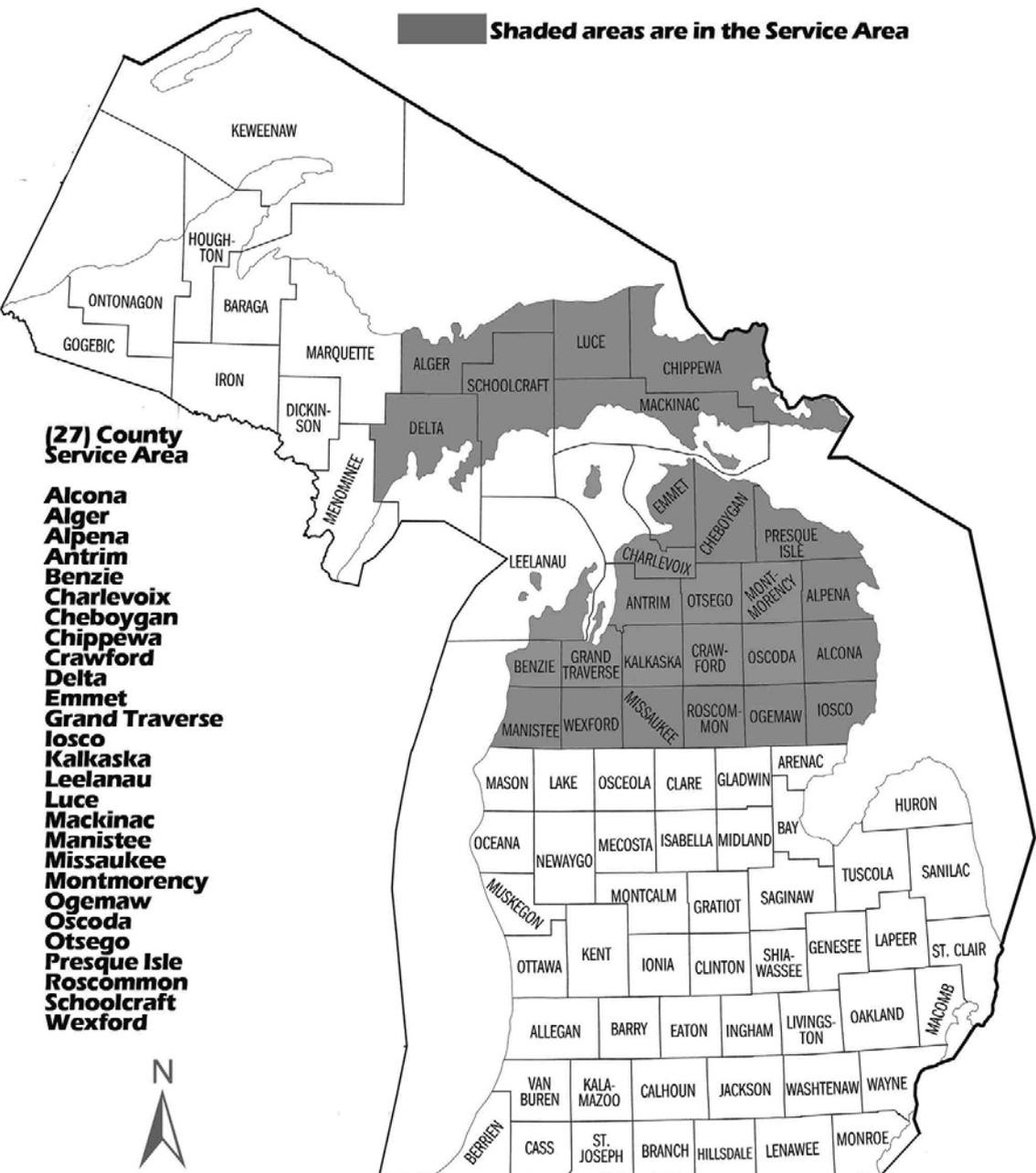
Until the challenge is resolved, Regina Gasco-Bentley will continue to serve as LTBB Tribal Chairperson with Kiogima and DeLeon on paid leave of absence per WOS 2013-001. WOS 2013-001 states, "If the preliminary non-certified results show that the elected official subject to the recall was successful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

Currently, there is proposed legislation, WOS Recall of an Official and Leave of Absence, which would place an official or former official on unpaid leave during the pending of an appeal before the LTBB Appellate Court. It states, "If the preliminary non-certified results show that the recall election did result in the recall of an Official, then the Official shall be placed on paid leave of absence until the Election Board certifies the election results, or if there is a challenge to the election, until the Tribal Court issues a ruling indicating that the recall election was valid and did result in the recall of the

Official, and the Election Board certifies such results. If that Official (or former Official) appeals a decision of the Tribal Court to the LTBB Appellate Court, such Official (or former Official) shall remain on unpaid leave during the pendency of any appeal before the Appellate Court. If the LTBB Appellate Court rules that the recall election was not valid, or that the recall election did not result in the recall of the Official, that Official shall be reinstated to his or her office and shall receive back pay for any period of time that he or she has not been paid while on unpaid leave of absence." The proposed legislation was posted on January 8, 2015, and Tribal Council can consider passage of the proposed legislation no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting at least twenty five (25) days from its introduction per WOS 2005-010 Legislative Procedures. WOS 2005-010 further states, "Written comments may be submitted to the Tribal Council at any time prior to passage. Verbal comments will be heard during any public comment period prior to passage of the legislation."

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%.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.

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LTBB has received a grant through the Administration for Native Americans. This grant allows our Tribal Citizens to live-stream Tribal Council Committee Meetings. You can join the Tribal Council Committees by logging in as a "guest" at:

- Appropriation and Finance Committee
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AFC/>
- Gaming Authority
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/GamingAuthority/>
- Legal and Legislative Committee
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/LLCMeeting/>
- Land and Reservation Committee
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/LandandReservation/>

Dates and times of meetings will be posted on the LTBB website and in the Odawa Trails newsletter.
Participate through Connect!

THE WHITE HOUSE LAUNCHES THE "GENERATION INDIGENOUS NATIVE YOUTH CHALLENGE"

Editor's note: The following is a White House press release dated February 12, 2015.



Today (February 12, 2015), Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council Cecilia Muñoz announced the launch of the Generation Indigenous Native Youth Challenge at the 2015 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Midyear Conference. This challenge invites Native youth and organizations across the country to become a part of the administration's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative by joining the National Native Youth Network — a White House effort in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

President Barack Obama launched the Gen-I Initiative at the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference to focus on improving the lives of Native youth by removing the barriers which stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. Through new investments and increased engagement, this initiative takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to ensure all young Native people can reach their full potential.

In addition to the National Native Youth Network, the Gen-I Initiative includes a demonstration program called the Native Youth Community Projects, administered by the Department of Education, a restructuring of the Bureau of Indian Education, a Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour and the organization of the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering.

Also, announced today (February 12, 2015) was the signing of an agreement between UNITY, the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the White House to collaborate on the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering which will take place this summer.

We encourage everyone to take the Gen-I Native Youth Challenge and become a part of the National Native Youth Network today!

Gen-I Native Youth Challenge

As part of the process of establishing the National Native Youth Network, we invite Native youth and all young people across the country to take part in the Gen-I Challenge. This call to action is the first step in engaging a broad network of peo-

ple interested in addressing the issues facing Native youth and creating a platform through which Native youth can access information about opportunities and resources and have their voices and positive contributions highlighted and elevated.

Here's how it works: Youth 14-24, non-profits and educational institutions are invited to join the National Native Youth Network by accepting the Gen-I Challenge.

Who: Individuals, youth councils and youth groups can participate as *Challenge Acceptors*. Non-profit organizations, colleges, universities and tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) can become acceptors by helping their youth and students complete the Gen-I Challenge!

Youth and others can accept the challenge by committing to take the following steps.

Step 1: ACT. Within 30 days of taking the challenge, youth should work with other youth in their community or at their school to do something positive of their choosing (For example: Completing a volunteer project with a local organization or charity, hosting a meeting with other youth to brainstorm how to address an issue of concern in their community or becoming a mentor to a younger person). The youth can use toolkits from the National Native Youth Network and their partners to help them achieve their goal. Their local tribal youth council, urban tribal youth group or Native youth organization can also be a resource.

Step 2: CAPTURE. Youth should document their community efforts and projects through a short summary (3-4 sentences) with photos and video!

Step 3: SHARE. Youth should share their stories online using #GenI and send the National Native Youth Network their story through www.cnay.org/Challenge.html. The National Native Youth Network or the White House may even feature their story.

Step 4: PARTICIPATE. By participating in the National Native Youth Network, youth may be invited to apply to send a representative to the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2015.

Organizations, colleges, universities and TCUs can take the Gen-I Challenge too by committing to help their youth and students complete the Gen-I Challenge!

The following organizations have already committed to take the Gen-I Challenge and get their youth onboard.

- Gen-I Native Youth Challenge Early Acceptors
 - American Indian College Fund
 - American Indian Higher Education Consortium
 - Boys and Girls Clubs of America
 - Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute
 - Close Up Foundation
 - National Congress of American Indians
 - National Indian Child Welfare Association
 - National Indian Education Association
 - National Indian Health Board
 - United National Indian Tribal Youth
- Courtesy graphic.*

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@itbbodawa-nsn.gov

JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH

Artist Market

at NMC's annual Sweet Earth: Arts & Music Festival

Saturday 18th April 2015, 1-7 pm

\$50 per table
(no percentage collected after sales.)

Interested vendors apply here:
<http://bit.do/SEAMvendor>

The vision of *Sweet Earth: Arts & Music Festival* is a means of communicating to NMC's student body and broader Northern Michigan community how to get involved with a multitude of environmental issues, both locally and globally, through a dialogue with music, art and small interactive workshops.

Now in our 4th annual year of planning (previously known as *Dirt Fest*), we expect 400+ attendees at *Sweet Earth 2015*

For more information, please contact Student Life Office at (231)-995-1118

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.

BLISS GARDENS FARM & COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Location: 5322 Hill Rd
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Opportunity for Farm Interns

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What we do-

- 30 family CSA
- Cooking and Canning Classes
- Incubator Kitchen
- some local restaurant and on-farm sales
- Kids Day Camp
- Weddings, Private Parties, and Special Events
- Community Potlucks, Square Dances, and Harvest Festival.
- Our goal is to build healthy community around food & farming

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Head Drum Judge: Wesley Cleland
Head Dancers: TBD each session

CONTEST
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This is an alcohol, cigarette, and drug-free event

LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays

Happy birthday to all the March babies in the family, Evelyn on the 1st, Mary on the 3rd, Ray on the 11th, Tacha on the 18th and Lawanda on the 23rd! Love you all, from your Up North family.

Happy birthday to Raymond Bottoms on March 19. Hope you enjoy your day. From your brothers and sisters.



A big shout out, happy birthday to Valerie Graves, who I'm sure doesn't want to be reminded she is another year older on the 28th. Think of it as another year of wisdom. LOL We miss you. Love you to infinity, Momma, Ben and Liyah.

Happy birthday to Uncle Jason on March 12th, enjoy your day and may you have many more. Love and miss you, Collin, Braden and Kaitlynn Sutton.

Sending special wishes to Sharon Sanders on March 24 on this special birthday. From Tamie, the 3 "B's" and the gang.

Have a great and happy birthday to Jo Ann Seay on March 30. From the family.



On March 28th, please wish a Happy 45th Birthday to Native America's own Spice Girl, "Old Spice," aka Lila Bertram!

Happy birthday to Patti on February 27.

Birthdays

Mino Diibaan (Happy Birthday) to Andrew Pontiac from Dad, Erin, Joz, Buddy, Dy & Riley.

Happy, happy birthday to Collin Sutton. I love you lots and appreciate all the help you give me. You are a special young man. Love, GG Petoskey.

Happy birthday to a very special nephew and cousin, Collin Sutton. You are not just smart and handsome, but an awesome young man. We love you very much, Uncle John, Aunt Deleta and Chris. Hope you day is the best birthday ever.

Happy birthday to Collin Sutton, whose birthday is March 6. You are an amazing son, and I love you very much. Hope you have a wonderful day. Love, Dad.

Collin Sutton turns 9 on March 6th, hope your day is as wonderful as you are. Love, Grandma & Grandpa Sutton.

Happy birthday on March 21st to Miss Gabrielle Rose Dohring, 5 years old and growing so fast! We love you so very much. Keep Smiling! Love, Mommy, Buddy, Priscylla and Mya.

Happy birthday to our son-in-law, Jason Peterson, on March 12. Hope you have a wonderful day. Mom & Dad Sutton.



Walking On...



Elizabeth Gasco, 88

Elizabeth Gasco, 88, born and raised in Harbor Springs, MI, died Sunday, February 8, 2015 at Tendercare Nursing Center in Traverse City, MI. Born in 1926 to Joseph and Elizabeth (Keway) Kishigo, Elizabeth graduated from Harbor Springs High School. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Elizabeth was a "Traditional Dancer" and danced at many pow wows in Michigan and the surrounding Great Lakes area. She was an Elder with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She was a tremendous cook and hosted many family gatherings where everyone felt her love and care. Her family brought her great joy and happiness. Elizabeth is survived by three children, Kevin Gasco of Harbor Springs, MI, Robin Martell (Bill) of Traverse City, MI, and Wayne Gasco of Ypsilanti, MI, nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two siblings, Veronica Medicine of Traverse City, MI, and Harriet Booth of Petoskey, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Gasco, in 1980, four of her children, James Gasco, Karen Gasco Snake and Amos and Barry as infants, her brothers, Joseph Kishigo and Alex Kishigo, and her sister, Victoria Reyes.

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DATES
 Every Thursday in March 2015
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Located at the LTBB Community Building 5654 Ap-Gish-Mok, Harbor Springs, MI

ALL AGES WELCOME
 Children up to 7 years old need to be supervised.

Families are encouraged to participate.

If you are interested, please contact Dawn, LTBB Cultural Services, at 231-242-1487 or e-mail dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov so we know how many to expect.
 If you would like to help with the planning, contact Dawn for dates. Limited transportation available.
 Alcohol and Drug Free Event

- You don't have to dance to participate.
- Teach dancing (old style or modern pow wow)
- Volunteer to help sew and make dance outfits
- Volunteer to help with transportation
- Donate material
- Come and watch

Congratulations



LTBB Tribal Citizen & West Shore Wolves Amateur Hockey Association peewee player Andrew Pontiac was chosen to be announced with the rest of the Grand Rapids Griffins starting lineup before the Griffins' game vs. the Rockford IceHogs on this past New Year's Eve. Congratulations Andrew!

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RESCHEDULED for Saturday, March 14, 2015 ~ 10 am - ?

LTBB Governmental Center
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

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

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