



LTBB BECOMES ONLY THIRD INDIAN TRIBE IN THE U.S. AND THE ONLY TRIBE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO RECOGNIZE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Editor's note: National media outlets such as the Associated Press (AP), CNN, MSNBC, National Public Radio (NPR), the *Detroit Free Press* and Native News Network as well as local media reported on LTBB becoming only the third Indian tribe in the United States and the only Indian tribe in the State of Michigan to recognize same-sex marriage.

With Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara's signing of the recently passed Marriage Statute on March 15, 2013, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians became only the third Indian tribe in the United States and the first in Michigan to recognize same-sex marriage.

Of the 566 federally recognized Indian tribes in the U.S., only the Coquille Tribe, based in North Bend, OR, the Suquamish Tribe, based in

Suquamish, WA, and LTBB, based in Harbor Springs, MI, recognize same-sex marriage. A Coquille Indian Tribe law allowing same-sex marriage took effect in May 2009 while the Suquamish Tribe amended its marriage ordinance to give same-sex couples all the rights and privileges the tribe's law gives heterosexual couples.

The LTBB Tribal Council passed the current Marriage Statute by a 5-4 vote (voting yes were Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Kevin Gasco, Councilor Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase and Treasurer John Bott; voting no were Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley and Councilor John Keshick III) at its meeting on March 3, 2013.

At that point, McNamara had 30 days to sign the statute into law, veto it or not sign it according to WOS 2008-011 Administrative Procedures Statute. If the Executive chooses not to sign legislation, it automatically becomes law.

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN TIM LACROIX AND GENE BARFIELD FIRST SAME-SEX LEGALLY MARRIED COUPLE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN



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ly married same-sex couple in the State of Michigan.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Tim LaCroix and his partner of 30 years, Gene Barfield, were the first couple legally married in the State of Michigan under LTBB's Marriage Statute, which recognizes same-sex marriage.

Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara signed the Marriage Statute into law the morning of March 15, 2013 and then officiated at their wedding afterwards at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. LTBB Tribal Citizen Fred Harrington, Jr. also performed a wedding ceremony.

"The first thing we wish to say as a newly married couple is to express our most sincere thanks and great respect for the people of the Little Traverse Bay

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NEW TRIBAL CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE OPENS

Submitted by the Legal Department

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) has enacted Waganakising Odawak Statute 2012-006 that creates the Office of Citizens Legal Assistance to help tribal citizens with non-criminal legal issues. The scope of professional services which will be provided will include legal guidance and drafting of documents for estate planning, real estate, landlord/tenant issues, probate of estates, paternity/DNA testing/birth certificates, guardianships/conservatorships and driver's license restoration. The office is

available to provide guidance and drafting of documents, but the statute does not allow it to appear in court or assist with matters involving the tribe. It is limited to procedural advice on criminal matters. To accommodate the needs of the new office, the Legal Department will relocate from Office Suite 509 to Office Suite 503, which is right across the hall from the Executive Offices located at 7500 Odawa Circle in Harbor Springs, MI. Michigan Indian Legal Services will help start the Office of Citizens Legal Assistance. If you have questions regarding the scope or wish to access the professional services of the Office of Citizens Legal Assistance, please contact Su Lantz, Executive Legal Assistant, at 231-242-1407 or Michigan Indian Legal Services at 231-947-0122 or 1-800-968-6877.

MEET CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY CHERIE DOMINIC

LTBB Tribal Citizen Cherie Dominic started as the Citizens Legal Assistance Attorney in the Office of Citizens Legal Assistance on March 11, 2013.



Dominic earned a Juris Doctor from the University of New Mexico School of Law with concentration certificates in Indi-

an Law and Mediation in July 2012. While there, she was on the Editorial Staff of the Tribal Law Journal, was a member of the Native American Law Students Association and participated in the Indian Law Moot Court competition in 2012. She was a John D. Voelker Foundation Fellow, a Gunsfeld Rothgerber Law Fellow and a W.E. Bondurant Law Fellow. Recently, The Tribal Law Journal selected two of her articles for publication in its upcoming fall edition.

Prior to attending law school, Dominic earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Orleans in December 2008. While there, she was on the Dean's List and received a Best Sociology Research Paper award.

Dominic has served LTBB through various summer job positions. Most recently, as a Legislative Branch intern in the summer of 2010 and as an Executive Branch Legal Intern in the summer of 2009. During her final semester last summer, she worked at the Southwest Indian Law Clinic where she represented low-income Native American "Dominic" continued on page 21.

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomadiziwinan echipitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

The deadline for the May 2013 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 1, 2013.

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.

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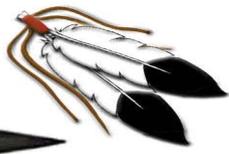
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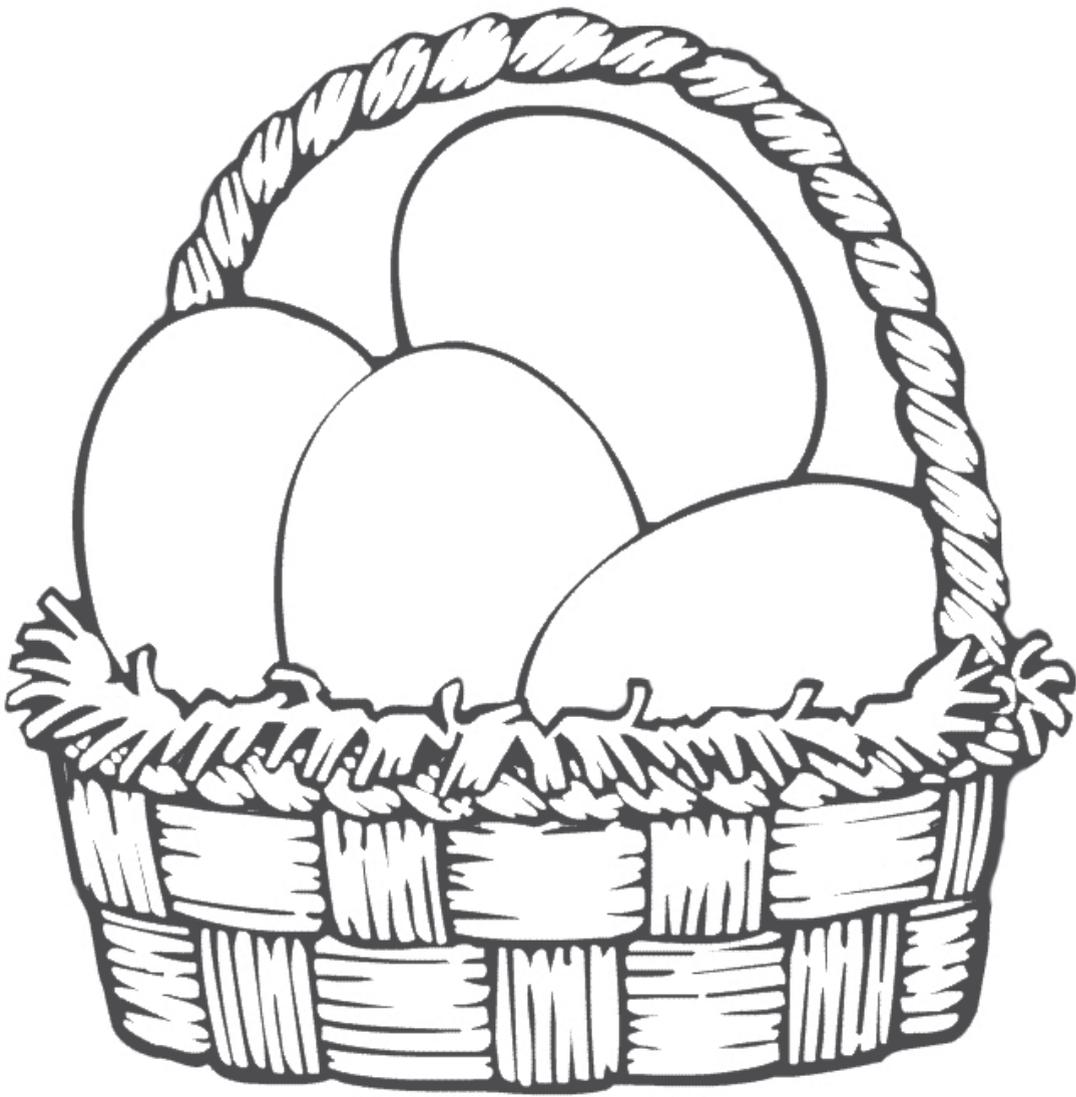
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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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



EASTER BASKET 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 8, 2013. 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.

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 Easter Basket Decorating Contest
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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

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

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

Transportation is based on availability.

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

Miigwech!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone #: _____

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

JOIN LTBB'S TRIBE TO TRIBE WALKING CHALLENGE TEAM AND HELP LTBB EARN FUNDS

LTBB finished second in last year's Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge, winning \$1,500 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The funds from Blue Cross were used to purchase incentive awards for those who participated in the Tribe to Tribe Challenge as well as a few prizes in the Community Walking Challenge.

Forty percent of the LTBB walkers in last year's

Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge were in the top 10% of the challenge – more than any other participating tribe.

Join the fun this year and help LTBB earn grant money!

Please contact Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 with any questions or for more information.

TRIBE TO TRIBE WALKING CHALLENGE

Date: May 6, 2013

to July 8, 2013

The Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians have issued a statewide, Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge. The 9-week challenge is being sponsored by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI. All participating tribes will receive wellness grants with extra dollars for the top performers!

Inter-Tribal Council of MI, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MI

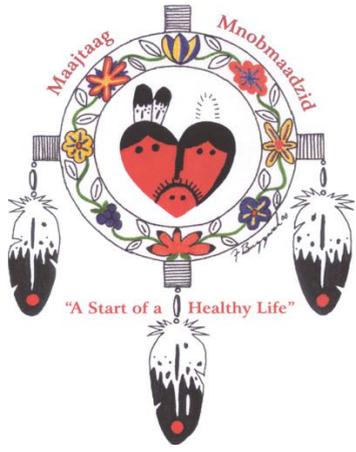
More Information to Come in the Next Few Weeks.

SAVE THE DATE

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE MAAJTAAG MNOBMAADZID - HEALTHY START PROGRAM

Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Teen Pregnancy Assistance Programs (13-21 years)

A Maternal and Child Health Program supported with grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: HRSA/MCHB-Healthy Start and OPHS/OAH-Pregnancy Assistance Fund



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.

Healthy Start is for pregnant Native women or non-Native women who are pregnant with a Native baby and women of child bearing age.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

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 are working towards providing services and information which 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 Anishinabe baby into this world.

Our program is voluntary and designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

- Schedule an appointment to enroll in the Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Healthy Start Program) either through an office visit or a home visit.

- Complete a confidential enrollment form with the Healthy Start Nurse. A person can choose to not answer questions if he or she wants.

- In order to receive coordinated services, specific information may be shared with other health and human services providers. The information shared is for the purpose of providing and coordinating care and/or making referrals. All information is kept confidential.

- Healthy Start Program responsibilities:

- Perform screening to determine conditions which may adversely affect your pregnancy, delivery and postpartum period.

- Provide health education regarding pregnancy and infant care.

- Provide referrals for emotional and nutritional support and other services as necessary.

- Provide or arrange for childbirth education

- Make available transportation services for pregnancy related appointments as needed

- Report any suspected case of child abuse or neglect (we are legally mandated reporters)

- Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid enrolled client responsibilities:

- Keep all appointments with your medical provider and reschedule appointments which can't be kept

- Keep all appointments with Maajtaag Mnob-

maadzid, including rides, and reschedule appointments which can't be kept

- Notify Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid of any changes in address, phone number or name

- Follow through with referrals for other services.

- Notify your medical provider of any problems experienced during pregnancy or postpartum

Support services include:

- Home visits by a registered nurse as needed.

- Assistance with Medicaid and Healthy Kids applications.

- Referrals to other human

service programs. e.g. Early On for development questions or issues, County Human Services, Tribal Human Services, NWMHD (Northwest Michigan Health Department), Tribal Dietitian, Tribal Community Health Programs, Early Head Start Programs, both Tribal and County, Primary HCP (Health Care Provider) as needed, Tribal Clinic, Tribal Dentist, local food pantries and other baby assistance programs.

- Transportation to appointments

- Health Information: Books, pamphlets, reliable online sites

- Injury Prevention Materials - Safe Sleep (cribs), Child Passenger Safety (car seats) are limited to availability and budget.

- Nutrition Information - Breast feeding, Making own baby food safely, Nutrition for Mothers and toddlers with assistance from Tribal Dietitian.

- Electric and manual breast pumps and tubing (Loan Program)

- Breastfeeding supplies - breast pads, milk storage bags, lanolin as available.

- Emergency infant supplies determined on an individual basis

- Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid has limited funding and cannot be a sole supplier of disposable baby products.

A Word about Baby Formula:

It is the goal of the Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Healthy Start Program) to promote health and education for mothers and babies up to age two years. We believe in the concept breast milk is the first food and is traditional. It is uniquely made for the baby. Evidence has shown breastfed babies are less likely to have ear infections, diarrhea, colds and flu's. They are less likely to become obese or to develop Type 2 diabetes. Moms who have breast fed are less likely to develop breast cancer. There are many more benefits cited in the literature as well. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Surgeon General have adopted a declaration and have issued a call to action for all governments to support breastfeeding. Both have issued recommendations on the marketing of infant formula. They do not recommend the advertising of infant formulas nor do they recommend clinics or hospitals provide free samples. Therefore, in order for us to provide the best in health education and promotion to our clients, it is not our practice to provide infant formula or assistance with the purchase of infant formula as part of our Healthy Start program.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NOTICE

Enrollment for Medicaid - Adult Benefits Waiver (ABW) will be opened in APRIL 2012.

We need all clients who have been denied Medicaid to apply within the first week of April. The LTBB Health Department can assist you with the application process or with any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to give us a call at 231-242-1600.

In order for us to satisfy the Indian Health Services (IHS) payer of last resort criteria, all Contract Health Services (CHS) clients with no other health insurance must apply for Medicaid and furnish the CHS office with a Medicaid determination before eligibility for CHS can be established. Therefore, if you have been denied for Medicaid, you must reapply during the open enrollment period for Medicaid ABW.

What is the Medicaid ABW program?

The Medicaid ABW program provides basic health insurance coverage to residents of the State of Michigan with countable incomes at or below 35% of the federal poverty level.

If you are approved for Medicaid ABW, some counties have an ABW County Health Plan they will automatically enroll you in. You will receive a MiHealth card as well as a County Health Plan ID card.

If you do not reside in our Contract Health Service delivery area, you can still apply for Medicaid ABW in your county. Please see your local Michigan Department of Human Services office to apply.

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

Quick Care Family Medical Center

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

McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770
1-800-248-6777

Charlevoix Area Hospital

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

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

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

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

as:

- Reducing salt intake
- Eating a balanced diet
- Avoiding harmful use of alcohol
- Taking regular physical activity
- Maintaining a healthy body weight
- Avoiding tobacco use

Getting your blood pressure checked is important because high blood pressure often has no symptoms. Don't forget to ask for your blood pressure reading at your next checkup.

Enjoy the spring weather!
Courtesy graphic.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT



The seasonal influenza season is now behind us. However, this season has been a severe one, especially for people aged

65 and older with many hospitalizations and deaths in that age group. The best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year. The Health Clinic usually has seasonal influenza vaccines available in October of each year. It's never too early to start thinking about vaccination!

April 7 is World Health Day. This day is set aside each year to mark the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. Each year, a theme is selected for World Health Day which highlights a priority area of public health concern in the world. The theme for 2013 is high blood

pressure.

High blood pressure is both preventable and treatable. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about one in three U.S. adults—an estimated 68 million—have high blood pressure, which increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, leading causes of death in the United States. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives with stroke being the fifth-leading cause of death.

However, the risk of developing high blood pressure can be reduced by simple things such

APRIL ELDER BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 1

Loretta Cook
John Kenoshmeg, Sr.

APRIL 2

Evelyn Andrews
Vicki Emery
Kathleen Guzinski
Marilyn Hume
Betty Peacock
Mark Wabanimkee

APRIL 3

William Denemy

APRIL 4

Mary Kiogima

APRIL 6

Ricky Reiter
Steven Shenoskey

APRIL 7

Larry Cartwright
Thomas Nongueskwa
Ivan Taylor

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Mitchell Baker, Sr.
Rose Newman

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Evangeline Badgero
Dawn Malcomnson
Melissa Moses
Mary Quick
Wayne Stine
Sharon Tracey

APRIL 10

Louretta Eidt
Carl Shawa
Sadi Synn

APRIL 11

Robin Barney-Lees
Lauretta Gilbert
Christine Haines

APRIL 12

LaVerne Bottoms
Elaine Ramirez
Norman Rittenhouse, Sr.

APRIL 13

Janice Grooms
Magdalene Kosequat
Vernon Lasley
Willie Rawls, Jr.

APRIL 14

Kevin Barry

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Christina Chrysler
Donald Houghton
Margaret Rodriguez
Alfred Sprague

APRIL 29

Michael Anthony
Carmalene Baker
Edna Caron
Elsie Carson
Cynthia Daley

APRIL 30

Donnie Case
Robert Kaestner
James Keway
Judith Smith
Catherine Wright



Early Childhood Program Community Meeting

WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S LITTLEST ONES TO KNOW AS THEY LEARN AND GROW? TELL US WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

In April of 2012, the tribe invested in the future of our children by purchasing a child care center in Petoskey. We are now in the planning stages of building our early childhood program and want your input and guidance. This is a program for community. Please come share!



- Early Learning
- Language
- Culture
- Teachings
- Stories
- School readiness
- Community teachers
- Education Planning
- Forecasting

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."
- Vine Deloria, Power and Place: Indian Education in America.

The meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th** from 6pm-8:30pm at **414 MONROE** in **PETOSKEY**. We will serve a meal. Please bring your children. Child care will be available!



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7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1480

For questions, please contact us! >>>



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

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8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP DAGGETT APRIL 26-28, 2013

The LTBB Community Health Dept. is inviting tribal women, age 18 and up, to take part in a Women's Retreat at Camp Daggett on the shores of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. Come and join us for a time to learn and bond with other women over crafts, good food, physical activities and the American Cancer Society's Circle of Life curriculum.

Space is limited to 25 participants, so call early! To register or for questions, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or Michele Keshick at 231-242-1606.

nated the 43-acre parcel of land in the fall of 1924 to be used as a summer camp for children. Henry Daggett, a local hardware store owner in Petoskey, MI, brought his Presbyterian Sunday School classes to the property in the late 1890's.

For more information about the retreat, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or Michele Keshick at 231-242-1606.

Courtesy graphics.



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP DAGGETT IN PETOSKEY, MI, AN EDUCATIONAL AND FUN EVENT FOR WOMEN 18 AND UP

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



The Women's Retreat, which will be held April 26-28, 2013 at Camp Daggett in Petoskey, MI, is funded through the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) from a grant ITC received from the American Cancer Society.

According to Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver, it is a forum to educate Native American women about the high risk of cancer among Native Americans. The retreat is for women, age 18 and up.

Native Americans suffer increased rates of chronic disease, including cancer. The Indian Health Services (IHS) reports higher rates of mortality due to cancer among the Bemidjii Region (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) compared to other IHS regions in the country. Factors

contributing to the increased rates include obesity, smoking, poor nutrition, lack of physical activity and lack of appropriate screening.

Because of this, the American Cancer Society provided funds to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to develop culturally appropriate and useful Family Health History materials. The site of the Native American Family Health History Project are the 12 federally recognized tribes located in Michigan, which are part of the IHS' Bemidjii Region. The two leading causes of death for Michigan American Indians are heart disease and cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Circle of Life curriculum will be used to share cancer and wellness information with the retreat's participants. Topics in the curriculum include how to make healthy choices every day to reduce cancer risk and stay well; what cancer is, how it develops, and how different types of cancer

can be prevented; how cancer is treated and how someone can take care of themselves during and after cancer treatment; how cancer pain and other side effects from cancer treatment can be managed by the healthcare team; how caregivers can help people who are experiencing a cancer diagnosis, including information about caregiver concerns and coping with treatment side effects; how to help people who are facing the end of their cancer journey; and what Native and alternative healing is and how it can be used to complement cancer treatments.

Activities, crafts, good food and mediation time will be spaced between the Circle of Life curriculum.

Camp Daggett, the site of the retreat, is on Walloon Lake, and it has served generations of summer campers since 1925. Walter J. MacMillan, a Petoskey, MI, resident and teacher, founded Camp Daggett in 1925 and started a traditional boys summer camp there. The daughter of Henry R. Daggett, Harriet S. Harper, do-



GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Aanii Nishnaabek

By Terry Spanish, Language Instructor

Aanii Nishnaabek. Miigo zhigo wii Baaknaatek Giisoonh. Miigegeo wii maadaadek. Gaj gishnak! Ga ni

aandaazam iishkpin.

Hello fellow Natives. The month of April is almost here. The weather is going to be hot. Stay in the shade! You may end up too colored.



Sabing Anishinaabemowin
(on the net) Internet Resources

"barbaranolan.com takes you to the fun world of understandable Nishnaabe-language immersion video. We've carefully designed and produced immersion-style dramatized episodes fully expecting you'll be able to understand the general meaning of the stories being acted out – without needing translation."

Do you speak Anishinaabe language? Maybe you remember and understand it or you grew up around it or maybe an elder in your family did. Take them to visit the website barbaranolan.com to watch the videos. You'll be sure to get a kick out of hearing the language and watching the animated stories.

There are nearly 50 different videos ranging from four minutes to 40 minutes long. The website is free and offers various storylines, including traditional Anishinaabe stories, and of course, humor.

This website is made possible by the hard work of two very special individuals: JP Montano as his way of showing his immense gratitude for having acquired the language along with his mentor and fluent speaker, Barbara Nolan.

Vowel	Sounds Like	Vowel	Sounds Like
a	bus	aa	father
e	bed	i	sit
ii	see	o	note
oo	book	nh	nasal sound

Maaba Gookooshens



This Little Piggy

Maaba gookooshens
gii paa oodetoo.



This Little Piggy
went to town.



Maaba gookooshens
endaat gii'yaa.



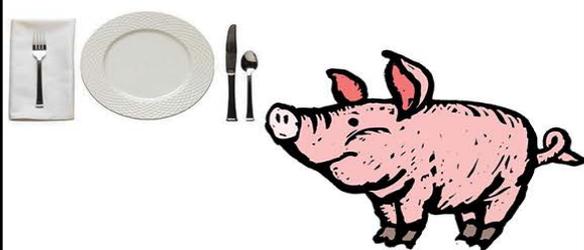
This Little Piggy stayed home.

Maaba gookooshens
bzhikiwiiyaas giimiijin.



This Little Piggy ate roast beef.

Miinwaa maaba gookooshens
gaawiin gegoo gii'yaaziin.



This Little Piggy ate none.

Miiwaa maaba gookooshens
gii ninaanondaagozi
WII WII WII'
biinish gwa endaat.

WII WII WII!!!!



This Little Piggy went "Wii, Wii, Wii"
all the way home.

Mnookmik ~ In the Spring

Wegnesh gwajiing ezhiwebak?
How is the weather?
Gwajiing Ezhiwebak,
the weather outside.

Maajii-ngiza a'goon.	The snow is starting to melt.
Mino-giizhigat.	It is a nice day.
Gimiwan.	It is raining.
Ngwaankwat.	It is cloudy.
Nimkiikaa.	It is thundering.
Waasesemigat.	It is lightning.
Nchiiwad.	It is stormy.
Waawyese.	tornado
Moozhkan.	It is flooding.
Mdookad.	It is damp.
Noodin.	It is windy.
Tkeyaamigat.	It is cool.
Aawan.	It is foggy.
Naangwadnong gizhaate.	Sometimes, it is hot.
Maajibiisaa.	It starts to rain.
Boonibiisaa.	It stops raining.
Waabinong ndaanmat	Wind is blowing from the east.
Giizhoowaanmad.	It is a warm wind.
Tkaanmat.	It is a cool wind.
Mnookmi.	Spring, It is spring.
Mnookmik.	In the spring, During the spring



Mnookmik, kina gego aabwaakodin.

In the spring, everything thaws out.

Mii maanda pii miingoying maaba a'ninaatik zii'aagomide.

This is when the maple tree gives us the syrup.

Mtigok zaagbaagziwak miigegwa niibiishesan neh zhi'oomgak.

The trees begin to bud, just as quickly, the leaves are formed.

Miishkosan bi-zhaawshkwaanoon miinwaa waawaaskonesan zaagaabgoniinoon.

The grass begins to turn green, and the flowers bloom.

Mkwak geyiinwaa shkwawok miigegwa paa nda wiisnewaad.

The bears begin waking up and quickly, begin to eat.

Bneshiisak pskaabiiwak, saswaasan deshtonaan.

The birds return, they make the nests.

Miige maanda pii aanind mshkikwan eh giizhiitaamgak wii pkibdoong miinwaa wii zgaknigaadek.

This is also the time that some gather the medicines that are ready to pick and are ready to be put away.

Wesiisak geyiinwaa maajii ndaadziwok.

The baby animals begin to be born.

Kaawin maanda pii daa paabenjigaasii wesiinh, aabdik geyiinwaa wii gnawenmaa'aan biyeziimiwan.

This is a time the animals should not be disturbed, they have to take care for their young.

Kchi kimwan miinwa a'nimkiikaa maanda pii, wii biinchigaadik aki miinwaa naa wii mnaging kina gegoo.

It rains hard and thunders at this time for the earth to be cleaned again for all things to grow well.

Kina gwa gegoo maampii akiing etek maajii maadziimgad.

Everything that is on this earth comes to life.

Mii enji kidonagak, "mii maanda pii gego shka'ii genji maajiishkaatongba."

This is why it is said, "This is the time to begin something new."

Gegiinwi pimaadziying, mii maanda pii ge aanjtoongwabaa gbimaadziwnina.

For us, in our lives, this is the time, we should be making life changes.

Mii maanda pii, wenegwa emaanaadak gwaji jipagjigaadegba maage jibgidnigaadegba.

This is the time, whatever is not good should be thrown away or let go.

Kina gegoo maanda pii shkigin miidash gwa naasaap maadziwin.

Everything grows new at this time, and so, it is the same in our lives.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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.

WOCTEP assisted **30** students graduating from **6** programs in 2012. We are so proud of all of our WOCTEP students whether they have completed their program or are still working hard toward their degree! It's no easy task going to school, working and taking care of families all at the same time! To better serve our students, all of our WOCTEP graduates receive a **Student Support Kit**, tailored especially toward his/her respective certificate program to help remove any barrier associated with trying to find employment upon completing specialized training.

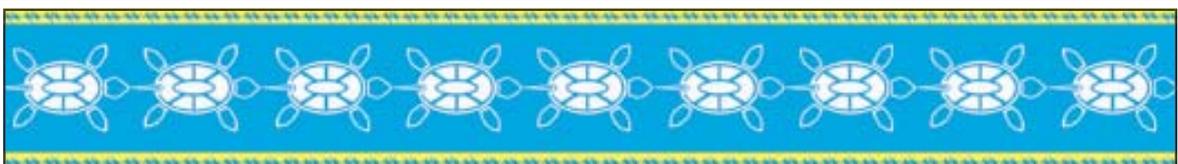
Twenty-three students have **continued their education** past WOCTEP certificate programs. Some of these include continuing on within programs to become Nurses, MRI Technicians, Accountants, Business Administrators, Journalists and Paramedics. **Seventy-seven** students **found employment or received a raise/additional job duties**, including tattoo artistry, website management and many jobs within our local health organizations including: LTBB Health Park, McLaren Northern Michigan, Bay Bluffs, Meadow Brook and Little Traverse Primary Care!

WOCTEP provided **student stipends, mileage assistance and childcare assistance to 55** students throughout the summer, fall and winter semesters. Mileage assistance was especially a benefit to those long distance travelers; some students had to drive more than 100 miles to get to internships and clinicals! WOCTEP does abide by federal guidelines for approving students to receive stipend and mileage assistance; however, WOCTEP advisors always recommend applying to determine eligibility for this resource.

Did you know WOCTEP students are the only North Central Michigan College (NCMC) students permitted to utilize early registration?! WOCTEP had **85** students **early register** for summer, fall and winter semesters. **All** WOCTEP students receive NCMC early registration, equipment and uniform check out (health certificate students), resume building, financial aid/FAFSA guidance and general help in the application processes at NCMC. New in 2012, WOCTEP can now pay for students' successful NCMC Graduation Audit Fee!

WOCTEP received a sixth year of funding, allowing us to continue to provide services and resources to the community, and we cannot wait to see what successes 2013 brings!

Please stop by WOCTEP anytime, located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, across from Education or call 231-242-1494 to inquire about our 7 career and technical education programs. Miigwetch!



ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

Just a reminder, the deadline for the Summer Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship is June 15, 2013. Students must have a complete file including application, release forms, student aid report and current schedule by this date in order to receive a scholarship. Late applications will not be accepted.

Also, please remember in order to receive the second installment of your Winter award, the Education Department needs to receive your

Enrollment Verification Form before the last day of the semester. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received.

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

ATTENTION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Merit scholarships are available for students who have graduated with a certificate or degree for the 2012-2013 academic year. Students need to submit a completed form and a copy of the official transcript showing the degree received by

December 1, 2013. For more information, contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Ebiimoshin
(modern phrase to say "e-mail me")
Are you interested in receiving occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of activities, classes, events or general information and news? Let us know by e-mail, and we'll add you to the "e-mail-list."
Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LOOKING FOR SOME HELP TO GET THROUGH SCHOOL?



WOCTEP provides services and resources to North Central Michigan College students enrolled in one of the following programs:
CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE ~ PHLEBOTOMY
MEDICAL ASSISTANT ~ GRAPHIC ARTS
ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESSENTIALS
TEXTILES ~ NEW MEDIA

Early Registration: Get into classes you need before anyone else!
One-on-one Advising: Get help with registering for classes, learning about your career field, filling out the FAFSA, job searching, resume writing, etc.
\$\$\$: Get paid to go to class (available to eligible students, call 231-242-1494 for more details). Finish your program, and we'll pay your graduation application fee!

WOCTEP IS UNDER THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS AND FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NACTEP GRANT.

INTERESTED? CALL 231-242-1494

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details! If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at **231-242-1620**

FAMOUS GED RECIPIENTS

SEAN CONNERY - DANICA PATRICK - JERRY LEWIS - GEORGE HARRISON
MICHAEL J. FOX - RICHARD PRYOR - PETER JENNINGS - FRANK SINATRA
GERARD DEPARDIEU - YOUR NAME HERE - BO DEREK - PRINCE
BILL COSBY - OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN - VIDAL SASSOON - ROGER MOORE
JOHN TRAVOLTA - LENA HORNE - KWEISI MFUME - GLEN CAMPBELL

LET US HELP YOU BE THE NEXT "FAMOUS GED RECIPIENT"! CONTACT SIMON AT MICHIGAN WORKS! TO SCHEDULE TUTORING TIMES AT 231-348-5524
If you need GED study guides or materials, please contact Amanda or Dorothy in Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

Stay up to date!
Join LTBB Higher Education Department on
Twitter at: @LTBBHigherEd
and Facebook at: www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation

Don't forget!

UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Summer (May - August) June 15th

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

ATTENTION STUDENTS!
IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 1, 2012, 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.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH GETTING KIDS OUTDOORS IN EMMET COUNTY FOR ICE FISHING 101!



On January 26, 2013, the Natural Resource Department (NRD) and Getting Kids Outdoors in Emmet County hosted Ice Fishing 101! on Crooked Lake in Little Traverse Township, MI.

During the free event, participants learned the basics of ice fishing and about the health of the Cheboygan River Watershed, watched a demonstration

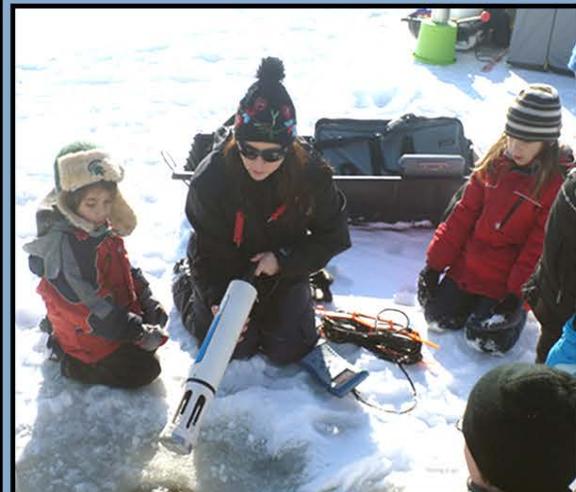
on how NRD conducts water quality testing on the inland lakes and ice fished. All the equipment and bait were provided for the participants.

NRD staff involved in the event included NRD Director Doug Craven, Conservation Officers Roger Willis and Mike McCreery, Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis and Water Quality Assistant Caroline Keson.

Getting Kids Outdoors in Emmet County is a community-wide coalition of organizations, businesses and individuals working to promote local programs and resources which will help our kids spend more

time outdoors. NRD is a part of this coalition. Getting Kids Outdoors in Emmet County believes every child in Emmet County should have access, opportunities and encouragement to play outdoors and connect with nature for their physical, emotional and educational well-being. Its mission is to build a community-wide effort which embraces and promotes getting kids outdoors as part of a healthy lifestyle. For more information about Getting Kids Outdoors in Emmet County, please visit www.gettingkidsoutdoors.org.

Photos by Water Quality Assistant Caroline Keson.



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



HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

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.

2013 Hunter Safety and IBEP Certification Class

The class is a combo class. Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a Hunter Safety Certification as well as International Bow Education Program Certification.

The following classes will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center

Monday, June 10th from 6-9 PM

Wednesday, June 12th from 6-9 PM

Friday, June 14th from 6-9 PM

The final class will be held at the Harbor Springs Outdoors Club

Saturday, June 15th from 9 AM to 4 PM

For more information, Contact

Roger Willis at

231-242-1674

or e-mail

rwillis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



SPRING BREAK SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Offered by the Education Department's Academic Services Program

- ★ FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!
- ★ INTERACTIVE, HANDS-ON, PROJECT-BASED SCIENCE RELEVANT TO THE LTBB ODAWA TRIBE!
- ★ OFF-SITE FIELD TRIPS, OUTDOOR EXPLORING! GET YOUR YOUTH AWAY FROM THE SCREEN!
- ★ MORNING SNACK PROVIDED DAILY
- ★ LUNCH PROVIDED ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Dates: April 1-5, 2013 Time: 8 am - 2:30 pm daily

Drop off starting at 7 am and pick up at the LTBB Appleyard until 6 pm (414 Monroe, Petoskey MI 49770) for families who cannot transport children to and from the Governmental Center.

For more information or an application, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480.





ELDERS PROGRAM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOOD AND UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Aanii Tribal Elder,

This notice 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, 2013. If all requested documents are turned in to the Elders Department by the deadline, you may be able to receive a check up to \$400.00.

The deadline to submit your application and receipts is December 21, 2013. Please read this notice all the way through before sending receipts.

Step One. Application materials:

1. Fill out **2013** application that is included with this letter.
2. Send in **2013** grocery receipts that add up to \$200.00.

items allowed: groceries, household supplies

items not allowed: pet supplies, tobacco products, or alcohol.

3. Send in **2013** utility bills that add up to \$200.00.

utility bills allowed: heating, electric, water, and trash removal

utility bills not allowed: cell phone, cable, satellite, internet

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

Step two: How to complete application:

1. Complete and sign the application.
2. Double check that your **2013** grocery receipts add up to \$200.00.
3. Double check that your **2013** utility bills add up to \$200.00.
4. Mail to above address or drop off at the office.

Step three: How your application is

processed:

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

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

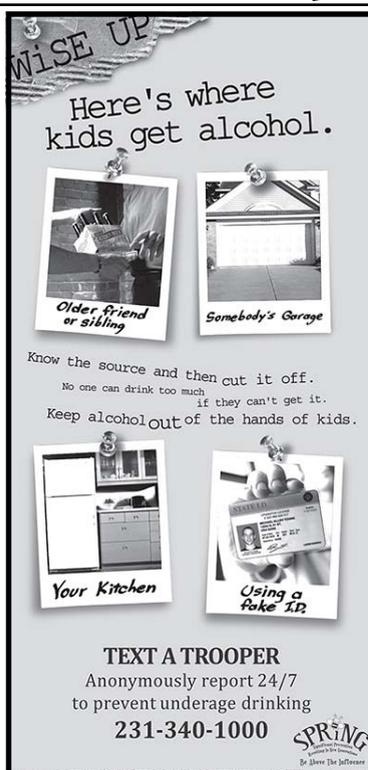
2. We review the application to make sure it's complete with signature and add up the grocery receipts and utility receipts.

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

4. LTBB Accounting department will mail your check.

Please contact the Elders Department with any questions (231)-242-1422 or (231)-242-1423.

Warm regards,
Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet R.N.



WISE UP!
Here's where kids get alcohol.

Know the source and then cut it off.
No one can drink too much if they can't get it.
Keep alcohol out of the hands of kids.

TEXT A TROOPER
Anonymously report 24/7 to prevent underage drinking
231-340-1000

SPRING



**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elders Program
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Ph: (231) 242-1423 or (231) 242-1422**

**Food & Utility Reimbursement
Application**



Date 2013

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: _____

GIVE A KID A CHANCE!

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

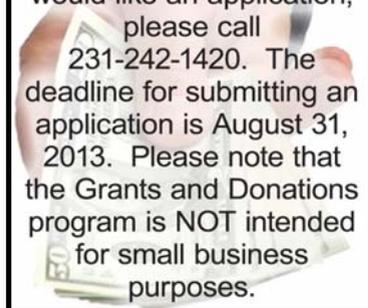
Our Native children need Native foster families to care for them, ensuring that they embrace our culture and are given a chance to grow in our community.

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



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 August 31, 2013. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.



LIBRARY SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 231-242-1480





DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://tinyurl.com/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@lbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

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



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2013

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2013. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address.

The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2013 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form

must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2013.

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

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.

LTBB Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office will have LTBB Tribal Directories for sale after April 10, 2013. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2013, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:

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

Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians
Attn: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
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.

ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at mszocinski@lbbodawa-nsn.gov



THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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

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

TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Fisher	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	6/7/2011	June 7, 2017	05-09



EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER McNAMARA



and Transportation. This formulation is where budget increases will be the most effective in addressing possible problems/programs. Our recommendation for the number one priority was the "Rights Protection Implementation" along with others. These priorities were then taken to Washington, D.C. by two regional Tribal Interior Budget Committee (TIBC) representatives and used to develop national funding recommendations.

MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION - CAPITOL DAY

I attended this in Lansing, MI, on February 19, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel. The workshops included - cost of electric infrastructure, where utility companies have made some changes, and will make jobs easier and Michigan more attractive. This potentially could greatly reduce energy infrastructure costs for large customers. Also, included in these workshops was MAP 21 and what it means for Michigan. This establishes highway, transit, bike and pedestrian programs and policies. The last workshop I sat in on pertained to Right to Work (RTW) and its effect on Michigan's economy. Now

that RTW has been signed into law for Michigan, I'm wondering what is in store and expected for Michigan in the next couple of years.

STATE OF MICHIGAN LIAISONS AND TRIBAL LEADERS MEETING RADISSON HOTEL - LANSING, MI

A welcoming was done by Dave Murley, General Counsel for Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a general overview to the State Tribal Liaisons; a tribal staff perspective on working relationships/consultation; and an opportunity for open dialogue. Issues that were addressed were, we as tribes, have rights which extend beyond reservation boundaries. The governor should develop his own tribal consultation protocol, and the state needs to reach out to the tribes. The state should come with a protocol such as "I wonder if this action will work with tribes?" Those in attendance were Matt Wesaw, Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians; Aaron Payment, Chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and yours truly.

KEEP MICHIGAN WOLVES

PROTECTED

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected is a coalition of animal welfare organizations, conservation groups, Native American tribes and religious leaders who are working to gather 225,000 signatures of Michigan registered voters by late March 2013 to qualify for the November 2014 general election ballot. The coalition is gathering signatures in response to the Michigan legislature's last-minute approval of a bill during the lame-duck session which allows for the trophy hunting of wolves in Michigan for the first time in nearly 50 years. We as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians support this endeavor and are allowing the collection of petition signatures by campaign volunteers on tribally-owned facilities. Effective March 1, 2013 until March 24, 2013, campaign volunteers from the organization will be on Odawa Casino property in Petoskey, MI, near the front entrance collecting petition signatures at a table provided by Odawa Casino.

Migwech, speak the language and follow our traditional and cultural values to preserve our strong unified tribal identity.



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:

- SIGNED
- 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

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 _____



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July 14 - 19, 2013



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Contact Information:

Stephanie Chau
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winche19@msu.edu

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WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU NOW!

The Human Services Department currently has LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) funds available to qualifying LTBB Tribal Citizens. Community Services Block Grant and Emergency funds are also available. There is also window plastic available for LTBB Tribal Citizens in need. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/ltbbhelp> or contact the Human Services Department at 231-242-1620.

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Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niiwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details	Housing Commission Meeting 1 4 pm Rm. 312 Community Craft Night & Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm-8 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon 2	Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 3 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	Elders Luncheon at Noon 4	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 5 1pm-5pm Tribal Council Chambers AFC Budget Work Session 1 pm-4:30 pm Tribal Council Chambers	Tribal Council Work Session 6 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center
Tribal Council Meeting 7 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center	8	Elders Luncheon at Noon 9	Legal and Legislative Committee Meeting 10 10 am Tribal Council Chambers NRC Meeting 6 pm NRD Building	Elders Luncheon at Noon 11	Election Board Meeting 12 4:30 pm	Meet the Candidates Forum 1 pm to 6 pm Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, Michigan
14	Community Craft Night & Potluck Dinner 15 5:30 pm-8 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon 16	Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 17 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	Elders Luncheon at Noon 18	CWC Meeting 19 1 pm Rm. 312 AFC Meeting 10 am-2 pm Tribal Council Chambers	Tribal Council Work Session 20 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center CWC Work Session 10 am Rm. 312
Tribal Council Meeting 21 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center Trust Fund Board Meeting 9 am NRD Building	Citizenship Commission Meeting 22 5:30 pm Rm. 118 Earth Day	Elders Luncheon at Noon 23	NRC Meeting 24 6 pm NRD Building	Elders Luncheon at Noon 25 Tribal Early Childhood Education Program Meeting 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Govt. Center	Election Board Meeting 26 4:30 pm Arbor Day	Election Board Work Session 27 1 pm
28	Election Board Meeting 29 4:30 pm Community Craft Night & Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm-8 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon 30				

On the Pow Wow Trail

Michigan

April 6-7
41st Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow
 Crisler Arena
 The University of Michigan
 Ann Arbor, MI
 Contact Information: 734-408-1581, www.umich.edu/~pow-wow, danceformotherearth@gmail.com or Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow on Facebook

June 22-23
Monroe Pow Wow
 Monroe, MI
 Contact Information: John Bailey at 734-625-8083 or canuswolves@yahoo.com

August 2-4
29th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow: Anishinaabe - Where The Heart Is
 Mt. Pleasant, MI
 Contact Information: 1-800-225-8172 or sagchippowwow@sagchip.org

August 10-11
22nd Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
 LTBB Pow Wow Grounds
 Harbor Springs, MI
 Contact Information: Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, www.odawahomecoming.com or Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on Facebook

August 31-September 1
28th Annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow
 Dowagiac, MI
 Contact Information: www.pokagonpowwow.com or Kee Boon Mein Kaa on Facebook

Minnesota

April 6
29th Annual Circle of Nations Pow Wow
 University of Minnesota, Morris
 Morris, MN
 Contact Information: Tracy R. Peterson at 320-589-6097

April 13
20th Annual St. Cloud State Pow Wow

Hallenbeck Hall
 St. Cloud, MN
 Contact Information: 320-308-5447

April 13
24th Annual the Woodlands & High Plains Pow Wow
 Nemzek Fieldhouse
 Moorehead, MN
 Contact Information: 218-477-4272 or 218-299-6806

April 20
Leech Lake Tribal College Traditional Pow Wow
 Cass Lake-Bena High School
 Cass Lake, MN
 Contact Information: Nicole Beaulieu at 218-335-4248

May 11-12
5th Annual White Earth Traditional Pow Wow
 White Earth Reservation Pow Wow Grounds
 Detroit Lakes, MN
 Contact Information: Tim St. Clair at 218-204-1366 or 218-261-0440

May 24-26
Leech Lake Memorial Pow Wow
 Cass Lake, MN
 Contact Information: LaVonne Thompson at 218-308-3680

May 27
18th Annual Memorial Day Pow Wow
 Mille Lacs Indian Museum
 Onamia, MN
 Contact Information: 320-532-3632

Wisconsin

April 13
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 16th Annual Pow Wow
 Kress Event Center
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
 Green Bay, WI
 Contact Information: Lisa Annamitta at 920-465-2720 or Annalm21@uwgb.edu

April 19
BHS Spring Pow Wow
 Bayfield High School
 Bayfield, WI
 Contact Information: Bayfield

High School Native American Club at 715-779-3201, ext. 332

April 19-20
37th Annual LaCrosse Three Rivers Pow Wow
 Mitchell Hall
 University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
 LaCrosse, WI
 Contact Information: 608-785-8225

April 20
The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Traditional Pow Wow
 105 Garfield Avenue
 Eau Claire, WI
 Contact Information: O. White at 715-836-3367

April 20
Menominee (Nama'O) Sturgeon Feast
 Menominee Indian High School
 Keshena, WI
 Contact Information: 715-799-5258

April 28
MATC Pow Wow
 Madison Area Technical College - Truax Campus
 Madison, WI
 Contact Information: 608-246-6458

May 4
40th Annual A.I.R.O. Pow Wow
 Berg Gym
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 Stevens Point, WI
 Contact Information: 715-346-3576

May 17-19
24th Annual Veterans of the Menominee Nation - Gathering Pow Wow
 Woodland Bowl
 Keshena, WI
 Contact Information: 715-851-4748

June 14-16
Mole Lake - Ode'imini-giizis "Strawberry Moon" Pow Wow
 Mole Lake Pow Wow Grounds
 Crandon, WI
 Contact Information: Eric Amundson at 715-784-1089

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 Head Veterans: George Martin Arena Director: Dave Shananaquet MC: Jason Whitehouse Head Dance Judges: Elizabeth and Jefferson Balow Head Drum Judges: Robert J Smith Head Dancers: Previously Picked Host Drum: Crazy Bear Co-Host: Painted Rock
 Dance Specials: Alex Alvarez's Men's Traditional Special and Head Dance Judges' Two Step Contest
CRISLER CENTER
 333 E. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

APRIL 5TH
"INDIAN LAW DAY"
 At the University of Michigan Law School hosted by the Native American Student Law Association, join us for a morning session on Indian law and policy exploring the current Baby Veronica case, to 25 years of Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the implications of recently passed provisions of the Violence Against Women Act.
"NATIVE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY"
 NASA and the University Admissions office will be providing a special tour of the campus and its resources. RSVP email to dds@umich.edu

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NATIVE NEWS



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS PRAISES PASSAGE OF PROTECTIONS FOR ALL WOMEN; TRIBAL COURTS GAIN JURISDICTION OVER NON-INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS

Bill Represents Major Advance for Public Safety in Indian Country; Legislation Headed to President for Signature

Editor's note: The following is a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) press release dated February 28, 2013. President Barack Obama signed the Violence Against Women Act into law on March 7, 2013.

Washington, D.C. – Today, in a historic vote, the House of Representatives passed S.47, the Senate reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), sending the legislation with the tribal provisions supported by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to President Barack Obama's desk to be signed into law.

NCAI is praising the efforts of the House and the Senate to reauthorize VAWA and the bipartisan support of the Senate version of the legislation in both chambers with resounding votes of 286-138 in the House and 78-22 vote in the Senate earlier this month.

"It is with a glad heart and soaring spirit that I celebrate the passage of VAWA. Today, the drum of justice beats loud in Indian Country in celebration of the reauthorization of VAWA, and we stand in unity with all of our partners and leaders who were unrelenting in support of protections for all women, including Native women," said Juana Majel Dixon, First Vice President of NCAI, and Co-Chair of NCAI's Task Force on Violence Against Women.

Juana Majel serves as a Traditional Councilwoman for the Pauma Band of Mission Indians located within the state of California. "500-plus days is too long to not have a bill for all women in America. For an unimaginable length of time, those who have terrorized our women in our most sacred places, in our relationships, in our homes, and on our land, have gone unprosecuted. Now that time has come to an end, and justice and security will flourish in these specific instances. We celebrate the protections for all women included in VAWA, including those for Immigrant and LGBT women," added Juana Majel.



"With this authority comes a serious responsibility, and tribal courts will administer justice with the same level of impartiality that any defendant is afforded in state and federal courts," said Jefferson Keel, the President of NCAI and Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, speaking about implementation of the new law. "We have strong tribal courts systems that protect public safety. The law respects tribal sovereignty, and also requires that our courts respect the due process rights of all defendants. My hope is that this new law is rarely used. Our goal isn't to put people in jail. It is to create an effective deterrent,



so that our people can lead safe lives in our communities and nations."

The constitutionally sound tribal jurisdiction provisions in VAWA authorize tribal governments to prosecute non-Indian defendants involved in intimate relationships with Native women and who assault these victims on tribal land. Current federal laws do not authorize tribal law enforcement or tribal courts to pursue any form of prosecution or justice against these perpetrators.

"There were at least five things that came together: An enormous grassroots effort from Indian country; the coalition of the National Task Force to End Domestic Violence; statistics so we could finally show the problem; steadfast leadership from the Department of Justice; and incredible support from so many Members of Congress, both Republicans and Democrats," said Terri Henry, Council Member at Eastern Cherokee and Co-Chair of the NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women, spoke of the large collective effort that led to the passage of the Senate version of VAWA. "We really want to thank everyone for their hard work. Now, we are going to use this tool to protect Native women from violence."

"Women and men - Native and non-Native, Senators and Representatives from all backgrounds, and tribal leaders from across Indian Country have all spoken that these injustices must not continue. We intend to keep speaking from our heart and with the law by our side," added NCAI's First Vice President Juana Majel Dixon. "We are thankful that there are strong leaders in both the House and Senate that have stood for the protections of Native women, regardless of party politics."

"Today marks not the end of our efforts at NCAI to combat domestic violence issues that Indian Country faces, but an important step along the way. We will remain as dedicated as we have been since we began addressing this issue as an organization. There have been many members of Congress who have stood with tribal nations throughout this effort, and they have stayed true to the Constitution, to the trust responsibility, and to the truth that tribal nations are the best to address our situations at the local level. Today, we advance the protections tribal nations can provide all people, Native and non-Native," said Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director of NCAI.

Findings show 34% of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped in their lifetimes* and 39% of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be

subjected to violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.** According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 46% of people living on reservations in 2010 were non-Natives (single race) and 59% of American Indian women in 2010 were married to non-Native men.***

The NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women was established in 2000 and has been working for 13 years to protect the lives of Native American women and create more secure tribal communities.

* Tjaden, P., & Thoennes, N. (2000). *Findings from the National Violence against Women Survey.*

** Centers for Disease Control. (2008). *Adverse health conditions and health risk behaviors associated with intimate partner violence.*

***US Census Bureau, Census 2010.

Statement Released on February 28, 2013 from President Barack Obama on the House Passage of the Violence Against Women Act: "I was pleased to see the House of Representatives come together and vote to reauthorize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act. Over more than two decades, this law has saved countless lives and transformed the way we treat victims of abuse. Today's vote will go even further by continuing to reduce domestic violence, improving how we treat victims of rape, and extending protections to Native American women and members of the LGBT community. The bill also reauthorizes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, providing critical support for both international and domestic victims of trafficking and helping ensure traffickers are brought to justice. I want to thank leaders from both parties - especially Leader Pelosi, Congresswoman Gwen Moore and Senator Leahy - for everything they've done to make this happen. Renewing this bill is an important step towards making sure no one in America is forced to live in fear, and I look forward to signing it into law as soon as it hits my desk."

Statement Released on February 28, 2013 by Vice President Joe Biden on the House Passage of the Violence Against Women Act: "Today, Congress put politics aside and voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. Eighteen years ago, I envisioned a world where women could live free from violence and abuse. Since VAWA first passed in 1994, we have seen a 64% reduction in domestic violence. I am pleased that this progress will continue, with new tools for cops and prosecutors to hold abusers and rapists accountable, and more support for all victims of these crimes.

The urgent need for this bill cannot be more obvious. Consider just one fact—that 40% of all mass shootings started with the murderer targeting their girlfriend or their wife or their ex-wife. Among many other important provisions, the new VAWA will increase the use of proven models of reducing domestic violence homicides.

This morning, I met with several parents whose beautiful young daughters were killed by abusive boyfriends. Nothing puts this legislation into perspective more than their stories. This issue should be beyond politics—and I want to thank the leaders from both parties—Patrick Leahy, Mike Crapo, Nancy Pelosi, Steny Hoyer and Gwen Moore—and the bipartisan majorities in both the House and the Senate who have made that clear once again."

History of the Violence Against Women Act

The Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) is a United States federal law signed as Pub.L. 103-322 by President Bill Clinton on September 13, 1994.

The act provides \$1.6 billion toward investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women, imposes automatic and mandatory restitution on those convicted, and allows civil redress in cases prosecutors chose to leave unprosecuted. The act also establishes the Office on Violence Against Women within the Department of Justice. Male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking may also be covered.

VAWA was drafted by the office of Senator Joe Biden with support from a broad coalition of advocacy groups. The act passed through Congress with bipartisan support in 1994, clearing the House by a vote of 235-195 and the Senate by a vote of 61-38 although the following year, House Republicans attempted to cut the act's funding. In the 2000 Supreme Court case *United States v. Morrison*, a sharply divided court struck down the VAWA provision allowing women the right to sue their attackers in federal court. By a 5-4 majority, the court overturned the provision as an intrusion on states' rights.

VAWA was reauthorized by Congress in 2000, and again in December 2005. The act's 2012 renewal was opposed by conservative Republicans, who objected to extending the act's protections to same-sex couples and to provisions allowing battered illegal aliens to claim temporary visas. In April 2012, the Senate voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, and the House subsequently passed its own measure (omitting provisions of the Senate bill that would protect gay men, lesbians, American Indians living in reservations and illegal aliens who were victims of domestic violence). Reconciliation of the two bills has been stymied by procedural measures, leaving the reauthorization in question.

On January 2, 2013, the Senate's 2012 reauthorization of VAWA was not brought up for a vote in the House. While the bill was not reauthorized, its provisions (as enacted in the 2005 reauthorization) remain in effect.

On February 12, 2013, the Senate passed an extension of the Violence Against Women Act by a vote of 78-22. On February 28, 2013, the House of Representatives passed the extension by a vote of 286-138 with unanimous Democratic support and 87 Republicans voting in the affirmative.

Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
February 3, 2013**

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:03 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Absent: Treasurer John Bott

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasurer Director Michael Garrow, Administrative Assistant Yvonne McShane

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tammy Okuly

Prosecutor Office: Prosecutor Lesky

Public: Annette VanDeCar, John Kawegoma, Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik

Odawa Casino Resort: General Manager David Wolf, Finance Director Roger Borton, Human Resource Director Melissa Richards, Marketing Director Karyann Waukazoo, Hospitality Director Michael Bodjiak, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Associate Hospitality Director Henry Rowland

Invited Guests: one

9:06 a.m. Treasurer John Bott arrived.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the agenda for February 3, 2013 as amended.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of January 20, 2013 as presented.

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

Elder comments: no comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima verbal report for February 3, 2013.

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

Secretary Gasco Bentley read into the minutes the Phone Poll dated January 25, 2013: to authorize Michael Garrow, LTBB Treasury Director, to sign the Letter of Agreement between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Resources for Native Nation Building (RNNB) with funding to come from the Office of Treasury FY2013 budget. The Phone Poll passed: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent., and; the Phone Poll dated January 28, 2013: to authorize and approve Enjinaaknegeng and the Director of Treasury to negotiate a contract with Sovereign Finance as the Financial Advisor/Consultant for the Mackinaw Project and refinancing of Odawa Casino Resort debt structure, for Tribal Council's approval. The Phone Poll passed: 7-yes, 2-no (Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Wemigwase), 0-abstained, 0-absent.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley's report for February 3, 2013.

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

9:32 a.m. Recess called.

9:33 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

9:33 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

9:41 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

9:41 a.m. Recess called.

9:50 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report for February 3, 2013.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Councilor Bardwell Tribal Council member verbal and written travel report for February 3, 2013.

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

10:40 a.m. Recess called.

11:05 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the verbal Gaming Authority Committee report from Committee Chair Gasco for February 3, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report from Committee Chair Kiogima for February 3, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Agricultural Assessment Work Group verbal report from Councilor Keshick for February 3, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve and authorize the Legislative Leader to sign the letter of support for the Michigan Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program to seek funding from the USDA-NIFA Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program.

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

Elder Comments: John Kawegoma spoke regarding his request for a written break down definition clarification of prior period funds expenditures for full disclosure as an asset for Tribal Citizens; clarification of the transfer funds from the casino and how the additional funds received will be used; when is testing for possible ground contaminations done that may be present on land considered for purchase, leasing land opposed to purchasing land; why doesn't the Ethics Committee have regular meetings even when there are no complaints and where is the Committees Policy; why can't Tribal Citizens attend Casino closed sessions that do not involve personnel issues or any other Tribal issues in closed session; when will webcasting of meetings start for the Citizens; where does the public transit system funding come from.

Ken Harrington spoke regarding Treasurer Bott voting with regard to matters related to the Mackinaw casino proposed project and Citizen's

concern about voting on such.

Elder Comments closed.

12:05 p.m. Public Comment opened.

12:06 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:07 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Hearing Aid Assessment Work Group and Junior Tribal Council Ad-hoc Committee verbal report as presented by Councilor Wemigwase for February 3, 2013.

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

2:23 p.m. Recess called.

2:32 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

2:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for confidential business matters casino.

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

2:46 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

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

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

April 6 Work Session
April 7 Council Meeting
April 20 Work Session
April 21 Council Meeting

May 4 Work Session
May 5 Council Meeting
May 18 Work Session
May 19 Council Meeting

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

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary
John Bott, Treasurer
Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor
Kevin Gasco, Councilor
Belinda Bardwell, Councilor
John Keshick III, Councilor
Bill A. Denemy, Councilor
Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor

3:03 p.m. Public Comment: John Kawegoma asked the Treasury Director to define government priority spending.

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report for February 3, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for February 3, 2013.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to appoint Marvin Mulholland to the Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc. Corporate Charter to a 3-year term ending April 1, 2014.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to acknowledge receipt of Waganakising Odawa Development,

Inc. 4th Quarter Report.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by to Councilor Gasco to acknowledge receipt of the Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act Fourth Quarter 2012 Report as received from Wes Andrews on December 31, 2012.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive Oversight Report received on February 2, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to acknowledge receipt of the written report including the minutes of the Agricultural Assessment Work Group.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to post amendments to the proposed Economic Development Committee Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of Executive Nomination of David Dominic for Gaming Regulatory Commission.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for LTBBOI FY 2013 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Home Visiting Grant Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2014 Capital Assistance and Planning Project.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for LTBBOI Improving Screening Rates among Native Americans: "Wal-Mart Cancer Screening" Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2013 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Fisheries Habitat Monitoring Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2013 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS).

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2013 Circle of Flight Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post Amendments to the Gaming Delegation and Authority Statute.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to post Amendments to the Interim Criminal Code.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the Grant, Donation and Other Funding Policy.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the Grant, Donation and Other Funding Policy.

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

Roll call: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Odawa Casino Resort 4th Quarter Report.

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

4:10 p.m. made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to go into close session for confidential business matters.

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

4:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve and authorize Legislative Leader Kiogima to submit the memo to the Tribal Chair McNamara, dated February 3, 2013, regarding Tribal Resolution #010613-02.

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

4:45 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco supported by Treasurer Bott to adjourn.

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

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Regina Gasco Bentley, 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
February 17, 2013**

Closed Session: yes

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

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Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer John Bott, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Absent: Councilor John Keshick

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: none

Public: Bill Denemy, Sr., Annette VanDeCar, Janice Shackelford, Glenna Kimball, Margaret Gasco, Emma Gasco, John Gasco, Edward Shenoskey

Invited Guests: Odawa Economic Development Corporate Charter: Alan Proctor, Bryan Gillette

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the amended agenda for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the minutes of February 3, 2013 as presented.

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

Elder comments: No comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Legislative Leader Kiogima report for February 17, 2013.

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

Secretary Gasco Bentley read into the minutes three (3) Tribal Council Phone Polls:

1. February 5, 2013 Phone Poll: To override the Veto by Chairperson McNamara for Tribal Resolution 010613-02 Confirmation of the Establishment of the Capital Project Fund, remaining Balance and Payment to consultants and Vendors. The Phone Poll Passed: 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase), 1-Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley).

2. February 8, 2013 Phone Poll: To accept the Executive nomination and appoint Councilor Winnay Wemigwase as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Representative for the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week February 10-14, 2013 and to

approve Certified Motion: Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week February 10-14, 2013 Representative. The Phone Poll Passed: 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase), 0-Absent.

3. February 8, 2013 Phone Poll: To approve Certified Motion 020813-02 Support of the Supreme Court Project Amicus Brief in the case of Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl The Phone Poll Passed: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent, 0-Absent.

Motion made Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley verbal report for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Bott verbal report for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Wemigwase and Councilor Gasco verbal and written Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes travel reports and Councilor Keshick written 2013 Midwest Region Budget Meeting travel report.

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

Elder comments: No comments.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Councilor Gasco's verbal Gaming Authority Committee report for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Land and Reservation Committee report as presented by Councilor Wemigwase.

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

10:20 a.m. Recess called.

10:53 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal Ethics Committee report as presented by Councilor Otto for February 17, 2013.

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

No Agricultural Assessment Work Group report.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the verbal Hearing Aid As-

essment Work Group Committee Report from Councilor Wemigwase for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the verbal Junior Tribal Council Ad-hoc Committee Report for February 17, 2013.

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

11:10 a.m. Councilor Keshick arrives.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Treasury Director Garrow verbal and written report for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report for February 17, 2013.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to appoint David Dominic to the Gaming Regulatory Commission for a 3-year term ending September 2015.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated January 31, 2013 for a total of 11.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Enrollment List B - Declination Ineligible dated January 31, 2013 for a total of 10.

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

11:43 a.m. Public comment opened: no comments.

11:46 a.m. Public comment closed.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Confirmation of the Appropriations of \$37,000.00 and Supplemental Funding of \$21,303.56 for Planning Department Land Survey and Studies Budget to come from prior period funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion Carried.

In the discussion regarding the vote on the motion to confirm the previous appropriations by a new resolution, there was discussion to the effect that the reason this vote is being taken is to make sure that bills in the name of the Tribe are paid. We do not want bills to go unpaid because of a political dispute.

12:05 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Refinancing of the Tribe's Notes and Other Economic Development Opportunities Including the potential Mackinaw City Casino.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-no, Treasurer Bott-abstain, Secretary Gasco Bentley-no, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Certified Motion: Promote the Protection of the Wolf in Support of a Referendum to Overturn Public Act 520.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to post to the Legislative Calendar: Gaming Enterprise Division Corporate Charter.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to acknowledge Receipt of the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., 2012 4th Quarter Report.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the FY 2013 Annual Budget and plan for the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

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

Tabled to the next regular Tribal Council work session and meeting: Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2005-01 Natural Resources Commission Amendment and Repeal of Statutory Inland Regulations.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Gasco to pass: Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2001-04 Natural Resources Commission Amendment.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-abstained, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-yes,

Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2002-04 Indian Preference in Employment.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion Carried.

2:53 p.m. Public comment opened: Margaret Gasco spoke regarding Archives and Records employment issues.

3:28 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:45 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Denemy to into closed session for confidential business matters.

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

4:17 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to return to open session.

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

4:21 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to return to go into closed session for legal purposes.

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

5:01 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve and authorized Councilor Wemigwase to contact the Tribal Police and file a complaint on behalf of Tribal Council based on the documentation, dated January 21, 2013, provided by Rehmann Corporate Investigative Services.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Legislative Leader Kiogima), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

5:05 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to adjourn.

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

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



**Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians**

**NOTICE: Sex Offender
Registration Requirements**

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

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

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

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



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

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	3
Economic Development	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	3
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	4
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	3
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	3 yr./5 yr. term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr. term	3

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

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

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

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

Judicial Postings:
Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring February 2018
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.

Updated 10-3-12 LF

**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:

- 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.
- Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.
- 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.
- Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

LTBB PARTICIPATES IN 1 BILLION RISING FLASH MOB EVENT AT NCMC



February 14, 2013 marked the 15th anniversary of V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls which raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of playwright/founder Eve Ensler's award-winning play *The Vagina Monologues* and other artistic works. To mark its anniversary, V-Day called for the largest day of action in its history - 1 Billion Rising. 1 Billion Rising began as a call to action based on the statistic that one in three women in the world will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than one billion women and girls. On that day, V-Day invited one billion women and those who love them to WALK OUT, DANCE, RISE UP, and DEMAND an end to this violence.

For more information about 1 Billion Rising, please visit <http://onebillionrising.org/>.

Photos by M. Chris Leese.

thia Brouckaert, Court Clerk I Joan Tepkeah Jacobs, Domestic Violence Court Docket Project Coordinator Audrey Perry-Atkinson, Tribal Court Administrative Assistant Kiley Pawneshing and Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine. Several LTBB Tribal Citizens also participated.

Girls on the Run of Emmet and Charlevoix County, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan and North Central Michigan College sponsored the event.



M. Chris Leese

The Northern Michigan community joined together in an effort to end violence against women and girls



during the 1 Billion Rising flash mob held February 14, 2013 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI.

Among the LTBB Governmental Employees who participated in the event were Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet, Tribal Social Worker/Victim's Advocate Keely Frye, Project Coordinator Stacey Ettawageshik, Tribal Administrator Assistant Kathy McGraw, Juvenile Probation Officer/Court School Liaison Mary Roberts, Project Coordinator/Elders Victim's Advocate Pam Luce, Court Clerk II Cyn-

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April 22nd is Earth Day!

The Environmental Services Program in the Natural Resource Department is planning Aki-NgoNameGiizhigat (Earth Week) activities and an essay contest for all ages. Stay tuned for more information by checking out our website <http://tinyurl.com/ESPHome> or by calling Environmental Services at 231-242-1574.

Let's celebrate Ishkakimikwe!

I am seeking information regarding my family's history. My family tree is shown below. I am a descendant of Daniel Pierce. If you have any information, please contact Lynne at storytime@erinet.com.

Chief Kewi-Na-Quot
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SUPPORT FOR NATIVE ARTISTS

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION

Editor's note: The following is a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation press release dated February 27, 2013.

American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists are encouraged to apply for the 2014 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowships before May 3, 2013.

This unique national fellowship honors excellence by Native artists in six disciplines: Dance, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts.

Ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the fellowships awarded by the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) recognize the creativity and expression of exceptional Native artists who have made significant impact in the field. In past years, artists living in the Midwest, including Bobby Bullett (Chippewa), Brent Michael Davids (Mohican), Emily Johnson (Yupik), Bennie Klain (Navajo), Ronald Paquin (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa) and Rosy Simas (Seneca) were honored with this award. "Through the fellowship program, we hope to

foster the creative voices of our indigenous artists," said foundation Program Director Reuben Tomás Roqueñi (Yaqui/Mexican). "The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation believes in the beauty and inspiration of the work of Native artists, and the fellowships provide a significant resource for their practice."

Artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria in full and apply by the May 3 deadline at: <http://nacf.us/2014-fellowships>. The foundation will announce award recipients in November 2013.

For questions and technical support, contact Program Director Reuben Roqueñi at: reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org or 360-314-2421.

Since it was launched in 2009, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation has awarded \$1,341,000 in grants to 72 Native artists and organizations in 20 states. In addition to awarding Native artist fellowships, NACF has funded organizations, including the American Indian Center of Chicago; the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums of Oklahoma City; the First People's Fund in Rapid City, SD; and the Northwoods Nijjii Enterprise Community in Flambeau, WI. Created after decades of visioning among the nation's first peoples with the support of the Ford Foundation and others, NACF is a national charity solely dedicated to supporting the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of Native arts and cultures.

To learn more about the foundation's mission and past fellows awarded, please visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org.

Courtesy graphic.

"LAKOTA WOMAN" MARY ELLEN BRAVE BIRD-RICHARD WALKS ON



Mary Ellen Brave Bird-Richards, more well-known as "Lakota Woman," walked on February 14, 2013 at the age of 58. She was born September 26, 1954 on the

Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She was a Native activist, writer and lecturer. She was married to Leonard Crow Dog for several years and went by Mary Crow Dog. They were members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), participating in the Trail of Broken Treaties which included the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Washington, D.C. in November 1972 and the occupation of Wounded Knee in late February 1973. Her 1990 book titled, "Lakota Woman," won an American Book award and was made into

a television movie, "Lakota Woman - Siege at Wounded Knee," in 1994. She also wrote "Ohitika Woman" in 1993. "Lakota Woman" chronicles her life through 1977, and "Ohitika Woman" chronicles her life after 1977. Survivors include her mother, Emily Smith; brothers, Robert Joe Moore and Michael Smith; sisters, Kathleen Moore and Barbara Moore; sons, Robert He Crow, Francisco "Rudy" Olguin, Henry Crow Dog and Leonard Crow Dog, Jr.; and daughters, Jennifer Crow Dog and Summer Rose Olguin.

Courtesy photo.

NAJA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NATIVE STUDENTS PURSUING JOURNALISM CAREERS



The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) offers scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to Native American students pursuing journalism degrees at a higher learning institution.

Three to nine scholarships are awarded each year to students who are current NAJA members in good standing. Annual memberships cost \$10 for high school students and \$20 for college students.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, you must be a Native American graduating high school senior (May 2013) or a college student pursuing a career in radio, television or print (newspaper) journalism.

Applicants' NAJA membership status will be verified at the time of application and also during the time of payment distribution. If asked, an applicant must be able to provide proof of enrollment in a state or federally recognized tribe.

Application and supporting materials must be mailed or e-mailed to NAJA by April 1, 2013. The address is NAJA - Scholarships, OU Gaylord College of Journalism, 395 West Lindsey Street, Norman, OK 73019-4201 or e-mail NAJA Executive Director Pamala Silas as pamsilas@naja.com with the subject line "NAJA Scholarships."

To download an application and to view a list of supporting documents needed, please visit www.naja.com.

Scholarship winners will be announced July 19, 2013 at NAJA's National Conference in Tempe, AZ. *Courtesy graphic.*

THE MIGIZII RIDERS

Aanii all. It will soon be time to get out the Iron Ponies and log some serious miles of smiles. Come join us! The Migizii Riders would like to send out an invitation to interested individuals to participate in the further development of our Motorcycle Club/Group/Organization which is still in the development stage.

"The mission of the Migizii Riders will be to promote and encourage safe riding, camaraderie, and goodwill, within

our own Tribe and other Nations. We welcome all makes and models of modern day Iron Horses and membership from all walks of life. We embrace our language, culture, and traditions always valuing the Creator, respecting Mother Earth, and maintaining the pride of our Ancestors. The road we ride is paved with the seven grandfather teachings and our eyes on the seven generation vision. Freedom is the heartbeat of our circle."

"The vision of Migizii Riders will be to promote a healthy livelihood for the Native Nations of Turtle Island and all Cultures. Anishinaabe Values will guide us forward to a good and safe life."

You must meet the following criteria for membership: A desire to have fun, enjoy life and pursue miles of smiles. Acceptance and promotion of Mission and Vision. Maintain open-mindedness and acceptance of all cultures. Maintain respect and love for Creation. A commitment to be a positive community role model and to promote positive changes within your community. Zero tolerance for alcohol, drugs or any mood altering substances while on all rides. All walks of life accepted. All makes and models of Iron Horses accepted.

The Migizii Riders plan to have three membership types: 1) Full - requires a bike. 2) Associate -



passenger, potential owner, interested individual. 3) Prospect - person under the age of 18.

We plan to be a non-profit organization of some sort which will become incorporated. Our major goal will be to log many miles of smiles on our Iron Horses.

Starting in May 2013 and weather permitting, every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., we will meet at Biindigens in Petoskey, MI, to do a group ride. You do not have to be a member to ride. If you want to ride, just show up. Everyone is welcome.

Some other potential plans for this year is us hosting a "Blessing of the Bikes" event and an "Idle No More" structured ride. These two events are still in the planning stage. They may come to be or they may not at this point. If you want to become involved or have suggestions in their development, your participation and comments are welcomed.

If you wish to become an active participant in the Migizii Riders continued development or need additional information, please e-mail any questions to denemyb@charter.net or call Bill Denemy at 231-330-8987 or call Tony Davis at 231-340-0023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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7500 Odawa Circle

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Please note that Tribal identification and ALL household income/asset information must accompany your application.

Please contact the Housing Department for more information at 231-242-1540.



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Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2012/2013

Instructions

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the



MIEA constituent tribes/bands.

- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system which uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2012/2013 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.

• A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April 2013 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi in Battle Creek, MI.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association 2012/2013 Student Incentive Program Application form can be downloaded at www.odawatrails.com

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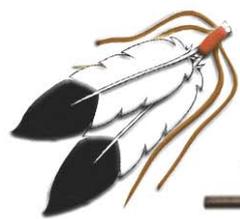
You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and a copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than 5 PM on April 1, 2013:

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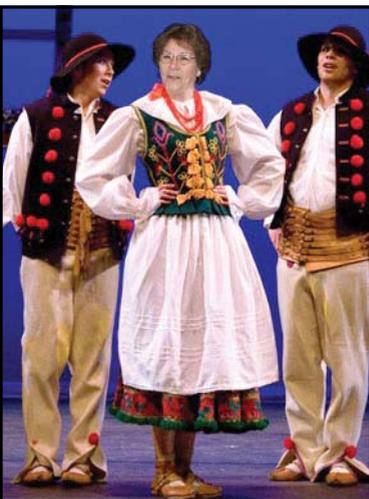




INES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays



Happy birthday to **Cousin Marie**, the Polka Queen, well-known from Good Hart, MI, to Chase, MI. May you continue to have happy feet throughout the year. From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to **Braden Sutton**, a special little boy who gives us joy everyday as we watch him grow. Happy 2nd birthday on the 14th. Love, GG and Grandpa Petoskey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Grandma Michele! We love you, Abbie & Madison Michele.

Very happy birthday to **Tina Shawano** on the 23rd. From Mary Gasco.

Happy birthday to **Michael Wayne Shomin** on April 10. From your family.

Mno Dibishkaan to **Michael "Mukwah" Keshick** on April 27th! May the Creator bless you always! Gzaagigo! (We love you!) Love, Mom & Jordan.

Miishin - Happy Birthday! Gzaagin XOXO Bubbles ☺

Happy birthday **Ice Princess aka CHB!** May your birthday candles warm your heart on your special day. From the Wicked Witch and the Flying Monkeys.

Happy birthday **Pretty Baby!** Things are wonderful on the other side of the rainbow ... ☺ really. Don't let the haters get you down. Love you with all my heart & soul. Remember, the Creator is only a thought away. Me too, eh. Gee your old ... bag. Love, Mommy Dearest.

Happy birthday to our **Anna Banana**. You are growing into such a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you. OXOX, Grammie Bear and PAPA Bear.

Wishing my daughter, **Lisa Ann Young**, a very happy birthday!! I am so happy to be able to celebrate this one with you!!! Viva Las Vega!!!! All my love, Mom.

Happy 5th birthday **Waasey Waas!** You make Gramma and PAPA so happy when you come to visit. The Campers are always so excited and waiting for your treats, too. Love you lots Baby.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Shanna Rene Wemigwase**, our CMU Student! Keep your nose to the books, and success will follow! From all of us at Camp Runamuck.

Happy birthday to **Mamma Jamma**, who celebrates on April 26th! Hoping your day is as awesome as you are! ~ Like A Button ☺

Very happy birthday to **Tammy** on the 14th and **Maggie** on the 19th. From your Momma.

Happy 76th birthday to the **General**, who loves watching the Tigers, Pistons and Michigan State Spartans. We certainly enjoy the color commentary! Have a great April 24th! From the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, Sonny Boy, General Junior and Kathy.



I would like to wish my sister a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**, who will be 45 on 4/5. Much love, your older sister.

Happy birthday to **Michele LaCount**, my mother and friend. Thank you for everything you do. I hope you have a great day. I love you so much, Chrissy.

Happy birthday **Mother Moses**. Hope it is wonderful! Love, the 2nd child.

Happy birthday to **Duckie**, who celebrates her birthday April 12th! ~ Love, Tina & Jason.

Braden "Boogy" Sutton celebrates his birthday on April 14th, sending him love, hugs and birthday wishes for his special day, we love and miss you lots! Aunt Tina & Uncle Jason.



Just wanted to wish our **Big Buddy** aka the "Turkey" a very happy birthday from all of us, Dad, Mom & little sister & brother!!!

Happy birthday to my Dad, **Tom Sutton**. He celebrates his 70th on April 17th. ~ Love you lots, your favorite daughter! ☺

Birthdays



Happy 18th birthday **Brittany** on April 12 ... where have the years gone, you are an adult now! Love, Mom.

MNO-DIBESHKANG Aat-tewin Dabis, Jr.!!! Gzaagin Ng-wis!!!

Happy birthday to **Cousin Johnnie**, our die-hard Detroit Lions fan. I predict the Lions will win the Super Bowl next season. Yeah right, just some April Fool's humor on your birthday! From the King and VanDeCar families.

A very Happy 9th Birthday to my **Dami-Love!** Momma loves you Kiddo! ♥

Happy birthday to **Braden Sutton**, who will be 2 on April 14th. Hope your day is as special as you are. Love, Grandma and Grandpa Sutton.

Happy birthday **Grandma Peep (Michele LaCount)!** Love, Avery, Alivia and Baby Rice.

Happy 56th birthday **Sadi Synn** on the 10th! From your family in Michigan.



Happy 49th birthday to **Marty VanDeCar**, who is always fashionable on the golf course. Now, he just needs to work on his golf game! Have a great April 18th! From the General, the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, General Junior and Kathy.

Happy birthday to me! Happy birthday to me! Jannan sings ... If you see **Tim Thomas** running around the Rez, his birthday is May 25th! Jannan J. Cornstalk stalking for over 50 winters now .. May 27th .. Yeah, it's going to be a national holiday Memorial Day!

Happy birthday to **Marilyn Hume, Tamara, Isabelle Shenoskey, John Naganashe, Matt Miller, Josie Laughlin, Lily Bott, Shannon Hume, Brayden Nicholas King, Jean Boda, Vivian Pelcher, Karen Shanaquet, Beth Shanaquet and Carter Boda**. From Dorothy & Don Boda.

Four Generations



This four generations photo includes Great-Grandpa, Roland Petoskey, 89, Grandpa, Bart Gasco, 53, Granddaughter, Holly (Gasco) LaCombe, 25, Great-Grandson, Kentin LaCombe, 2-1/2, and Great-Granddaughter, Audrey LaCombe, 2-1/2 months. The photo appears courtesy of Brittany Bentley.

Birth Announcement



William Alexander Herrick was born on 2/23/2013 to Jennifer Keller and Thomas Herrick. William was born at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, MI. He was welcomed into this world at 9:58 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

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Congratulations



Congratulations to **Leo Pontiac** on his new job as the Elders Specialist for the Northern Office of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi. Pontiac, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI, and is a direct descendant of Chief Pontiac. His parents are Rudy and the late Margaret Pontiac, a LTBB Tribal Citizen. His parents always stressed the importance of attaining a college education. He graduated from Grand Valley State University and previously worked for Native American Family Services, serving the Grand Rapids, MI, elders for the last three years. He has an older brother, James, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who is the Compliance Officer with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI; a younger brother, Bryan, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who works in the IT Department at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI; and a younger sister, Mary, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who is a Guest Hostess at Odawa Casino. Your family is very proud of you!



Check out the Penumbra newsletter, created and edited by Pellston High School junior Julia Yates at www.odawatrails.com.

"Marriage Statute" continued from page 1.

days after Tribal Council passed the legislation, McNamara sent an e-mail to Tribal Council, the LTBB Governmental staff and media outlets saying he would sign the legislation into law on March 15, 2013. If he had chosen to veto the legislation, it would have taken seven of nine Tribal Councilors to override the veto.

In the e-mail, he cited Article II. Individual Rights and Article VI. Organization of the Government A. Purpose, Fundamental Rights of the LTBB Tribal Constitution as reasons for signing it. Article II states, "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, in exercising powers of self governance, shall NOT deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty and property without due process of the law." Article VI states, "We, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, speak through this document to assert that we are a distinct nation of Anishinaabek of North America that possesses the right to: self-determination; freely determine our political status; freely pursue our economic, social, religious and cultural development, and determine our membership, without external interference. These same rights and principles the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians acknowledge to be inherent among other peoples, nations and governments who acknowledge those same fundamental human rights and principles, and who recognize the sovereignty of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians."

"I believe that Tribal Citizens who wish to choose same sex marriage should be treated just as importantly as any other Tribal Citizen who are Man and Woman," McNamara wrote in the e-mail. "This is about people being happy. This is a real issue. We are private people and we need to recognize how we wish to live our lives. I have heard from Tribal Citizens, and not once, have I heard that this could bring injury to our Nation, and that was the biggest issue that I had concerns of. There should not be a dividing line and we should all be able to seek a good life."

Tina Dominic, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, is supportive of the current Marriage Statute. Her grandmother, Waunetta McClellan Dominic, is in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, helped form the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association (NMOA) with her husband, Robert Dominic, Sr. and Levi McClelland and fought to secure a fair settlement for lands taken from Michigan's Native Americans in the early 19th century.

"This is groundbreaking and sets a good example for other Nations, and the Nation in general," Tina Dominic said. "We as tribal citizens should especially be supporting others on civil rights issues, so it's wonderful to see this put forth. There were rumors floating around that one of the tribal council members stated recently that two people together of the same sex seemed 'unnatural.' What is unnatural is not allowing two people that are committed to each other, the same rights as everyone else. As my grandmother once said during the fight for our civil rights, 'You can call us unrecognized, but don't call us unorganized, and furthermore, I don't care if you recognize me or not, recognize my rights.' This is a great example of LTBB recognizing our rights as human beings, as it is only human to love. Chi Miigwech to the tribal council members who voted in favor of the Same Sex Statute, and to Dexter for recognizing and supporting equal rights for all tribal citizens."

However, not all LTBB Tribal Citizens are in support of the current Marriage Statute.

"I'm a Christian, and my personal values are that it is against the Bible," LTBB Tribal Citizen Doug Emery said in speaking with 9&10 News on March 15, 2013. "But, more importantly, from our tribal members, I'm against it because it was passed by a vote of five people. I think the entire tribe should have had a say in making the decision."

The current Marriage Statute replaced WOS 2007-001 Marriage Statute, which stated, "Marriage' means the legal and voluntary union of one man and one woman, to the exclusion of all others," and further stated, "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shall recognize as valid and binding any marriage formalized or solemnized in compliance with the laws of the place of formalization or solemnization, except that a marriage contract entered into between individ-

uals of the same sex is not deemed valid in this Tribe." The current Marriage Statute states, "Marriage' means the legal and voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others," and further states, "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shall recognize as valid and binding any marriage formalized or solemnized in compliance with the laws of the place of formalization and solemnization."

In mid-to-late 2011, Cherie Dominic, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started a dialogue among Tribal Councilors and LTBB Tribal Citizens about amending WOS 2007-001 Marriage Statute to recognize same-sex marriage. On February 7, 2012, Denise Petoskey and Annette VanDeCar, both LTBB Tribal Citizens, submitted a letter to Tribal Council asking Tribal Council to amend WOS 2007-001 Marriage Statute to define marriage in the statute as "the legal and voluntary union of two persons, to the exclusion of all others." The letter quoted the Preamble to the LTBB Constitution, which states, "This Constitution is solemnly pledged to respect the individuality of all our members and their spiritual beliefs and practices," and Article II. Individual Rights, which states the, "Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, in exercising powers of self governance, shall not: 8. Deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws," as reasons tribal exclusion of same-sex marriage violated the constitutional rights of LTBB Tribal Citizens.

At its July 8, 2012 meeting, Tribal Council failed to pass by a 4-5 vote an amendment to WOS 2007-001 Marriage Statute, which stated, "Marriage' means the legal and voluntary union of two persons, to the exclusion of all others." The amendment did not specify one of the persons had to be a LTBB Tribal Citizen. At the meeting, one Councilor stated she was voting no on the amendment because she felt one of the persons should be a LTBB Tribal Citizen and not because she was against same-sex marriage.

After some discussion at that meeting, Tribal Council passed a motion by a 5-4 vote to place the Marriage Draft Statute on the Legislative Calendar with the intention of including one person had to be a LTBB Tribal Citizen. A draft of the current Marriage Statute, which stated, "One of the persons in the marriage must be an enrolled LTBB Tribal Citizen," was posted on January 20, 2013 and passed at the March 3, 2013 meeting.

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), enacted September 21, 1996, is a United States federal law which defines marriage as the legal union of one man and one woman for federal and inter-state recognition purposes in the United States. In 2004, the State of Michigan banned same-sex marriage and civil unions "to secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

In *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, which was scheduled to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 26, 2013, the Supreme Court will decide whether California's Proposition 8 violates the guarantee of equal protection in the California Constitution. Proposition 8 was a California ballot proposition and a state constitutional amendment passed in the November 2008 state elections. The measure added a new provision to the California Constitution, which provides that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

In *United States v. Windsor*, which was scheduled to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 27, 2013, the Supreme Court will determine the constitutionality of DOMA.

On March 7, 2013 in Michigan, U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Friedman delayed the case of a same-sex couple who sued for the right to jointly adopt their three children until the two aforementioned Supreme Court cases are settled and can be used as precedent. The case could overturn the Michigan Marriage Amendment passed in 2004.

Indian tribes are sovereign nations, therefore, they can decide for themselves what constitutes a legal marriage within their jurisdictions.

The photo of Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara signing the Marriage Statute into law on March 15, 2013 is by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

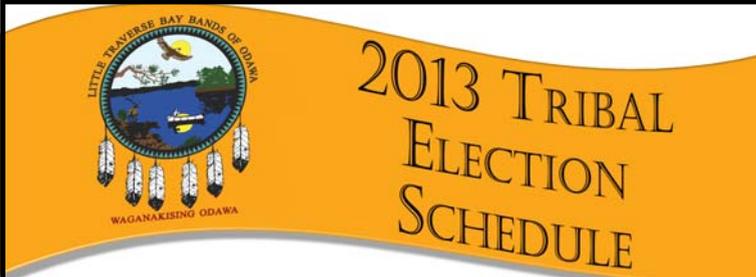
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clients under the supervision of a licensed attorney.

"I really became interested in this field through the work of my grandparents, Waunetta and Robert Dominic, Sr.," she said. "My parents, Robert Dominic, Jr. and the late Linda Dominic,

gave me all of the love and support needed to make my dream a reality. I am honored and excited to serve the Tribal Citizens in this new position."

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



2013 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE BIO'S MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013 ~ PRIMARY BALLOTS MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT ODAWA HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M. AND THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013 ~ BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF MARCH 26, 2013

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT THE SOARING EAGLE CASINO RESORT HOTEL IN MT. PLEASANT, MI.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013 OATH OF OFFICE FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN AND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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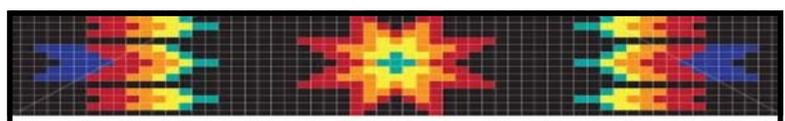
2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNITY MEETING

The Planning Committee for this year's Community Meeting would like input from the membership as to what you'd like to see or have at the meeting this year. Please e-mail any suggestions or comments to Chairperson Kaye Rowland at:

krowland@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Also, the committee has decided to do something new this year. We would like to acknowledge/honor the newborn members of the community. Children aged one year and under will be recognized when the meeting convenes after lunch. Please contact Jan-nan Cornstalk at:

jcornstalk@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2013 Annual LTBB Community Meeting

Date: May 4, 2013
Time: 8 AM registration
9 AM Meeting
Where: Ovation Hall
Odawa Casino



More details to be announced later.

For more information or suggestions,
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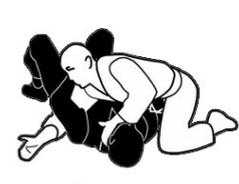
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"LaCroix/Barfield Wedding" continued from page 1.

Bands of Odawa Indians, and to their government, for acting in support of the equality of all people," they said in a statement released after the wedding. "We are deeply honored that Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara consented, as his first act upon signing the new ordinance into law, to officiate at our marriage ceremony. Once again, the Native American people of Michigan offer the example of wisdom and generosity to the people of the Wolverine State."

The marriage is only legally recognized by LTBB. The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), enacted September 21, 1996, defines marriage as the legal union of one man and one woman for federal and inter-state recognition purposes in the United States, and an amendment to the Michigan Constitution, passed in 2004, bans same-sex marriage and civil unions. However, Indian tribes are sovereign nations, therefore, they can decide for themselves what constitutes a legal marriage within their jurisdictions. The U.S. Supreme Court will soon hear two cases which will determine the constitutionality of DOMA and determine whether California's Proposition 8 violates the guarantee of equal protection in the California Constitution. Proposition 8 added a new provision to the California Constitution, which provides that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

"As our first act as a married couple, as military veterans, we publicly and respectfully salute Native American and First Nation people everywhere, and join with all people throughout the State and nation who understand and support the fundamental purpose of marriage, which is to create and sustain a community of stable, happy families as the basic building block of a strong and thriving nation," they said in a statement released after the wedding. "We respectfully ask our neighbors throughout this state and elsewhere across the nation, to embrace the wisdom and generosity of the Odawa people, and to take all steps necessary to ensure the equal provision of happiness, security and equality to every American household."

LaCroix, 53, is the son of the late Norman Harley LaCroix and the late Edna June (Nicwander) LaCroix. He is a native of Boyne City, MI, and graduated from Boyne Falls High School in Boyne Falls, MI. After his high school graduation, he enlisted in the

U.S. Navy, serving as a Yeoman for eight years and was promoted to Yeoman First Class prior to ending his naval service. He received the Navy Achievement Medal three times during his service. After his military service, he moved to Vermont where he completed training at the Vermont State Police Academy and completed several courses at the United States Law Enforcement Training Center. He worked as a Senior Investigator at the Vermont Department of Banking and Insurance. After relocating to Florida, he worked as an Investigator in the Florida Comptroller's Office and as a Senior Fraud Investigator on the staff of the Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Unit. When he moved back to Northern Michigan, he worked as the Head of Victories Casino's Compliance Division and as the Acting Regulatory Director. He currently works as an auditor at local resorts and as a specialist at a local outdoor and garden supply center.

Barfield, 60, is a native of Long Island, NY, and graduated from Bay Shore High School in Bay Shore, NY. He attended Wagner College where he was a member of the Wagner College Choir and Student Senate; served as Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, *The Wagnerian*; and was on several Board of Trustees committees. After leaving Wagner College, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. During his service in the Navy, he received the maximum number of Navy Good Conduct Medals allowed for length of service, numerous Letters of Appreciation and Commendation and the Naval Recruiting Command Gold Wreath for Excellent Performance. After his service in the Navy concluded, he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Norwich University. He earned his Master of Science degree from the University of Vermont. He worked as the Director of the Historic Preservation Division in Miami-Dade County's Office of Community and Economic Development. After moving to Northern Michigan, he worked in historic preservation and on project development in preservation-related areas. He recently retired for medical reasons.

On March 1, 2013, LaCroix and Barfield celebrated their 30th anniversary as a couple and live on a 30-acre farm outside Boyne City, MI, property which has been in LaCroix's family for generations. They have two dogs and a cat.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS INSTRUMENTAL IN TRINE UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL TEAM'S NFCA DIVISION III LEADOFF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT TITLE



The Trine University softball team rallied from a three-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 5-4 to win the championship at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division III Leadoff Classic on March 10, 2013 in Columbus, GA. The Thunder ended spring break with an 11-1 record, winning the tournament which featured 13 teams ranked in the NFCA Top 25.

Helping Trine to the tournament title were sisters, Andi Gasco and Carly Searles, LTBB Tribal Citizens from Levering, MI. Gasco is a senior pitcher/designated player, and Searles is a sophomore outfielder/pitcher.

Gasco earned tournament Most Valuable Pitcher honors after defeating defending national champion and No. 15 Pacific Lutheran and recording the win over Claremont in the finals. Gasco was 2-1 for the tournament with a 3.78 earned run average (ERA) and 10 strikeouts with her only loss coming in pool play to No. 8 Illinois Wesleyan. Gasco also hit .353 at the plate with six hits, all extra-bases (three doubles, a triple and two home runs) while driving in nine and scoring four times.

Through the first 12 games of the season, Gasco hit .389 with 12 extra-base hits (six doubles, one triple and five home runs) with 21 runs batted in

(RBI) at the plate and recorded a 5-1 record and a 2.67 ERA on the mound.

Through the first 12 games of the season, Searles hit .368 with three doubles, two triples, a home run and seven RBI.

Last season, the Thunder won a school-record 40 games, finishing with a 40-10 record, won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) regular season title and advanced to the Division III NCAA Regional Final – their best finish ever in the NCAA Tournament in six appearances.

As a junior last season, Gasco was the first player in conference history to earn both Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Pitcher honors in the same season and earned NFCA First Team All-Region honors.

As a freshman last season, Searles earned NFCA Third Team All-Region honors.

They are the daughters of Sue Gasco, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, and Randy Searles and the granddaughters of Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, and the late Vernon Gasco.

The photo appears courtesy of Trine University Sports Information Director Brian Alden. Andi Gasco is pictured in the front row, wearing No. 17, while Carly Searles is pictured in the back row, wearing No. 1.

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