

# Odawa Trails



## WITH THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) IN 2013, LTBB ENHANCES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, VICTIM RIGHTS ACT, STALKING AND PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS STATUTES

Submitted by the Human Services Department

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was enacted in 1994 and reauthorized in 2013 to include special criminal domestic violence jurisdiction for tribes. Historically, tribal courts were not able to prosecute non-tribal perpetrators of domestic violence. VAWA of 2013 changed this.

With the passing of the reauthorized VAWA of 2013, a tribal task force was formed, consisting of Human Services, Victim Support Services, Tribal Court, the Health Clinic, Prosecutor's Office, Legal Department and Tribal Council.

Domestic Violence, Victim Rights Act, Stalking and Personal Protection Orders statutes were revised to strengthen our criminal justice system and provide safety to tribal citizens. Provisions of VAWA were added to existing statutes to comply with the rights to defendants and due process. One of these rights includes a fair cross section of the community for a jury pool. The Department of Human Services through the Victim Support Services Program and Tribal Court have been providing training to government staff and casino employees. These staff will comprise the jury

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LTBB Interim Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley signs newly revised Domestic Violence, Victim Rights Act and Personal Protection Orders statutes into law on March 6, 2015. Gasco-Bentley is surrounded by members of the LTBB Human Services Department, the LTBB Victim Support Services, the LTBB Tribal Court, the LTBB Health Department, the LTBB Prosecutor's Office, the LTBB Legal Department, the LTBB Law Enforcement Department, the LTBB Tribal Council, the LTBB Child Welfare Commission and the LTBB Executive Office. Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US AT THE 2015 LTBB ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Submitted by Emily Proctor, General Membership Speaker

Aanii! The time for our next LTBB Annual Community Meeting is right around the corner!

### Logistics

May 2, 2015 at Ovation Hall, Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI

8 a.m. - noon: Tribal Executive Departments  
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## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TO BEGIN PROSECUTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 2013

Submitted by Gregory G. Justis, Domestic Violence Coordinator in the LTBB Tribal Court

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) has become the first tribe in Michigan – and amongst the first in the nation – to adopt the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA), allowing the tribe to exercise criminal jurisdiction over crimes of domestic and dating violence regardless of the perpetrator's Indian or non-Indian status.

"Domestic violence is not traditional," said Gregory Justis, Attorney and Domestic Violence Coordinator for the LTBB Tribal Court. "The Tribe's ability to address domestic and dating abuse committed against its own citizens, regardless of the offender's status, is tremendously important for both survivors and the community. By adopting VAWA, the government has empowered the Tribal Court to ensure that survivors are protected and that offenders are held accountable."

Research shows that American Indian women residing on Indian reservations suffer domestic violence at a far higher rate than women of other ethnicities and locations.

Roughly one in five Native American women will experience domestic violence, and one quarter of the cases, violence involving a spouse are committed by a non-Indian perpetrator. Historically, prosecution of these cases has been challenging due to the complex jurisdiction of tribal, state and federal authorities as well as court precedent.

VAWA expands the jurisdiction of tribal authorities to allow prosecution of non-Indian offenders who commit acts of domestic violence against Indian victims or who violate protection orders when the protected person is an Indian. Offenders can be prosecuted under the new law if they have a connection to the tribe such as living or working in LTBB's Indian country or being involved in a relationship with a member of LTBB or a non-member Indian residing in LTBB's Indian country. To exercise this jurisdiction, the tribe must guarantee certain rights to defendants similar to those provided by the United States Constitution such as the right to an attorney and effective assistance of counsel as well as the availability of trial by juries which include non-Indians.

All of the requirements of VAWA have been met by  
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## LTBB APPELLATE COURT VACATES LTBB TRIBAL COURT'S DISMISSAL OF RECALL ELECTION CHALLENGE AND REMANDS THE CASE BACK TO THE LTBB TRIBAL COURT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On March 6, 2015, the LTBB Appellate Court heard evidence in Case No. A-025-1214 Fred Kiogima v LTBB Election Board.

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

paid leave of absence pending the certification of the recall election results.

LTBB Pro Tempore Judge Patrick Shannon dismissed the case in his ruling dated December 14, 2014. He wrote, "After considering Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and Plaintiffs' Response, and reviewing any applicable case law, the Court notes that the LTBB Appellate Court has issued an opinion interpreting the language at issue that is controlling in this matter. Specifically, in *Harrington v. LTBB Election Bd.*, No. A-019-1011 (LTBB Ct. App. 2012), the Appellate

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 3-23-2015 = 4,564

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**2015 Annual LTBB Community Meeting**

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

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

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### Tribal Administration

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242-1420

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1-866-972-0077

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242-1403

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242-1401

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242-1440

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242-1439

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242-1527

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242-1558

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242-1480

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242-1454

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242-1597

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242-1560

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242-1447

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

### Health Department

242-1611

Health Clinic  
242-1700

Health  
242-1600

Community Health  
(Transportation)  
242-1601

Dental Clinic  
242-1740

Tina Shawano, Maternal  
Child Health Outreach  
242-1614

Diane Bott,  
Healthy Heart Specialist  
242-1615

### Housing Department

Mike Lyons,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1540

### Human Resources Department

Dorla Field, Administrative  
Assistant  
242-1555

### Human Services Department

Brenda Schoolcraft,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1621

### Law Enforcement Department

Tribal Police  
242-1500

### Legal Department

Su Lantz,  
Assistant  
242-1407

### MIS Department

Mark Tracy,  
Director  
242-1531

### Natural Resource Department

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242-1670

### Planning, Zoning and Building Department

Shari Temple,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1581

Amanda Swiss,  
Mobility Coordinator  
242-1508

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Pat Boda,  
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242-1640

Jennifer Wilson,  
Office/Intake Coordinator  
242-1642

### Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program

242-1462

### Tribal Prosecutor's Office

Celestine Petoskey,  
Office Manager  
242-1475

### Youth Services Department

Bernadece Boda, Coordinator  
242-1593

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

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

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



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

The deadline for the May 2015 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 6, 2015.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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- 6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**
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# VETERAN SPOTLIGHT



## HONORING OUR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN VETERANS - IN MEMORY OF THOMAS JOSEPH NONGUESKWA

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

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

### In Memory of Thomas Joseph Nongueskwa

Thomas Joseph Nongueskwa was born on November 8, 1922 in Brutus, MI, and walked on November 23, 2002 in DeWitt, MI, at the age of 80. He grew up in the Cedarville/Hessel, MI, area and was the youngest of 11 children. Some of his siblings are Harry Nongueskwa, Margaret Martell and Rose Dashner.



He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 112th Regiment, 28th Division, and was a Prisoner of War (POW). His tour of duty included Germany, France, Belgium and Luxemburg. He

was the highest decorated Anishnaabe in Michigan for World War II, earning three Purple Hearts. He is on the Wall of Heroes at the Ann Arbor, Michigan, VA Hospital.

He has four children, Michael (Mary Ann) Gardner who served in the U.S. Navy; Diane (Boyd) Curtiss; the late David Nongueskwa, who served in the U.S. Army; and Thomas (Susan) Richard Nongueskwa, who served in the U.S. Army. He has eight grandchildren, Russell Gardner, Richard Curtiss, Ross Curtiss, Mashaun Troussel, Cynthia Gardner, Chad Curtiss, Jennifer Nongueska and Stacey Nongueskwa-Lopez. He has several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Thomas was an avid traveler and outdoors man.

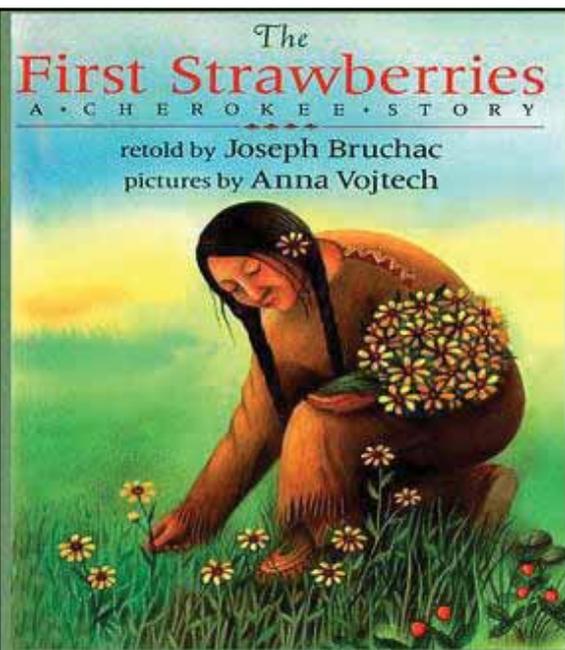
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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS

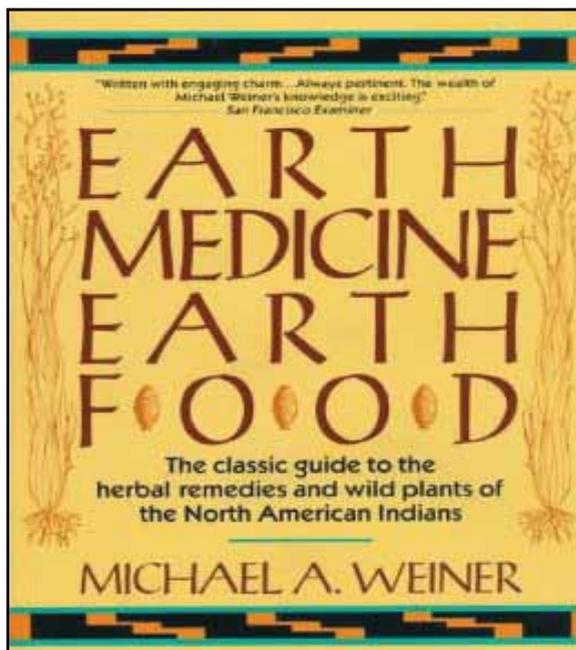


## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

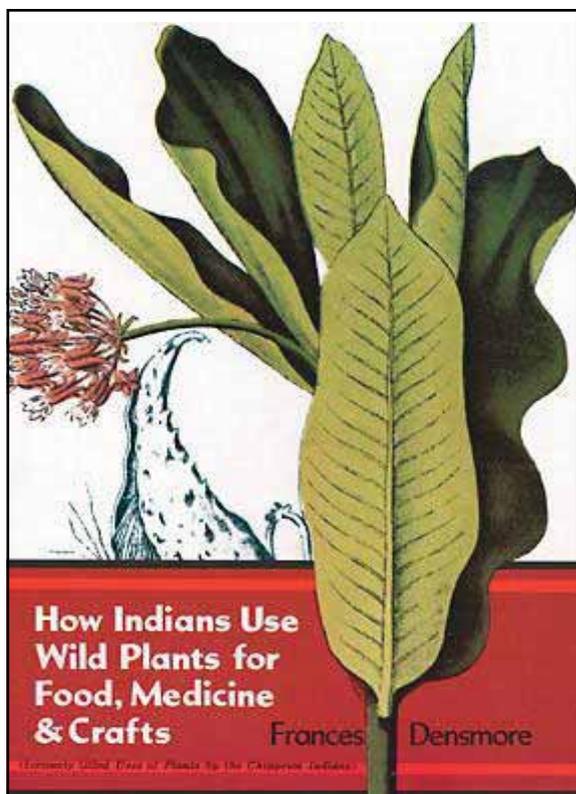
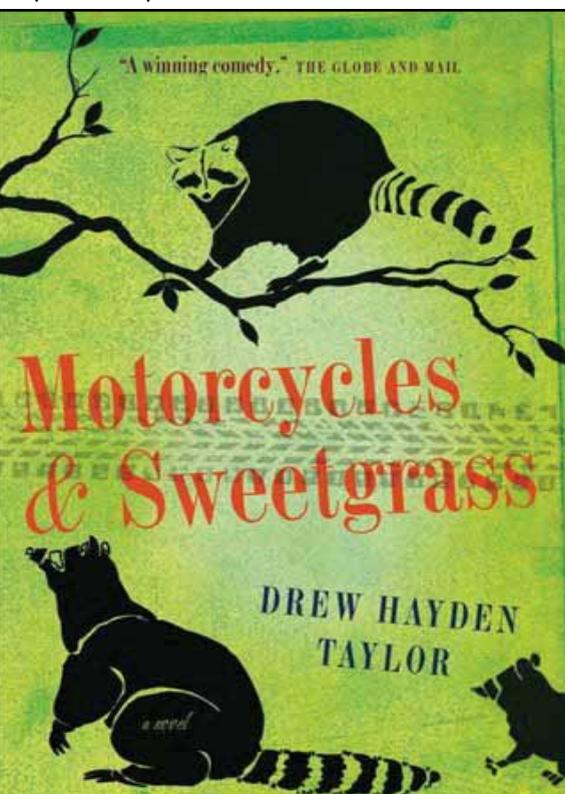
APRIL IS PLANT MONTH AT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY



Spring is beginning, the Eastern doorway is opening, and our plants are starting the growing process. We have books on our sacred and other medicinal plants and what they are used for. Spring is the time to learn about these wonderful plants and what they can do for you. So, stop in, let us show you our collection, and share some of our wisdom about our local plants. Feel free to pass on any wisdom you have to share with us!



Don't live in the area or just can't get to the library? Check out our great selection of E books! They can be downloaded right to your PC, tablet or even your phone. For more information on books on plants or our online library, please feel free to contact us at 231-242-1487, [dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or check us out on the web at <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/surpass/websafari.exe>



*Don't forget!*

UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Summer (May - August)  
June 15<sup>th</sup>

Fall (Sept. - Dec.)  
October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

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

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

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

**Stay up to date!**

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Learn the art of:

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- Graphic Design

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Please call Sean Kutzler today for more information 231-242-1493. You may also request a WOCTEP Information packet through e-mail at [skutzler@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV](mailto:skutzler@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV)

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# April Elders Birthdays

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|---|---|---|
| <b>April 1</b><br>Loretta Cook<br>John Kenoshmeg, Sr.   | <b>April 10</b><br>Louretta Eidt<br>Carl Shawa<br>Michael Shomin<br>Michael Smith<br>Sadi Synn            | <b>April 20</b><br>Catherine Laba<br>Veda Polmouter<br>Deborah Shawanibin<br>Linda Steinman                   |
| <b>April 2</b><br>Evelyn Andrews<br>Anne Cowell<br>Vicki Emery<br>Kathleen Guzinski<br>Marilyn Hume<br>Betty Peacock<br>Mark Wabanimkee | <b>April 11</b><br>Robin Barney-Lees<br>Lauretta Gilbert<br>Christine Haines                              | <b>April 21</b><br>Richard Hays   |
| <b>April 3</b><br>William Denemy  | <b>April 12</b><br>LaVerne Bottoms<br>Elaine Ramirez<br>Norman Rittenhouse, Sr.                           | <b>April 22</b><br>Wanda Carr<br>Harold Salter  |
| <b>April 4</b><br>Mary Kiogima<br>Sandra Tipton<br>Viola Wood   | <b>April 13</b><br>Janice Grooms<br>Magdalene Kosequat<br>Vernon Lasley<br>Willie Rawls, Jr.              | <b>April 23</b><br>Michele LaCount<br>Roy Miron   |
| <b>April 5</b><br>Regina Hardwick   | <b>April 14</b><br>Kevin Barry  | <b>April 24</b><br>Mary Bowers<br>Sharon Cranick<br>William Denemy<br>Jacqueline Scheidler                    |
| <b>April 6</b><br>Ricky Reiter<br>Steven Shenoskey  | <b>April 15</b><br>Sharon Duffey<br>Karl Kilborn<br>Jacqueline Myers                                      | <b>April 25</b><br>Gary Kaestner  |
| <b>April 7</b><br>Larry Cartwright<br>Cynthia Kiogima<br>Thomas Nongueskwa<br>Ivan Taylor   | <b>April 16</b><br>Laura Morche'<br>Frederick Perry, Sr.  | <b>April 26</b><br>Scott Pliier   |
| <b>April 8</b><br>Mitchell Baker, Sr.<br>Kelly Lyle<br>Rose Newman  | <b>April 17</b><br>Michael Crossett<br>Susan Grech<br>Merle Hansen<br>Gregory Warren<br>Angeline Woodin   | <b>April 27</b><br>Mary Baldwin<br>Nellie Harmon  |
| <b>April 9</b><br>Evangeline Badgero<br>Dawn Malcomson<br>Melissa Moses<br>Mary Quick<br>Wayne Stine<br>Sharon Tracey<br>Karyn Young    | <b>April 18</b><br>Thomas Kiogima, Sr.  | <b>April 28</b><br>Donald Houghton<br>Margaret Rodriguez<br>Alfred Sprague                                    |
|   | <b>April 19</b><br>Michael Cherette<br>Frank Ettawageshik<br>Tina Hea<br>Mary Niswander<br>Brenda Sabella | <b>April 29</b><br>Michael Anthony<br>Carmalene Baker<br>Elsie Carson<br>Cynthia Daley<br>Richard Kewaygeshik |
|   |   | <b>April 30</b><br>Donnie Case<br>Robert Kaestner<br>James Keway<br>Judith Smith<br>Catherine Wright          |

## Earth Week 2015 Ishkakimikweng Gmaamwizmi

Stop by and have some conversations about Ishkakimikwe

Tuesday, April 21  
10am - 3pm

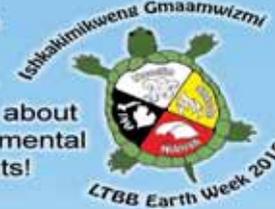
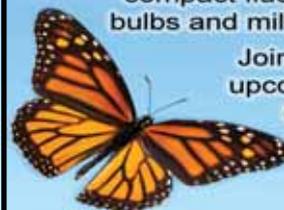
LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area

Share thoughts and get information on:

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Monarch Butterflies  | The Great Lakes            |
| Climate Change       | Well Testing               |
| Groundwater          | Oil/Gas Pipelines          |
| Lakes and Rivers     | Energy Efficiency          |
| Wetlands             | Environmental Response     |
| Pollution Prevention | Water Quality              |
| Recycling            | Drinking Water             |
| Air Quality          | Wastewater                 |
| Sustainability       | Local Environmental Issues |

We will be handing out free compact fluorescent light bulbs and milkweed plants.

Join us and learn about upcoming Environmental Services events!



### Jumpstart your career!

Find the right fit for your career goals and academic interests with one of our in-demand certificate programs. Tuition assistance, book and supply reimbursement available! 231-242-1494



## Artist Market

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

Saturday 18th April 2015, 1-7 pm

\$50 per table

(no percentage collected after sales.)

Interested vendors apply here:

<http://bit.do/SEAMvendor>

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

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

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

## NEW YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR AGES 6 AND UP  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 3:30PM TO 8PM  
915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770

Due to the New Year and relocation of the department, all youth who wish to participate will need to have new registration forms completed prior to participating in any youth programming. All parents of participating youth will also need to complete registration expectations as well.

Any questions can be directed to Bernadece Boda, Youth Coordinator for LTBB at 231-242-1593 or [bboda@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:bboda@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Youth will not be allowed to participate in any youth activities until the proper paperwork is completed, so please contact us before dropping them off at the Youth Department building.



Bernadece Boda, Youth Coordinator

Barry Bott, Youth Program Assistant

RJ Smith, PEACE Grant Outreach Assistant

Sara Lucier, PEACE Grant Youth Assistant

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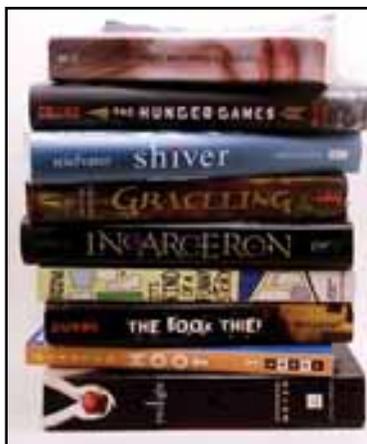
## MARCH IS B.Y.O.B. (BRING YOUR OWN BOOK) MONTH AT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY



share it with us. Have more than one, that's great, bring them all. We are excited to see everyone's picks.

Can't make it to the library; E-mail us the title of your favorite book at [dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or mail it to LTBB Cultural Library, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740! We want to hear from you!

Chi- Miigwech, The Library Staff 231- 242-1487



### The LTBB Cultural Library is open 5 days a week!

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

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

Ask us about downloading eBooks and Audiobooks online!



# JUDICIAL BRANCH

## THANKS TO MR. GEORGE LEWIS FOR HIS LONG-TIME SERVICE TO WAABSHKI MIIGWAN DRUG COURT AND WELCOME TO NEW DEFENSE ATTORNEY MR. MATTHEW LESKY

Submitted by the LTBB Tribal Court



Mr. George Lewis has been a valued member of the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court Team for the past five years. During this time, Mr. Lewis has been a very effective and capable defense attorney and team member. Some examples of Mr. Lewis' tireless advocacy for his clients and commitment to the team include providing outstanding representation and going beyond the call of duty to help clients on their road to sobriety. In short, Mr. Lewis has been an invaluable member of the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court Team. We hope he continues to volunteer by joining us for team meetings as his retirement permits.

When Mr. Lewis gave his six months' notice of retirement from the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court Team in mid-2014, the Court knew it had big shoes to fill. As a part of the search for Mr. Lewis' replacement, the Court Administrator looked for attorneys in Charlevoix, MI, and

Petoskey, MI, to fill Mr. Lewis' position. Due to the fact the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court was asking attorneys to volunteer up to 156 hours per year of their time, the Court Administrator was unable to secure an attorney willing to fill Mr. Lewis' position.

Thankfully, Mr. Matthew Lesky has a strong commitment to the health and well-being of our community. Although he decided not to reapply for the position of LTBB Tribal Prosecutor, he still wanted to participate on the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court. Therein, he agreed to fill Mr. Lewis' position of defense attorney on the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court Team, an offer the Court was happy to accept.

Mr. Lesky is a natural fit to serve as defense attorney on the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court Team. Throughout his service as Tribal Prosecutor, Mr. Lesky provided invaluable service beyond what was asked of him to assist clients seeking to improve their lives and community. Mr. Lesky, thus, brings with him critical institutional knowledge of the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court's inner-workings and on sobriety issues in general, both things which will serve him well as the Court's defense attorney.

Apart from bringing crucial institutional knowledge and a passion for assisting clients with him to his new role as Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court defense attorney, Mr. Lesky's renewed service to the Team will help the



Court realize much-needed savings. Indeed, with full knowledge of the financial difficulties faced by the LTBB Government, Mr. Lesky agreed to donate up to 156 hours of his time for Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court team meetings while only billing the Court for direct client assistance, which represents a 50% savings for the Court on the position! In an effort to save more money, the Court is looking for grants to fully fund the position in the future. Until then, we are grateful for Mr. Lesky's dedication to serve people suffering from substance abuse in our community.

The Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court Team and Court are eternally thankful for Mr. Lewis' many years of service. We are all equally excited to welcome Mr. Lesky as defense attorney in a move which saves the Court and the LTBB Government money while retaining someone with crucial institutional knowledge of the Waabshki Miigwan Drug Court and a commitment to serving the LTBB Community.

Photo of Matthew Lesky by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



**16th Annual Children's Pow Wow**  
 Saturday, April 11, 2015  
 Alanson Public School Gymnasium  
 1 pm Grand Entry \* Feast begins at 4 pm

**Head Staff:**  
 Host Drum- Spirit Lake  
 Head Veteran- Arlene Naganashe  
 Head Male Dancer- Dominic Schansem  
 Head Female Dancer- Evelyn Gibson  
 Head Tiny Tot Boy- Mac Chingwa  
 Head Tiny Tot Girl- Aliazah Paquin  
 Arena Director- RJ Smith  
 Master of Ceremonies- Gary Gibson  
 Flag Carriers- David Dominic, Tony Davis, Jesse Boda, and Patrick Wemigwase

**Vendor Tables:**

For more information, contact Mickey Kilpatrick at 231-539-8325 or Parent Committee Member Alicia Paquin at 231-373-7801  
 Public welcome - Admission is **FREE!** Doors open at 11am  
 Sponsored by LTBB Head Start and Early Head Start  
 Absolutely no politics, drugs, alcohol or pets allowed at this event. Not responsible for loss of property or accidents.

**child care ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!**  
 We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!  
 Human Services Department - 231-242-1620

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**BUYING STANDING TIMBER**

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
DATE	February 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE	Regina Gasco-Bentley	Julie Shananaquet	Marci Reyes	Aaron Wayne Otto	John Keshick III	Bill A. Denemy	Winnay Wemigwase	Mike Naganashe	Beatrice A. Law
02/02/15	Ethics Committee			X	X		X			
02/03/15	Legal and Legislative Committee		X	X		X		X		X
02/03/15	Tribal Council Work Session		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02/04/15	AdHoc Agricultural Work Group			X	X	X			X	
02/05/15	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02/09/15	Appropriations and Finance Committee		X	X			X		X	X
02/10/15 - 02/11/15	United Tribes Meeting Lansing MI		X							
02/12/15	Gaming Authority Committee				X					X
02/17/15	Tribal Council Work Session				X	X			X	X
02/17/15	Land and Reservation Committee				X	X				X
02/18/15	Domestic Violence Prevention Work Group									X
02/19/15	Tribal Council Meeting		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
02/23/15	Gaming Authority Committee			X	X					X
02/24/15	Gaming Authority Committee			X	X				X	X
02/25/15	Special Work Session			X	X		X		X	X
02/25/15	AdHoc Agricultural Work Group			X	X					
02/25/15 - 02/27/15	United Nations Tribes Washington D.C.					X				
02/26/15	Tribal Marijuana Conference-Tulalip Washington									X

\*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs

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

The purpose of the corporation is to pursue business opportunities and economic development with an emphasis on Great Lakes commercial fishing. If interested, please send your letter of interest and resume' to:  
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Legislative Office  
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Ph:231-347-1403

# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



As we end the winter months, it is nice to hear the

birds chirping and see all the people gathering sap and making syrup. Big plans are on the horizon for spring and summer, our Archives and Records expansion will commence. After seeing the concept renderings of our future facilities, I'm confident our reinvestment in our community will be a success. We have expanded the Youth Services Department, and it is now operating a full afterschool program for youth ages six and up. We have a homework lab and are moving ahead on programming

for summer as the department expands to offer a full day program. Our Tribal Council was successful in passing a Domestic Violence Statute and Victims' Rights statute for our tribe. A task force was formed to incorporate the changes into tribal law. We now have the ability to prosecute non-Natives for abuse which occurs on tribal lands. I can't express how much I appreciate serving each and every one of you. My heart goes out to each of you and your families with blessings of good health.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://tinyurl.com/lbbtaxagr>

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

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

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)**

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

**TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER**

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

**ATTENTION TRIBAL BUSINESSES/ENTREPRENEURS!**

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

**TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION**

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

Tribal Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 17, 2021	01-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/07/2011	June 07, 2017	05-09
Kathryn I. McGraw	Active	04/02/2013	April 2, 2019	06-09
Gwendolyn Gasco	Active	07/02/2013	July 2, 2019	08-09
Yvonne E. Brown	Active	03/25/2014	March 24, 2020	09-09

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

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Citizenship	3 yr. term	3
Elders Commission	2 yr., 3 yr.	5
Education Appeals Board	Open term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	2
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	2
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3

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

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

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

**Judicial Branch posting:**

Associate Judge, 4 year term, expiring February 20, 2016  
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

**Odaawe Giizhigat**  
(Barter Day)

Trading \* Buying \* Selling

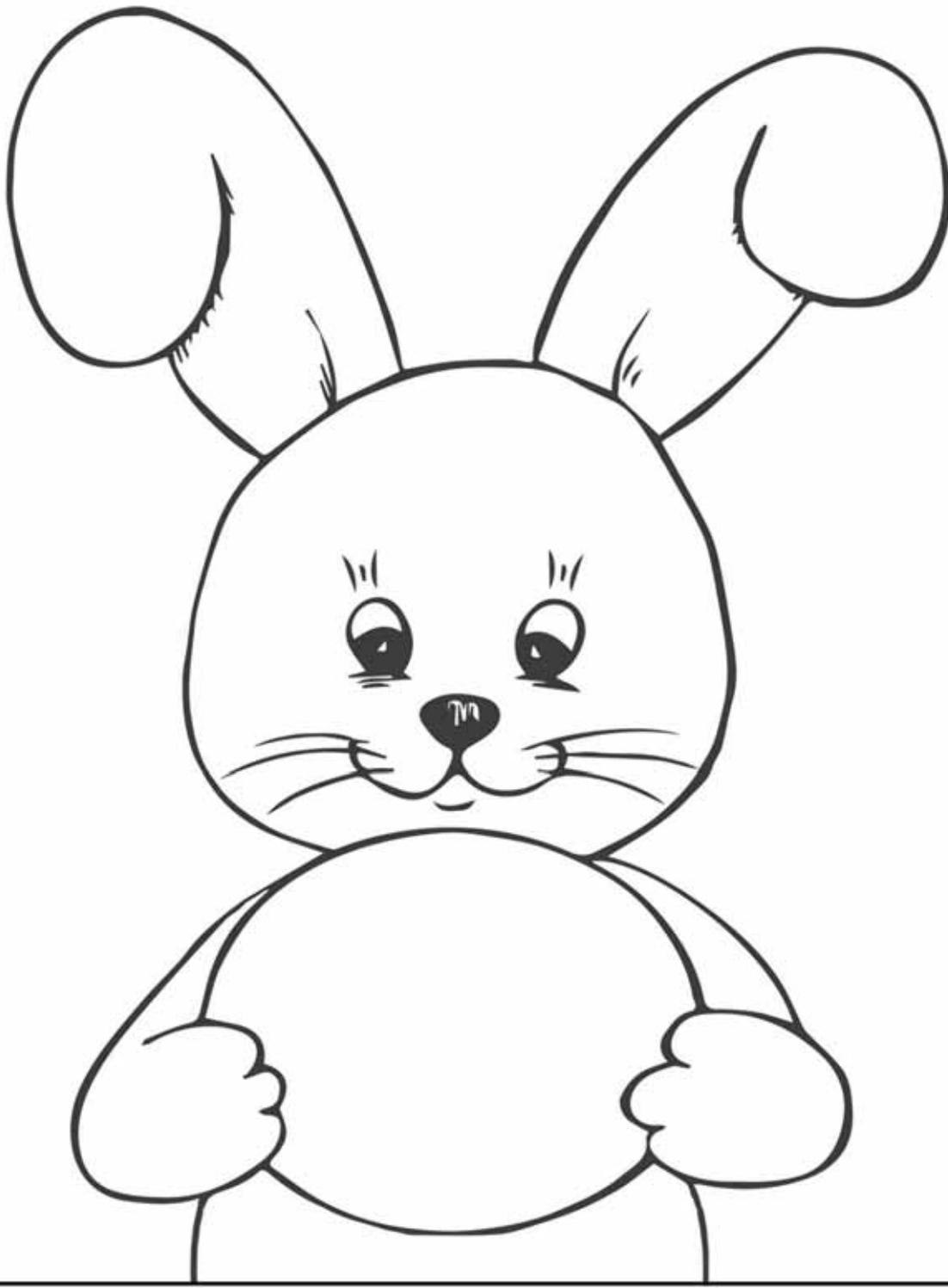
May 15, 2015  
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LTBB Gov't Center  
Harbor Springs, MI

Trading the way our ancestors did. Trade items, a skill or for services you need or have. Please keep in mind the Seven Grandfathers for bartering, and a deadline for completion. You are in charge and responsible for your decisions and barter.

For more information, please contact Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Hosted by the LTBB Department of Commerce

# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



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

### Easter Bunny Decorating Contest Rules

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

#### Mailing Address:

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

#### THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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

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

## NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS

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

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

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

#### Services:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2015

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2015. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions con-

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

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2015 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2015.

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

## LTBB TRIBAL DIRECTORIES

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

#### Qualifications:

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

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

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

# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Aanii Tribal Elder,

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

**Step One.** Application materials:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complete and sign the application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The LTBB Accounting Department will mail your check.

Miigwech,  
Elder Department Staff  
231-242-1423

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



## Food & Utility Reimbursement Application

January 5, 2015

Please **print** the following information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Utility Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Grocery Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Current year 2015

## Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

**Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!**

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

Call: 231-242-1563

## GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

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

The deadline for submitting an application is August 31, 2015. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

## Interested in working for LTBB?

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

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## LTBB HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOW OFFERING DIRECT SERVICES TO LTBB ELDERS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF ABUSE IN LATER LIFE

The LTBB Human Services Department has received approval of our outreach and strategic service plan and is now able to provide direct services to elder LTBB Tribal Citizens who have been/are the victim of Abuse in Later Life. Abuse in Later Life includes elders who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused or victims of

neglect or financial exploitation by spouse, family members and/or caregivers. Victim Services can be accessed by contacting the LTBB Human Services Department Monday-Friday at 231-242-1620 and after hours at the 24-hour crisis and information line 231-347-0082 or toll free at 1-800-275-1995.

### FARMERS

USDA purchases more than 2 billion pounds of food worth nearly \$2 BILLION from American farmers each year.

USDA helps support American Farmers, keeping local agriculture strong and stimulating the economy.

USDA FOODS are 100% American Grown, meeting the highest safety and nutrition standards.

### USDA FOODS

USDA FOODS include high quality fruits, vegetables, dairy products, whole grains, lean meats, poultry and fish.

USDA works to ensure USDA FOODS meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including reduced levels of fats, sodium and sugars.

Healthy Choices. American Grown.

To learn more about USDA Foods, visit:  
[www.fns.usda.gov/USDAFoods](http://www.fns.usda.gov/USDAFoods)  
[www.fns.usda.gov/USDAFoods/mobile](http://www.fns.usda.gov/USDAFoods/mobile)

### FAMILIES

USDA distributes USDA Foods to food banks, soup kitchens, disaster feeding organizations, Indian Tribal Organizations, charitable institutions and other feeding organizations, helping families stretch their food budgets and ensuring that all Americans have healthy foods within reach.

USDA foods are also offered to schools in order to help them provide healthy, high quality lunches to more than 32 million children daily.

**Because ONE is too many**

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

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

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

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

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

**Your Child's Early Development is a Journey**  
 Track all the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.

**6 MONTHS**  
 • Crawl  
 • Babble  
 • Respond to name  
 • Sit up  
 • Use simple words like "mama" and "dada"

**12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)**  
 • Stand  
 • Use simple words like "mama" and "dada"

**18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)**  
 • Walk  
 • Use simple words like "mama" and "dada"

**2 YEARS**  
 • Run  
 • Use simple words like "mama" and "dada"

**3 YEARS**  
 • Climb stairs  
 • Use simple words like "mama" and "dada"

**4 YEARS**  
 • Skip  
 • Use simple words like "mama" and "dada"

Family Education and Support LTBB Mna Mskiki Gumik 231-242-1721

## April 2015 Commodities Schedule

April 2015							May 2015						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
							31						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Apr 1	2 Produce (WH)	3 Good Friday (Off)	4
5	6 BIG TRUCK	7	8	9 Produce (WH)	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Hours of Operation 9am-3pm OPEN DISTRIBUTION						
			828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto			
19	20 Packing Local (WH)	21 Local Deliveries PETOSKEY, HARBOR SPRINGS, PELLSTON, LEVERING, CHEBOYGAN, INDIAN RIVER	22 BAY SHORE, CHARLEVOIX, EAST JORDAN, GAYLORD	23 Produce (WH)	24	25
26	27 Packing Greg (WH)	28 Delivery Greg (Peshawbestown)	29 Packing Robin (WH)	30 Delivery Robin (Traverse City 3mile)	For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573	

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## BIIDAASIGE KINOOMAAGEGAMIK SHKINIIGJIK: PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL ANISHINAABEMOWIN CLASS YOUTH (STUDENTS)



Kyla Ann Gross ndizhnikaaz. (My name is) Mshiike ndodem. (My clan is turtle). GTB ndodabendaagwas. (My tribe that I belong to). Biidaasige ndonjibaa. (I am from Petoskey). Shkiniikwe ndaaw (I am a young woman). Mdaaswe shi naanan nibiboonigiz (I am 15 years old). "I like to ski, nbaa miinwaa gindaasa, (sleep and read)." "This class is important to me because I like to learn more about my Anishinaabe culture and be able to learn another language and maybe understand the prayers at powwows that I go to, but that is why this class is important."

Cameron Flood ndizhnikaaz. (my name is) Biidaasige ndonjibaa. (I am from Petoskey). Irish shkinwe ndaaw. (I am an Irish young man). Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe nibiboonigiz. (I am 16 years old). "I like football and weightlifting. I want to learn this language because it's the most interesting language I've ever taken."



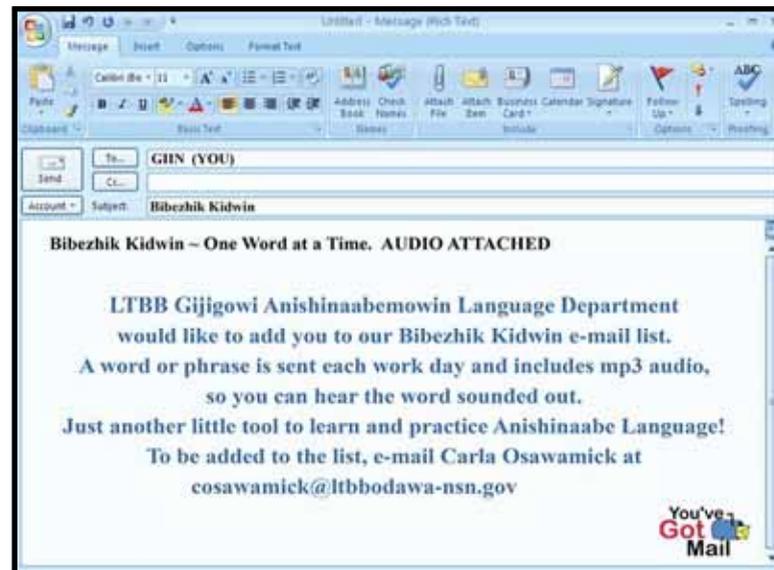
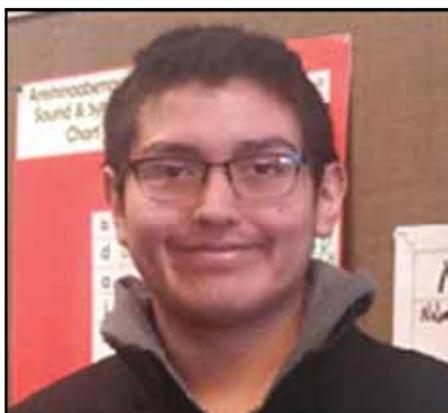
Kenny Dewey ndizhnikaaz. (My name is) Nimkii ndodem. (My clan is thunder). Biidaasige ndonjibaa. (I am from Petoskey). Shkinwe ndaaw. (I am a young man). Mdaaswe shi niizhwaaswe nibiboonigiz. (I am 17 years old). "I am in band, and I like video games and basketball. This class is important to me because it's part of my culture and I want to learn it and be able to speak it well."

Alex Boulton ndizhnikaaz. (My name is) Migizi ndodem. (My clan is the eagle). GTB/Odawa ndodabendaagwas. (I am from the GTB and Odawa tribes) Biidaasige ndonjibaa. (I am from Petoskey). Odawa shkinwe ndaaw. (I am an Odawa young man). Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe nibiboonigiz. (I am 16 years old). "I like games. I find taking this class important because it is important to learn more about my culture and language."



Connor Smith ndizhnikaaz. (My name is) Ajjjak ndodem. (My clan is crane). Baweting ndodabendaagwas. (I belong to the Sault Ste. Marie tribe). Alanson ndonjibaa. (I am from Alanson). Shkinwe ndaaw. (I am a young man). Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe nibiboonigiz. (I am 16 years old). "I like to hunt, fish and play sports. This class presents our language and allows the local tribal students as well as non-tribal students to learn about our region's history and language."

Alex Dewey ndizhnikaaz. (My name is) Nimkii ndodem. (My clan is thunder). Odawa Waganakising ndodabendaagwas. (I belong to the Odawa tribe). Biidaasige ndonjibaa. (I am from Petoskey). Odawa Nini ndaaw. (I am an Odawa man). Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe nibiboonigiz. (I am 16 years old). "I like fishing, playing Xbox, school and helping others. This class is important to me because it is my Native language and I feel that I should know my own language."



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

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List - One word at a time - E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached. Anishinaabemowin E-mail List: In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News. Send us an e-mail, and we'll add you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List" or the "Anishinaabemowin E-mail List." Carla Osawamick (McFall) at [cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

## Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion

Spring Semester 2015 NPIP Pane Language Immersion

**Ideal for ALL levels!**  
from Beginner to Advanced

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

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

**Wegnesh? What?**  
5 Weekends Per Semester

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

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

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

## Summer Semester 2015

Register as a student for Anishinaabe Language Classes (6 or 8 Credits Per Class). Financial Aid Available for Qualified Students! Contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department for more information.

**NPIP Anishinaabemowin at LTBB Pane Weekend Immersion**

**Wegnesh? What?**  
5 Weekends Per Semester

**Wenesh Pii? When?**  
May 8, 9, 10.  
June 5, 6, 7.  
June 26, 27, 28.  
July 31, August 1, 2.  
August 21, 22, 23.

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

**Aapiish? Where?**  
LTBB Waasnodeki Community Center, Harbor Springs, MI

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LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on **facebook**

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

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

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

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

# FAMILY LANGUAGE GAME NIGHT

Submitted by the Gijigowi Language Department

group prayer in Anishinaabemowin. We then split into two groups of beginners and intermediate language learners. Each language instructor, Gwen, Carla and Netawn designed games for both groups, and the groups rotated to each game station. Carla's game was a physical game, which required quick thinking about animal terms. Gwen's game was technology-based using numbers, colors and nouns. Netawn's game was an old school Pictionary game with singular and plural nouns.

Everybody had a blast, and some said it was the best game night ever!

The Language Department creates the games based on the most effective ways to learn a second language. Don't miss out next time; all levels of language learners are highly encouraged to attend, including beginners. Watch the *Odawa Trails* for upcoming activities, classes or events.

Contact Gijigowi Language Department at 231-242-1457 for questions or information.

Photos by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.

Aanii kina gwaya (hello everybody)! Family Language Game Night on March 10, 2015 was a success!

The Language Department tried a different venue this time and held the event at the Wasnodeke Community Center for a change of atmosphere in a different part of the community. It worked out fairly well, but with two game stations going on at the same time, it was a bit wild and loud in the small space.

The evening started off with a potluck dinner and a



Crossword answers on page 28.

**Across**

**Word Bank**  
 daashigase  
 nesayaawangwaan  
 ziiwaagimidenhke  
 ziiwaagimidenh  
 bgoneigan  
 onjige  
 giishkiboojigan  
 zisabaakadaaboo  
 zisabaakwadoke  
 zisabaakwat  
 kikok  
 zisabaakadokeng  
 skigamizige  
 ninaatig  
 negwaakwaanan  
 bgamshtigwaan  
 mnookmi  
 waagaakwad  
 bagidinise  
 naadoobii

2. sugar  
 5. S/He is making sugar.  
 6. Spring  
 8. S/He is boiling down sap.  
 9. S/he is collecting sap/water.  
 10. sap water  
 13. syrup  
 16. a drill  
 17. S/He is putting wood on the fire.  
 18. a hammer  
 19. sugaring trough  
 20. leaking sap, dripping sap

**Down**

1. a saw  
 3. Sugar Camp  
 4. tree taps  
 7. S/He is making syrup.  
 11. an axe  
 12. S/He is chopping wood.  
 14. maple tree  
 15. pails, pots

**ZIISABAAKADAAKE GIIZIS**  
 Sugaring Moon, April

# Ziisabaakadokeng Kidwinan

## Sugar Camp Words



Anishinaabemowin	By syllable	Zhaaganaashiimowin
Ziisabaakadaake Giizis	Ziis baak daa ke gii zis	April
Ziisabaakadokeng	ziis baa ka do keng	at sugar camp
Kesemaakeyaang.	Ke se maa ke yaang	We offer semaa first.
Skigamizige.	Ski ga mi zi ge	S/he is boiling down sap.
ninaatig	ni naa tig	Maple tree
ninaatigok	ni naa ti gok	Maple trees
ninaatigaaboo	ni naa tig aa boo	sap water
ziisabaakadaaboo	ziis baak daa boo	sap water
ziiwaagamidenh	zii waa ga mi denh	syrup
Ziiwaagamidenhke.	zii waa ga mi denh ke	S/he is making maple syrup
ziisabaakwat	zii sa baa kwat	sugar
Ziisabaakwadoke.	zii sa baa kwa do ke	S/he is making sugar.
bgamshtigwaan	b gam shti gwaan	hammer
biiminigam	bii mi ni gam	brace and bit
bgone'igan	b go ne i gan	drill
negwaakwaan	ne gwaa kwaan	tap
negwaakwaan	ne gwaa kwaa nan	taps
kik	kik	pot, pail
kikok	kik kok	pots, pails
Daashigase.	Daa shi ga se	S/he is chopping wood.
Bagidinise.	ba gi di ni se	S/he is putting wood in the fire.
onjige	on ji ge	leak sap, drip sap
Naadoobii.	naa doo bii	collecting sap/water
Nga'ozhiga'ige nangwa.	n ga o zhi ga i ge nan gwa	I am going to tap trees today.
Mii go maajiigaag nangwa.	Mii go maa jii gaag nan gwa	The sap started running today.
Ziisabaakadokeng izhaadaa.	Ziis baak do keng i zhaa daa	Let's go to the Sugar Bush.

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## LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!



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

# NO MORE

No MORE excuses. No MORE silence. No MORE violence

- **KNOW RESPECT**  
*Mnaadendmowin - Be respectful*
- **SHOW LOVE**  
*Zaagidwin - Be caring*
- **BE HONEST**  
*Gwekwaadziwin - Be truthful*

The 7 Grandfather Teachings

- LOVE
- RESPECT
- COURAGE
- HONESTY
- WISDOM
- HUMILITY
- TRUTH



Get involved! Support survivors.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Call Monday-Friday: (231) 242-1620  
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan  
24-Hour Crisis and Information Lines: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995

**Bibwaachigek**  
Enji-nishinaabemoying!

Come Visit Anishinaabe Language Pane Immersion Weekend.

Stop in Anytime to Enjoy the Beautiful Sounds of Our Anishinaabe Language.

Join us for a couple hours or for the day!

Friday, April 10, 1 pm - 8 pm  
Saturday, April 11, 8 am - 8 pm  
Sunday, April 12, 8 am - 12 pm

LTBB Community Center at Waawaasnodeki  
5656 Ap-gish-mok Road  
(Harbor Springs, MI, Large Building on Right as you drive into complex)

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

For More Information, Contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department, 231-242-1457.

**RED INK FALL 2015**  
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INDIGENOUS LITERATURE, ART, & HUMANITIES

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**Submissions:**  
Red Ink is looking for submission materials in the form of creative writing (fiction, poetry, non-fiction, plays), scholarly works (literary theory, criticism, reviews), art works (visual arts photography, comics, film and video), and humanities essays. As well, we will consider writing in narrative discourse concerning oral tradition, testimonials, and intersections between traditional belief and modernity. RED INK definitely encourages perspectives of local, hemispheric, and global voices of Indigenous peoples.  
Submit work at: <https://redink.submittable.com/>

Submissions open February 1 and close June 1 2015  
All those of Indigenous heritages from around the world are welcome to submit! All ages.

Now located at Arizona State University

April 14-16, 2015  
Silver Creek Event Center  
Four Winds Casino Resort  
New Buffalo, Michigan

**SAVE THE DATE**

MICHIGAN TRIBAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS PRESENT  
**Indigenous Education Conference**  
**BUILDING A STRONGER CIRCLE**

Save the date for an Educators Conference that will inspire, instruct and connect.

With support of several local Indigenous Educational Organizations, the Michigan Tribal Education Directors (MTED) hope to foster relationships that provide direct contact with decision makers from all areas of education. Our goal is to strengthen the web of opportunity, both educationally and culturally, for all students currently being served in Michigan schools.

We strongly encourage both Native and non-Native stakeholders to **Come, Learn, and Participate:** Superintendents, Program Directors, Principals, Teachers, Counselors and Social Workers, Tribal Councils, Tribal Education Directors, Native Parents, Native Student Organizations and Tribal Colleges.

We hope to include you as we continue to strengthen partnerships in the new era of Native Education for all.

Breakout sessions include implementing the most effective methodologies for teaching Native students including such topics as historical trauma and tribal sovereignty curriculum.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi is honored to invite you and your education colleagues to hear from presenters who include artist and activist Louie Gong and comedian and actor Vaughn Eaglebear.

Whether you teach Native students, are a Native educator, or work for a government or non-profit education agency, you'll leave the Educators Conference having fostered relationships and strengthened the web of opportunity—educational and cultural—for all students.

**Registration details**  
\$200 per individual  
Four or more people \$100 per person  
Silent Auction Package \$60 per person  
← CEU / Clock hours offered by Western Michigan University  
Registration packets will be mailed in January. Visit [www.pokagonband-nm.gov/government/departments/education](http://www.pokagonband-nm.gov/government/departments/education)

**Contact**  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Education  
(269) 782-0887  
Sam.Morseau@PokagonBand-nm.gov  
for more information.



# LTBB HEALTH DIRECTOR AND LTBB SAFETY DIRECTOR ATTEND HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING



Submitted by the Health Department

As part of our Emergency Response Team, LTBB Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski and LTBB Safety Director Susan Gasco recently completed training offered by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, AL.

The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training facility in the nation.



The course they attended was the Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness Course de-

signed to give federal, state, tribal and local officials' information on how to best use and manage the Strategic National Stockpile in response to a terrorist attack, natural disaster or technological accident.

This training greatly reinforces our need to stay prepared in the event of any incident which can affect our lives and the safety and health of our tribal nation.

The CDP develops and delivers advanced training for emergency response providers, emergency managers and other government officials from state, local and tribal governments. The CDP offers more than 40 training courses focusing on incident management, mass casualty response and emergency response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act. Training at the CDP campus is federally funded at no cost to state, local and tribal emergency response professionals or their agency.

Resident training at the CDP includes healthcare and public health courses at the Noble Training Facility, the nation's only hospital dedicated to training healthcare professionals in disaster preparedness and re-

sponse.

A number of resident training courses culminate at the CDP's Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological (COBRA) Training Facility. The COBRA is the nation's only facility featuring civilian training exercises in a true toxic environment using chemical agents. The advanced hands-on training enables responders to effectively prevent, respond to and recover from real-world incidents involving acts of terrorism and other hazardous materials.

Responders participating in CDP training gain critical skills and confidence to respond effectively to local incidents or potential WMD events.



Information about CDP training programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>. Visit the "News & Media" tab at the top of the site to download images, share CDP training articles and find out what others are saying about CDP training. For more information about the CDP, contact the CDP External Affairs Office at 256-847-2212/2316 or e-mail [pao@cdpemail.dhs.gov](mailto:pao@cdpemail.dhs.gov).

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## Are You:

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



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

## 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

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

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

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



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

Many Youth and Parents do not believe that regular or binge drinking for Youth is physically risky ('11 LTBB SPRING Survey)

- BUT IT IS

Grandfather Teaching

# Knowledge is Power

Educate our Youth, Keep Them Safe

- Research shows youth in the U.S. who begin drinking before age 15 are 4 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence during their lifetime than those who began drinking at age 21 or later. Hingson RW, Heeren T, Winter MR. Age at drinking onset and alcohol dependence; age at onset, duration and severity. *Pediatrics* 2008; 120:730-749.
- About 90% of the alcohol consumed by youth under the age of 21 in the U.S. is in the form of binge drinks. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2005. *Drinking in America: Myths, Realities and Prevention Policy.*



"Your future could be impacted by an MIP citation (Minor in Possession) or an OWI arrest (Operating While Intoxicated). Many employers, colleges and military recruiters take alcohol-related offenses into consideration when hiring or accepting applications."

([http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/under\\_21\\_Brochure\\_update\\_2013\\_05\\_wb\\_44\\_1357\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/under_21_Brochure_update_2013_05_wb_44_1357_7.pdf))

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism defines binge drinking as a pattern of drinking which brings a person's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) to .08 grams percent or above. For males, this typically means 5 or more drinks, and for females, 4 or more drinks within approximately 2 hours.

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

## DON'T GET STUCK WITH THE BILL!



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

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

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

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			GRC Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St. 1	Elders Luncheon at Noon 2	Good Friday Governmental Offices Closed 3	
Easter Sunday 5	Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312 6	Elders Luncheon at Noon 7 Legal and Legislative Cmte. Mtg. 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Tribal Council Work Session 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers	Budget Hearings 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers 8 Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 pm Natural Resource Bldg.	Elders Luncheon at Noon 9 Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Tribal Council Chambers	Meet The Candidates Forum 10 7 pm - 10 pm Govt. Center Child Welfare Commission Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312	Meet The Candidates Forum 11 10 am - 1 pm Govt. Center
		Elders Luncheon at Noon 14 AFC Meeting 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers	Agricultural Assessment Work Group Meeting 4 pm Tribal Council Chambers 15 GRC Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	Elders Luncheon at Noon 16		Trust Fund Board Meeting 18 9 am NRD Conference Room
	Citizenship Commission Meeting 5:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 118 19 AFC Meeting 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers 20	Elders Luncheon at Noon 21 Land & Reservation Cmte. Mtg. 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Tribal Council Work Session 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers	Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 pm Natural Resource Bldg. 22	Elders Luncheon at Noon 23 Tribal Council Meeting 1:30 pm - 4 pm Tribal Council Chambers	Election Board Work Session 24 4:30 pm	Election Board Meeting 25 12 pm
		Elders Luncheon at Noon 28 Gaming Authority Cmte. Meeting 10 am Tribal Council Chambers	Agricultural Assessment Work Group Meeting 4 pm Tribal Council Chambers 29 GRC Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.			Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details

# PROJECT CONNECT - ODAWA CASINO RESORT



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Beer • Wine • Liquor • Lunch • Snacks and so much more!

Logos for Coca-Cola, Bud Light, Coors, and Pepsi are visible.

## Anishnabe Dance Lessons

Learn to Dance. Native Dancing, Old Style and Specialty Dances

**DATES**  
**Session 1** Every Thursday in March 2015  
 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For beginning dancers  
**Session 2** Every Thursday in April 2015  
 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For experienced dancers  
 More Dates to Follow Based on Interest .....

Located at the LTBB Community Building, 5654 Ap-Gish-Mok, Harbor Springs, MI

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

Families are encouraged to participate.

You don't have to dance to participate.

- Teach dancing (old style or modern pow wow)
- Volunteer to help sew and make dance outfits
- Volunteer to help with transportation
- Donate material
- Come and watch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

### Quick Care Family Medical Center

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

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.

### McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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

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.

Photos By Wendy Congdon



On February 7, 2015, the Ziibimigwang farm was officially incorporated through the LTBB Department of Commerce. Present were Regina Brubacker-Carver, Vicki Kelley, Theresa Keshick and John Keshick III.

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

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

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

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**PETOSKEY'S ORANGE GROUP**

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

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

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

**STRENGTH AND HOPE FOR FAMILIES!**



**Miinshin Naaman**  
 Give me five!  
 1. Kina, Gnaucabimishin! (K)  
 Alleges on me  
 2. Bizindani! (K)  
 Listen  
 3. Bekaayaan! (K)  
 Be Guest  
 4. Namadabin! (K)  
 Sit  
 5. Bizaanuaan! (K)  
 Be Still, Focus  
 Kaa qeqa! None, Nothing.  
 Kaa qeqa quqi do bi zop kankh  
 (Be phone)  
 Kaa qeqa waasmo-mkakanh



**Youth Services Department Open House**  
 Photos by Wendy Congdon

**BLISS GARDENS FARM & COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Location: 5322 Hill Rd  
 Cross Village Michigan  
 Website: blissgardens.wordpress.com

Contact: Craig & Mary Kapin  
 Phone: Cell: 231-898-3839  
 Cell: 231-898-2218  
 email: cmkapin@gmail.com

Opportunity for Farm Interns

Here is a great opportunity to learn organic farming skills and biodynamic growing philosophies in a peaceful setting surrounded by the natural beauty of a remote northern michigan community. The work is hard but the hours are fair. Our 45 Acre biodynamic farm with licensed community kitchen is located just two miles from sand dunes and Lake Michigan. Our land is half field and half forest and we currently grow a variety of vegetables and berries on about 1.5 acres with our main outlet being a CSA. Interested in details? Call or email or meet us this weekend!

Our Land is Dedicated to Clear Thinking, Natural Beauty, and Healthy Living

**What we do:**

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

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**Indian Hills Gallery**

MONDAY-SATURDAY 10AM-5PM  
 1581 HARBOR-PETOSKEY RD. (M-119)  
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 231-347-3789 OR 1-866-385-2026

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# NATIVE NEWS

## GI-GIKINOMAAGE-MIN: DEFEND OUR HISTORY, UNLOCK YOUR SPIRIT



sad, this project will provide a rare opportunity for our Native community to tell their stories of what it was like to live in the urban setting of Grand Rapids and still maintain our identities as American Indians. This project will allow our Native community members to leave behind their own personal histories for their offspring to enjoy for generations to come."

This belief was echoed by Steve Naganashe Perry, a member of the GVSU Native American Advisory Board and GVSU lecturer. "As a university lecturer of Contemporary Native American issues, I find it important to see projects that record history by those who lived it, not those who chose to create it," said Perry. "This project will enable the majority/dominant culture to have a glimpse of what really happened in the urban areas regarding Indian relocation act, and other U.S. government Indian policies."

While still in the early stages, the project kicked off on November 13, 2014 with a community dialogue held at the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Northern Health Center in Grand Rapids, MI. The event was an official introduction and explanation of the project to the urban Native community. More than 70 people attended, representing many different tribes from across Michigan. The greater Grand Rapids, MI, area is also home to many distant tribes within the United States.

Belinda Bardwell, Project Coordinator and a member of

the GVSU Native American Advisory Board, shared the hopes of the project and those involved. "It is a group effort leading this project, and our intent is to serve the urban Native population and to create something that they can own and have pride in. We have hard working Native individuals all working towards this same goal," said Bardwell. "To use Paulo Freire, 'Change must come from within.' This is what we have here concerning the work group. We have all different backgrounds, education and personal experiences all working on this project with the intent to serve the community with the support of the university."

We hope to hear from community members. If you would be willing to share your experiences, have suggestions about community elders whose stories we should record, would like to offer guidance or suggestions about the project, get involved as an interviewer or just have questions, please contact us.

For more information:  
Belinda Bardwell, Project Coordinator  
Grand Valley State University  
Kutsche Office of Local History  
Phone: 616-331-8099  
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Website: [www.gvsu.edu/kutsche](http://www.gvsu.edu/kutsche)  
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Friday, July 17, 2015

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For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

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### 2015 LTBB HOMECOMING POW WOW T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



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

Theme: Honoring Our Elders

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

All entries must be submitted in person to the LTBB Communications Department, located at 1345 U.S. 31 N., Petoskey, MI, mailed to LTBB Communications Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 or e-mailed to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Entries must be 8" x 8" and 4 colors maximum. Black and white are to be counted as colors.

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

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

Original submissions only.

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

For more information, please contact Annette VanDeCar at [avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

#### Tribal Governance Programs of MSUE

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For more information:

Emily Proctor  
Tribal Extension Educator  
MSUE  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231.439.8927  
[proctorb@anr.msu.edu](mailto:proctorb@anr.msu.edu)



#### A Comprehensive Grass Roots Approach to Community Development

Where:

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians,

Community Center  
3664 Zhow-Noong Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI

Dates:

March 9th—10th

April 13th—14th

May 7th—8th

Time: 9AM-5PM

Cost:

Government and community partner rate: \$310.00

All Elders and students please contact Emily Proctor for scholarship information

Participants will:

- Learn skills to launch and sustain projects
- Ensure effective grass roots participation
- Map assets and relationships of a whole community
- Empower and motivate community partners and groups to action.
- Develop creative strategies and do-able projects.
- Balance implementation with celebration
- Organize participatory evaluation

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## THE MIGIZII RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB



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 any interested individuals to participate in our motorcycle club.

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; and zero tolerance for al-

cohol, drugs or any mood altering substances while on all rides. All walks of life accepted. All makes and models of iron horses accepted.

Starting in May 2015 and weather permitting, every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., we will meet at Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store 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.

If you wish to become an active participant in the Migizii Riders or need additional information, please e-mail any questions to [denemyb@charter.net](mailto:denemyb@charter.net) or call Bill Denemy at 231-330-8987 or call Tony Davis at 231-268-1199.

We maintain an e-mail group with our members, so anyone at any time can shoot out an e-mail to the group suggesting rides or other information sharing. If you want to be part of this e-mail group, contact Bill with your information, and he will update the e-mail group.

Live Free. Ride Hard. Stay Safe.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, and graphic by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



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

## The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 February 5, 2015

Closed Session: Yes  
Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.  
Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

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

Absent: Councilor Keshick, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Human Resource Director Denise Petoskey, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Public: Citizen Virginia Lewis, Citizen Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Personnel: General Manager Eric McLester, Slot Director Dennis Shananaquet, Property Operations Director Barry Laughlin, Chief Financial Officer Roger Borton, Table Games Director Shane Robertson, Marketing Director Britta Erickson, Food and Beverage Director Henry Rowland, Human Resources Director Katie Eberly; Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Board Members Alan Proctor, Bryan Gillett and, Steve Hayward, Consultant.

9:08 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to adopt the agenda of February 5, 2015 as amended.

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

Motion carried.  
Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2015, and the Special Meeting held on January 30, 2015, as corrected.

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

Motion carried.

**9:12 a.m.: Elder comments – None at this time.**

**9:12 a.m. - 10:13 a.m.:** Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) 2014 4th Quarter Business Plan Summary and Performance Report, including a Closed Session for Confidential Business

9:34 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

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

10:00 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.  
Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) 2014 4th Quarter Business Plan Summary and Performance Report as presented by OCR Personnel.

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

Motion carried.  
**10:15 a.m. Break**  
**10:29 a.m. Meeting resumes**

**Executive Updates**  
**Discussion Items:** Michigan Indian Legal Services Strategic Planning request for LTBB Input. Northern Shores Loan Fund is applying for grant for Tribal Citizens and would like to partner with LTBB. Letter from Fochtman agreeing to continued use of building and looking into signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Government Complex commons area soon to be completed.

10:35 a.m. Councilor Keshick arrives.

10:36 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to go into closed session for personnel at the request of the Exec-

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

**11:20 a.m. Fire alarm and evacuation**

**11:30 a.m. Returned to closed session**

11:48a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

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

11:49 a.m. Public Comment opens: Citizen Andrew Stich commented on Tribal Council Travel, and holding Closed Sessions during the day. Wanted update on the 2013 investigation. Mr. Stich was asked to discontinue derogatory statements made on behalf of "other" citizens. Citizen Stich questioned Tribal Councils authority to change meeting dates. Asked where to find Tribal Council travel reports, and was instructed on how to utilize Citizen Portal to find them.

Questioned Cross Village tree cutting. Stated that the Natural Resources and Environmental should be two separate departments. Requested clarity of the Election Board Supplemental funding request for Special Election.

12:05 p.m. Public comment closes.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge the verbal Executive report of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley as presented on February 5, 2015.

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

**12:06 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:30 p.m. Meeting resumes**

**1:30 p.m.** Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) presentation by Board Members Alan Proctor and Bryan Gillett, Steve Hayward – Authenticity Livewire Consultant.

**2:54 p.m. Break**  
**3:09 p.m. Meeting resumes**

3:00 p.m. Councilor Keshick exits meeting

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI); that approves the Operating Agreement with SVC Development, LLC, and OEDMI dated December, 2014, and authorizes the OEDMI to execute the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

**Legislative Leader Report** - Position is currently vacant

**Secretary Report:**  
**Discussion Items:** Medical Marijuana, and need for full Council work session on Employee Handbook with invitation to Executive and Judicial.

3:17 p.m. Public Comment opens: Citizen Bernadece Compo-Boda commented on nomination for Tribal Prosecutor. Would like to see clearly defining definition of Tribal Preference.

3:21 p.m. Public comment closes.

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

Tribal Resolution #012215-01: Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$4,500 for the Election Board FY2014 Budget.

Signed by the Executive Department on January 27, 2015

Tribal Resolution #012215-02: Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$95,850 for Department of Kikaajik.

Signed by the Executive Department on January 27, 2015

Tribal Resolution #012215-03: Amendment to the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook. Signed by the Executive Department on January 27, 2015

**Vetoes:** None

**Phone Polls:** None

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Secretary Shananaquet's report as presented on February 5, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve Tribal Council attendance at the Employee Handbook Meeting to be held on February 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Notice of meeting will be sent to Executive and Judicial Branch.

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

Motion carried.  
**Treasurer Report:** Notice of next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting to be held 02/09/15.

**Tribal Council Member Reports**

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept the verbal Travel Report of Councilor Otto regarding attendance at Small Farm Conference held in Traverse City, MI on January 23, 24, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal Travel Report of Treasurer Reyes regarding attendance at Small Farm Conference, held in Traverse City, MI on January 23, 24, 2015.

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

Motion carried.  
Councilor Denemy requested discussion regarding Appellate Justices not attending the Tribal Council meeting as invited.

**Tribal Council Committee Reports**

**Gaming Authority Committee** – No additional information to OCR's report that was given this morning.

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

May 5 Work Session  
May 7 Council Meeting  
May 19 Work Session  
May 21 Council Meeting

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

## Legislative Tribal Council Members

Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader

Marci Reyes, Treasurer

Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor

John Keshick III, Councilor

Bill A. Denemy, Councilor

Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor

Mike Naganashe, Councilor

Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

## Agriculture Assessment Work Group

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

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

Motion carried.

## Land and Reservation Committee

- No meeting held since last Tribal Council meeting.

## Legal Legislative Committee

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

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

Motion carried.

**Ethics Committee** - Complaint No. 111214-01: Transferred to Tribal Council to set a date for a Hearing.

4:17 p.m. Councilor Keshick arrives

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee including letter requesting approval of policy and acknowledge receipt of the Complaint No. 111214-01, in which a Hearing is requested.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Reports:**

## Treasury Director Report

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report as presented on February 5, 2015.

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

## Legislative Services Attorney Report

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report as presented on February 5, 2015.

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

## Enjinaaknegeng

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on February 5, 2015.

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve General Counsel Bransky's action item contained in Confidential Attorney/Client Memo 020515-01.

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

## Legislative Office Manager

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on February 5, 2015.

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

**4:53 p.m. Break**

**5:02 p.m. Meet resumes**

## Action Items

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to post to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register the Criminals and Crimes proposed legislation as sponsored by Councilor Otto.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to amend the agenda to include additional travel for Councilor Wemigwase to travel on behalf of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley to Washington, D.C., on February 26, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Councilor Wemigwase to attend the Consultation with U.S. Department of State, regarding the U.N. World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, Washington D.C., February 26, 2015, as the Tribe's Representative.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to post to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register: Paternity and Custody proposed legislation, as sponsored by Councilor Denemy.

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

5:20 p.m. Councilor Naganashe leaves

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve travel for Councilor Keshick to attend the Native Nations 8th Annual Tribal Casino & Hotel Development Conference February 16-17, 2015 in Las Vegas NV.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest for Odawa Fishery, Inc. Corporate Charter from Ervin R. Barrett and to set up an interview.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to post the updated Victim's Rights proposed legislation to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register, as sponsored by Councilor Wemigwase.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee including letter requesting approval of policy and acknowledge receipt of the Complaint No. 111214-01, in which a Hearing is requested.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Reports:**

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve travel for Tribal Council members to attend the Tribal Marijuana Conference, February 27, 2015 in Tulalip, Washington.

Vote: 5-Yes, 2-No (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Law), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Secretary Shananaquet is withdrawing motion regarding posting of the Treasury Department proposed legislation.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the nomination of Angela Sherigan for Tribal Prosecutor and set up an interview, pending a background check.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to send the SunTel Services Government Buildings Security Access Control System Proposal to the Appropriations and Finance Committee for 2015 budget Supplemental funding recommendation.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to post to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Ethics Hearing Policy for General Rules of Conduct.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Agricultural Ad-hoc Work Group attendance at the following: March 20, 2015 Organic Certification: Creating the Organic Systems Plan, to be held in Charlevoix, MI.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve scheduling a Special Work Session on February 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to work on the Human Resources Department proposed legislation as sponsored by former Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 5-Yes, 2-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the letter dated February 5, 2015, to the Appellate Court requesting a date from the Appellate Court to meet with Tribal Council to discuss, Judiciary Administrative Rule, ATBB AR-001: Backlog Reports and authorize Tribal Treasurer to sign and submit the letter.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to pass Waganakising Odawa Statute Elder's Commission as sponsored by Councilor Keshick.

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

**Other Items of Business (Prior to Adjournment)**

6:15 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to go into closed session for personnel.

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

Motion carried.

6:25 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

6:32 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn meeting.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

February 19, 2015

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Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 February 19, 2015**

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Michael Naganashe

Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Keshick, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Aaron Otto

Absent: Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Human Resource Director Denise Petoskey, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Public: Citizen Andrew Stich, Citizen Michael Smith, Citizen Wesley Andrews Tribal Traditional Burial Board Chair and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and Citizen spouse Eleanor Andrews

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt the agenda of February 19, 2015 as amended.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2015, as corrected.

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

**9:12 a.m.: Elder comments –**

Citizen Wes Andrews raised questions regarding the Cemetery boundaries as discussed at the Land and Reservation Committee meeting

9:13 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives.

**10:14 a.m. - 10:19 a.m. Presentation and update:** Wes Andrews regarding Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc. activities i.e. cost savings, and establishing legal perimeters for cemetery properties.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to acknowledge the verbal report of Wes Andrews, Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc. as presented on February 19, 2015.

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

**Executive Updates**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge the verbal Executive report of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley and acknowledge receipt of the February 2015 Executive Oversight Report (EOR) as presented on February 19, 2015.

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

**Legislative Leader Report** - Position is currently vacant

**Secretary Report:**

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

Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015- 001: Elders Statute.

Signed by the Executive on 02-10-15

**Vetoes:** None

**Phone Polls:** Conducted on 02-09-15

Motion to recommend Tribal Council approval of: Certified Motion #020915-01: Request for Funding from the Office on Violence against Women FY 2015 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program and to authorize Tribal Council Phone Poll to meet required deadline. Phone Poll passed 8-yes.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor

Wemigwase to accept Secretary Shananaquet's report as presented on February 19, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Secretary Shananaquet on February 19, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Committee Reports:**

**Gaming Authority Committee –** Next meeting date: February 24, 2015

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

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Agriculture Assessment Work Group -** Next meeting date is February 25, 2015

**Land and Reservation Committee**

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

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Legal Legislative Committee -** Next meeting will be held March 3, 2015

**Ethics Committee**

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Ethic's Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**

Councilor Wemigwase is sponsoring presentation by Citizen Renee Dillard regarding Native American Artistry of natural fibers.

Citizen Dillard is requesting support in the form of mileage and per diem in effort to further expand her knowledge of traditional artwork i.e. natural fiber art (twine pouches/bags). Citizen Wes Andrews voiced his support of Renee Dillard's efforts to expand her knowledge of traditional artwork.

**10:57 a.m. Break**

**11:17 a.m. Resume**

**11:18 a.m. – 11:39 a.m. Elder Comment**

Citizen Michael Smith commented on his denied request for a closed session regarding Executive personnel. He handed out a signed transcribed report of recorded personnel conversations. Mr. Smith was advised that he had the right to file a civil case in Tribal Court.

Citizen Wes Andrews feels sad about the situation presented by Citizen Michael Smith stating that the Tribal Citizens do not need to fight amongst themselves.

**Legislative Office Reports:**

**Treasury Director Report**

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report as presented on February 19, 2015.

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

**11:42 p.m. Public Comment opens**

Citizen Stich wants his comments to be in a transcribed manner, including Tribal Council responses.

Citizen Dillard commented on key card use and building closures notifications.

Citizen Proctor passed out flyers for two separate trainings. **Michigan State University Extension –** A Comprehensive Grass Roots Approach to Community Development. Dates of Trainings: March 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. **2015 4-H Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Academy –** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 5<sup>th</sup>. Update on Annual Community Meeting.

**12:07 p.m. Public Comment closes**

**12:07 p.m. Public Break**

**1:30 p.m. Meeting Resumes**

Councilor Wemigwase absent

**Legislative Services Attorney Report**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report as presented on February 19, 2015.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor

Wemigwase) Motion carried.

**Enjinaaknegeng**

General Counsel Bransky and Office of Citizens Legal Assistant Cherie Dominic (WOS 2012-006) presented need to revise Statute.

2:24 p.m. Break

2:38 p.m. Meeting Resumes

2:39 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to go into closed session for personnel.

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

3:17 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on February 19, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve and authorize the action item contained with Legal Memo 021915-01 from General Counsel Bransky.

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

3:20 p.m. Public Comment – No comments

3:20 p.m. Public Comment closes

**Legislative Office Manager**

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on February 19, 2015.

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

**Action Items**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Certified Motion #021915-01: Request for funding from the Office on Violence against Women FY 2015 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #021915-02: Request for funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Basic Library Services Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #021915-03: Request for funding from Center of American Indians and Minority Health University of Minnesota Indians into medicine (UM INMED) Community-Based Science Activities L.T.B.B. Summer Youth Education Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #021915-04: Request for funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant FY 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Certified Motion #021915-05: Request for funding from Michigan Humanities Council 2015 Heritage Grants Mandabekkee Dance Troupe Documentary Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to approve Certified Motion #021915-06: Request for funding from First Nations Development Institute Native Youth & Culture Fund FY 2015 Land-Based Education Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council and Ethics Committee Hearing Policy for General Rules

of Conduct.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to acknowledge the receipt of the nominees of Lily Anderson, Catherine Laba, and Angie Woodin for the Education Appeals Board from the Executive Department and to set up interviews.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Law to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use of the Strategic National Stockpile in the Event of a Mass Medical Emergency.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Tribal Council travel to the “Native Nations Events Inaugural Symposium-Marijuana: The next Big Thing in Native American Economic Development?” March 30, 2015 in San Diego, CA.

Vote: 4-Yes, 2-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to not pursue land parcel #87.

Vote: 5-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Naganashe), 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to pursue Land Parcel #84 and refer the matter to the Appropriation and Finance Committee.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the site plan of the Administrative Complex to include the Archives Expansion, known as Preliminary Concept Option 2 dated February 13, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the GPS coordinate maps for Murray Road and Osborne Road for the land use designated to the Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc. dated October 21, 2014 and February 11, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Leases of LTBB Trust Lands Regulations REG-WOS 2014-017 012015-002.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to approve Tribal Council attendance at all LTBB Governmental Personnel Policy Handbook work group meeting as scheduled for 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to re-post to the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register the updated draft of the Tribal Government Human Resource Department proposed legislation.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to set the hearing date for Complaint No. 111214-01, on March 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to amend the agenda to include Tribal Resolution, Funding for FY 2015, Shortfall for Health Department.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015 Amended Budget for an Additional Sum of \$15,000.00 for Legal Consulting Services.

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

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Traditional Burial Grounds Board in the Amount of \$27,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015 to come from Prior Period Funds.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$215,000 for Security Systems at the Government Buildings.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Recall of an Official and Leave of Absence.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt Tribal Resolution Funding for FY 2015, Shortfall for Health Department. To increase by \$70,500 to come from Third-Party Revenue Fund Balance.

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

**Other Items of Business (Prior to Adjournment)**

**4:06 p.m. Break**

**4:17 p.m. Meeting Resumes**

4:22 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to go into closed session for Legal.

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

Motion carried.

4:35 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve scheduling of March 27, 2015 Special meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

4:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Naganashe to go into closed session for personnel.

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

5:20 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve the Employment Contract dated **February 19, 2015** between Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney, and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign contract.

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

**Adjournment**

5:25 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn meeting.

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

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

**March 5, 2015**

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Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date



# On the Pow Wow Trail

## MICHIGAN

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

April 11  
16th Annual Children's Pow  
Wow Hosted by the LTBB Head  
Start and Early Head Start  
Alanson Public Schools  
Gymnasium  
Alanson, MI

April 11-12  
Grand Valley State  
University's Native American  
Student Association (NASA)  
Celebrating All Walks of Life  
Pow Wow  
Allendale, MI  
Contact Information: Molly  
Matson, NASA Student President,  
at matsonmo@mail.gvsu.edu,  
Kristie Scanlon, NASA Staff  
Advisor, at scanlokr@gvsu.edu or  
www.gvsu.edu.oma

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

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

May 30-31  
Riverbank Traditional Pow  
Wow  
Lansing, MI  
Contact Information: Robin  
at 517-721-1502 or Robin\_  
Menefee@yahoo.com

June 6-7  
Gathering of the Clans Pow  
Wow  
Manistique, MI  
Contact Information: Viola  
Neadow at 906-341-6993 or  
1-800-347-7137

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

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

July 7-12  
Sault Tribe Traditional Pow  
Wow and Summer Gathering  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
Contact Information: Linda  
Grossett at 906-635-6050

July 17-19  
Sugar Island Traditional

Pow Wow  
Sugar Island, Michigan  
Contact Information: Mick  
Frechette at 906-440-8918 or  
Colleen St. Onge at 906-635-6050

July 24-26  
31st Annual Saginaw  
Chippewa Tribal Pow Wow  
Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Contact Information:  
Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow  
Committee at 1-888-732-4537

August 1  
Newberry Youth  
Empowerment Pow Wow  
Newberry, MI  
Contact Information: Patty  
Teeple at 906-341-3362, Dee  
Eggert at 906-635-7010 or Lisa  
Burnside at 906-484-2298

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

August 14-16  
Gathering of the Eagles  
Hessel Pow Wow  
Hessel, MI  
Contact Information: Lisa  
Burnside at lburnside@saulttribe.  
net or Lana Causley at lcausley@  
saulttribe.net

August 21-23  
Rendezvous at the Straits  
St. Ignace Pow Wow  
St. Ignace, MI  
Contact information: St.  
Ignace Events Committee at 906-  
643-8717 or Darryl Brown at  
906-984-2083

September 5  
Honoring the Waters  
Newberry Pow Wow  
Newberry, MI  
Contact Information: Lois  
Bryant or Shirley Kowalke at 906-  
293-8181

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

September 12  
Munising Pow Wow and Fall  
Gathering  
Munising, MI  
Contact Information: Angela  
Satterlee or Sue Galisik at 906-387-  
5475

November 7  
Kinross Honoring Our  
Anishnaabe Veterans Pow Wow  
Kinross, MI  
Contact Information: Jackie  
Minton or Linda Grossett at 906-  
635-6050

## MINNESOTA

April 4  
The Sanford Center  
Bemijigamaag Pow Wow

Bemidji, MN  
Contact Information: Darryl  
Northbird at 218-335-4457

April 10  
Remember the Elders  
Shakopee, MN  
Contact Information: Maria  
at 952-300-8074

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

April 11  
22nd Annual St. Cloud State  
University Spring Pow Wow  
St. Cloud, MN  
Contact Information: Jim  
Knutson-Kolodzne at 320-308-  
5447 or 320-308-5449

May 2  
Pow Wow for Hope:  
Dancing for Life, Love & Hope  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: 612-  
314-4848

May 7  
Fond du Lac Ojibwe School  
Ziigwan Pow Wow 2015  
Cloquet, MN  
Contact Information: Ms.  
DeFoe at 218-878-7239 or 218-  
878-7276

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

## WISCONSIN

April 10  
Wisconsin Indian  
Education Association Pow  
Wow  
Franklin, WI  
Contact Information: Joy  
Maisells at 414-229-5880

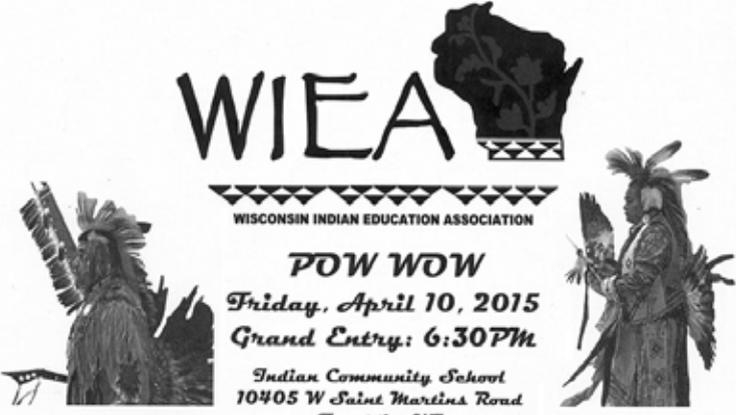
April 11-12  
University of Wisconsin  
Annual Spring Pow Wow 2015  
Madison, WI  
Contact Information:  
Nichole Boyd at 608-265-3420 or  
618-201-7953

April 20  
Menominee (Nama'o)  
Sturgeon Feast  
Keshena, WI  
Contact Information: 715-  
799-5258

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

April 25  
18th Annual University of  
Wisconsin-Green Bay Pow Wow  
Green Bay, WI  
Contact Information: 920-  
465-2720

April 26  
MATC Pow Wow  
Madison, WI  
Contact Information: 608-  
246-6458



**WIEA**  
WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**POW WOW**  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
Grand Entry: 6:30PM  
Indian Community School  
10405 W Saint Martins Road  
Franklin, WI

Host Drum:  
Milwaukee Bucks

Emcee:  
Dylan Prescott

Arena Director:  
Evan Logan

Head Veteran:  
Dustin Constino

Open to the  
community

Color Guard:  
Potawatomi Veterans

Head Male Dancer:  
Shy Hopinka

Head Female Dancer:  
Samantha Toman

For more information contact Joy Maisells 414-229-5880

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY'S  
**NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**



CELEBRATING ALL WALKS OF LIFE  
**POW-WOW**

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015  
FIELDHOUSE ARENA, ALLENDALE CAMPUS  
MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.GVSU.EDU/OMA](http://WWW.GVSU.EDU/OMA)

32nd Annual Michigan State University  
**POWOW OF LIFE**  
April 18th, 2015



**Jenison Field House**  
Michigan State University campus  
East Lansing, Michigan

Doors open: 10:30am  
Grand Entries:  
12:00pm & 6:00pm  
Admission prices TBA

Food Vendor: \$275  
Craft Vendor: \$125  
[churchco@msu.edu](mailto:churchco@msu.edu)

Host Hotel:  
University Quality Inn  
517-351-1440

General Questions:  
[ryerseas@gmail.com](mailto:ryerseas@gmail.com)  
517-353-7745

Host Drum:  
**Crazy Spirit**  
mc:  
**Jefferson Ballew**  
Arena Director:  
**Brian Dayson**  
Head Veteran:  
**George Martin**

**Save the Date!**

**NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS INSTITUTE**



professional opportunities.

**When is NABI?**

The Native American Business Institute will take place at Michigan State University campus during the following dates and location: Sunday, July 26, 2015-Saturday, August 1, 2015 in East Shaw Residence Hall.

**What Will I Gain From This Experience?**

- Develop time management and study skills
- Receive tips and strategies for gaining admission to college
- Learn how to navigate the financial aid/scholarship jungle
- Form lifelong friendships with other Native youth, MSU students and MSU support staff
- Strengthen communication and interpersonal skills
- Attend corporate, cultural and leadership development workshops
- Cultivate a deeper appreciation and understanding of their culture
- Foster networks with business leaders and other professionals
- Expose students to various careers and opportunities in business

**Who is This For?**

Native American high school students who will be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade during the Fall 2015- Spring 2016 school year interested in learning more about college and opportunities in business.

**What is NABI?**

The Native American Business Institute is a week-long, pre-college summer program for Native American high school students who will be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade during the Fall 2015- Spring 2016 school year. Participants work with MSU admissions officers, college counselors, tribal community leaders and corporate representatives in a seven-day "business boot camp" which prepares students for the college and exposes them to numerous academic and

Most importantly—they learn how to WORK HARD & PLAY HARD!

**Application Period/Deadlines**

First round of applications are due by **Friday, May 1, 2015**. Late applications will be placed at the "end of the line" for review, and students are accepted on a space available basis.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible, each student must:

- Be a current high school student
- Have a 2.8-3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Submit a completed application packet by the established deadline.

To download an application, visit <https://mbp.broad.msu.edu/nabi/>

Mail, e-mail or fax applications to:

Kevin Leonard, Ph.D.  
Multicultural Business Programs  
645 N. Shaw Lane, Rm. 419  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
517-355-0970 /  
(Fax) 517-355-0970  
leonard1@msu.edu

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TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD  
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**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

**- IMPORTANT NOTICE -**

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

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

THIS FORM MUST BE:

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

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

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LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GENERATION (Sr., Jr., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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STREET OR POST OFFICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

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

Signature of Voter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

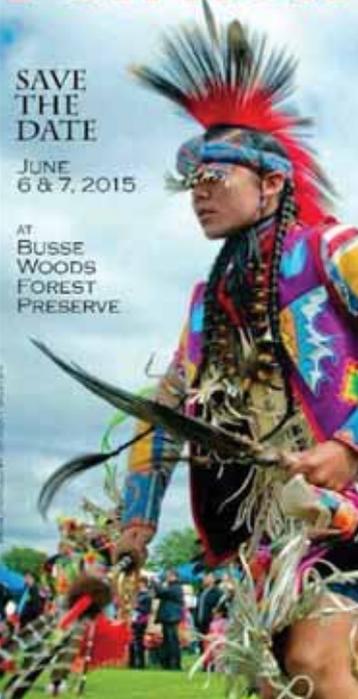


We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get assistance with a well and septic system or replace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

AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER  
62ND ANNUAL CHICAGO  
**POWWOW**

SAVE THE DATE  
JUNE 6 & 7, 2015

AT BUSSE WOODS FOREST PRESERVE



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pool necessary to assert jurisdiction through criminal prosecution of domestic violence related crimes.

Special Chii Miigwech to the Department of Human Services Victim Support Services Program staff Keely Frye, Stacey Ettawageshik and Kathryn Jean; Law Enforcement Chief Jeff Cobe; Health Clinic Project Connect 2.0 Staff Deleta Gasco-Smith; Tribal Court Domestic Violence Court Coordinator Gregory Justice; Women’s Resource Center Chris Krajewski; former LTBB Prosecutor Matthew Lesky; Legislative Attorney Donna Budnick and LTBB Tribal Councilors Winnay Wemigwase and Julie

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LTBB.

Since February 2014, three tribes – the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tulalip Tribes - have been able to exercise jurisdiction over non-Indians under a Pilot Project. To date, the tribes have charged a total of 26 Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction cases. On March 7, 2015, the opportunity to adopt VAWA was expanded to all 566 federally-recognized tribes.

LTBB is the first tribe in the nation to adopt VAWA into its domestic violence statute following the deadline, signing the act into law on March 6, 2015. A copy of the Criminal Code is available on LTBB’s website [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov).

For more than three decades, tribes have been prohibited from exercising criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian defendants. In 1978, the United States Supreme Court concluded in *Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe* that tribal courts lacked jurisdiction to punish non-Indian defendants.

“*Oliphant* created a gap in jurisdiction, which ultimately made prosecution of these enormously difficult cases even more challenging,” said Justis.

These were challenges shared by tribes through-

“Community Meeting” continued from page 1.

#### Informational Booths

8 a.m.: Opening and Registration

9:30 a.m.: Opening Ceremony

Per our LTBB Constitution <http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/OdawaRegister/LTBB%20Constitution.pdf>, it is the responsibility of the Executive Branch of government to coordinate an annual meeting for the LTBB Tribal Membership each spring. The meeting is to be held within the boundaries of our reservation, which is defined in the 1855 Treaty of Detroit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-108/pdf/STATUTE-108-Pg2156.pdf>.

We are looking forward to this great opportunity for our community to be together to engage

“Recall Challenge” continued from page 1.

Court held that the Constitution’s ‘ten’ days limitation for challenging election results refers to ‘ten consecutive days, without regard for weekends, holidays, or days when tribal administrative offices are open or closed.’ In reaching this decision, the Appellate Court necessarily, by noting that *weekends, holidays, and days when tribal administrative offices are open or closed*, considered and concluded that citizens challenging election results would not have ten ‘business days’ in which to file a valid petition, a point which invalidates Plaintiffs’ efforts to distinguish prior opinions from the case at hand. Therefore, in light of the LTBB Appellate Court’s controlling opinion in *Harrington v. LTBB Election Bd.*, No. A-019-1011 (LTBB Ct. App. 2012), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED. Plaintiffs’ Complaint is DISMISSED. IT IS SO ORDERED.”

To read the ruling in Case No. C-205-1214, visit [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Tribal%20Court/Civil/C-205-1214Order%20Granting%20Defendant's%20Motion%20to%20Dismiss%20Plaintiff's%20Complaint%20for%20Lack%20of%20Subject%20Matter%20Jurisdiction.pdf](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Tribal%20Court/Civil/C-205-1214Order%20Granting%20Defendant's%20Motion%20to%20Dismiss%20Plaintiff's%20Complaint%20for%20Lack%20of%20Subject%20Matter%20Jurisdiction.pdf)

The case was dismissed because the LTBB Tribal Court concluded the complaint was filed outside the Constitution’s limitations period for election challenges. The LTBB Constitution states, “Any registered voter of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians may challenge for cause the results of any election by filing a written challenge with the Tribal Court within 10 days after the election.” Kiogima and DeLeon’s election challenge was filed on December 1, 2014, 14 days after the recall election was held on November 17, 2014.

However, in its ruling dated March 13, 2015, the LTBB Appellate Court “REVERSES the Tribal

Shananaquet for the painstaking work that happened throughout this process to ensure safety of LTBB Tribal Citizens.

Today, March 6, 2015 marks a historic event and achievement for survivors and their families as well as all LTBB Citizens as LTBB Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley signed the legislation. We are so proud the leadership of the tribe has recognized the importance of ensuring the rights and protection of domestic violence survivors through the passing and now signing of this historic legislation.

To read the statutes, please visit [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/OdawaRegister/Legislative/Statutes/Statutes.html](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/OdawaRegister/Legislative/Statutes/Statutes.html)

out the nation: Oregon’s Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, for example, found that even a violent crime committed by a non-Indian husband against his Indian wife, in the presence of her Indian children, in their home on the Indian reservation, could not be prosecuted by the tribe.

Problematically, the Justice Department concluded that when non-Indian cases of domestic violence go uninvestigated and unpunished, offenders’ violence escalates.

“VAWA addresses the jurisdictional gap and greatly improves the effectiveness of preventing and responding to domestic violence,” said Justis. “By promoting the adoption of VAWA by tribes like LTBB, the United States government has reaffirmed the tribes’ authority to prosecute those who commit this particularly invidious type of violence in their communities.”

Since prosecution of a domestic violence case in the Tribal Court would be an exercise of LTBB’s inherent sovereignty, such a prosecution would not preclude the United States Attorney’s Office from prosecuting the non-Indian defendant in federal court for the same offense.

For more information on VAWA, please visit [www.justice.gov/tribal/vawa-tribal.html](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/vawa-tribal.html).

with our leadership and with one another. Please take some time to connect with us on the member’s only website <http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/PortalAgreement.aspx> to begin posting questions, so we may provide more opportunity for our membership who isn’t able to attend to still have an opportunity to participate.

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

Please contact me by e-mail at [proct64@yahoo.com](mailto:proct64@yahoo.com) with any questions or comments. I and the planning committee are looking forward to seeing you May 2nd! Miigwech and Safe Travels!

Court’s Order dated December 14, 2014, VACATES the Tribal Court’s dismissal of the case, and REMANDS this matter for further resolution in accordance with the Tribe’s laws and procedures in the Tribal Court. DECIDED AND APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS APPELLATE COURT.”

In the ruling written by LTBB Appellate Court Chief Justice Wenona Singel, she writes, “The Appellate Court concludes that the method of computing time for the ten-day Constitutional limitations period must count all calendar days, including intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. However, if the last day for filing an election challenge falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or other day when the Tribal Court is inaccessible, that day is not counted and instead, a petitioner may submit a complaint until the close of business on the next available day that the Tribal Court is open. Under this method of computing days, the Appellate Court concludes that Mr. Kiogima and Ms. DeLeon’s election challenge is timely.”

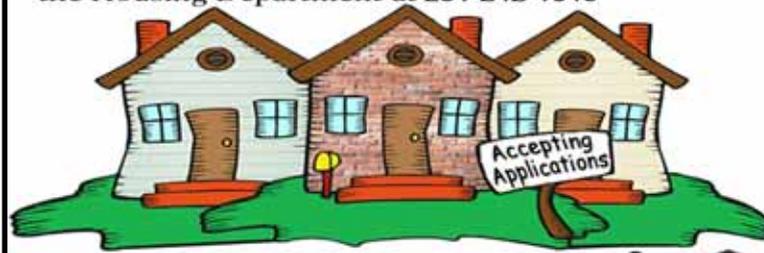
The 10th day following the recall election on November 17, 2014 was November 27, 2014, the legal holiday of Thanksgiving. The LTBB Tribal Court was closed on that day as well as November 28, 2014 and re-opened on December 1, 2014, the day the recall election challenge was filed by Kiogima and DeLeon.

As of March 23, 2015 when this newsletter was sent to the printer, the case did not appear on the Weekly Court Docket, so it is unknown when the case will be heard by the LTBB Tribal Court.

To read the ruling in Case No. A-025-1214, visit [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Tribal%20Court/Court%20Opinions/Appellate%20Court%20Opinions/2015/A-025-1214-Decision%20and%20Order.pdf](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Tribal%20Court/Court%20Opinions/Appellate%20Court%20Opinions/2015/A-025-1214-Decision%20and%20Order.pdf)

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777

## Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# NATIVE WAY GYM

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

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

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

**BEGINNER TAE KWON DO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
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**231-242-1601**

# NAJA CALLS FOR 2015-2016 NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP STUDENT APPLICATIONS



must be at least 18 years old. Once selected to participate in the program, NAJ Fellows must also be responsible for the following:

- Attend week-long, onsite, newsroom immersion training in Washington, D.C., July 5-10, 2015.
  - Attend regular meetings with assigned mentor.
  - Participate in online meetings/trainings throughout the year.
  - Write/edit reporting assignments throughout the year.
  - Seek internship in media organization.
- NAJF is an unpaid fellowship, however, travel expenses including airfare, food and accommodations during the onsite newsroom immersion will be covered by NAJA.

Immediately upon selection, NAJ Fellows will be assigned to a professional media mentor. Fellows will be matched with mentors in April 2015 and notified of their application status by May 2015 when they will receive story assignments.

The deadline for NAJF student applications is April 17, 2015.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.naja.com](http://www.naja.com).

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graduate students.

Student fellows will receive:

- Multimedia Training
- Tips for Producing Effective Coverage of the 2016 Presidential Election
- A Professional Mentor
- Immersion in an On-Site Newsroom Experience
- Skills for Job-Readiness
- Access to Jobs and Internships
- Three credit hours through the University of Montana

### Eligibility and Rules

Who should apply? Any Native American college student with an interest in radio, television or print journalism is eligible to apply. Preference will be given to college juniors, seniors and graduate students. Applicants must be current NAJA members to apply. Annual membership dues are \$20 for college and graduate students. You may renew your membership at [www.naja.com](http://www.naja.com). Applicants

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is calling for student applications for the 2015-2016 Native American Journalism Fellowship.

### About the Native American Journalism Fellowship (NAJF)

NAJF is an opportunity for college and graduate students to deepen their reporting and multimedia skills while learning from tribal journalists and news industry professionals from across the country. The topical focus for this year's fellowship will be election reporting as the country gears up for the 2016 presidential election. Students will also report on issues surrounding the 2015 National Native Media Conference in Washington, D.C., July 9-12.

NAJF is a partnership between NAJA, the University of Montana and the Newseum Institute. The fellowship is an extension of NAJA's former Native Voice program for college and

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## 2015 HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 20 & 21, 2015

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<b>JULY 25, 2015</b> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Emmet County Drop-off Center 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs	<b>SEPT. 12, 2015</b> 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Boyne City Road Commission Garage Just east of Boyne City Public School football field.	<b>OCT. 14, 2015</b> 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. McLaren Northern Michigan, Petoskey Campus Hospital Circle Driveway - Entrance off Mitchell Street	<b>OCT. 31, 2015</b> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In front of Antrim County Courthouse E. Cayuga Street, Bellaire

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# THE 43RD ANNUAL DANCE FOR MOTHER EARTH POWWOW CONVENES APRIL 5 & 6, 2015

Location: Ann Arbor Skyline High School, 2552 N. Maple Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

On April 5 and 6, 2015, the 43rd Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow will host approximately 200 competitive dancers, eight drums, singers and more than 40 vendors and artisans to celebrate Native American cultures and languages, traditions and foods from around the U.S. and Canada.

According to *USA Today Travel*, Dance for Mother Earth is one of the "10 great places to be wowed by American Indian culture." The Ann Arbor Powwow is a celebratory and educational family-friendly event that is an alcohol and drug-free event and fully handicap accessible.

Now, one of the largest university powwows in the nation, the 2015 Dance for Mother Earth Powwow continues to provide an important opportunity for Native Americans to celebrate and share their culture with one another and with the broader community.

This social gathering will reflect the diversity of North American indigenous cultures across the nation. It is an extraordinary opportunity to support the growth of the Native American student community while learning about our nation's robust indigenous heritage and its contemporary expres-

sion. And several times each day, the audience will be welcomed to the circle for the All Nations dance.

Rooted in traditional Native cultures, Dance for Mother Earth was founded by a small group of U-M Native American students and community members to celebrate and honor the sacred relationships between the people and the planet.

The Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow planning is led by the Native American Student Association (NASA) at U-M in collaboration with the university administrators and strong community backing from local powwow veterans. The 2015 powwow provides a uniquely valuable opportunity for NASA to collaborate with the Native American Student Organization at Eastern Michigan University. Due to policy and scheduling conflicts, the Dance for Mother Earth Powwow will not be held on either campus. The powwow planning committee appreciates the continued support from university departments and community members as we work to increase the Native American campus on both campuses and in the greater Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti, MI, area.

Additional information about the 43rd Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow can be found at: [powwow.umich.edu](http://powwow.umich.edu) or [danceformotherearth-powwow@gmail.com](mailto:danceformotherearth-powwow@gmail.com)

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Arena Director: Dave Shananaquet  
MC: Jason Whitehouse  
Head Dance Judges  
Robert J. Smith & Netawn Klogima  
Head Drum Judge: Wesley Cleland  
Head Dancers: TBD each session

## 43rd Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow

April 4 & 5, 2015

**Doors Open**  
10:30am

**Grand Entries**  
Sat: 12:00 & 7:00 pm  
Sun: 12:00pm

**General Admissions**  
Family Pass \$25  
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Students (ID) \$7  
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**NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Skyline Highschool: 2552 North Maple Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration of Native American culture!  
[www.powwow.umich.edu](http://www.powwow.umich.edu)  
This is an alcohol, cigarette, and drug-free event

**CONTEST**  
Dance & Drum Contest!

**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
Special Guests & Committee Specials TBD  
Ojibwe storytelling, & other workshops will be held during the powwow!

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

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# SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT (SORNA) IMPLEMENTATION AND TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY - WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MICHIGAN?

By Su Lantz

On March 6, 2015, eight of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan attended what has become a historic event. The 2015 Michigan Tribal SORNA Collaboration meeting was hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. The meeting was developed, coordinated and facilitated by Su Lantz, Executive Legal Assistant and SORNA point of contact for LTBB, with support from Jim Warren of the White Earth Nation & Fox Valley Technical College, who trains across Indian country on SORNA Implementation. Notably, in addition to the presenters mentioned in this article, there were SORNA Administrative Staff, Attorneys, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officers, including Probation.

LTBB was honored to have William (Bill) Denemy, Sr., a tribal elder who retired from the Michigan State Police, serving the force for 33 years, bless this historic event with an opening prayer. Bill also served a four-year term as the LTBB Vice-Chair and currently serves on the LTBB Appellate Court. The meeting was a huge success. Everyone in attendance had something to offer since not all the tribes have implemented SORNA in the same manner or have the same laws.

Title I of the Adam Walsh Act, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), requires all offenders to register and report with the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where they reside, work and/or go to school. Under the Act, certain federally recognized tribes were eligible to be SORNA jurisdictions. The United States Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART) has been working with these tribes to determine if they are in a position to substantially implement the requirements of SORNA within their own jurisdictions, using their own laws, policies and procedures, or if the tribe could opt out, waive its sovereignty and allow the state where it resides to take over the jurisdiction. All the tribes in Michigan have welcomed the option of implementing the requirements of SORNA on their own, and most have been found to be substantially compliant. The self-implementation of SORNA comes with a caveat being the SMART Office supplies the tribes with guidance sheets, a requirements checklist and holds the authority to approve your submission. All that amounts to a massive amount of work for the tribe to obtain a finding of substantially compliant and to maintain their compliance status.

Su Lantz reported on the use of a cross-functional team to assure compliance through all tribal programs and the use of the checklist provided by SMART to stay in compliance. Other presenters included Jolanda Murphy from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) who spoke on switching the tribe's implementation from the Tribal and Territorial Sex Offender Registry System (TTSORS) to the State Police sponsored "Offender Watch" program. GTB reported the usage of kiosks to assist in the notification process. Elaine Overbeck of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) reported the tribe was updating its law to allow for the addition of new trust lands to its reservation and emphasized how the required documentation are "living documents" with constant need for review to change along with the tribal and SORNA requirements. Ben Graves of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians brought up an interesting topic. Pokagon Band realized it needed to register offenders who are contracted through the tribe for build-

ing projects and in the future, it may have to make accommodations for registry in more than three jurisdictions if the tribe pursues a purchase of land in Indiana near the Michigan border. Chuck Miller of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) utilizes TTSORS and has no intentions of switching to Offender Watch. Chuck has an agreement with Michigan for some of the mandated reporting systems. However, KBIC updates information directly into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) by way of the USDOJ's Telecommunications System (JUST). KBIC is highly energized with community notification and very pro-active in its sex offense approach to diminish first-time offenders. Latisha Willette of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (SSM) reported SSM has five large areas of jurisdiction which are not connected, so monitoring is difficult, but it also utilizes kiosks, and the tribe is continuously looking at methods to improve its implementation. Michelle Bostic of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRB) reports that they received approval of its substantial implementation in 2011 and is awaiting a status update on its newly submitted law. Michelle brought up the sex offender re-capture provisions as they pertain to tribal and non-tribal members and civil forfeitures for offenders who are non-compliant with their reporting. Sharon Avery of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (SCIT) reports since SCIT has the largest identifiable reservation boundary, not like most tribes with "checkered board" jurisdiction; it has an enormous amount of registered/reporting offenders. SCIT is responsible for all offenders, tribal/non-tribal, within its reservation boundary. Su Lantz gave short reports for both the Nottawaseppi Huron Tribe and the Hannahville Indian Community. Both tribes have very clear and concise websites utilizing Offender Watch, and both used the Model Code provided by SMART.

When most people hear the words "Sex Offender," they immediately resort to the famous monkeys: "Hear No, See No, and Speak No Evil." All the tribes who have substantially implemented SORNA by approval from the USDOJ, SMART Office should be commended for addressing these crimes head-on through laws, policy and procedure. With all the hard work these colleagues manage, it is imperative the tribal and outlying communities realize offenders can be and are a threat, and that we need to offer protection to our people. It is most important to realize tribes having the capability to enact laws also have the responsibility to address the punishment and treatment for offenders to reassure when their sentence is complete, they are capable of re-entry into society without re-offending. There is a tribe in Michigan which sends not only one, but two notices to its registered offenders reminding them their reporting date is coming up. In this tribe's mindset, this is being pro-active because it claims everyone can forget or busy lives get in the way. Have you ever forgotten to renew your driver's license? This is only one little tiny example of how the implementation method of each tribe impacts those who commit a sex crime. This follows along the lines of Native belief to preserve and protect for the next Seven Generations - this means those who have offended and those who have not, those who are victims, and those who could potentially be a victim.

These topics are a few of the many other important collaborative discussion topics. The meeting was a great success and should be considered as a model for tribes across Indian country. It creates a very productive forum for tribes to share experiences; resolve mutual problems; and to support and network with one another to better serve their communities.



Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians



## NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

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

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

## MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

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

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

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

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.
2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.
3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.
4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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

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## LTBB Citizens Constitutional Review Committee

2015 Meeting Dates: April 13 and April 27

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

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN ROCHELLE ETTAWAGESHIK SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NICWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Editor's note:** The following announcement is from the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA).



On February 1, 2015, Rochelle Ettawageshik, an enrolled member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, was elected to serve as Vice President of the National Indi-

an Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Board of Directors.

Rochelle has been an elected member of the NICWA Board of Directors since 2008 and previously served as the board's Secretary from 2010-2014. NICWA is a private, non-profit, membership organization based in Portland, OR, which is dedicated to the well-being of, and acts as a national voice for, American Indian and Alaska Native children and families. NICWA is the most comprehensive source of information on Indian child welfare and is the only national Native organization focused specifically on the tribal capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect. NICWA's all-Indian Board of Directors meets quarterly to set the organization's budget, policies and program plans and to re-

view and approve specific funding applications. The board also maintains a number of standing committees which conduct the business of the board and provide advice and oversight of projects. The Board of Directors maintains a spiritual focus and seeks to maintain a high level of integrity and ethics in its execution of NICWA's governance.

Rochelle's expertise in Indian affairs, tribal-state relations, community-based fundraising and board governance have made her an invaluable member of the NICWA Board of Directors, and she has demonstrated her dedication to NICWA's mission and work time and time again. NICWA will be well served by Rochelle in her new leadership role as Vice President of the Board of Directors.

## NEW TEETH FOR ICWA: IMPROVEMENTS IN FEDERAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE GUIDELINES

**Editor's note:** The following article appeared in the Indian Country Today Media Network's This Week from Indian Country Today on March 5, 2015 and is reprinted here with permission.

By Suzette Brewer

**Bottom Line:** *The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is well intentioned, but often not wholly effective. Now, Washington is trying to correct that.*

The Interior Department has announced sweeping new guidelines to ensure the rights and protections of Native families and children under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn made the announcement last week at the winter session of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

In effect, the federal government will now more rigorously regulate and enforce the ICWA. The new measures are necessary, said federal authorities, because of the continued misapplication and non-compliance of the ICWA in state and federal courts since it was first enacted in 1978.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washburn said, will now collaborate with other government agencies to press for the full implementation of federal law and redouble its efforts to prevent the breakup of Indian families and the further destruction of tribal communities.

"We are taking an 'all-of-government' approach to ICWA," Washburn told Indian Country Today Media Network.

"Both the Department of the Interior and Department of Justice have been meeting with the Administration for

Children and Families at Health and Human Services to consider ways in which their programs, such as the IV-E funding program, can be used to help insure ICWA compliance in states as well as strengthen tribal capacity in child welfare. We are developing strategies to work together to protect Indian children."

Washburn, a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, invoked Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, a.k.a. the "Baby Veronica" case, and ongoing ICWA violations in South Dakota, as crucial turning points that prompted tribes and government agencies to find a better way to reinforce the federal statutes.

The Indian Child Welfare Act was developed in the 1970s because a high percentage of Native children were being removed from their families during custody proceedings. Many of these children wound up in non-Indian homes hundreds of miles from their communities. Although the act governs jurisdiction over such instances, its limitations were evident during the Baby Veronica affair, in which a Native father lost custody of his daughter to a non-Indian adoptive family.

In June 2013, when the Supreme Court rendered its decision in the Baby Veronica case, tribal leaders nationwide began looking for better ways to implement and enforce federal laws designed to protect one of the country's smallest minorities.

"We decided that we needed to do something," said Washburn. "We cannot reverse the Supreme Court, but realized that we had some options available."

So in 2014, the BIA held five listening sessions across the country—three with tribes and two with judicial organizations—to assess the situation and gather comments on how to address ongoing ICWA violations in foster care and adoptions across the country.

South Dakota has been a particular concern to the BIA and other federal agencies in relation to the ICWA for years. In spite of ICWA provisions, nearly 750 Indian children annually have continued to be swept into South Dakota state custody and placed in non-Indian foster homes at a ratio of 11:1 compared to their peers.

Additionally, Indian children constitute approximately 53% of the total number of children in state foster care, even though they only make up 9% of the total child population of South Dakota.

"The result was a lot of broken hearts," said Washburn. "And, it was not just the parents, grandparents and communities—it was the kids, too."

Tribes and Indian child welfare advocates across the country applauded Washburn's announcement.

"The Lakota People's Law Project (LPLP) is heartened by the release of updated ICWA guidelines," Attorney Chase

Iron Eyes of the Lakota People's Law Project (LPLP) told ICTMN. "During a decade of working on ICWA-related issues, the Lakota People's Law Project revealed the deep-seated problems of continual and widespread ICWA violations, and we think this will provide clarity on many important areas of ICWA's application."

Iron Eyes said the proliferation of violations in South Dakota is primarily because of enormous financial benefits.

These are created, he said, by cycling Indian children through public and private foster care services and by classifying every Indian child as "special needs"—thereby reaping more federal funds for their cases. This, he said, created a "perverse incentive" for a system that preys on vulnerable victims.

Last year, the LPLP assisted South Dakota tribes in establishing their own child and family services under the Title IV-E Federal Foster Care Program through the Office of the Administration for Children and Families. In December, the Oglala and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribes received funding for planning grants, with the ultimate goal of providing these services "by Natives for Natives."

"The tribes must be directly funded to run their own Child and Family Service Programs," said Iron "ICWA" continued on page 28.



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## OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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

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For assistance and to make appointments, call Monday- Friday, 9 am - 5 pm at 1-800-968-6877 or 231-242-1433

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### NRD YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (YCC) PROGRAM-2015

The YCC program provides LTBB youth with a summer job opportunity while familiarizing the youth with biological, environmental and conservation enforcement professions of the Tribe. The YCC will consist of a Youth Conservation Corps Leader and a youth work crew of 4-6 individuals between the ages of 14 and 18 yrs. old. The YCC will be charged with completing natural resource related projects which will assist in the protection and implementation of treaty rights. Potential projects or activities may include invasive species removal (sapling removal), agriculture activities, trail clearing, forest improvement and providing assistance on field work to the NRD on various assessments.

**Goals:**

- 1) Provide youth summer employment.
- 2) Foster an interest in science and math.
- 3) Foster an interest in pursuing higher education related to a natural resource/environmental field.
- 4) Complete actual on the ground projects.
- 5) Instill a good work ethic and self-confidence in participating youth.
- 6) Assist the NRD in achieving Strategic Plan goals and objectives.

Parents, do you have a youth who is interested? Join us at our Youth Conservation Corps Informational Meeting on May 13, 2015 at 6pm in the LTBB Governmental Commons Area

Applications for Youth Conservation Corps Leader will be accepted from March 16, 2015 - April 6, 2015  
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"ICWA" continued from page 27.

Eyes. "Further, states that refuse or fail to comply with ICWA must be punished with fines, withholding of funds or possible civil rights violations and the federal government must remain ever vigilant against the abuse of power that continues to run rampant in South Dakota."

According to the BIA, hundreds of individual Indian people and organizations representing Indian child welfare advocacy responded to the agency's request for comments last year. The overwhelming majority of respondents asked the agency to update its ICWA guidelines, which had not been revised since 1979.

Included in their comments were suggested changes and revisions to the guidelines, which have been all but ignored by state social service agencies and courts across the country for years.

The updated ICWA guidelines, said Washburn,

will provide much-needed clarity and comprehensive direction in determining whether a child is an Indian child, identifying the child's tribe, and notifying its parent and tribe as early as possible before determining placement.

He also said the new guidelines would provide clear instruction on the application of "active efforts" to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and provisions which carry the presumption that ICWA's placement preferences are in the best interests of Indian children.

"For too many years, some of Indian country's youngest and most vulnerable members have been removed from their families, their cultures, and their identities," said Washburn. "Congress worked hard to address this problem by enacting the Indian Child Welfare Act. Yet, today too many people are unaware of this important law and, unfortunately, there are some that work actively to undermine it."

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

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

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

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

**LTBB Youth Accepted to Interlochen 2015 Center of the Arts Chorus Summer Camp**



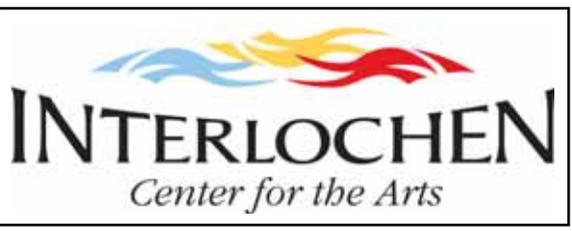
Methodist Church and for school holiday programs. In addition to the choir, Karlee is also a member of the Crooked Tree Gerber Strings Band as a young violinist.

Karlee has always had a passion for music and natural rhythm. She's been raised with an abundance of musical influences, including her cousins, Chris, Sarah and Jessica Dominic and her Greensky Hill musical family. Karlee attends local concerts and music festivals, and her family plans to take her to some bigger concerts soon.

Karlee's mother, LTBB Tribal Citizen Tina Dominic, recently received her official acceptance letter from Interlochen and expressed how proud she is. "Karlee is a natural, and I know that an opportunity like this will only help her excel and show others her age that anything is possible."

Karlee was also one of 12 winners (out of 300 applicants) for the 2015 Child Abuse Council's annual, "What Makes Your Family Strong?" essay contest, celebrating Parenting Awareness Month.

Congratulations Karlee on all of your accomplishments. Your LTBB family and community are proud of you!!!



To help Karlee raise tuition funds, please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/nd9uy4>

Interlochen provides world class musical instruction in addition to fun camp life.

Please visit <http://camp.interlochen.org/> for information on Interlochen summer camp programs. Needs based financial assistance is available through Interlochen.

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

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

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

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 Answer Key from page 11.

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- sugar / **ziisabaakwat**
- S/He is making sugar. / **Ziisabaakwadoke.**
- Spring / **Mnookmi**
- S/He is boiling down sap. / **Skigamizige.**
- S/he is collecting sap/water. / **Naadoobii.**
- sap water / **ziisabaakadaaboo**
- syrup / **ziiwaagamidenh**
- a drill / **bgoneigan**
- S/He is putting wood on the fire. / **Bagidinise.**
- a hammer / **bgamshtigwaan**
- sugaring trough / **nesayaawangwaan**
- leaking sap, dripping sap / **onjige**

Down

- a saw / **giishkiboojigan**
- Sugar Camp / **Ziisabaakadokeng**
- tree taps / **negwaakwaan**
- S/He is making syrup. / **Ziiwaagamidenhke.**
- an axe / **waagaakwad**
- S/He is chopping wood. / **Daashigase.**
- maple tree / **ninaatig**
- pails, pots / **kikok**

**Indoor Yard Sale**  
 Fundraiser

LTBB Governmental Center  
 Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
 10am to 3pm  
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**Bake Sale**

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 Beef Hot Dog,  
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 231-340-1910 to register

Fundraiser Benefit for  
 Karlee Exelby for her 2015  
 Interlochen Summer  
 Chorus Camp Tuition  
 Fees & Uniforms

# CONCERN OVER NEGLECT OF OLD CEMETERIES EXPANDS FOCUS OF TRADITIONAL TRIBAL BURIAL, INC.

By Nichole Biber, Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc.

The Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds (TTBG) Board, appointed with the responsibility of planning and managing a natural burial option for LTBB Citizens and their families, operates as a chartered corporation named "Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc." (TTBI).

Listening to the input, suggestions and concerns expressed by tribal citizens has been a priority from the beginning, and continues to guide our progress as we move forward in the preparation of the lands which have been approved for use as burial grounds (Murray Road and Osborne Road). In addition to planning these new burial grounds as places devoted to simple burials which support the return of the body to the earth and complete the Circle of Life, it has become increasingly apparent the ancestors buried in several old cemeteries are also in need of care and attention. At several of the Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds meetings held in Petoskey, MI, and also downstate, elders, in particular, have voiced their concern over the state of neglect these old cemeteries are in, and whether part of our focus was to also care for those ancestral burial grounds. Realizing the name "Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc." can indeed include other, historic (traditional) places of tribal burial, the TTBG Board has determined to pursue the course of securing tribal access to and stewardship over some of these neglected cemeteries.

Thanks to Alan Proctor, LTBB GIS Director, for initiating a project with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE). The "Public Assistance to States" support program offered by the ACE applies to tribal projects which qualify – and it has been determined our burial projects do indeed qualify. Proctor told TTBI Chairman Wes Andrews about the program, and through subsequent discussions, it's been determined that, with Proctor's assistance, TTBI will step up to implement this project which is well within the principles and parameters of our mission. These collaborations have already seen considerable progress, and we are optimistic the application process can be successfully completed and approved. Not only would the ACE survey the tree types and create a detailed map of the heavily wooded Osborne Road acreage which is set aside for new burial grounds

use, but the Corps can also provide a technology which uses radar to locate and "read" underground terrain and objects. This technology would tell us exactly where old, largely unmarked, gravesites are located at four cemeteries of initial concern: Wycamp Cemetery (also known as the Spirit Lake Cemetery), St. Ignatius Cemetery (near Good Hart, MI), the Oak Drive Cemetery (also known as the Root Cemetery at the outskirts of Cross Village, MI), and on the property adjacent to St. Francis Solanus Church Cemetery in Petoskey, MI, to locate burials there.

Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc. is not the only tribal entity determined to restore and renew care for these ancestral resting places. The Natural Resource Department (NRD) has made attempts to regain the Spirit Lake Cemetery, also called Wycamp Cemetery in reference to Father Wycamp, who along with several of his order, is buried there in the only marked graves of what is thought to be a full cemetery. The church lost the records of who else is buried there, but Marquette University Archives has such records. Once such information is obtained, it will be made available on the Blogsite (tribalburialinc.wordpress.com) along with other research of interest Wes Andrews has compiled in relation to these historic locations.

Also, members of the LTBB Elders Association often express concern over the condition and neglect of old cemeteries, and of the need to establish an accessible record of who is buried there without a marker. There could eventually be signage indicating the names of those ancestors whose remains are at rest, in addition to offering dedicated care which reflects our respect for the beauty and spirituality of our sacred places.

David Dominic, tribal elder and a member of the LTBB Elders Association, states, "What we do today in regards to recording our past will secure and ensure that our future generations will continue to exist. We must learn all we can about our tribal history and pass that on to our children. Our burial grounds are one of the most important, if not the most important, places that ties us to the land of our ancestors. These burial sites and history must be conveyed to our children, and we need to encourage all of our tribal citizens to learn about them."



LTBB TRADITIONAL TRIBAL BURIAL GROUNDS  
**CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
SUPPORT AND ADVISE THE NATURAL BURIAL OPTION

SEEKING LETTERS OF INTEREST - SEND BY APRIL 7, 2015 TO:

KEVIN WILLIS-TTBI 06095 PETOSKEY RD. CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720

Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc. (an LTBB corporate charter) is forming an advisory committee of invested people, to help develop a community of support for tribal citizens and their families who seek a natural burial.

The Cemetery Development Committee Guidelines, Mission and Oath of Commitment can be viewed on our blogsite: [tribalburialinc.wordpress.com](http://tribalburialinc.wordpress.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT WES ANDREWS AT 231-670-0713.

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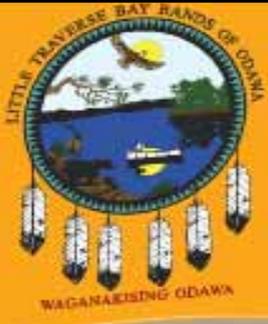
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services Department is in need of foster parents!!!

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.



## 2015 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE



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

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

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY

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

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# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN MATTHEW WALKER PLACES IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN STATE WINTER GAMES

Submitted by Ira and Lorelei Walker



Our son, Matthew Walker, was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in April 2000 at the age of 4½. At that time, he was nonverbal and needed help with basic living skills, i.e. bathing, dressing, eating, etc. His communication was a series of grunts, humming sounds and pointing, which almost always led to another series of meltdowns because of his in-

ability to get his wants and needs across. Because of the sensory issues that more times than not go along with ASD, touch and sound were painful to him. He would bite himself, slap himself in the head, scream as well as spit on us. It's safe to say, we were given a pretty bleak picture of what his future would be and what he would be able to accomplish.

Sixteen years later, February 2015 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Acme, MI, this same boy (well, young man of 19 now), placed fourth in the 75-meter snowshoe race at the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games and took second in the 100-meter race. In frigid temperatures, he started and finished with a smile on his face. He was pictured with a reigning beauty pageant winner as well as with the Wertz Warriors.

In the Saturdays leading up to the Special Olympics, he worked with trainers in Peto-

skey, MI, and Cheboygan, MI, stretching, warming up, running, stopping as well as how to take a tumble, bringing home two blue ribbons in Cheboygan's Area Games all while still wearing the smile he has come to be known for. Matthew made friends during this time, shaking hands, high fiving passers-by and saying "Good job!" to his fellow participants. What a difference from where he began.

Matthew will be participating in the Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Games in Mt. Pleasant, MI, to be held May 28-30, 2015, and I have no doubt he will do so with the same joy and enthusiasm. He and his fellow participants demonstrated strength, determination, and spirit, showing they were so much more than their "disability." They were athletes, Olympians! I can hardly wait to share the next leg of this journey!

*Courtesy photo.*

# OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN ARTISTS



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

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

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

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

*Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.*

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

### 2015 NACF Artist Fellowships

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

"To meet a broadening need in the arts community, this year, we invite applications in the discipline of performing arts," said NACF Program Officer Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai and Chipewa descent). "More Native artists than ever before are exploring performing arts through multi-disciplinary approaches. We are looking forward to seeing what Native performing artists have been up to around the country!"

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



To date, 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists and culture makers have been honored with a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship. NACF Fellows clockwise from left, work by Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), visual artist Sonya Kelliher-Combs (Athabaskan/Iñupiaq) in studio, work by Alan Michelson (Mohawk), performance by author Sherwin Bitsui (Navajo), still from documentary film by Christen Marquez (Native Hawaiian) and weaver Jeremy Frey (Passamaquoddy) in studio.

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

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

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

# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays

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## Walking On...



Happy birthday to Cousins **Marie** (April 8th) and **Johnny** (April 1st). It's almost time to start cheering for your Detroit Tigers. We remember how Aunt Julia never missed a game and always kept her scorecard. Enjoy your special days! From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday **Beeks**. You've grown into a fine young woman. You amaze me every single day. Enjoy your 18th birthday on April 11. Love, Mama.

Happy birthday wishes for our big sis, **LaVerne Bottoms**, who celebrates on April 12. We love you, and think the world of you. From your family.

Happy birthday to two of my four beautiful granddaughters. We have **Waasey** on April 5th, **Anamekwan** on April 18th and their Momma Bear, **Shanna Wemigwase**, on April 29th. Lots of love to you on your special days! Gramma Bear, Neewin and the Campers at Camp-run-amuk.

Happy birthday **Tom Sutton** from the Pellston Crew.

Happy birthday to an awesome young lady and terrific cousin. **Brittany**, we hope your birthday is an awesome one. Love you, Wayner, Angie and Chris.

Happy birthday **Julie Lent**, you're a constant source of love and support for us, and we love you for it. Hope your birthday brings you lots of wonderful things. Aunt "D", Wayner, Angie and Chris.



Happy 51st birthday to **Marty VanDeCar**, the Anthony Bourdain of Northern Michigan. Your culinary adventures are legendary! Wonder what you'll be having on your birthday. Have a great day on April 18th. From the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, General Junior and Kathy.

Hey **Bugsy**, happy birthday. I am so proud of the young lady you are and the happiness you bring to my life. Love, Dad.

Happy birthday to our little **Makoonz, Braden Sutton**. You bring joy and happiness into our lives just by being you. We love you lots. Aunt "D", Uncle John, Wayner, Angie and Chris.

**Krystina**, happy 25th milestone birthday. We love you, your family.

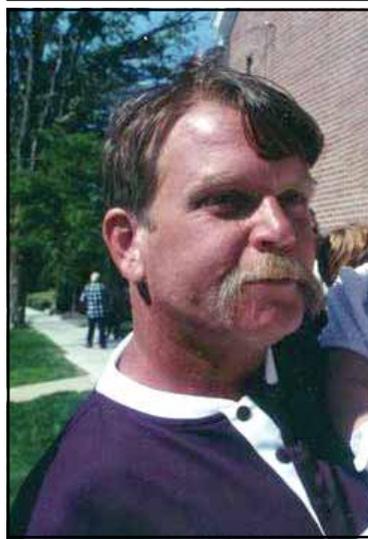
**Sandi Ndaanis**, happy birthday, you are a blessing. Miss you every day. With love, the Fam. ☺

**Dami Love**, Happy 11th birthday! Big hugs, big smiles and lots of love! Momma loves you sweet boy! xoxo

Happy birthday to my best friend, **Waasey Wemigwase!!!** You promised you would stay 4, but, then, you said you had to turn 5, so you could get a new bike ... now, we're up to 7 years old!!! What the heck!!! Love you, Waaz! From Aunt Winnay.

Happy birthday to **Anamekwan "Anna" Wemigwase** on April 18th. I am so proud of the intelligent, talented and beautiful young lady you've become. Love you lots! From Aunt Winnay.

Happy birthday to my daughter, **Julia Gasco Lent**. I am so proud of the person you have become. Have a wonderful day. Love, Dad.



**Casey Daniel Kilpatrick, 61** Long-time resident of Alanson, MI, Casey Daniel Kilpatrick passed away unexpectedly at his home in Alanson, MI, on February 16, 2015. Casey was born on August 29, 1953 in Flint, MI, one of 12 children born to Clifford W. and Colleen C. (Casey) Kilpatrick. His early years were spent growing up in primarily Florida and Virginia until his parents moved the family north, settling in Alanson, MI. Casey attended Alanson High School, graduating with the Class of 1971. He was a man blessed from earliest childhood with a keen mind and a warm sense of humor. He worked for most of his life as a stone mason, but also worked at different times for Giant Supermarket, Village Cleaners and a number of other area businesses. Casey was blessed with four wonderful children who survive him, Lindsey Kilpatrick, Wendy Gillian, Colin Kilpatrick and Cody Kilpatrick. His grandchildren include Amber Cannon, Andrew Gillian, Alyvia Southern and Keyana Kilpatrick. Also surviving Casey are ten of his siblings, Colleen Himelright, Linda (Tom) Hogge, Maureen Kilpatrick, Early (Mickey) Kilpatrick, Mike (Linda) Kilpatrick, Tom Kilpatrick, Mary Poynter, Nancy (Mike) Cassidy, Kevin Kilpatrick and Daniel (Sherry) Kilpatrick. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Ralph, and by his brother-in-law, Vince Himelright. Casey's family will forever remember a father, grandfather and brother with a big heart and an incredible gift to make people smile. He was well loved and will be deeply missed. Casey was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa.

## Miigwetch

Marcella Keller and family would like to say miigwetch to all those who contributed to the success of "From The Ashes Benefit Dinners." A special thank you to the artists, the musicians, the MC, the merchants who donated food, people who brought a dish to share, businesses who helped advertise and those who allowed donation cans. An additional thank you to the hard-working crew who organized, prepared and served the food. Many thanks to our tribal family (LTBB) for providing the facility and transportation to and from the benefits. Appreciation goes out to those who purchased raffle tickets and to the community center in Larks Lake. The building of a new home has begun. Thank you so much, Mrs. Marcella Keller & family.

## Anniversary

Happy 59th anniversary **Mom & Dad (Pete & Alice Liebgott)** on April 7th. Much love to you both! Cynthia.



## NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) INTERNSHIPS



NCAI offers internships to provide an opportunity for young leaders from throughout Indian country to serve on the front lines of legislative action and policy development. All interns are selected through an application and interview process. Students enrolled in institutions of higher learning are invited to apply for semester or summer-long internships (for which most institutions

will offer college credit) with one to two applicants selected for each term. NCAI interns work with various staff on the issues they are most interested in pursuing.

NCAI is committed to investing in the next generation of leaders to protect and advance tribal sovereignty for generations to come. Young Native leaders are invited to apply for our Fall 2015 internship.

The application can be completed online at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/NCAIapp>

Applications will be accepted until **June 22, 2015** with decisions made no later than July 20, 2015.

More details regarding internships at NCAI can be found on our website at [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)  
*Courtesy graphic.*

## LTBB NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

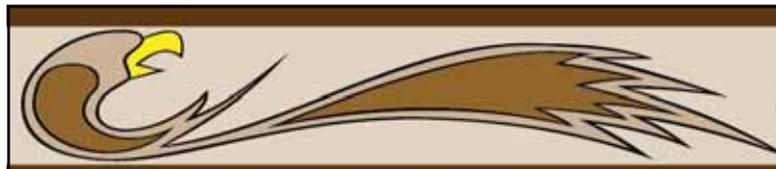
### Annual Hunting/Fishing Meeting May 16, 2015 3 pm - 7 pm

You are invited to join the Natural Resource Commission and Department for an evening at the Soaring Eagle Casino Resort 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Hear what the Natural Resource Commission and Department has accomplished in the last year and plans for the future. We would like to hear Tribal Members opinions and suggestions. Meeting will be from 3 pm to 7 pm. Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm. and door prizes will be given away throughout the meeting.



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