

# ODAWA TRAILS



## 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR TRIBAL CHAIR AND TRIBAL VICE CHAIR

(Term will end in August 2017)

**Monday, June 6, 2016 Primary Election Day**  
**Monday, August 1, 2016 General Election Day**

Friday, March 11, 2016 - Call to Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 7, 2016

Friday, April 15, 2016 - Candidate nomination petitions due to Election Board by 5 p.m. Office hours 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, April 15, 2016 - Election Board verifies candidate nomination petitions starting at 5 p.m.

Friday, April 29, 2016 - Candidate bio's mailed to all voters who were registered as of March 7th, 2016

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 - Last date to register for the General Election

Friday, May 6, 2016 - Primary ballots mailed to voters who were registered as of March 7, 2016

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - "Meet the Candidates" LTBB Governmental Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Primary Election Day**  
**Monday, June 6, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**LTBB Governmental Center**

Thursday, June 16, 2016 - Last date to file a challenge to Primary Election by 5 p.m.

Monday, June 20, 2016 - Primary Election certified

Friday, July 1, 2016 - General Election ballots mailed to all voters who were registered as of May 3, 2016

Saturday, July 9, 2016 - "Meet the Candidates" LTBB Governmental Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### General Election Day

Monday, August 1, 2016 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. LTBB Governmental Center

Thursday, August 11, 2016 - Last date to file a challenge to General Election by 5 p.m.

Monday, August 15, 2016 - General Election certification

Thursday, September 15, 2016 - Oath of office for Tribal Chair & Tribal Vice Chair

## DEALIN TO HEALIN WORKSHOP BY DARRYL TONEMAH EDUCATES THE LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY ABOUT TRAUMA AND ITS AFFECTS

By Dawn Sineway-Nephler, Cultural Services Specialist

**Editor's note:** April is Trauma Survival Month in the LTBB Cultural Library. May is National Trauma Awareness Month and May 18, 2016 is National Trauma Survivors Day.

In September 2015, Healthy Heart Administrative Assistant Marlene Gasco and Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver traveled to Hannahville, MI, to attend a Trauma to Wellness training for work.

Neither one knew what to expect, but they heard the presenter was an entertaining speaker, and they would enjoy themselves. This speaker, Darryl Tonemah, had such a great impact on both of them. They knew they had to bring him to our community and to start the healing process at home.

Regina Brubacker-Carver tells us her feelings and reaction to this moving workshop:

"In February of 2016, the Health Department was privileged to bring Darryl Tonemah to speak to our community about trauma and its impact on our wellness. I had heard him speak on this topic last year in Hannahville, and I have to say his words still had a great impact on me.

I did not feel myself to be a victim of trauma even though I recognize a lot of the behaviors in myself, and assumed it was because I was raised by someone who most definitely was a victim of historical and personal trauma. Listening to Darryl make his points, though, I came to see that trauma lives in us all. One person's trauma may be more obvious than another's, but big or small, that trauma



drives our behaviors in ways we aren't even aware of.

Since I'm a storyteller, let's put it in story form: I had traveled to Baltimore to visit my brother over Christmas some years back. On the day before I was to return home, it began to snow. I wasn't concerned since I had a four-wheel drive Tracker at the time. Coming through the mountains in Pennsylvania, though, I came down one of the sections where they post steep grade warnings, and sure enough, I hit a patch of deep slushy snow that grabbed my tires and pulled me relentlessly to the left. There wasn't any other traffic coming, but I was heading right towards the guard-

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## WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US AT THE 2016 LTBB ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

The LTBB Annual Community Meeting will be held at Odawa Casino - Ovation Hall, 1760 Lears Road in Petoskey, MI, on May 21, 2016.

Registration will open at 8 a.m. Once again, we will be having the exhibit tables set up by the various Executive departments, and for the first time, we will also be having a limited number of vendor tables that will be selling Indian arts and crafts. The tables will only be set up until noon, so make sure you come early to pick up program information and giveaways.

The meeting will open at 9 a.m. with the opening ceremony, posting of the colors and opening prayer. The welcome will be delivered by the Annual Community Meeting Speaker Emily Proctor.

Acting Tribal Chair Regina Gasco-Bentley and Tribal Council will be presenting in the morning. Tribal Council's presentation will include the Treasurer's Report and an update on the reservation litigation by General Counsel Jim Bransky.

A buffet style lunch will be provided at noon.

There will be a full agenda in the after-  
*"Annual Meeting" continued on page 26.*

### 2016 Annual LTBB Community Meeting

Date: May 21, 2016  
Time: 8 AM Registration, 9 AM - 4:30 PM Meeting  
8 AM-Noon Executive Departments' Information Booths and Vendors  
Where: Ovation Hall, Odawa Casino - Petoskey, MI

For more information or suggestions, please contact Annual Meeting Speaker Emily Proctor at [proct64@yahoo.com](mailto:proct64@yahoo.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

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

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 3-21-2016 = 4,566

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	242-1500
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242-1400	242-1581
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<b><u>Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department</u></b>	Pat Boda, Administrative Assistant
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<b><u>GIS Department</u></b>	242-1642
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242-1597	242-1462
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242-1400	242-1475
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242-1611	Bernadece Boda, Coordinator
Health Clinic	242-1593
242-1700	
Health	
242-1600	
Community Health (Transportation)	
242-1616	

**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

Dbendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw' iing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago' iing dbendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwa wiimnaadendziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aa-migak mjignamiing ninda mnomaaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ew-in, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe' iing na-kaazwinan jimnomewzi' iing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

## Contact ODAWA TRAILS Information



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

The deadline for the May 2016 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 4, 2016.

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

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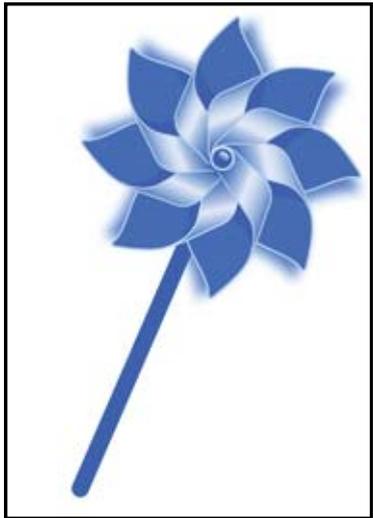
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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO "PLANT" PINWHEEL GARDENS DURING APRIL, NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT



At any given moment, there are approximately 13,000 children in foster care in the state of Michigan (<http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>).

These children are removed from their homes for various reasons, including abuse and neglect. The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It signifies innocence, childhood and hope. This April, *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services, is "planting" pinwheel gardens to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

These gardens are to serve as a reminder that we all play a vital role in the development of a child's future.

During this month, ask yourself what more you can do to ensure the children in our community have a bright future. Have you ever considered becoming a foster home? Or adopting a child? LTBB does license its own foster homes through the Department of Human Services.

If you are interested in assisting children in our community, please call LTBB DHS at 231-242-1620 for more information.

*Courtesy graphic.*

By Heather Boening, Social Services Program Manager

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**Listen up!**

**Mixed fruit**

at the **Snack Bar!**

Great Gifts Jewelry      Beads • Books Music & More

### Indian Hills Gallery

MONDAY-SATURDAY 10AM-5PM  
1581 HARBOR-PETOSKEY RD. (M-119)  
PETOSKEY, MI 49770  
231-347-3789 OR 1-866-385-2026

**Anishinaabe Hats Available!**

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**BUYING STANDING TIMBER**

### SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Department of Human Services  
is searching for foster homes!

If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

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

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

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### Al-Anon Meetings

LTBB Health Park,  
every Wednesday  
7-8 pm

Use the right back door for entrance and parking.

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

There is no magic formula that enables you to help someone stop – or cut back - on his or her drinking. Alcoholism is a complex problem with many related issues. But, Al-Anon can help you learn how to cope with the challenges of someone else's drinking. Come ask questions, share or just listen.

231-675-7044 [www.miafg.org](http://www.miafg.org)

### child care ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!

Human Services Department - 231-242-1620

# April Elders Birthdays

## April 1

Loretta Cook  
John Kenoshmeg, Sr.

## April 10

Louretta Eidt  
Carl Shawa  
Michael Shomin  
Michael Smith  
Sadi Synn

## April 20

Catherine Laba  
Veda Segundo Estrada  
Deborah Shawanibin  
Linda Steinman

## April 2

Anne Cowell  
Vicki Emery  
Kathleen Guzinski  
Marilyn Hume  
Betty Peacock  
Mark Wabanimee

## April 11

Robin Barney-Lees  
Lauretta Gilbert  
Christine Haines

## April 21

Richard Hays

## April 22

Wanda Carr  
Harold Salter

## April 3

William I. Denemy

## April 12

LaVerne Bottoms  
Elaine Ramirez  
Norman Rittenhouse, Sr. Michele Portman-LaCount

## April 23

Roy Miron

## April 4

Mary Kiogima  
Lorna Lewen  
Sandra Tipton  
Viola Wood

## April 13

Janice Grooms  
Magdalene Kosequat  
Vernon Lasley  
Willie Rawls, Jr.

## April 24

Mary Bowers  
Sharon Cranick  
William A. Denemy  
Jacqueline Scheidler

## April 5

Regina Hardwick  
Gloria Purifoy

## April 14

Kevin Barry

## April 25

Gary Kaestner  
Susan Sloan

## April 6

Ricky Reiter  
Steven Shenoskey

## April 15

Sharon Duffey  
Karl Kilborn  
Jacqueline Myers

## April 26

Scott Pliier  
Kelly Wesaw

## April 7

Larry Cartwright  
Brion Himes  
Cynthia Kiogima  
Thomas Nongueskwa  
Ivan Taylor

## April 16

Laura Morche'  
Frederick Perry, Sr.

## April 27

Mary Baldwin

## April 28

Donald Houghton  
Margaret Rodriguez  
Alfred Sprague

## April 8

Mitchell Baker, Sr.  
Kelly Lyle  
Rose Newman

## April 17

Michael Crossett  
Kevin Gasco  
Susan Grech  
Merle Hansen  
Gregory Warren  
Angeline Woodin

## April 29

Michael Anthony  
Carmalene Baker  
Elsie Carson  
Cynthia Daley  
Richard Kewaygeshik

## April 9

Evangeline Badgero  
Dawn Malcomson  
Melissa Moses  
Mary Quick  
Wayne Stine  
Sharon Tracey  
Karyn Young

## April 18

Thomas Kiogima, Sr.

## April 19

Michael Churette  
Frank Ettawageshik  
Tina Hea  
Mary Niswander  
Brenda Sabella

## April 30

Donnie Case  
Robert Kaestner  
James Keway  
Judith Smith  
Catherine Wright

It is time to start thinking about the 2016 growing season and Ziibimijwang, Inc. has some exciting news about the farm!



Ziibimijwang, Inc. would like to offer the community a plot of land, determined by your family size, for a growing opportunity at the farm. We are following organic standards on the farm, and those standards would have to be followed by the public also. There will be some guidelines and requirements in an agreement that will have to be signed prior to planting. Send letters of inquiry to: Ziibimijwang, Inc., P.O. Box 220, Conway, MI 49722. We will be available at the Community Meeting with more information. Look for more information in future issues of the *Odawa Trails*.

## Laugh, Learn and Live Well



When: April 4 from 5-8pm  
Location: Waasnodegamik, 5656 Apgishmok Blvd, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 (Community Center off State Road)

April is the month of the child, and in that spirit, we will be making baby mizinan for the Family Spirit Program. Participants will also receive supplies to take and make a second pair for their own gifting. There will also be a special craft for any children attending.

Stress, social isolation and loss of community can all contribute to diabetes, a major health concern for Anishinaabe. Come join us as we laugh, learn and create community. Each session will be limited to 25 attendees. To register for the event or for more information, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@itbbodawa-nsn.gov. Also sponsored by LTBB's Maternal Child Health and Family Spirit Programs



## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Save the Date  
**Friday, July 22, 2016**

For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694



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

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

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical 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 after pregnancy. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614 or Ashley Dominic, Health Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-838-5761.

## APRIL 2016 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm  
828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:  
Local, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Out of Town, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

For more information, contact  
Food Distribution Program  
Specialist Joe VanAlstine  
at 231-347-2573



**Area Pantry Schedule**

**EMMET COUNTY**

Nazarene Church - Wed 4-5:45pm  
7489 Mission Road, Alanson  
231-548-5462

Liberty Baptist Church - call for pantry services 7247 South US 31, Alanson  
231-548-5836

Church of Christ - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 12:30-1:30pm 1727 Anderson Road, Petoskey  
231-437-0210

Bay Shore Pantry - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tue 12-3pm  
06072 US 31 North, Bay Shore  
231-347-3618

The Manna Pantry - Tue 9am-12pm; call for emergencies - 8791 McBride Park Court, Harbor Springs 231-347-8852

Harbor Springs Community - Mon 9:30am-12pm - 150 West Main (enter through double doors on 3rd Street), Harbor Springs 231-526-2414

Pellston Grace Community - Wed 5:30-6:30pm - 161 Highway 31, Pellston  
231-539-8570

First Christian Church - Wed 9am-12pm  
308 Monroe, Petoskey 231-347-6181

Salvation Army - Mon - Fri 9am-12pm  
712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey  
231-347-3531

St. Francis/Brother Dan's - Tue 9am-12pm; call for emergencies - 415 State Street, Petoskey 231-347-7423

Cross of Christ Church - 2nd Thu 5-7pm; 4th Thu 9-11am - **Paper pantry only**  
1450 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey  
231-347-5440

Northern Michigan **Diaper Pantry** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 9:30am-11:30am - 8781 McBride Park Court, Harbor Springs (bldg. next to Manna)

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**

Boyne City Community - 1<sup>st</sup> Mon 10am-12pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 5-7pm - 401 State Street, Boyne City 231-582-2551

Boyne Valley Pantry - Thu 2-5pm  
3031 Main Street, Boyne Falls  
231-549-2230

Seventh Day Adventist - Mon 6-8pm, Wed 10am-12pm - 326 Park Street, Boyne City 231-582-0151

Bible Baptist Church - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu 6-7pm; call for emergencies - 05855 M-66 North, Charlevoix 231-547-4300

Charlevoix Community - Mon and Thu 10am-12pm; last Sat 10-11am - 101 State Street, Charlevoix 231-547-9122

Care & Share - Tue 3-6pm; Thu 9am-12pm - 205 Water Street, East Jordan  
231-536-7423

Third Day Fellowship - Mon 2:30pm and 6:30pm - 1204 Bridge Street, Charlevoix  
231-547-8040

Walloon Lake Community - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tue 5:00-6:15pm - 4320 M-75, Walloon Lake  
231-535-2288

**ANTRIM COUNTY**

Bellaire Community Pantry - Mon 1-5pm & Thu 10am-5pm - 205 Broad Street, Bellaire 231-533-8973

Good Samaritan - Tue 10am-7pm, Wed, Thu, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm  
9746 Main Street, Ellsworth  
231-588-2208

Antrim County Baby Pantry - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 12:30-4pm - 209 Jefferson Street, Mancelona 231-584-8401

Community Lighthouse - Tue & Thu 9am-5pm - 430 West State Street, Mancelona  
231-587-9967

Mancelona Pantry and Resale - Tue, Wed, Thu 9am-4pm - 200 Maple, Mancelona 231-587-9606

**Area Soup Kitchen Schedule**

**EMMET COUNTY**

First Presbyterian Church - Thu & Sun 12-1pm - 501 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey 231-347-4793

St. Francis/Brother Dan's - Tue 12-1pm  
415 State Street, Petoskey  
231-347-7423

Nazarene Church - Wed 4-5:45pm  
7489 Mission Road, Alanson  
231-548-5462

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**

Community Church of God - Mon & Thu 11am-1pm - 202 West Hurlbut, Charlevoix  
231-547-2875

**ANTRIM COUNTY**

Good Samaritan - Thu at 12pm  
9746 Main Street, Ellsworth  
231-588-2208

**PORTMAN'S HOME RUN CLEAN-OUTS**

CHARLEVOIX MICHIGAN 49720  
PHONE: 231-622-6202 ~ CELL: 231-330-6773  
LICENSED & INSURED



We have several years of experience in maintenance/cleaning services. We understand the importance of what it takes to get a property in shape, time is of the essence. So let Portman's Home Run Clean-outs get started, call us today so the bases can be covered and no one strikes out.

**Services Provided:**  
Handyman /General Repairs  
Residential/Commercial Cleaning  
Carpet & Vinyl (Removal)  
Construction Cleanup  
Debris Removal (interior, exterior)  
Interior Painting  
Spring/Fall Cleanup  
Snow Removal Service  
Before & After Photos

*Casino vouchers and Shuttle available!  
Family Owned*

**Coachhouse Inn LLC**

*Tribal Member Discount  
\$64.85 per night\**

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

*\* Room rate subject to availability  
Tribal ID must be shown at check-in*

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

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Citizenship	3 yr. term	1
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Liquor & Tobacco Licensing Board	2 yr. term	1
Zoning Board of Appeals	1 yr. term	1

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

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

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

**LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

Carol Quinones, Chairperson  
Phone: Home 616-774-9534  
Cell 616-206-6482

E-mail: [carolshanaquet@yahoo.com](mailto:carolshanaquet@yahoo.com)

Merle Carson, Vice-Chairperson  
Phone: 231-881-4950

E-mail: [Merle\\_Carson@yahoo.com](mailto:Merle_Carson@yahoo.com)

Melissa Laughlin, Secretary  
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Jon Shawa, Treasurer  
Phone: 517-927-3255

E-mail: [jonnycadillac11@gmail.com](mailto:jonnycadillac11@gmail.com)

Alice Hughes, Board Member  
Phone: 231-838-9833

E-mail: [Alicehughes832@yahoo.com](mailto:Alicehughes832@yahoo.com)

**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 231-242-1616 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

**Miigwech!**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

In accordance with WOS #2006-001, notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed, LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court Case No: NC-007-0116, and Tribal Court ordered Chris Joan Peariso has legally changed her name to Christine Joan Wemigwase. This notice will be published in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter for two consecutive months and in the *Odawa Register* on the LTBB website.

Date: March 4, 2016

## ALL ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2016

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2016. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship

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

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2016 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2016.

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.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

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

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form

is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

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

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

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

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

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

<http://tinyurl.com/ltbbtaxagr>

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

## THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

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

### 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.

Updated 03/20/2013

## Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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



Regina Gasco-Bentley  
Aaron Otto  
Marcella Reyes  
Frank Bernard  
David Harrington  
Beatrice A. Law  
Dexter McNamara  
Michael Naganashe  
Julie Shananaquet

DATE	Event	Regina Gasco-Bentley	Aaron Otto	Marcella Reyes	Frank Bernard	David Harrington	Beatrice A. Law	Dexter McNamara	Michael Naganashe	Julie Shananaquet
February 2016										
02/02/16	Tribal Council Regular Work Session		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
02/04/16	Tribal Council Regular Meeting		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02/08/16	Ethics Committee Meeting				X	X	X		X	
02/08/16	Employee Handbook Work Group			X	X	X	X			
02/09/16	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting			X	X	X				X
02/10/16	United Tribes of Michigan Meeting-Lansing MI			X						
02/12/16	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02/16/16	Tribal Council Regular Work Session		X	X	X	X	X	X		
02/18/16	Tribal Council Regular Meeting		X		X	X	X	X		
02/22/16	Water Quality Work Group						X			
02/22/16-	Tribal Consultation Meeting Between Tribal		X							
02/24/16	Leadership and USDA Senior Officials, Washington DC									

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

## 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

## 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.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING FOR A NATIVE WAY CARD

NATIVE WAY FITNESS CENTER  
8730 COMMERCE PARK  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740  
Gym Hours: Sunday – Saturday, 5 am – 12 am



Complete the Native Way packet presented at the time of

orientation.  
**Note:** Native Way rules are included in the packet.  
Pay the required \$5 for your access card.

When all of these requirements are fulfilled, you are eligible to use the Native Way gym.

**Native Way Too offers classes not associated with the use of the exercise equipment. If you are interested in participating in any of the classes offered, contact Regina Brubacker-Carver, Health Educator, at 231-242-1664, M-F, 8-5.**

*Courtesy graphic.*

Have a physical performed no more than one year prior to your request to use the Native Way gym. Provide a note for your file from your physician giving you permission to exercise with or without restrictions.

Attend a Native Way orientation. The date and time will be determined by the Health Educator.

## 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 Cornnoble 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.



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

**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.



### Access will be monitored

Use of Fitness Center and its equipment is a privilege; not a right



Access card must be used when entering the Center; even if the door is open. You must swipe your card on **EVERY** visit.

Do not open the door for anyone knocking; even if the other participant 'just forgot' their key.

I agree to abide by the rules as stated above

### Rules

- Initial Native Way Cards are \$5.
- Replacement card are \$10.
- No loaning of card. No guests may accompany you.
- Must use fitness center at least 4 times per month.
- Your card will be deactivated after 6 months of non use. Five dollars is required to reactivate your card.
- Use of Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco in the fitness center is prohibited. No smoking in front of building.
- No pets allowed at any time.
- Thirteen to 17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, have approval from a physician and participate in an orientation prior to using the gym.
- For safety reasons, children under 12 years of age are not permitted.
- Violation of these rules may result in temporary loss of use or in some cases permanently.
- Please notify us in writing if any violation of the rules is observed.

**NATIVE WAY GYM BEGINNER BOXING**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

**ADVANCED BOXING**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
5 PM TO 6 PM

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

**JIU JITSU**  
WEDNESDAY  
6 PM TO 7 PM

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

If the LTBB Governmental Offices are closed for the day, all Native Way classes will be cancelled. If the weather is uncertain, call LTBB Community Health at 231-242-1664 before 4 p.m. for class updates; otherwise, please err on the side of caution and stay home if you are not sure. If you want to participate in tae kwon do, boxing or jiu jitsu, please call prior to going at 231-242-1616.

Native Way Two gym is located off the West Conway Road at 8730 East Commerce Court, Units 7 and 8, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Call 231-242-1664 with questions.

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



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

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

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

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

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### MNO ODE - HEALTHY HEART



Aanii from the Mno Ode (Healthy Heart) Program.

Our traditional healer, Jake Pine, is available for appointments April 4- 6.

Please call Community Health at 231-242-1601 to

schedule an appointment.

Charla Gordon, our registered dietician, is available for appointments on April 4 and April 21. If you have any nutrition questions, are interested in a healthier lifestyle or if you have diabetes, heart disease or weight concerns, call Community Health at 231-242-1601 to set up an appointment with Charla to begin your recipe for good health.

If you have spring fever and want to begin some outdoor activity, be on the lookout for the Wuijiosemdaa

Wiimnobimaadziying (Let's walk together for a good life!)

community walking schedule. The group welcomes anyone wanting to get them extra steps in or not wanting to walk alone. The group strives to walk the minimal

30 minutes at each walk, but sometimes, will walk farther because of the areas available to walk. Participants must be aware of their own capabilities and health risks. A full schedule of dates and areas will be listed in the May newsletter.

If you have any questions about the community walking group, please contact Marlene Gasco at 231-242-1616.

*Courtesy graphic.*

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

**6 MONTHS**

- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Reponds to own name
- Reponds to each name
- Reponds to simple requests such as holding hand for "fall" or waving "bye-bye"
- Copies gestures

**12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)**

- Reponds to simple requests
- Says "mama" and "dada"
- Pulls up to stand

**18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)**

- Says several single words
- Reponds to simple requests such as holding hand, touch, open
- Plays simple games such as peek-a-boo
- Reponds to other children's requests

**2 YEARS**

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Points to things as pictures when they're named
- Copies words and phrases when children talk
- Carries a toy
- Reponds to simple requests such as holding hand, touch, open
- Reponds to other children's requests

**3 YEARS**

- Reponds to simple requests such as holding hand, touch, open
- Reponds to other children's requests
- Reponds to simple requests such as holding hand, touch, open
- Reponds to other children's requests

**4 YEARS**

- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For more complete checklists by age, visit [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/early](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/early) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT LTBB MINA MSKIKI GUMIK 231-242-1721

# JUDICIAL BRANCH

## THE HONORABLE ALLIE GREENLEAF MALDONADO HONORED IN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PORTRAIT EXHIBIT AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL



The Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado was among 25 inspiring women who were honored during Harvard Law School's third Annual International Women's Day Celebration, organized by

the Harvard Women's Law Association (WLA) and Harvard Law and International Development Society (LIDS).

Judge Maldonado is the Chief Judge of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Judge Maldonado is a Co-Chair of the first Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum, and a nationally recognized expert on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA).

Honorees were selected from nominations submitted by Harvard Law School students, faculty and staff.

As part of the celebrations, Judge Maldonado was featured in a portrait exhibit, which was displayed in the halls of the law school from February 29-March 11.

In addition to the portrait exhibit, the WLA and LIDS hosted a lunch event recognizing the honorees at the law school on March 8.

Speakers at the March 8 event included Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; Mindy J. Roseman, Director of International Programs and Gruber Program on Global Justice and Women's Rights at Yale Law School; and Roxanne Conlin, one of the first women ever to be named U.S. Attorney and the first female president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

*Courtesy photo.*

## NORTH FOR THE SUMMER: AN AUSTRALIAN AT LTBB TRIBAL COURT

By John Birrell

**Editor's note:** The following article appeared in the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) Fall 2015 newsletter and is reprinted here with permission.

When I submitted my CV to the National Native American Law Students Association Resume Book in September 2014, I didn't think about it again for some time. Having recently arrived in New York City from Australia to commence an LLM at Columbia Law School, I had bigger things to worry about. Winter was coming, and as someone used to swimming at Sydney's beaches through the colder months, I had to devote serious brainpower to the task of keeping warm.

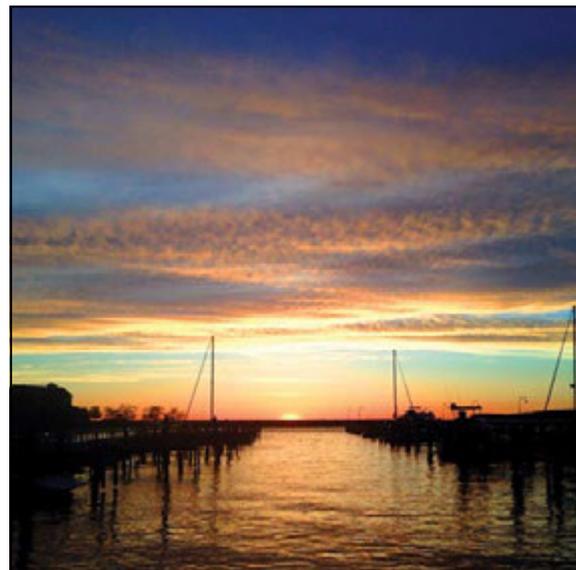
So, it was with some surprise when, in the depths of this battle against the New York chill, I was greeted on the telephone by a warm Midwestern accent asking me if I was interested in applying for a job. Suspecting a scam, I replied, yes, but how did you get my number? The caller, who I now know as Joetta Gasco, laughed and reminded me of my submission to the Resume Book. I thanked her and promised to send off a writing sample that afternoon.

Three weeks later, after a short telephone interview, I had secured my first job after graduation. To my pleasant surprise, I was going to spend three months as a law clerk for the Judicial Branch of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

While I knew that I was headed north after graduation for some time, I had little idea of what to expect even as I drove out of Manhattan across the George Washington Bridge. My research prior to leaving consisted of a Google image search for "Petoskey, MI" and reading Hemmingway's Nick Adams Stories, set in and around the town.

When I arrived in Petoskey, I was greeted by my first of many Lake Michigan sunsets (pictured). As the sun dipped below the horizon, it became clear that I had landed on my feet. The Great Lakes is a truly beautiful natural environment, and one quite unlike anything I have ever experienced in Australia. Running through the forest near Petoskey took my breath away figuratively as well as literally, and swimming in the cool, clear, Lake Michigan water was a constant joy.

As well as being a beautiful environment to spend some time, I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to work for the LTBB's Judicial Branch and to get to experience a snapshot of Odawa culture. One of the main reasons I came to the U.S. for a



second go at law school was to learn about the legal relationship indigenous peoples have with the United States as compared to the position in Australia. My time in Petoskey let me observe that relationship in practice.

When I arrived in the U.S., what I expected to find was a more mature system with much stronger legal protections for the rights of indigenous peoples than those which exists in Australia. However, what became most obvious while studying Federal Indian law were the striking similarities. Like Australia, there have been many waves of law and policy in the U.S. that have sought to wash away Native American peoples' unique ways of life. Perhaps the most startling parallel is the history in both countries of indigenous children being taken from their parents and their country. In the U.S., this was done through the boarding school system. In Australia, it was done through a series of similar government policies that led to what is now known as the Stolen Generations.

Despite these similarities, it is clear that the history of treaty making and the legal framework created by the Marshall trilogy has had an impact in the U.S. It has produced a framework that affords Native American peoples many more tools in the fight to protect their cultures and ways of life than those available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia.

After spending a year learning about these similarities and differences in theory, it was an absolute thrill to be able to observe them in practice. While with the LTBB Judicial Branch, I was fortunate enough to work on a wide range of cases before the LTBB Tribal Court – from child welfare and di-

*"North for the Summer" continued on page 9.*

## SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

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

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

Please call LTBB Survivor Outreach 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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### LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE



The Office of Citizens Legal Assistance has been established to provide free legal advice to enrolled tribal citizens in non-criminal matters such as:

- ◆ **Family Law**
  - Divorce
  - Child Custody
  - Child Support
  - Guardianships
  - Parentage/Paternity
- ◆ **Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act**
- ◆ **Setting Aside a Conviction**
- ◆ **Driver License Restoration**
- ◆ **Estate Planning**
  - Wills
  - Health Care Directives
  - Powers of Attorney
- ◆ **Probate**
- ◆ **Landlord/Tenant**
  - Evictions
  - Tenant Rights
- ◆ **Consumer**
  - Debt Collection

The office is available to provide legal guidance and drafting of certain legal documents but does not provide in court representation at this time. The office may give procedural advice only on matters that are of a criminal nature or involve the Tribe or other Tribal Citizens as a potential party in a dispute.

For assistance and to make appointments,  
Please call Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm  
231-242-1433

## Free Legal Help for Low-Income Native Americans

Michigan Indian Legal Services may be able to help you with your legal issue. MILS Attorneys can handle the following types of cases in Tribal Court:

- ◆ Child Welfare
- ◆ Eviction
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- ◆ Criminal Defense
- ◆ ICWA-MIFPA
- ◆ Appellate Cases\*
- ◆ Guardianship\*
- ◆ Other Matters

\*Available in State Court Proceedings

To find out if we can help you with your legal issue, call us at 231-947-0122 or toll free at 1-800-968-6877. Our office is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit our website at [www.mils3.org](http://www.mils3.org).

Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services to low-income Indian individuals and tribes to further self-sufficiency, overcome discrimination, assist tribal governments and preserve Indian families.



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## MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

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

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

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

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

**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.

"North for the Summer" continued from page 8.

voice matters, to fishery management and election disputes – as well as assist in drafting legislation and court rules related to the running of the Judicial Branch. A weekly highlight was the opportunity to sit in on Drug Court where I was regularly moved by the strength of participants and their families in their journey to healing and wellness. I was also

to get a taste of Odawa culture. I spent a very special day at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow (pictured) and watched in amazement as a crew of tribal members paddled their jimaan into the sunset, setting off on a 15-mile journey from Cross Village to Beaver Island that would take them all night.

Through these varied experiences, I was able to observe the workings of an extremely well run court effectively serving the needs of its vibrant community. I also saw the way that people working in these courts throughout Indian country, like Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, have formed effective networks that allow them to advocate for their people at a state-wide and national level. By working simultaneously at a local, state and national level, it seems to me that the history the U.S. shares with Australia is being tackled in an effective and uniquely American way.

I am extremely grateful for the unexpected opportunity to work for the LTBB and to spend some time in Odawa country. I look forward to keeping in touch with the tribe from afar and visiting again whenever possible. Chi miigwetch to you all.

John Birrell has a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honors from the Australian National University and a Master of Laws from Columbia Law School. He is currently based in Sydney, Australia, working in the Office of the Solicitor Assisting the Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse.

Courtesy photos.



thankful to be able to have a small amount of input into cases of significance to Native American tribes currently before state and federal courts.

Outside office hours, I was extremely fortunate

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## 3 NIGHTS OF STORYTELLING WITH CULTURAL SERVICES WINTER IS THE TIME FOR STORYTELLING



Our first night of storytelling was held Thursday, January 28, 2016 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

It was a great night with the tribal community with everyone from babies to elders in attendance. We first shared a potluck meal, then, we sat in a circle in the Tribal Council Chambers.

Our guest storyteller, Deleta Gasco-Smith, shared a story of how the blackbird got its name, and other community members shared wonderful stories, too.

Our second night, Thursday, February 25, 2016, featured guest storyteller Arlene Naganashe.

Our third night, Thursday, March 17, 2016, featured guest storyteller Wes Andrews.

Winter is the time of the year to continue oral tradition.

The photo of Deleta Gasco-Smith is by Sean Miller and appears courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review. The photos from the February 25, 2016 and March 17, 2016 storytelling events are by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.



# 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  
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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

\*This project was supported by Grant No. 2012-TW-AK-0024 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and do not reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice.

# WOCTEP

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

## Business Resource Center

- Business related books, magazines, periodicals and reference resources.
- Internet based resources.
- Business counseling.

LTBB Governmental Center  
WOCTEP Computer Lab  
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Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Call Dan Hinmon for questions at 231-242-1478

Come in and get started on your business plan today!

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Please call 231-242-1494 or 231-242-1489 for information on how to get started today!  
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# WIOA

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Program

"DO YOU WANT TO BECOME MORE EMPLOYABLE?"

Are you an enrolled American Indian, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian, Butte Lake Band Member or first generation descendant (1/8 Blood Quantum) of Little Traverse Bay Bands?  
Are you underemployed (work 31 hours or less), unemployed, laid off, dislocated worker, need of your GED or need of retraining?  
Are you 18 or older?

If so, contact: Stacey Nongueskwa-Lopez, Outreach Worker for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program

Programs available in the following areas:

- \* Job search & placement assistance
- \* Job career assessment
- \* Career/individual employment plan
- \* Resume' workshops
- \* Basic & higher education assistance

LTBB Education Department Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act  
Stacey Nongueskwa-Lopez 231-242-1488, 231-445-2625  
Fax: 231-242-1490 [slopez@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:slopez@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Stay up to date!

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# LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

## APRIL IS TRAUMA SURVIVAL MONTH IN THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY



You are a good person! A person, who deserves love, kindness and compassion, so when someone offers it, you should accept it.

You are Beautiful, even if you don't feel like it. I hope someday you will. You are worthy, if you don't believe it now, keep telling yourself that until you do. You are Loved! The survivors of trauma make up a huge family, and we tend to find each other no matter where we are, we ban together, we fight for each other, we support each other, we support you!

My story, may not be your story, but we share a common thread, at some time in our lives, someone hurt us so badly, that they left scars so deep and so large, they feel they will never heal. But, You are here! That makes you a Survivor! We are not victims, we decided, this would not get the best of us! We would fight to be here, and I know some days, it is a fight just to get out of bed, but it gets better. NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT!

I hope you take something positive away from this letter, but if you take only one thing, take this: YOU ARE NOT ALONE! That is why I wrote this letter to all of you, just to say, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

You are my Family Forever!  
*Courtesy graphic.*

To honor April being Trauma Survival Month, the LTBB Cultural Library would like to publish this letter sent to us from a patron. We are leaving the letter unsigned to protect this person's identity, but feel it has a strong message that needs to be shared. If you would like to reply to this letter or send a letter of your own, please send them to LTBB Cultural Library, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 or e-mail them to dsineway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Chi Miigwetch for supporting our library.

Dear You,

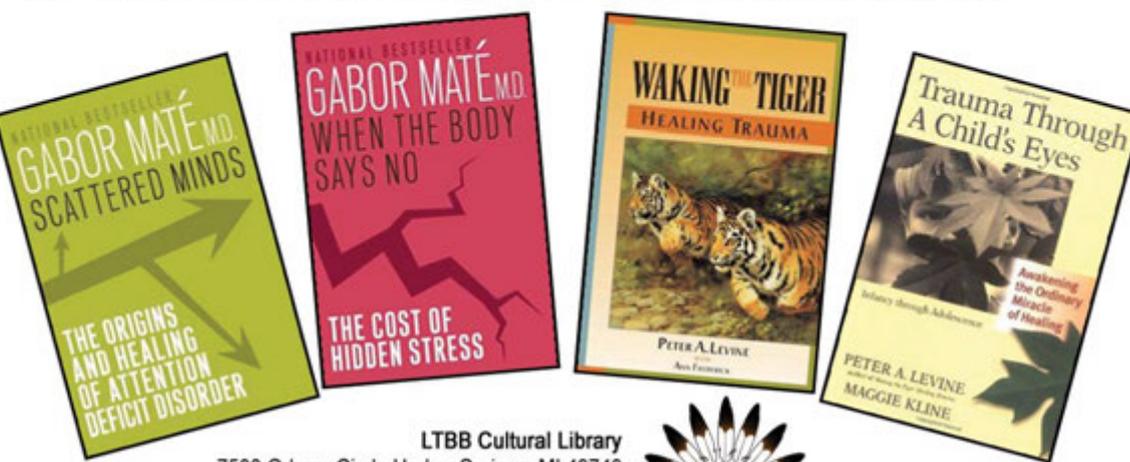
You know who you are, you are a Survivor, so am I; I am here to tell you, something it took me a very long time to learn. It, whatever it is, is not your fault! You did not deserve it! You did not ask for it! You are innocent of the crime that was done to you.

### Coming in April for Trauma Survival Month

These books were recommended in the professional development training, "Trauma in Our Community: From Dealin to Healin." The presenter was Darryl Tonemah, a full-blooded (Kiowa/Comanche/Tuscarora) Native American psychologist. He is also a singer/songwriter/actor/author. He has recorded nine award-winning CD's.

With so many of our community members living with trauma in one way or another, the Cultural Library thought this was the perfect way to honor our survivors of trauma.

We believe these books can help many people and are proud to have them as part of our collection.



LTBB Cultural Library  
 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 231-242-1487 ltbbculturallibrary@gmail.com

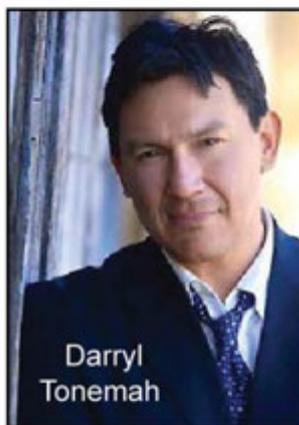


### April is Trauma Survival Month in the LTBB Cultural Library

For this month, we honor victims of trauma. It is a long and difficult road to travel, but know you have friends and family who will help you through. You have a community. Be strong for yourself, your children and your loved ones. For this month, the LTBB Cultural Library is spotlighting four new editions for patrons to check out.

- Waking the Tiger by Peter Levine, PhD.
- Trauma Through A Child's Eyes by Peter Levine, PhD.
- Scattered Minds by Gabor Mate, MD
- When the Body Says No by Gabor Mate, MD

In February 2016, LTBB had guest speaker Darryl Tonemah present at the Odawa Hotel to interested LTBB Tribal Citizens. The information provided was an incredible lesson to be learned for all. The books listed above came highly recommended by Tonemah during his presentation. Please stop by the Cultural Library to check out the new books!



Darryl Tonemah

*Fred Rogers "Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary. The people we trust with that important talk can help us know that we are not alone."*

Not a patron? Not a problem! Stop in and have our cheerful library staff help you become a patron, and don't forget to ask about our e-library.



LTBB Cultural Library  
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 231-242-1487 ltbbculturallibrary@gmail.com

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 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI  
 49740

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!

## Memorabilia Needed

### FOR A MANDA-BEE-KEE DANCE TROUPE DOCUMENTARY

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department along with Archives and Records are collecting any film, audio recording, photos, newspaper articles, artifacts and photos of artifacts regarding the Manda-Bee-Keel Dance Troupe from the 1950's and 1960's.

LTBB Archives can take photos or copies of items and return originals back along with a digital copy.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact LTBB Education at 231-242-1480.

## New Media & Graphic Arts

Learn the art of...

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- Graphic Design

**WOCTEP**

Career and Technical Education

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

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

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 HTTP://WWW.LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV/EDU/WOCTEP.HTML

# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians - Elders Department  
7500 Odawa Circle,  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Ph: 231-242-1422 or 231-242-1423  
Fax: 231-242-1430  
Current Year: 2016

Aanii Tribal Elder,

This letter 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, 2016. Eligibility for this program is based solely on meeting low income requirements. If income requirements are met and *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 November 30, 2016. Please read this letter all the way through before sending receipts.*

**Step One.** Application materials:

1. Fill out the 2016 application included with this letter.

2. Send in a combination of *paid 2016 grocery receipts and utility bills* that total up to \$400. The \$400 reimbursement can be distributed entirely for utility bills, or entirely for grocery receipts, or for any combination of the two that totals up to \$400. **Total reimbursement will NOT exceed \$400 per applicant.**

- Grocery items allowed: those paid in 2016 that concern food grocery toiletries; toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towel and household cleaners only

- Grocery items not allowed: pet supplies, tobacco products or alcohol. Utility bills allowed; those paid in 2016 that concern heating, electric, water, and trash removal.

- Utility bills not allowed; cell phone, cable, satellite or internet.

3. **Hand written receipts, cancelled checks or money order receipts will NOT be accepted. Reimbursement will NOT be provided for food stamps.**

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

1. Complete and sign the application.

2. Double check grocery receipts and utility bills sent in have already been paid and are only for items approved in the list above.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. LTBB Accounting Department will mail your check.

Miigwetch,  
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, 2016

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 2016

## LTBB ELDERS DENTAL PROGRAM

The LTBB Elders Dental Program fund was created to assist tribal elders with specialized dental costs which are not typically covered by the LTBB Health Clinic. This includes dentures, bridges, crowns or other services that would not be considered general maintenance or cosmetic in nature.

Please note eligibility is not based on income, but funds are limited to \$2,400 per tribal elder per 12 month year. In addition, funding is dependent on availability of program funds.

To be eligible for the program:

- (bullet) You must be an enrolled tribal citizen age 55 years or older

- (bullet) You must exhaust all available medical/dental coverage options

- (bullet) You must fill out an Elders Dental Services Application and be approved PRIOR to obtaining dental services

Please contact the LTBB Elders Department at 231-242-1423 if you have questions about the den-

tal program or would like an Elders Dental Services Application.

*Courtesy graphic.*



## Tai Ji Quan: Moving For Better Balance® Classes

**No prior experience necessary!**

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Benefits:

- Improving muscle strength, balance, flexibility and mobility
- Reducing risk of falls

**DATE/TIME:** Mondays & Fridays from 11 am – 12 pm  
Mondays & Wednesdays from 6 pm – 7 pm

**LOCATION:** Monday/Friday at LTBB Health Park  
Monday/Wednesday at LTBB Community Center

**ATTIRE:** Wear comfortable, cotton exercise clothing; dress light

**COST:** FREE

**TEACHERS:** Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet  
Marlene Gasco

**QUESTIONS CALL:** Elders Dept. 231-242-1423  
Healthy Heart Dept. 231-242-1616



# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## AWAKEN OUR LANGUAGE IN OURSELVES



By Renee "Wasson" Dillard

From the time I received word that I was chosen to be one of five tribal citizens to receive intense language lessons and teacher training, perhaps 20 or so have been asking, "So how is that going?" This is what has inspired me to write about how my experience has been after the short while of learning.

First, let me explain that the LTBB Gijigowi Language Department wrote for an ANA grant to fund the project named Kinoomagejik (Teachers). The project will last almost three years, but I can promise that from what I have learned so far, I have realized that this will be a lifelong journey. Our language is amazing, and our ancestors' view of the world is reflected through this beautiful sacred language, therefore, I am honored to continue my commitment toward proficiency.

My family story concerning language isn't much different than many of the LTBB people. My grandmother went to the local boarding school here in Harbor Springs, MI. While raising her children, a decision was made to discourage her children from speaking in our Native language. It was after my father's attendance in the Mount Pleasant, MI, area boarding school that Anishinaabemowin stopped being the first language spoken at home. While growing up, I heard lots of visiting in the language going on around me, but I was little, and I was busy not listening. My uncle, who attended the boarding school with my dad, never spoke again with one drunken exception that my Grandma once told me about. At times, my father would remember some phrase or saying and talk with his mom about it. Most times, she seemed to shrug it off, and when I think of those times in my memory at my age now, I believe she still didn't want my father to speak. I supposed he became as discouraged as she wanted him to be, and he became uninterested over time.

Once my son was born, while my husband and I were living in California, my heart was yearning for "woodland" ways. I tried to encourage my son to repeat what I could recall from dinner table conversations when I was a kid. Once we moved back to Michigan, some 10 years later, we were at the Grand Rap-

ids Veterans pow wow where I first came across language lessons on cassette tapes. They were expensive for me at the time, but I managed to purchase the entire set. I listened to them even after my husband became tired of hearing it. I played them all night long at our headboard, so I could "soak it in" while I slept. One time, while listening to the cassette tapes as I did my household chores, my father came to eat lunch. I usually turned it off, so as to not upset him by bringing up any topic about boarding school. He came into my home with a big ole smile and said, "Hey, I understand what that man is saying." Much to my relief, he asked me to turn it up. That was my cue that I had his blessing in my quest to acquire as much language as possible. During our lunch that day, I explained that the man speaking on the tape recording said, "When we speak this language, we use the breath of our grandfathers." We sat together, and silently contemplated the importance of that idea.

Other learning opportunities came from various people and places for over the next two decades, and still, I couldn't speak more than an occasional phrase or recite from memory a prayer. Listening to language in story form has helped me understand bigger concepts, but the more I got to peek into our ancestors' language, the more hungry I became for full comprehension. Once, I labeled everything in my house and kept it that way for over a year. Little sticky notes were all over, and I didn't care one bit when visitors would come, besides, most people visiting me are other Native people who seem to be on the same language journey.

As you might be able to guess from the little explanation of my journey thus far, I am excited beyond belief to be part of our Tribal journey for language acquisition. To be able to participate in ceremony from beginning to end with only our language spoken will be a dream come true. To hear our history and sacred teachings with only our language spoken will provide the insight that my heart has been yearning for my entire life. To be able to teach what skills have been passed over to me while explaining the techniques in our language will be my gift to pass on for our children. To understand who I really am and what my place is with all creation is my goal.

Every teacher that has been in my path so far is deeply appreciated, and my current instructor is no exception. The "dots" are being connected, and creating fuller comprehension and it seems like each day another revelation is unveiled. It's a lot to take in, and often, I look to see if my "cohorts" are having the same "AHA" moments. My ex-

citement is evident as more understanding of who I really am is becoming realized. The suspicions of the once secret reality of the ancestors' life views are finding life again through my understanding. And yes, I believe it is true, when I speak this language, I am using the breath of my ancestors.

Don't be afraid to label your house, go ahead, and just do it. Go ahead, and speak what you know, make mistakes and listen for the corrections. Memorize a phrase, listen to the language recordings, listen to stories told in our language or sign up for class at community college or tribal college. Come join us through the community classes offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings 3:30-6 p.m. at Mino Mishkiki Gamikong in Petoskey, MI. All of the lessons for second language learners are important and worthwhile because some day, the pieces will all get connected, perhaps one of the five teacher-trainees learning right now will learn how to connect them for you.

At this time, I want to explain that I am working to understand and speak our language with the hope and dream that Anishinaabek, our people, will grow into our language once again. Our language will provide our people with a clear understanding of who we are and what our responsibilities are in this good life. This is an amazing journey with some generous people in my path thus far. Miigwech to all language instructors for your love of this beautiful language, and your dedication towards our common goal. Miigwech to LTBB Government who provides us with this opportunity to speak what was once forbidden. I love my family, my people, all the creatures, this land, our waters, and I love this language. Miigwech for listening. Kanishinaabemi. We will speak the language.

Courtesy photo.

## Attention!

The LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department will be **CLOSED** beginning on **Wednesday, March 30, 2016** at 12 p.m.

We will reopen on **Monday, April 4, 2016** at 8 a.m.

Staff will be attending the 22nd Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

### LTBB Anishinaabemowin Pine Language Immersion Weekend

April 1, 2, 3, 2016  
Friday, ~1 pm - 8 pm  
Saturday, ~8 am - 8 pm  
Sunday, ~8 am - 12 pm

Stop in Anytime to Enjoy the Stories and Anishinaabe Humor.

Kawaabmigoom Oodil  
We'll see you over!



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

For information, contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department, 231-242-1457.

## Nishnaabemwin Pine Immersion Program

2016 Summer Semester schedule

LTBB is a satellite site of NPIP, which is accredited through Bay Mills Community College.

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

**Wenesh Pii? When?**  
May 6, 7, 8  
June 3, 4, 5  
June 24, 25, 26  
July 22, 23, 24  
August 19, 20, 21

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

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

The NPIP Program develops the Anishinaabe language learner's ability to understand fluent speakers. The environment and approach used in class is designed to put students at ease.

**NO ANXIETY OR FEELING INTIMIDATED OR EMBARRASSED.**

Students will attain a high level of listening comprehension, and eventually, increased ability to speak.

**Attend as a guest or register as a student!**

Students can earn 4-year or 6-year diplomas.  
The Gijigowi Language Department can assist students with application and registration process!

For more information, contact Gwen Gasco, LTBB Gijigowi Language Department, at 231-242-1457 or e-mail [ggasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:ggasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department would like to invite you to join them for a night of Anishinaabemowin games and fun!!

# Anishinaabemowin Game Night and Potluck

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
in LTBB Government Commons Area

Please bring a dish to pass and your thinking caps!!

For more information, please call the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457

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Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niiwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details					Election Board Work Session 1 4:30 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI  Housing Commission Meeting 5 pm Govt. Center Rm 312	Election Board Meeting 2 12 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI
3	Ethics Committee Meeting 4 9 am - 10 am Tribal Council Chambers  Gaming Enterprise Board Meeting 9 am - noon OCR Executive Suite	Elders Luncheon at Noon 5  Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	Elders Commission Meeting 6 5 pm - Govt. Center Rm 312  Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.  NRC Meeting 6 pm - NRD Conference Room	Elders Luncheon at Noon 7	CWC Meeting 8 1 pm Govt. Center Rm 118	Trust Fund Board Meeting 9 9 am - NRD Conference Room  Tribal Burial, Inc. Meeting 9 am Mskiki Gumik Health Building
10	11	Elders Luncheon at Noon 12  Annual Budget Public Hearing Tribal Council Chambers  AFC Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	13	Elders Luncheon at Noon 14  Tribal Council meeting 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	Annual Budget Public Hearing 15 Tribal Council Chambers  Election Board Work Session 4:30 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI  Land and Reservation Cmte. Mtg. 1pm-5pm Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	Election Board Meeting 16 12 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI
17	Citizenship Com. Meeting 18 5:30 pm Govt. Center Rm 118  Gaming Enterprise Board Meeting 9 am - noon OCR Executive Suite	Elders Luncheon at Noon 19  Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 20 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	Elders Luncheon at Noon 21  Tribal Council meeting 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	22	23
24	25	Elders Luncheon at Noon 26	28	Elders Luncheon at Noon 28	29	Election Board Meeting 30 12 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI

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  - Type in your Quizlet username and password. You'll automatically become a member of the class.
- OR While in Quizlet, type in a search for the class. The class is named "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

Several sets related to Anishinaabemowin will show up, but these are "sets," not "classes." Click on the "CLASSES" tab. Click "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" and click "Join Class"

You will receive an e-mail, usually within 24 hours, letting you know you have been added to the class, and then, you can access all units.

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department, 231-242-1457 or e-mail [langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
*Courtesy graphic.*



Answer Key on Page 26.

Word Bank	Across
gmezinin	4. I miss you.
biiskonye	6. little feathers
mjikaawnin	7. feather
zhidoonetaw	10. I am thinking of you.
zhooshkijiwedaa	13. (you) Help me out.
migizii miigwan	14. (you) Sleep well.
biitookinawen	16. I like you.
giizhoonaknowein	17. S/He is dressing.
aabitoojiinshin	18. (you) Dress warm.
nkwenmoshin	19. (you) Kiss me.
gmakwenimin	20. little feather
jiimshin	21. (you) Wear mittens/gloves.
gbashigenamin	
giiskonye	Down
baaminwendaagwazin	1. on the Earth
miigwaanhs	2. feathers
mingwaaman	3. (you) Point your lips at him/her.
miigwaanhsak	5. (you) Go about and have fun.
miigwanak	8. eagle feather
miigwan	9. (you) Hug me.
akiing	11. Let's go sliding.
	12. S/He is undressing.
	15. (you) Dress in layers.

2016 GOONIGNEBIG DAMNAWIN (SNOWSNAKE GAMES)

Submitted by Marlene Gasco, Healthy Heart Administrative Assistant

On February 20, 2016, Goonignebig Damnowin (Snowsnake Games) took place as planned despite the overnight rain and warming temperatures throughout the day.

The track needed some restoration early, but was ready for competition by 11 a.m.

Seventy-four competitors competed in the different age categories from 65 and over to the preschool (ages 1-4) level. It was great to see community members come from near and far to enjoy this winter fun game.

Chi miigwech to all competitors, spectators and workers.

Special thanks to Carol Kiogima, Nina Hendrickson, Cathy Gibson, Sharon Sierzputowski and Regina Brubaker-Carver in the kitchen. Plus, Tammy Gasco, Rebecca Fisher, Thomas Teuthorn, Sr., Vicki Kelley and Allie Simon for working the track. And, Marcia Sutton, Deleta Smith and Billi Jo Head for keeping tallies of the track results inside.

Congrats to all, and I am looking forward to next year's competition! The winners are as follows:

**65 & Over Men**  
 1st - Richard Wemigwase  
 2nd - Steve Oldman, Sr.

**3rd - Tom Naganashe**  
**65 & Over Women**  
 1st - Rochelle Ettawageshik  
 2nd - Elisabeth Kiogima  
 3rd- Marcia Sutton

**50 - 64 Men**  
 1st- JD Gibson  
 2nd- Lee Sprague  
 3rd- Bart Gasco

**50 - 64 Women**  
 1st - Vicki Kelley  
 2nd - Regina Brubaker-Carver  
 3rd- Cathy Gibson

**35 - 49 Men**  
 1st- Michael Naganashe  
 2nd- Isaac Dillard, Sr.  
**35 -49 Women**  
 1st- Theresa Keshick  
 2nd- Marlene Gasco  
 3rd - Trisha Naganashe

**18 - 34 Men**  
 1st - Michael Keshick  
 2nd - Nicholas Conley, Sr.  
**18 - 34 Women**  
 1st - Eva Oldman  
 2nd- Holly Lacombe  
 3rd - Billi Jo Head

**9th - 12th Grade Girls**  
 1st - Alexa Oldman  
**6th - 8th Grade Boys**  
 1st - Nimkee Naganashe  
 2nd - Nicholas Conley, Jr.  
 3rd - Nick Sprague  
**6th - 8th Grade Girls**  
 1st - Kaia Eedy  
 2nd- Autumn Naganashe  
 3rd - Zhaawan Sprague  
**3rd - 5th Grade Boys**  
 1st - Storm McFall  
 2nd - Haga Yellowbank  
 3rd - Isaac Conley

**3rd - 5th Grade Girls**  
 1st - Emily Naganashe  
 2nd - Evelyn Gibson  
 3rd- Alecia Conley  
**K - 2nd Grade Boys**  
 1st - Kentin Lacombe  
 2nd- Isaac Dillard, Jr.  
 3rd- Lane Gasco

**K - 2nd Grade Girls**  
 1st- Suzi Stillwell  
 2nd - Nateya Gibson  
 3rd- Alexis Powell  
**Preschool Ages 1 - 4 Boys**  
 1st - Grayson Boda  
 2nd - Kasen Christopher  
**Preschool Ages 1 - 4 Girls**  
 1st - Taeja Gibson  
 2nd - Aliyana Boughner  
 3rd - Bedassige James

Last, but not least, I just wanted to give a special thanks and recognition to Thomas Teuthorn, Sr., who was by my side from day one with the structuring of the track. This was my rookie year as the Snowsnake event coordinator, and I was completely clueless on what had to be done. I quickly learned that despite the freezing temperatures, wind chills below zero, and the couple days of sun, the track needed to be finished in order to have the competition, and Tom was there through it all. I greatly appreciate all your hard work and dedication to this event! Also, thank you to Tammy Gasco and Susan Gasco for your help when your jobs allowed.

Courtesy photos.

**Kanishinaabemi**  
 "We will speak Anishinaabemowin."

**The LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department will be hosting its Spring session of Kanishinaabemi classes from April 11, 2016 to June 29, 2016.**

**Kanishinaabemi Mnookmi Classes**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
 at the LTBB Health Park Conference Room

This is an open community class. Register on the first day or stop in to the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

**Regular and consistent attendance is encouraged, but guests are welcome to drop-in.**

For more information, please call the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457.

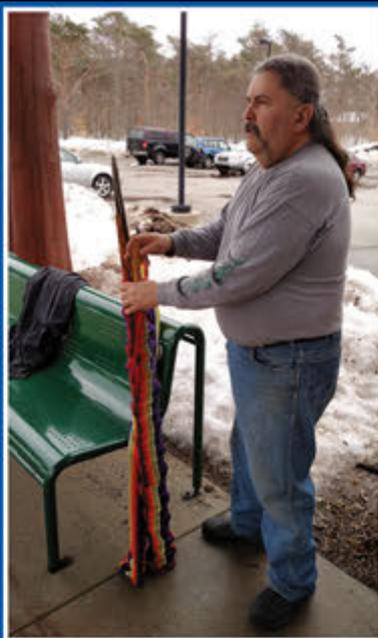
Free Online Anishinaabemowin Class with Isadore Toulouse Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm EST

**"Aabiish ezhaayin Niizh-giizhigak?"**

Enter the classroom at 7PM EST by typing the following link into your browser:  
<http://login.meetcheap.com/conference,anishinaabemowinonline> or click link on our FACEBOOK page.

There is no password needed. Just enter your name or nickname. There will be a live chat available to answer Isadore Toulouse's questions LIVE. Lets have fun learning the language! please SHARE!

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LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on **facebook**

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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

Message (Rich Text)

To: GHN (YOU)

Subject: Bibezhik Kidwin

**Bibezhik Kidwin - One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED**

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

You've Got Mail

**P.O.D. IT, DON'T FLUSH IT!**

**What can I dispose of in the Collection Boxes?**

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| <p><b>Items Accepted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription Drugs (Including controlled substances)</li> <li>• Over-the-counter (OTC) Medicines</li> <li>• Pet Medicines</li> <li>• Nutritional Supplements and Vitamins</li> <li>• Medicated Ointments and Lotions</li> <li>• Liquid Medications in Sealed Containers or Plastic Bags</li> </ul> | <p><b>Items NOT Accepted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needles, Lancets or Pen Needles (ANY Sharps)</li> <li>• Aerosol Cans</li> <li>• Bloody or Infectious Waste</li> <li>• Hydrogen Peroxide</li> <li>• Thermometers</li> <li>• IV Bags</li> <li>• Trash</li> <li>• Mail</li> </ul> |
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**Where can I dispose of my unused medications?**  
Place your medications in the secure POD collection boxes at these locations.

- ANTRIM COUNTY**
- Antrim County Sheriff's Office - Administration Office  
107 Grove Street, Bellaire, MI 49615 - 231-533-8627
  - Elk Rapids Police Department  
321 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629 - 231-264-6592
- CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**
- Boyer City - City Hall  
319 North Lake Street, Boyer City, MI 49712 - 231-582-6611
  - Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office - Jail Entrance  
1000 Grant Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 - 231-547-4461
  - City of Charlevoix Police Department  
210 State Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 - 231-547-3258
  - Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office - Beaver Island  
37830 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782 - 231-448-2700
  - City of East Jordan Police Department  
326 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 - 231-536-2273
- CHEBOYGAN COUNTY**
- Cheboygan County Sheriff - Department County Building  
870 S. Main Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 - 231-627-3155
  - Cheboygan Department of Public Safety - Cheboygan City Hall  
403 N. Huron Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 - 231-627-4321
  - Mackinaw City Police Department - Village Hall  
102 S. Huron Avenue Mackinaw City, MI 49701 - 231-436-7861
  - Tuscarora Township Police Department  
3546 Sturgeon Avenue Indian River, MI 49749 - 231-238-9481
- EMMET COUNTY**
- City of Petoskey Department of Public Safety - Lobby of City Hall  
101 East Lake Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-347-2500
  - City of Petoskey Dept. of Public Safety Station West Bay Harbor  
3625 Charlevoix Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-347-4642
  - Emmet County Sherrif's Office - Jeffery P. Bodzick Administrative Office and Correctional Facility -Jail Entrance  
450 Bay Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-439-8900
  - Emmet County Sheriff's Office - Richard L. Zink Law Enforcement Center  
3460 Harbor-Petoskey Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (231) 439-8900
  - Harbor Springs Police Department  
170 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49770 - 231-526-6211
  - Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Tribal Police Department  
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-242-1574
- GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**
- Grand Traverse County Sheriff -  
Traverse City Police Department Law Enforcement Center  
851 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686 - 231-995-5001
- MACKINAW COUNTY**
- City of St. Ignace Police Department  
396 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49871 - 906-643-6077
  - Mackinac County Sheriff's Office  
100 South Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49871 - 906-643-1911

For more information, call Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 231- 347-1181 or visit [www.watershedcouncil.org](http://www.watershedcouncil.org)

# NATIVE NEWS

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN BILLY McNAMARA SERVING AS CORA VICE CHAIRMAN



ity (CORA) meeting, LTBB Tribal Citizen Billy McNamara was elected Vice Chairman of CORA.

According to the CORA website, CORA gathers all 1836 Treaty fishing tribes under its mantle: the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The CORA governing body is composed of each tribe's chairperson and each tribe's natural resource entity chairperson.

McNamara has served on the LTBB Natural Resource Commission for approximately 13 years and is currently serving as the commission's Chairman. He has also served on the commission as the Vice Chairman, Secretary and Associate Commissioner.

"I was very honored to become the Vice Chair of CORA," McNamara said. "I'm proud to work with my commission, the Natural Resource Department, along with Environmental, to protect our resources for the community and the families of LTBB."

*Courtesy photo.*

At the January 2016 Chippewa Ottawa Resource Author-

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Elders Commission ~ 2016 Meeting Schedule

April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>,  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>,  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>

All meetings to be held at the LTBB Governmental Center, Room 312, at 5 pm.

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## CARRYING ON THE TRADITION OF SUGAR BUSH



is now my four boys and I who carry on the tradition. We run a family sugar bush and tap approximately 30-40 trees.

Maple sap needs the right spring conditions in order to get the maple sap flowing. It needs to be cold enough at night to freeze, but not too cold (between 25 and 32 degrees is ideal) and warmer during the day with some nice sunshine (mid 40's is ideal).

We tap each tree with an antique no power hand drill, drive in an aluminum spiel and hang galvanized pails to collect the sap. We tap many of the same trees year after year and can tell the difference in snow pack based on how high or low the healed over tap mark from the previous year is.

When the sap is running well, the sap pails must be collected daily. We gather the sap in five gallon buckets and store in other buckets or ten gallon milk cans until they are added to the pan for boiling. It takes around 40-50 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. We usually make between 8-14 gallons of syrup a

year, which is usually approximately 3-4 batches.

It can be a little bit of work, but the payoff is great, pure maple syrup, and I am not sure there is better way to start the spring than by getting out in the woods and being part of such a valued tradition.

*Courtesy photos.*



By Doug Craven, LTBB Tribal Citizen

Spring is here, Ziisbaak-doke-giizis (Sugaring Moon) is March to the Odawa.

My family has been making maple syrup for years on my grandfather's property just north of Harbor Springs, MI, and it

## LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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

May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day  
July 4, 2016 – Independence Day  
September 5, 2016 – Adams Holiday (Labor Day)  
September 21, 2016 – Sovereignty Day  
September 23, 2016 – Michigan Indian Day  
November 11, 2016 – Veterans Day  
November 24, 2016 – Thanksgiving Day  
November 25, 2016 – Day after Thanksgiving  
December 23, 2016 – Christmas Eve  
December 26, 2016 – Christmas Day  
December 30, 2016 – New Year's Eve



## GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Due to budget reductions in 2016, the Small Grants and Donations program will be implementing only a one-time distribution in 2016. The new deadline for the 2016 Small Grants and Donations program will be April 15, 2016. Grant applications are available from Beverly Wemigwase at 231-242-1400 or on the LTBB website. All grant applications shall be postmarked on or before the April 15, 2016 date. Any applications received postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.



## 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.

## The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Invites you to the 23rd Annual 2016 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp



**Saturday, July 30:**  
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)  
8:00am Breakfast  
8:30am Opening Ceremony  
9:15am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops  
12:00pm Lunch  
1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops  
5:00pm Dinner  
7:00pm Jjingtamok (Pow wow)

**Sunday, July 31:**  
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops  
12:00pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- No Registration Fee
- All Meals are Provided
- Camping available (first come, first serve)
- On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- Location: 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the Little River Casino Resort
- "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
- For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
- We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
- Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway Gift
- The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit [www.lrbol-nsn.gov](http://www.lrbol-nsn.gov) or [www.anishinaabemdaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com) for updates. Some presentations/workshops *may* include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



For more information, please contact:  
Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892 or 231-590-1187  
Email: [kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov)

## PRESENTERS CALL FOR THE 23RD ANNUAL ANISHINAABE FAMILY LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAMP 2016

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We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 30 and 31, 2016. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines, and some presenters may be asked to present up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 1/2 hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic.

We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion, if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin, and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemow-

in. We have had successful camps because of the good presenters who have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another, and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information by e-mail as soon as possible, and do not wait until the last minute, otherwise, you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the e-mail. It's just easier for us when we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration).

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their e-mail who recommended them to present.

The deadline for all of this information is May 10, 2016.

Here is my contact information:

[kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov)

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2016 SUMMER GO GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15, 2016



grants to girls in grades 6 to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim (Michigan) counties. These grants will allow the applicant to pursue a special interest, gain or improve a skill, participate in an outdoor experience and more. We encourage applications that will be challenging to the applicant.

Girls will be required to work with an adult mentor – a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc. – who will help them fill out and submit the application and will work with the girl to help her achieve her dream. The mentor will also work with each girl to submit her final report on her completed activity and what it meant to her.

The ideal applicants are girls who have not received awards for outstanding achievements. CWIB is seeking girls who do not ordinarily apply for awards. We are looking for under-represented girls who need more support to realize their potential. Girls need to clearly state their financial need as well as describe a special interest that will spark their imagination and creativity or follow a dream that they may not imagine possible.

It is important the girls and their mentor fill out the application completely, answering all questions. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Please read the rules and guidelines on the application carefully. Application and background information is available at [www.petoskeychamber.com](http://www.petoskeychamber.com), click on Programs & Services and then on Connecting Women in Business. Applications must be postmarked April 15, 2016.

Together, we can help girls fulfill their dreams and reinforce their importance to our community.

*Courtesy graphic.*

Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a niche group of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, is proud to announce the launch of its GO Grants for Girls on March 7, 2016.

Formed in 2007, Connecting Women in Business provides opportunities for area women business leaders and business owners to learn, form connections, share ideas and find personal and professional growth.

The key purposes of CWIB include:

- Provide professional development and leadership training;
- Strengthen and market area businesses;
- Offer networking toward strategic alliances, affiliations and business opportunities;
- Mentoring and support; and
- Provide opportunities for girls to dream big, thereby, improving self-esteem and leadership.

It is through the last goal listed above that CWIB created GO Grants for Girls in 2007. GO Grants or Girls Outreach Grants will reach out to young girls in our area who have an idea and passion to try something new. Grants will range from \$100 to \$500 and can be used as resources in any field of endeavor.

The purpose of the grants is to provide small

**CNC Courses available!**  
Call 231-439-6265 for more information.

North Central MICHIGAN COLLEGE  
*It's what matters!*

Financial assistance is available. Contact SEEDS Project Director at 231-242-1579.

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The LTBB Community Health Department offers appointments with Jake Pine, Traditional Healer. Listed below is the schedule for 2016.

Office hours: 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm

April 4-6, May 3-4, June 6-8, July 11-12, August 1-3, August 29-31, October 3-5, October 31, November 1 & 2, December 5-7

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

NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS INSTITUTE

Who is This For?

Native American high school students who will be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade during the upcoming 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 upcoming school year. Participants work with MSU admissions officers, college counselors, tribal community leaders and corporate representatives in a seven-day “business boot-camp” that prepares students for the college and exposes them to numerous academic and professional opportunities.

When is NABI?

NABI is held on the campus of Michigan State University in July/August.

What Will I Gain From This Experience?

- Develop time manage-



ment 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 vari-

ous careers and opportunities in business

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

Application Period/Deadlines:

First round of applications are due by May 1. 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:

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- Have a 2.8-3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Submit a completed application packet by the established deadline

Mail, e-mail or fax applications to:

Kevin Leonard, Ph.D. Multicultural Business Programs 645 N. Shaw Lane, Rm. 419 East Lansing, MI 48824 517-353-3524 Fax 517-355-0970 [leonard1@msu.edu](mailto:leonard1@msu.edu)

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ODAWA CASINO RESORT UPDATE



Tuesday and guests within the community who work in the service industry are invited to participate in a slot tournament, table games tournament, karaoke and much more! The next Service Industry night will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Registration begins at 7pm and the events will begin at 8pm. We hope to see you there!

Construction on the Mackinaw Casino site continued during the month. If you haven't had a chance to see the progress, the building was delivered and the project is well underway! May is getting closer which means we are getting closer to

the grand opening!

The first quarter Town-Hall Meeting was held for Team Members in March, where three Team Members were recognized for their outstanding service and received a SuperStar award. Additionally, two Team Members were recognized for five years of service, one Team Member for ten years of service and two Team Members for 15 years of service. Thank you again to all Team Members for your hard work and dedication at Odawa Casino!

Eric McLester, General Manager

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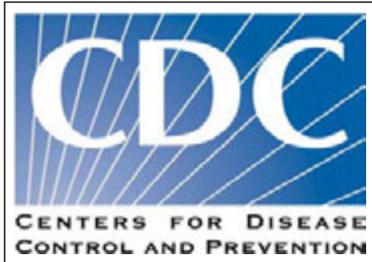
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# CDC 2016 AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CANCER SUMMIT TRAVERSE CITY, MI, TO HOST 2016 CANCER SUMMIT

**Editor's note:** The following is an Intertribal Council of Michigan, Inc. press release.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2016 Summit titled, "Looking Back and Looking Ahead: The State of Cancer Control in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities," will be held for current CDC grantees on April 26-28, 2016 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, MI.

The summit is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Department of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) and is intended to bring current grantees together to provide a forum to address topics of concern for all DCPC programs, including commercial tobacco, cancer screening and patient navigation, HPV vaccination, obesity, physical activity and nutrition. This grantee summit will involve reviewing and comparing data from 2005 and now in 2015-2016, bring together experts in the field to provide a forum for open dialogue, review challenges and barriers, learn about and share successes and opportunities and develop a work plan for the next 10 years with goals for work in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. A report will be developed during the summit.

Invited guest speakers include Linda Richardson, MD, MPH (CDC); David Espey, MD (CDC and IHS); Melissa Jim, MPH (IHS); Linda Burhansstipanov, DrPH, MPH (Native American Cancer Research); and Durado Brooks, MD (American Cancer Society).

The National Native Network (NNN) is taking a lead role in coordinating the summit for CDC grantees in Traverse City, MI. The NNN is administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC); headquartered in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

"We are aiming to look back over the past 10 years to review how we have progressed and plan for our future. This summit will be the opportunity to convene CDC grantees and tribal cancer programs around what we have done and what challenges we will address moving forward," said Noel Pingatore, NNN Principle Investigator and ITC Health Education and Chronic Disease Department Director.

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer incidence rates from 2000 to 2009 decreased among both men and women of every racial and ethnic group except for the American Indian and Alaska

Native population. Death rates for the most common cancers of lung, colon and prostate among men decreased in all racial and ethnic groups except among the American Indian and Alaska Native men. Among women, death rates of lung, breast and colorectal cancers decreased in all racial and ethnic groups except American Indian and Alaska Native women.

"The initial CDC Cancer Summit was in 2005," said Joshua Hudson, NNN Program Manager. Hudson continues, "So much work has been done thus far, but we still have much more work to do in order to reverse these disparities."

More information is available at [www.KeepItSacred.org](http://www.KeepItSacred.org). The NNN can also be liked at [facebook.com/KeepItSacred](https://www.facebook.com/KeepItSacred) and be followed on Twitter @KeepItSacred.

The National Native Network is a network of



tribes, tribal organizations and health programs working to decrease commercial tobacco use and cancer health disparities among American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) across the U.S. We offer technical assistance, culturally relevant resources and a place to share up-to-date information and lessons learned as a part of a community of tribal and tribal-serving public health programs. The National Native Network is jointly funded by the Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) and Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) under Cooperative Agreement #5NU58DP004979-03-00. The network is administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and directed by a board composed of the California Rural Indian Health Board, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. The NNN has more information online at [www.KeepItSacred.org](http://www.KeepItSacred.org). The network can be liked at [www.Facebook.com/KeepItSacred](https://www.facebook.com/KeepItSacred) and can be followed on Twitter @KeepItSacred.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

### NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

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

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

### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD  
P.O. BOX 150 CONWAY, MI 49722 PHONE (616) 774-9534 FAX (231) 242-0587

### VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

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

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1. SIGNED
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### MISS ODAWA NATION ALEXA OLDMAN VISITS LTBB HEAD START

On February 24, 2016, Miss Odawa Nation Alexa Oldman visited the LTBB Head Start in Pellston, MI. Alexa enjoyed the experience as you can read from the post on her Facebook page called Miss Odawa Nation 2015 Alexa Oldman, "Had a good

time volunteering at the LTBB Head Start today. I read the kids one of my favorite stories, The Legend of the Lady Slipper, had recess with them and even had lunch with them. They were a fun group of kids!"  
*Courtesy photos.*



### FATHER AND SON SHARE UNIQUE ICE HOCKEY EXPERIENCE AT JOE LOUIS ARENA, THE HOME OF THE DETROIT RED WINGS



coaching and traveling with the Mite 8U squad. He along with the PAHA Mini Mites and Squirt teams recently traveled to Detroit, MI, to attend the New York Rangers-Detroit Red Wings game on March 12, 2016. Both teams skated and practiced at Joe Louis Arena the night before the game, and the Petoskey Ice Wolves team played a short mini game on the ice at Joe Louis Arena during the first intermission of the game. His son, Vince Pontiac, an



LTBB Tribal Citizen, plays for the Ice Wolves. The Ice Wolves team also got to watch a Lake Superior State University college ice hockey game earlier this season when it was playing in a tournament in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Bryan encourages more parents to try the sport and introduce it to their children. He said the PAHA has a six-week beginner program at the start of the season (September-October) to let kids try ice hockey even if the kids do not have their own equipment. He said Griffin Arena has spare equipment to rent out for a deposit which will be refunded at the end of the season if anyone decides to sign up for a program.  
*Courtesy photos.*

Keep up-to-date with the Youth Services Department activities!

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## WOMEN of Action Group

WHEN: First Tuesday of every month, from 4pm to 5pm

WHERE: Meet at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's main office at 423 Porter Street, Petoskey

WHY: A group to explore positive thinking, healthy life choices, personal growth and empowerment. We will address and take action on issues related to wellbeing, equality, justice and examining the culture of violence.

HOW: To reserve a spot, call the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

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# On the Pow Wow Trail

## MICHIGAN

April 2-3  
44th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow  
Skyline High School  
Ann Arbor, MI

April 9  
33rd Annual Pow Wow of Life  
Jenison Fieldhouse  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI  
Contact Information: Ashley Ryerse at [ryerseas@gmail.com](mailto:ryerseas@gmail.com)

April 9-10  
18th Annual Celebrating All Walks of Life Traditional Pow Wow  
Grand Valley State University  
Fieldhouse  
Allendale, MI  
Contact Information: Rhonda Loonsfoot at 616-350-4228 or [lagunaprincess40@yahoo.com](mailto:lagunaprincess40@yahoo.com)

June 3-5  
Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow  
Lansing, MI  
Contact Information: Robin Menefee at 517-721-1502 or [Robin\\_Menefee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robin_Menefee@yahoo.com)

June 11-12  
10th Annual Gathering of the Clans Pow Wow  
Manistique, MI  
Contact Information: Viola Neadow at 906-341-6993 or 1-800-347-7137

July 8-11  
35th Annual Sault Tribe Traditional Pow Wow and Summer Gathering  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
Contact Information: Jackie Minton at 906-635-6050 or 906-203-4977

July 15-17  
18th Annual Sugar Island Traditional Pow Wow  
Sugar Island, MI  
Contact Information: Mick Frechette at 906-440-8918 or Colleen Medicine at 906-635-6050

July 29-31  
32nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow  
Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Contact Information: Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow Committee at 989-775-4942

August 6  
12th Annual Youth Empowerment Pow Wow  
Newberry, MI  
Contact Information: Patty Teeples at 906-341-3362, Dee Eggert at 906-635-7010 or Lisa Burnside at 906-484-2298

August 13  
Munising Pow Wow  
Munising, MI  
Contact Information: Kris LeVeque at 906-387-2368

August 13-14  
25th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow  
LTBB Pow Wow Grounds  
Harbor Springs, MI  
Contact Information: Annette VanDeCar at [avandecar@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:avandecar@lbbodawa-nsn.gov), Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on Facebook or [www.odawahomecoming.com](http://www.odawahomecoming.com)

August 19-21  
23rd Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Pow Wow  
Hessel, MI  
Contact Information: Lisa Burnside at [lburnside@saulttribe.net](mailto:lburnside@saulttribe.net) or Lana Causley at [lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:lcausley@saulttribe.net)

August 26-28  
Rendezvous at the Straits Pow Wow  
St. Ignace, MI  
Contact Information: St. Ignace Events Committee at 906-643-8717 or Darryl Brown at 906-984-2083

September 10  
10th Annual Honoring the Waters Newberry Pow Wow  
Newberry, MI  
Contact Information: Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalke at 906-293-8181

November 12  
13th Annual Honoring our Anishinabe Veterans Pow Wow  
Kinross, MI  
Contact Information: Jackie Minton at 906-635-6050 or 906-203-4977

December 31  
2016 Sobriety Pow Wow  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
Contact Information: Jackie Minton at 906-635-6050 or 906-203-4977

## MINNESOTA

April 2  
Augsburg College Traditional Pow Wow  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144 or 612-296-9188

April 9  
32nd Annual Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Pow Wow  
Morris, MN  
Contact Information: Michelle LaGarde at 612-227-9998

April 16-17  
LLTC Anwebiwin Niimi'idiwin  
Cass Lake, MN  
Contact Information: Flower Kingbird at 218-335-4224

April 29  
Remember the Elders Traditional Pow Wow  
Shakopee, MN  
Contact Information: Maria at [cermak26@gmail.com](mailto:cermak26@gmail.com)

April 30  
University of Minnesota Traditional Pow Wow  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: American Indian Student Cultural Center at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities at 612-624-0243 or [aisscc@umn.edu](mailto:aisscc@umn.edu)

## 44th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow April 2nd & 3rd, 2016

10:30AM - 9:00PM

Saturday Grand Entry 12PM & 7PM

Sunday Grand Entry 12PM

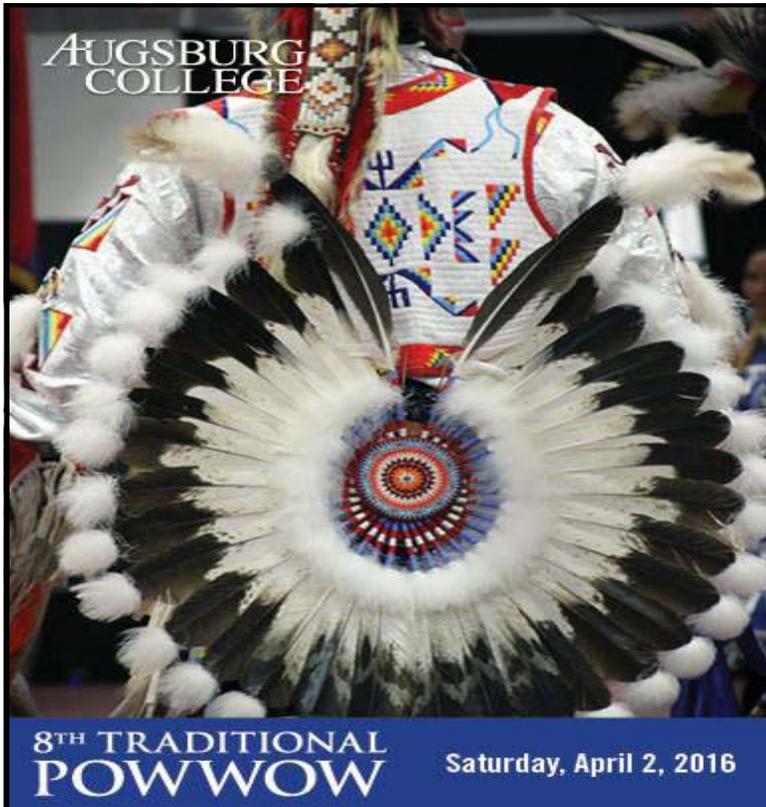


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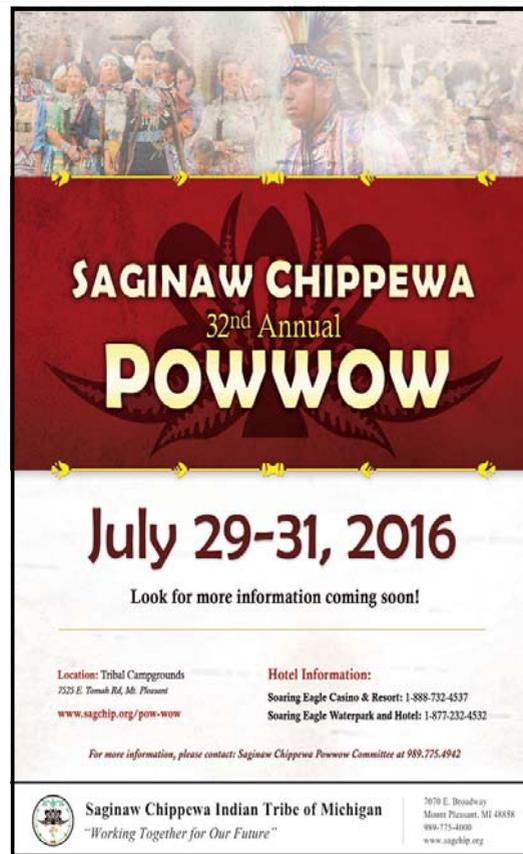
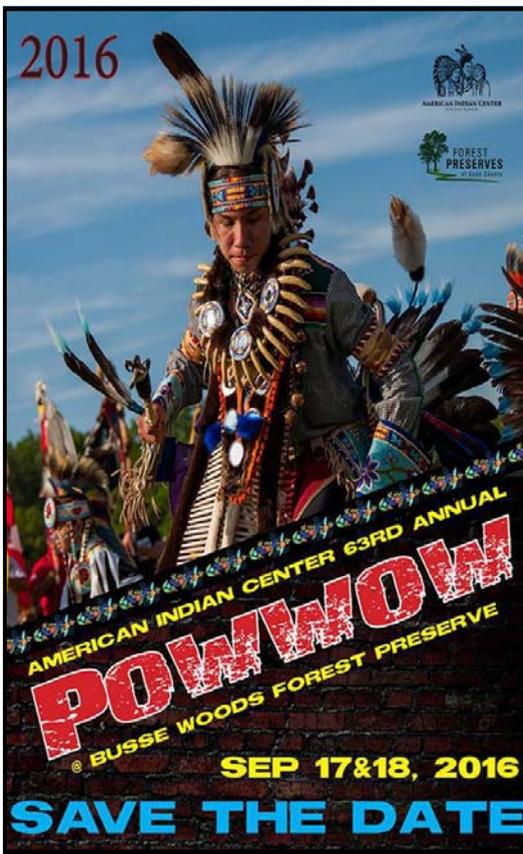
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## SAGINAW CHIPPEWA 32nd Annual POWWOW

July 29-31, 2016

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For more information, please contact: Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee at 989-775-4942



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# IT'S ALL ABOUT MANOOMIN (WILD RICE)

Submitted by Cultural Services

On March 2, 2016, Culture Services in partnership with the Education Department and the Environmental Services Program hosted a community Manoomin Cook-Off.

Community members were asked to make a dish using Manoomin (wild rice) and submit their dish for judging. Four brave community members brought in dishes.

Approximately 50 tribal citizens came to judge the dishes and enjoy the night's presentations.

The first presentation was given by Daugherty Johnson from the Environmental Services Program. Daugherty's presentation focused on the tribe's Manoomin enhancement efforts, Manoomin monitoring and the tribe's upcoming role in developing Manoomin protection and harvesting regulations for the State of Michigan.

Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver presented on the health benefits of Manoomin, cooking versatile dishes with Manoomin and the spiritual connection to our sacred food. She also shared many tasty recipes.

Dan Hinmon and his father, Lee Sprague, gave a hands-on

demonstration on processing Manoomin the traditional way. The community enjoyed learning from them.

Deleta Smith and her son, Christopher, demonstrated how to make a traditional squash and Manoomin dish in the kitchen.

Manoomin, beef and mushroom soup and fry bread were also served. Fun was had by all.

The prizes for the top three dishes were:

- 1st prize - A hand carved wooden bowl made by Jeff Gasco
- 2nd prize - A pair of hand carved wooden ricing sticks made by Dan Hinmon
- 3rd prize - A 5-lb bag of Manoomin from White Earth

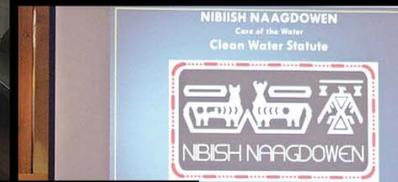
The winners were:

- 1st place-Laura Lonchar
- 2nd place-Marci Reyes
- 3rd place -Arlene & Jim Naganashe

Honorable Mention-Deleta Smith

Jim Naganashe hand made and beaded 14 pairs of microwaveable hand warmers filled with rice. Deleta Smith received a pair for honorable mention and the other 13 pairs were given out by Jim and Arlene.

We want to say "chii miigwetch" to everyone who came and supported our Manoomin Cook-Off, including the cooks, the presenters and everyone who helped out. Chii miigwetch!



Pictures of Regina Brubacker-Carver and Daugherty Johnson are by Sean Miller, Staff Reporter from the Petoskey News-Review, and courtesy photos.

## NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM NURSING.ORG



Nursing.org is now accepting applications through August 1, 2016 (midnight PST) for three nursing scholarships: Nurses First Scholarship (\$1000), Bridging Your Career: The RN to BSN Scholarship (\$500) and Breaking Barriers: Scholarship for Men in Nursing (\$500).

Students are allowed to apply to more than one scholarship if they are selected to be finalists for more than one scholarship, they will be entered into the one with the highest purse unless they choose otherwise.

### Nurses First Scholarship (\$1,000)

This nursing scholarship recognizes an outstanding student enrolled at any level of nursing education. The recipient demonstrates dedication to nursing's evolving role in the healthcare system, the drive to make nursing a lifelong career and a commitment to outstanding patient care.

#### Requirements

- Be 18 years of age or older when submitting application

- Be actively enrolled in an accredited nursing program
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Submit a 500-1,000 word essay

#### Essay Prompt

Who had the biggest influence on your nursing career, how did they motivate you and how can their inspiration better the field of nursing?

#### Bridging Your Career: The RN to BSN Scholarship (\$500)

Reserved specifically for registered nurses enrolled in an RN to BSN program, this nursing scholarship goes to a nurse who has demonstrated commitment to the Institute of Medicine's call for BSN education nurses and understands the importance of increased education in improved patient outcomes.

#### Requirements

- Be 18 years of age or older when submitting application
- Be actively enrolled in an accredited RN to BSN program
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Submit a 500-1,000 word essay

#### Essay Prompt

Describe how you think the IOM's goal of an 80% BSN educated nursing workforce would change our healthcare system

and explain what can be done to motivate more nurses to get a baccalaureate education.

#### Breaking Barriers: Scholarship for Men in Nursing (\$500)

Unfortunately, nursing is too often viewed as a field meant solely for women. If we are going to meet future nursing needs, we need to recruit as many people as possible, and this requires changing the perception that nursing can't be manly. The recipient of this nursing scholarship will show outstanding character, confidence and ability in nursing.

#### Requirements

- Be male and 18 years of age or older when submitting application
- Be actively enrolled in an accredited nursing program
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Submit a 500-1,000 word essay

#### Essay Prompt

Why do you think nursing is widely regarded as a feminine field, how do you propose we change this perception and why do you feel this is important?

For more information or to download an application, please visit [www.nursing.org](http://www.nursing.org).

*Courtesy graphic.*

### TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C Keshick	Active	02/18/2015	February 17, 2021	01-09
Rebecca Fisher	Active	02/22/2015	February 21, 2021	02-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/07/2011	June 07, 2017	05-09
Kathryn L 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
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	02/22/2015	February 22, 2021	10-09
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	08/24/2015	August 23, 2021	11-09

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!

### Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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

## 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 a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Listening Session Event

Nibiish Naagdown "The Care of Water": LTBB Clean Water Act Statute

Details will be included in the May issue of the Odawa Trails and at [www.nibiishnaagdownen.com](http://www.nibiishnaagdownen.com)

# 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 4, 2016**

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:07 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet

Absent: Councilor David Harrington

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay, General Counsel Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda for February 4, 2016.

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

**9:17 a.m.** Councilor Harrington arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept the Executive's verbal report as presented by Chairperson Gasco Bentley.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept Secretary Otto's verbal secretary report and Washington DC Reservation Litigation meeting travel report with additional information regarding travel to be provided in closed session for February 4, 2016.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Treasurer Reyes verbal report and Washington DC Reservation Litigation meeting travel report with additional information regarding travel to be provided in closed session for February 4, 2016, with written report to follow.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to accept Treasurer Reyes Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as presented by Committee Chair Treasurer Reyes for February 4, 2015.

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

FYI: Councilor Law's Ethics Committee notification of next meeting to be held February 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. as posted.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's verbal and written report for February 4, 2016.

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

**10:25 a.m.** recess called.

**10:46 a.m.** reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to amend the agenda to include the appointment of Jannan Cotto to the Bay Mills Board of Regents.

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

**11:06 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session for legal.

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

**11:47 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the Enjiinak-neng verbal report as presented by General Counsel Bransky and a written report as received from Legislative Services Attorney Budnick for February 4, 2016.

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

**11:48 a.m.** Public comment opened:

Andrew Stich asked about lot #5 out at housing.

**11:57 a.m.** Public Comment closed.

**11:59 a.m.** Lunch recess.

**1:32 p.m.** Reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager Portman LaCount's verbal report for February 4, 2016.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the December 2015 written monthly Report from the Gaming Enterprise Board.

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

**2:14 p.m.** Break.

**2:24 p.m.** Reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Certified Motion #020416-01; Request for Funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration FY 2016 Strengthening the Public's and/or K-12 Students' Environmental Literacy for Community Resiliency Program.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Secretary Otto to authorize and approve the attendance of Councilor Law, on behalf of Tribal Council, to the next Election Board work-session or meeting. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to post to the Legislative Calendar Waganakising Odawak Statute the Tribal Emblem and Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation as sponsored by Secretary Aaron Otto.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve WOS-REG 2014-017 020216-003 Leases of LTBB Trust Land Regulations as received by the Legislative Office on February 2, 2016.

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

3:07 p.m. Public Comment opened:

Acknowledgement of receipt of an electronic e-mail from Marty VanDeCar.

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Legislative Branch Budget Process Procedures.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Certified Motion 020416-02 Indian Reservation Roads Inventory Database Authority.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Certified Motion 020416-03 Indian Reservation Roads Long Range Plan Appendix A Update.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Certified Motion 020416-04 Indian Reservation Roads Inventory Addition: Old Mackinaw Trail.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

May 3 Work Session  
May 5 Council Meeting  
May 17 Work Session  
May 19 Council Meeting

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

## Legislative Tribal Council Members

Aaron Wayne Otto, Legislative Leader  
Marci Reyes, Treasurer  
Dexter McNamara, Councilor  
Julie Shananaquet, Councilor  
Frank Bernard, Councilor  
David Harrington, Councilor  
Mike Naganashe, Councilor  
Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize and approve Secretary Otto to sign the letter to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Roberts and Solicitor Hilary Thompkins.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept the Executive nomination and appoint Jannan Cotto Education Director to the Bay Mills Community Board of Regents for a term to begin February 4, 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Removal of Commissioners.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve Sex Offender Registration and Notification Policy (SORNS) as submitted by the Execu-

tive Department on 01-29-16.

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

3:26 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn.

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

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Aaron Otto, 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 18, 2016**

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:12 a.m.

Opening Ceremony by Councilor Law

Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet

Absent: Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet  
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick,

Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, General Counsel James Bransky, Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Elder's Director Arlene Naganashe, Human Resources Generalist Yvonne Brown, Regulatory Director Vince Cook

Judicial Officials and Staff: none  
Public: David Dominic, Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to adopt the agenda for February 18, 2016 as amended.

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

**9:11 a.m.** Councilor Harrington arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor McNamara), 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

**Statement from Councilor McNamara regarding:** February 4, 2016 motion to accept Secretary Otto's verbal Secretary report and Washington DC Reservation Litigation meeting travel report with additional information regarding travel to be provided in closed session for February 4, 2016. Vote: 5 yes, 3 No (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington), 0 Abstained, 0 - Absent..."I did not vote No on this language, however I did say that it should say this because of the Upcoming report made later from the General Counsel in a closed session. This is not a true paragraph statement."

**Elder's Department Director Arlene Naganashe:** Survey requested.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the verbal and

written Executive Oversight report as presented by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley for February 18, 2016.

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

Legislative Leader: position currently absent.

Secretary Report:

i. Documents Delivered to the Executive:

- Waganakising Odawak Statute Removal of Commissioners Delivered to the Executive Department on 02-09-16 status pending.

ii. Vetoes - None

iii. Phone Polls- Conducted on 02-08-16:

- Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to authorize and approve the Tribal Chair to sign the letter from Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribe that requests the Michigan Attorney General- Bill Schuette support the Tribes in Michigan, and file an Amicus Brief in the US Supreme Court case of National Labor Relations Board v. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government. Vote 5-Yes; 3-No, 0-Abstained; 0-absent

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to accept Secretary Otto's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for February 18, 2016.

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

Treasurer February 9, 2016 Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting update as provided on the agenda:

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to recommend Tribal Council approval of Certified Motion #021816-01; Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services FY 2016 Family Violence Prevention and Services Program.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent, 0-Abstained.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to recommend Tribal Council approval of Certified Motion #021816-02; Request for Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2016 Basic Library Services Grant.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent, 0-Abstained.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to recommend Tribal Council approval of Certified Motion #021816-03; Request for Funding from Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services FY 2016 Enhancement Grant.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent, 0-Abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to recommend Tribal Council approval of Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$62,208 for Gaming Regulatory Department to come from General Funds.

Vote: 2-yes, 1-no (Councilor Shananaquet), 0-abstain, 0-absent, 0-Abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to recommend Tribal Council adopt Tribal Resolution; Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2016 Community Meeting to come from General Funds.

Vote: 2-yes, 1-no (Councilor Shananaquet), 0-abstain, 0-absent,

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"Minutes" continued from page 22.

0-Abstained Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to recommend Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution; Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the Election Board to come from General Funds.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent, 0-Abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to recommend Tribal Council adopt Tribal Resolution ; Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$241,000 for Health Park renovations to come from 3 party billing, Access to Recovery Fund Balance.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent, 0-Abstained.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Secretary Otto to accept the Treasurer's written report as provided on the agenda and the Appropriations and Finance Committee Report verbal as presented by Committee Member Law:

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

**Treasurer Reyes - Amicus Brief:** Saginaw Chippewa Tribe/National Labor Relations Board. Legislative Services Attorney Budnick provided brief verbal update regarding this travel.

**Land and Reservation Committee:**

Motion made by Councilor Bernard and supported by Councilor Law to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report for February 18, 2016 as provided by Committee Member Harrington.

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

**The next Land and Reservation Committee Meeting will be held March 11, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers.**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer 2015 verbal monthly report as provided by Wesley Andrews for February 18, 2016.

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

**10:35 a.m.** Recess

**10:52 a.m.** Resumed

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Otto to accept the Ethics Committee verbal report as presented February 18, 2016 by Committee Chair Law.

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

**Next Ethics Committee Meeting: March 7, 2016 9:00 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers.**

**11:00 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to go into Closed Session for Legal.

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

**11:29 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to return to Open Session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report for February 18, 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law

and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Enjiinakneng verbal report for February 18, 2016 as presented by General Counsel Bransky.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Otto to accept Stella Kay's Sr. Financial Analyst verbal and written Report as presented February 18, 2016.

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

**12:00 p.m.** Public Comment opened: No public comment

**12:00 p.m.** Public comment closed

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to amend the agenda to include nominations submitted by the Executive for the Child Welfare and Citizenship Commissions.

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

**12:03 p.m.** Lunch

**1:30 p.m.** Resumed

**2:00 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into Closed Session for Confidential Business matters.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

**2:28 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to return to open session.

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

**2:29 p.m.** Recess.

**2:38 p.m.** Resumed.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the Gaming Enterprise Board 2016 Budget as presented.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Bernard to accept the Odawa Casino Resort verbal and written 2015 4th Quarter Report, and Gaming Enterprise Board Monthly Expenditure Report as presented by Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. verbal and written 2015 4th Quarter Report as presented by Charter President Alan Proctor and Vice President Bryan Gillett.

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

**3:00 p.m.** Public comment opened: no comments

**3:00 p.m.** Public Comment closed

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$62,208.00 for Gaming Regulatory Department to come from General Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-abstained, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Bernard to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and entered into by and between, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) and the Charlevoix, Antirim, Kalkaska, and Emmet Counties (CAKE) Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area.

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

3:40 p.m. Recess

3:50 p.m. Resumed

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to accept Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written Report for February 18, 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve Secretary Otto to attend the Executive Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) training to be held locally in April 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Tribal Council attendance at the 34th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect April 3-6, 2016 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Vote: 1 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Law, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Bernard), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to approve the Grants, Donations and Other Funding Policy as revised.

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

Motion made Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Otto to approve Councilor Law to participate in the Voelker Foundation Film interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass Certified Motion #021816-01; Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services FY 2016 Family Violence Prevention and Services Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to pass Certified Motion #021816-02; Request for Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2016 Basic Library Services Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to pass Certified Motion #021816-03; Request for Funding from Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services FY 2016 Enhancement Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to re-post to the Legislative Calendar Waganakising Odawak Statute Compensation for Tribal

Council as sponsored by Councilor Law.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to authorize and approve the attendance and travel of one or two Councilors to attend hearings and any and all other court matters related to the Reservation Litigation case within Michigan for fiscal year 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Harrington to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive nomination of Annette VanDeCar for the Housing Commission, and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Harrington to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive nomination of Larry Stead for the Housing Commission, and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Bernard to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive nomination of Kevin Gasco for the Natural Resources Commission, and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive nomination of Grace Zerbe for the Gaming Regulatory Commission, and set up an interview.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive nomination of Michele Portman-LaCount for the Planning and Zoning Board, and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive nomination of Frank Ettawageshik for the Planning and Zoning Board, and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to pass Certified Motion #021816-04; Elders Needs Survey.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to authorize the action set out in Confidential Memo 021816-01 from General Counsel James Bransky regarding Land Parcel #97.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Sharon Sierzputowski for the Citizenship Commission and set up an interview.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Treasurer Reyes,

Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Carol McFall for the Citizenship Commission and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Heidi Bosma for the Child Welfare Commission and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2016 Community Meeting to come from General Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$27,000.00 for the Election Board to come from General Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$241,000.00 for Health Park renovations to come from the Third Party Revenue / Access to Recovery Fund Balance.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-absent and Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported Secretary Otto to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Prosecutor Compensation Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution: Ad-hoc Violence Against Women Act Regulations Committee.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

4:56 p.m. Motion made by and supported by to adjourn.

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

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secretary Date

## SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



**Deadline:** Must be received by the LTBB Pow Wow Committee by Friday, April 15, 2016.

**Theme:** Protecting Our Waters (Nbi Naaga-dendiming)

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 North, Petoskey, MI, mailed to LTBB Communications Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 or e-mailed to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Entries must be 8" x 8" and 5 colors maxi-

mum. 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 25th 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).

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS PRESENT MORE THAN \$500,000 TO EMMET COUNTY

**Editor's note:** The following is an Odawa Casino press release dated February 29, 2016.

Odawa Casino recently presented a check for \$543,503.01 to the Emmet County Treasurer's office. The money is part of the semi-annual revenue sharing agreement the tribe has with the county.

The revenue sharing amount is based on 2% of the casino's electronic gaming proceeds for the second half of 2015. The funding is used to support education and public safety for the residents of Emmet County, MI. In 2015, Odawa Casino contributed more than \$1 million to the Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board.

"It is important to our tribe to be a good partner in the Northern Michigan Community," said Regina Gasco-Bentley, LTBB Tribal Chairperson. "We're proud to be able to make such a substantial contribution each year."

Gasco-Bentley along with

representatives of the Gaming Enterprise Board of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and representatives of Odawa Casino made the check presentation to Emmet County Treasurer Marilyn May.

Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of

Odawa Indians, the \$140 million Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, opened in June 2007 and features 1,200 slot machines, 25 table games, a four table poker room, several restaurants, a gift store, a nightclub and a 137-room hotel.

*Courtesy photo.*



*Pictured left to right are Barry Laughlin - Director of Property Operations at Odawa Casino, Denise Petoskey - Chair for the Gaming Enterprise Board, Billi Jo Head - Secretary/Treasurer for the Gaming Enterprise Board, Kris Kasik - Executive Assistant at Odawa Casino, Marilyn May - Emmet County Treasurer, Bea Law - LTBB Tribal Councilor, Eric McLester - General Manager at Odawa Casino, Regina Gasco-Bentley - LTBB Tribal Chairperson and Hank Rowland - Director of Food & Beverage at Odawa Casino.*

## NCAI FALL 2016 INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 22, 2016



An internship with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) offers a unique opportunity for young leaders from throughout Indian country as well as for other young leaders with an interest in Native affairs to be on the front lines of legislative action and policy development from within the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization.

In order to ensure opportunities for participation by the wealth of emerging young talent in Indian country, NCAI invites students enrolled in institutions of higher learning to apply for semester or summer-long internships (for which most institutions will offer college credit), with up

to four applicants selected for each term. Please note a tribal affiliation is not required to be approved for an internship.

Fall 2016 internship applications will be accepted until June 22 with decisions made no later than July 20.

All candidates are asked to submit two 500 word writing pieces. You will likely want to prepare those pieces before beginning your application.

The first is focused on your reason for working at NCAI, the second asks you to address an issue facing Indian country.

Question 1. Please answer the following questions, limiting your response to a maximum of 500 words:

- Why are you interested in working with NCAI?
- What do you hope to gain from the intern/fellowship experience?
- How does the intern/fellowship experience relate to any long-range plans you may have?
- What special skills or experi-

ence you feel you would bring to NCAI?

Question 2. Address one of the following questions, using up to 500 words:

- What are the most promising strategies to build a bright future for Native youth?
- What are the most significant challenges and opportunities related to tribal economic development?
- Many Americans do not understand tribal nations and Native peoples. How can Indian country effectively address this challenge?
- Where has Indian country seen the most significant progress in the last five years? What areas need more attention in the next five years?
- Reflecting on NCAI's history and current work, why do you think an organization like NCAI is necessary and important?

For more information and to download an application, please visit [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org).

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### ATTENTION TRIBAL BUSINESSES/ENTREPRENEURS!

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

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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



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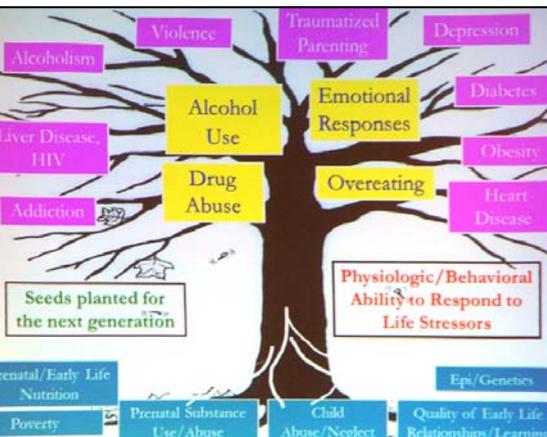
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rail, and there was a really steep drop off on the other side of it. Visions of going over the guardrail and down to the little village at the bottom of the valley flashed through my mind until I hit the packed snow in front of the rail; my engine conked out, and I sat there breathing hard for a few minutes. No hurt, no real damage to the vehicle, and it started right back up, and I drove the rest of the way home. Slowly. Decades later, whenever I feel the tires of my car start to slip the least bit, my heart jumps, I tense up, and I feel that same sense of terror. Most of us living in snowy climates have had a similar experience!

Am I still on that snowy mountainside in Pennsylvania? Am I actually sliding out of control into a frightening conclusion? No, of course not, but according to his research, the part of my brain where all that lives is an area that doesn't communicate with the logical, thinking part of my brain. No amount of scolding or shaming myself, counselling, etc., will resolve that fear; it's not language based. There are things that can be done to help though. EMDR or Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing is a very effective technique; usually used to treat PTSD, it can be as effective in reducing the effects of trauma as psychotherapy. If you can't get in or afford to see a therapist who performs this treatment, there is another technique that can be tried by anyone with access to the Internet. Search for EFT or emotional freedom technique, and there will be articles and videos describing and demonstrating it. As Darryl said, it looks a little goofy, and he was highly skeptical at first, but after seeing client after client progress with this technique, he became a firm believer.

Help is out there, but it's up to the individual to reach out for it!"

The workshops held for the LTBB Tribal Community were at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, on February 1 and 2, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both days were well attended. I spoke with many people who had attended these workshops, and their replies were mostly all the same, they learned something new about themselves, and they thought Darryl was funny and inspiring. Every single person I talked to said they took away something positive from these workshops. That is amazing!



I had the opportunity to ask Darryl a few questions, I was excited to get a glimpse of what made Darryl, Darryl.

1. When did you first start doing these presentations, and why?

"I started doing training about 25 years ago. It was primarily on health and wellness. I was part of a national research study in the late 90's-early 2000's. I trained on behavior change and health for several years after that. Over the past several years, I became more interested in the root of disease, and that is what led me to how trauma affects behavior. It is fascinating, and I believe it to be very useful and productive for our Native communities."

2. How did you first learn about EFT, and what made you decide to use it as part of your presentation?

"I learned about EFT from a friend who had profound traumas in his life. He was struggling mightily until on a visit to the E.R., a physician introduced him to EFT, and it dramatically changed his sense of overwhelm and his experience of trauma. He told me about it, and I was skeptical for several years. I toyed with it and did research on it, and found it to be a valuable tool. I introduce it as a method for change in my presentations. Not everyone is into it, but I can honestly say that I have seen it do some pretty impressive things."

3. If you could have each person who attends your presentation take away one thing, what would it be?

"That we are not defined by our traumas. It is an

event that occurred that still is activated in us, but we have tools and power to address it and transform ourselves and our communities."

4. If there was one thing you would want people to know about you, what would it be?

"Nothing really, I'm not that interesting!"

5. What would be your encouraging words to anyone who may be too "upset" to come forward?

"People don't necessarily need to 'come forward.' Unfortunately, there is a lot of shame and guilt associated with trauma, and exposing that can be overwhelming. That doesn't mean that healing and help can't occur. EFT is a great tool for that person. They can learn it on their own and help collapse some of the power of the trauma. At that point, they may feel more comfortable asking for help. Remember that trauma is a part of who they are, not the definition of who they are."

6. What would be the best way to reach out to people who are in need of help, without compromising a trusting friendship that you may have with them?

"In the age of YouTube and social media, there are plenty of ways to introduce the behaviors of trauma without being the person doing the talking. I personally gently ask people to read a book about the topic and ask what they think about. Some of them are brief, informative and very interesting to read."

Chi Miigwetch Darryl for agreeing to the interview questions and being so honest with your answers.

The LTBB Cultural Library has attained the books Darryl spoke about in his workshops, and they are now ready to be checked out, so stop by and grab one today!

Marlene Gasco also recounts her reaction to this workshop:

"By lunch time, I was completely moved by his teachings. Trauma just wasn't something that happened to us, and we learned to just deal with it, but there was a way for us to heal and grow from it. Darryl and his presentation motivated me and Regina to bring him to our tribal community because what he described happening at his reservation and in Hannahville was what we were experiencing here. Trauma was everywhere, and people were just dealing without healing.

What I found most fascinating and the most learning experience that I had while attending his presentation was that the brain is so complex that we just don't understand it. Darryl walked us through the different parts, and their specific roles when trauma occurs. I learned that the amygdala is what stores 'snapshots' of trauma. Now, that seems very deep. But, what Darryl explained was that the brain knows just how much trauma a person can handle. When something traumatic is occurring that the brain knows is too much for the individual, it will take these snapshots for recollection. Back in 1997, I experienced one of the most hurtful, painful losses in my life ... my father had just walked on. A parent is a major part in one's life when growing up. My father was someone that I looked up to, taught me things and loved dearly. To this day, I cannot remember much about his passing or leading up to his funeral. What I can recall is the snapshots that my brain has allowed me to remember. I have to rely on other family members to fill in the gaps. As I was listening to Darryl talk about the brain, this was the first major event that I could relate to in my life, and it was spot on. I used this example when fellow employees or community members were asking me questions about Darryl's visit prior to here.

During his visit here, I was very moved by the openness from the community and staff members. It was good to hear community members sharing their experiences and views on the presentation throughout the day. Some even had breakthroughs, which was amazing. We have a long way to go when dealing with trauma, but thanks to Darryl, we have to tools to begin to heal one by one and as a community. We just have to practice, practice, practice.

Everyone has their own story of how these workshops touched them, how they opened up a part of them they didn't know was there or didn't want to know was there, but through these workshops, Darryl gave them the tools to work through these stories and come out the other side a healthier person."

Education Administrative Assistant Tammy Gasco also shared what she took away from this workshop.

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"I first heard of Darryl Tonemah's presentation from my sister when she went to Hannahville, MI, and thought how fascinating it would be to listen to him speak. The presentation was an awesome experience!

He was able to get people to enjoy and laugh at his stories. I had a few people mention to me how they thought he must have done standup comedy before. I believe he knows how to make light of conversation and knows how to put people at ease when approaching sensitive topics that we usually don't like to talk about. That is one of the techniques he taught us was to not hide from any of our problems, but to confront the situation head on and be strong. He was also able to get people to recognize the clues and understand the effect of trauma and where it really comes from. He had taught us how to let things go that are troubling us, by showing us the steps. I was in shock and didn't think there were so many things that could trigger the feelings during traumatic events and cause people to have flashbacks, but there were. When he explained everything, he was very right.

It was amazing to me how people sought him out during his other presentations to ask him for his help. He was very determined, even when they did not tell him what happened to them, he was able to get them to overcome their fears anyway.

What really has stuck with me, and I recognize it more and more now, is "Fight, Flight or Freeze." When, per say, you are in a situation that is dangerous, what do you do?

I give him praise for helping people who are in need of his help. I would definitely recommend going to one of Darryl's presentations. It would benefit anyone who has or knows someone who is having problems with something traumatic in their lives and can't move forward."

Tribal Chair Regina Gasco-Bentley shared her

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noon. After lunch, there will be presentations by the Election Board, Judicial Branch and Prosecutor. Those are followed by the Youth Council, and reports by the enterprises and tribally chartered corporations: Gaming Enterprise Board, Biindigen, Bell's, Ziibimijwang, Inc., Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., and Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc.

Before the meeting closes, there will be an election for the next Annual Community Meeting Speaker and a Good Governance activity.

## A CALL FOR ARTISTS

Our Native people have the highest rate of suicide of any people here in the United States, Canada and Alaska. Sometimes, we don't have a clear understanding why that is. We know it is true. We are looking for artists who would like to help us bring an awareness to our communities about this terrible problem.

thoughts about the importance of the workshop.

"We at LTBB need to continue to exchange dialogue and recognition of common features of all survivors of massive group trauma in an effort to help our community heal with the hope that we can unite to prevent similar situations in the future."

Health Administrative Assistant Cathy Bradley shared, "This was such a great presentation, sure wish that the community could attend something like this. The one of many things that sticks in my head is that, 'the event is over and you survived.'"

Patient Benefits Specialist Valorie Glazier said the workshop was very inspirational to her. "He is a great speaker who kept the audience interested and in touch with the subject matter. I would definitely recommend him to anyone who is dealing with trauma or who helps to take care of someone with trauma. He was very enjoyable, and I thank LTBB for allowing us to be a part of his workshop."

LTBB Tribal Elder Warren Petoskey said he was privileged to attend Tonemah's workshops in Hannahville, MI, and Petoskey, MI.

"It is my perspective that historical trauma and boarding school effects are critical issues among all the people of the Red Race. Darryl offered 'tools' any individual can use to address these residuals. I think it is worth having him back again and possibly have presentations during the day and in the evening for those who cannot make the day sessions. Miigwech for the efforts and providing the resources to bring him here."

A big chi miigwetch to everyone who added their reactions, feelings and what they took away from this workshop, and a huge chi miigwetch to Darryl Tonemah for coming to our community and doing these two days of workshops. I know you have helped a great number of people, and I hope you come back real soon!

*Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

As always, there will be great door prizes from some of our sponsors and the closing ceremony and retiring of the flags.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Community Meeting, we will be live streaming the meeting at <http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AM2013>.

For more information, you can contact Emily Proctor at [proct64@yahoo.com](mailto:proct64@yahoo.com).

Miigwech to Emily Proctor and the committee for putting together a great Annual Community meeting!

We are researching on creating a calendar that would have a message of this awareness.

Please give me a call at 231-398-6892 if you are interested or have any questions, I will be glad to talk to you.

Miigwech  
Kenny Pheasant

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### Across

4. I miss you. / **Gmezinin.**
6. little feathers / **miigwaanhsak**
7. feather / **miigwan**
10. I am thinking of you. / **Gmakwenimin.**
13. (you) Help me out. / **Nkwenmoshin.**
14. (you) Sleep well. / **Mingwaaman.**
16. I like you. / **Gbashigenamin.**
17. S/He is dressing. / **Biiskonye.**
18. (you) Dress warm. / **Giizhoonaknowein.**
19. (you) Kiss me. / **Jiimshin.**
20. little feather / **miigwaanhs**
21. (you) Wear mittens/gloves. / **Mjikaawnin.**

### Down

1. on the Earth / **Akiing**
2. feathers / **miigwanak**
3. (you) Point your lips at him/her. / **Zhidoonetaw.**
5. (you) Go about and have fun. / **Baaminwendaagwazin.**
8. eagle feather / **migizii-miigwan**
9. (you) Hug me. / **Aabitoojiinshin.**
11. Let's go sliding. / **Zhooshkijiwedaa.**
12. S/He is undressing. / **Giiskonye.**
15. (you) Dress in layers. / **Biitookinawen.**

**Puzzle  
on Page  
14.**

### 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.

## Temporary Help Wanted

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# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays

Happy birthday to my big girl **Beek**, who turns 19 on April 11. You make your mom proud. Your daddy is smiling. Love, Mama.

Wishing a happy birthday to my **Auntie** on April 11. I love you **Josie**. Bedassige.

Happy birthday to **John Kenoshmeg** on April 1. Love, the Laughlin girls.

Happy birthday to my little April Fool **Melissa Wiatrolik**. Love, your friend Melissa.

Happy birthday **Uncle Dan Stead**, who celebrates on April 12. Love, Josephine.

Happy birthday to **Waasey Woo Wemigwase** on April 5 and **Anna Banana** on April 18. From Melliska, Nicole and Josie.

MnoDibishkaan **Michael "Mukwah" Keshick** on April 27!!! I hope you have a fantastic day. May Creator bless you today and always on your journey around the sun. G'zaagin! Love N'gaashi (Mom).

Happy birthday to **Mitch Laughlin** on April 29. From Auntie, Nicole and Josie.

Happy birthday **Josie**. Love, Bedassige & Aunt Trisha.



**Colin Dayson** (Manido Makwa- Spirit Bear) will be turning 6 on April 5, 2016, and **Andrue Dayson** (Ogichidaa Noodinii - Warrior of the Wind) will be turning 11 on April 9, 2016. Happy birthday from your entire family. We love you and are super proud of both of you.



Happy birthday **Cousin Marie**. Pretty soon, you'll be back on the old homestead, enjoying the summer and of course, dancing. From the King and VanDeCar families.

## Birthdays

Happy birthday **Yoshabel**. Have a wonderful day. Love, Nana and Puppa.

Happy birthday **Cousin John**. Enjoy your FULL retirement to the fullest! We shall always remember our favorite shuttle driver. From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy 52nd birthday to **Marty VanDeCar**, who keeps everyone well informed with the LTBB Facebook page. Take some time for yourself to enjoy your birthday on April 18. Have a great day and a great year! From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy Golden Birthday **Dami Love!** You're growing up so fast! I can't believe it's been 12 years since your smiling face entered my life! I love you kiddo! XOXO! Love, Mom.

Congratulations to the Denemy's on their April birthdays, **Bill Denemy, Sr., Bill Denemy, Jr.** and **Judy Denemy Smith**. From the Leader of the Pack.

## Anniversary

Happy 60th anniversary **Mom & Dad (Pete & Alice Liebgott)** on April 7. We love you! Cynthia & family.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Samantha Gamble**. She received her Masters of Public Health degree with a certificate in Parasitology. Mom and Dad and the entire family are very proud of your accomplishments so far and wait for you to continue your journey.



Congratulations to **Vince Pontiac**, who helped his Petoskey Ice Wolves ice hockey team finish third in a tournament in Manistiquie, MI, recently.



# CHH - MIIGWETCH

The LTBB Communications Department would like to say a HUGE MIIGWETCH to LTBB Staff and Community Members for sharing their photos of this year's Goonignebig Damnawin - Snowsnake Games!



- APRIL 4 & 6, 2016**  
Executive Branch Budget hearings
- APRIL 8, 2016**  
Remaining Branches / Departments Budget hearings
- APRIL 10, 2016**  
LTBB 2017 Proposed Annual Budget available to Tribal Citizens
- APRIL 12 & 15, 2016**  
2017 Annual Budget Public Hearing
- APRIL 21, 2016 FINAL**  
2017 Annual Budget approved by Tribal Council
- APRIL 22, 2016 FINAL**  
2017 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website
- MAY 21, 2016**  
Annual Community Meeting

## Walking On...

**Peter Dayson, 67**

Peter Dayson, 67, of Dowagiac, MI, passed away on January 30, 2016 in his home with his family by his side. Pete was born on May 27, 1948 in Burt Lake, MI, to Joseph and Mary (Shenoskey) Dayson. On September 11, 1971, Pete was married to Donna (Wait). They have a son, James Dayson. Pete was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He liked to watch college sports, especially U of M football. His favorite pro team was the Detroit Lions. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR racing. Pete loved to go fishing with his family. Pete is survived by his wife, Donna, and his son, James, two sisters, Dorothy (Tim) Von Destinon and Nancy Ortiz, one brother, Ted Dayson, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary, two sisters, Marty Zalewski and Elaine Dayson, and two brothers, Joseph Dayson and Richard Dayson.

## ATTENTION STUDENTS!

IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 1, 2015, 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.



**Morning 9am-12pm**  
LTBB Environmental Services will have displays set up in the Commons area at the Governmental Center.

**Afternoon 12-5pm**  
Clean up and planting at LTBB 9 Mile Pt. Boat Launch and adjoining Loeb Nature Preserve. Transportation to and from the Governmental Center is available. Lunch will be provided.

Visit [www.nibiishnaagdownen.com](http://www.nibiishnaagdownen.com) for more details.



UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2016/2017 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

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