

# Odawa Trails



## RECALL ELECTION CHALLENGE RESOLVED AS THE LTBB APPELLATE COURT UPHOLDS THE LTBB TRIBAL COURT'S ORDER OF DISMISSAL, THE LTBB ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES THE RECALL ELECTION RESULTS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

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

According to the unofficial recall election results released immediately following the election on November 17, 2014, Kiogima was removed by a 379-325 vote (53.84% to 46.16%) and DeLeon was removed by a 384-315 vote (54.94% to 45.06%).

According to the LTBB Constitution, elected officials shall be recalled upon a majority vote if at least 30% of the registered voters vote in the recall election. Of the 1,703 registered voters, 706 ballots were cast for 41.46%.

According to the LTBB Constitution, the Election Board shall post non-certified election results within three business days in the tribal offices, and in the next issue of the tribal newsletter. The election shall be certified and the results posted by the Election Board 10 business days after the election if there are no unresolved challenges pending.

On December 1, 2014, Kiogima and DeLeon filed an election challenge in LTBB Tribal Court, delaying the certification of the recall election results until the challenge was resolved. According to the LTBB Constitution, any registered voter of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians may challenge for cause the results of any election by filing a written challenge with the Tribal Court within 10 days after the election. The Tribal Court shall act on a challenge to any election within 20 days of receiving the challenge in Tribal Court.

In Case No. C-205-1214, the LTBB Tribal Court's ruling on December 14, 2014 dismissed the complaint and election challenge filed by Kiogima and DeLeon against the LTBB Election Board.

Following the Tribal Court's ruling, Kiogima and DeLeon filed an appeal with the LTBB Appellate Court on December 18, 2014 with the LTBB Appellate Court hearing evidence in the case (Case No. A-025-1214) on March 6, 2015. In the March 13, 2015 ruling, the LTBB Appellate Court vacated the LTBB Tribal Court's dismissal of the case and remanded it back to the LTBB Tribal Court.

The LTBB Tribal Court held a hearing on the case (Case No. C-205-1214) on July 24, 2015, and the LTBB Tribal Court's ruling on July 28, 2015 dismissed the case. Kiogima and DeLeon then appealed the Tribal Court's

"Recall" continued on page 21.

## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED AT UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS



By Frank Ettawageshik, LTBB Tribal Citizen

In early December 2015, I attended the UN Climate Change meetings (COP21) in Paris, France, as a representative of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and a member of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change.

I was funded by the UN Development Program and credentialed through the Native American Rights Fund. The meeting in Paris was the longest I've ever attended (over two weeks), and it was hard but rewarding work. Although the climate change issue and all the related issues are huge, we were able to make enough progress that the world will be better than it would have been without our

efforts. It would be nice to say that we solved the problem, but we are far from being able to claim that goal.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Council of the Parties number 21, (UNFCCC COP21) was held at Le Bourget in Paris from November 30, 2015 to December 13, 2015. COP21 was attended by approximately 45,000 people from all over the world, including more than 100 heads of state. Of the 45,000, about 200 were delegates of Indigenous Peoples. We were from seven regional caucuses that encompass the globe. Our delegation was part of the North American Caucus.

During the months leading up to COP21, the Indigenous Caucus developed a position paper with several objectives, including: 1. Calling for the final agreements to include provisions that state "respect, protect, promote and fulfill human rights, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples," 2. Include acknowledgement of "Indigenous Peoples Traditional Knowledge," and 3. Adopt a goal of keeping the temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming over pre-industrial levels. Working to get our objectives included, we spent long days in meetings with the COP21 Parties (Nations) and with human rights organizations. While we were able to get each of these goals addressed in the final documents, we fell short of getting them adopted in a way that fully met our concerns.

On the final day of COP21, at the closing plenary session, I was asked to deliver a statement on behalf of the "Climate Change Talks" continued on page 22.

## KINOOMAAGEJIK ANA PROJECT KICK-OFF INTRODUCES INSTRUCTORS AND TRAINEES TO THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY



Pictured from left to right are George Trudeau, Margaret Gasco, Dollie Keway, Renee Dillard, Catherine Gibson and Cheyenne Worthington.

Submitted by the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department held an opening ceremony at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on December 9, 2015 for the new KAP (Kinooaagejik ANA Project).

ANA is the Administration for Native Americans, under the U.S. Department of Human Services. LTBB received an ANA language preser-

vation and maintenance grant for a three-year project to train community members to be language teachers.

The evening began with an honor song by the Spirit Lake drum and an opening prayer by George Trudeau. After a nice potluck dinner, Carla Osawamick gave a presentation about the project and introduced the teachers and trainees.

Several teachers will contribute to the teaching of the trainees in several areas. George Trudeau is the main instructor for the project and

for the language component. Gwen Gasco, Netawn Kiogima and Carla Osawamick will also help teach. Dorothy Perry and Alison Simon of the Niigaandwin Education Department and volunteer Fred Harrington will also contribute to teaching trainees in the teacher education component.

The trainees are Catherine Gibson, Cheyenne Worthington, Dollie Keway, Margaret Gasco and Renee Dillard.

Each of the teachers and trainees spoke about their involvement or gave words of encouragement for a successful project. Approximately 60 community members attended the kick-off event and expressed their support. Each trainee was presented with a gift as well as presented with a jiimaan paddle by Fred Harrington and Allie Maldonado. It was a wonderful evening.

KAP will provide updates about the project with articles in the *Odawa Trails* at least every few months, and we will regularly connect with the community via Facebook. Please join our Facebook group "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

Courtesy photo.

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 1-18-2016 = 4,565

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

**Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement**  
 Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanaamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aa-migak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ew-in, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing na-kaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

The deadline for the March 2016 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 1, 2016.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto: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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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## JUDICIAL BRANCH

### LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN SEAN CAHILL APPOINTED TO THE LTBB APPELLATE COURT



January 2011, a Summer Law Clerk for Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan, LLP from May 2010 to August 2010, a Student Attorney at the Arizona State University Indian Legal Clinic from January 2010 to May 2011 and a Legal Fellow for the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs from May 2009 to August 2009.

He graduated with a Juris Doctor from Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in May 2011 and received a Bachelor of Science degree with a dual concentration of Brain, Behavior and Cognitive Science and Sociology from the University of Michigan in December 2004.

According to the LTBB Constitution, each justice of the Appellate Court shall be appointed by an affirmative vote of six of the nine members of Tribal Council. Tribal Council appointed Cahill by an unanimous 8-0 vote (Legislative Leader Regina Gasco-Bentley is currently serving as Tribal Chairperson and is not considered a part of Tribal Council at this time) at the December 10, 2015 Tribal Council meeting.

According to the LTBB Constitution, a person may be eligible to serve as the Chief Justice of the Tribal Appellate Court or as an Associate Justice only if he/she has attained the age of 30; is at least ¼ North American Indian, other than the Justice who is required to be an attorney, where being Indian is preferred but not mandatory; is not a Tribal Council member or the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson; and no person shall serve as an Appellate Court Justice within 10 years of completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned.

*Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Sean Cahill and Bill Denemy.*

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On December 21, 2015, Appellate Court Justice Bill Denemy administered the oath of office to Sean Cahill, an LTBB Tribal Citizen appointed to serve a six-year term on the LTBB Appellate Court.

He and fellow LTBB Tribal Citizens, Wenona Singel and Bill Denemy, are the justices on the LTBB Appellate Court.

Cahill, a licensed attorney in the State of Michigan, has worked as the Assistant General Counsel for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians since October 2013 and worked as the Associate Legislative Counsel for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians from January 2013 to October 2013.

He also was a Judicial Law Clerk for Maricopa County Superior Court from August 2010 to

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
<b>Replacement/Expired Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2013 Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> <b>\$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.</b>	\$1 each
<b>Marriage License Application</b> <b>Certified Copies: \$10</b> <b>Photo Copies: \$5</b>	\$15
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> <b>If approved, Surety Bond: \$125</b>	\$10
<b>Services:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enrollment Applications.</li> <li>➤ Address Change Forms.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.</li> <li>○ Minors require notarization annually.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Tribal Directory.</li> <li>➤ Marriage License Application.</li> <li>➤ Tribal Notary Application.</li> <li>➤ Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.</li> <li>➤ BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.</li> <li>➤ Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.</li> <li>➤ Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.</li> </ul>	

## 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.**

### TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

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

## ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

### 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.

## 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

### 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

## 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.

### 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.

# 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/lbtbtaxagr>

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

## 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@lbtbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mszocinski@lbtbbodawa-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!

## 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.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## GRATITUDE AND GIVING: MATTERS OF THE HEART



By **Jody R. Ginop**, LTBB Behavior Health Department

My son, with his wavy locks and oblique jawline, looked at me with a sideways glance. I was making an attempt to communicate with my young adult child. I was angling, casting, trolling, fishing (okay, I was harpooning) to bridge that gap which occurs when an adult child is a full-fledged grownup in his or her own eyes.

I had gone into the depths of asking an adult youngster his opinion. I was enlightened by his response.

"Son," I shared, I "get to" write an article for the newsletter at work. (A brief aside here: I possess the attitude that in life we "get to" do things .... never HAVE to do things in life, an attitude my children have been blessed to hear about for the entirety of their lives).

"Uh-huh," "Okay...." This, in the world of 20-somethings, I concluded meant something more like, "Tell me more."

So, I went with it. I let him take the bait. And he took that bait; he took it hook, line AND sinker. So, I continued our conversation.

"Well, I am wondering about the topic, I have really been kicking around writing about gratitude."

He was still listening with

what appeared to be interest. This apparent interest evidenced by a closed mouth, open ears and perhaps most significant .... Not a single cellular gadget in motion. So, I went all out, and presented him with part B.

"Then again," I went on, "I was thinking it would be nice to talk about random acts of kindness."

And this was when my bluish-grey eyed humanitarian responded with, "But mom, they are one in the same."

What followed was a deep-thinking and earnest conversation that I am about to sum up and share. Cliché as it may be, my belief system is comprised of a rumination of ideas that when dissected and examined reveal a bottom line that is really quite simple. That belief system consists of a general theme, and that theme is something like, "When faced with the most bitter of circumstances, it is gratitude that will carry you."

My child went on and shared this response with me:

"Mom, this is kind of like the lesson you have been teaching me my entire life. Don't worry. Be Happy." I will admit, and that moment, he was getting a little snarky. Despite his tongue-in-cheek attempt at banter; his message was still poignant.

He continued, "Mom, when a person is thankful, it is easy to be helpful and expect nothing in return."

After some contemplation, I realized he was dead-on. This young college student, who was loving the philosophical pondering between mother and child, had also made a very simple yet eloquent declaration. I summed up his teachings to me. "So, what you are saying is that, "When gratitude is part of our daily routine, we give."

"Well ... yeah mom, it's pret-

ty simple. If people are thankful, they show random acts of kindness and do it without thinking."

I contemplated his statement and came to the personal conclusion that his attitude was truly on point.

So, why share all of this? Well, it's a new year. You know, that time of year when we resolve to "do better, be better, eat better, exercise better, cook better, work better, be a better person ...." (You get my point). It is the time of year when we tend to inundate ourselves with blasts of resolution that we will be an overall better "us."

With that thought in mind, I would like to propose a challenge to anyone reading this article. I propose that every day for the next 30 days, you make a daily gratitude list. Take the time to write down 20 things each morning that fill your heart with thanks. Then, do the same each evening after supper, before bed, whenever it feels right to you. The hope is that once you start to do this, 20 things you are grateful for will seem like a small number. I suspect soon you will writing gratitude lists in the 50's, 60's and eventually, in the 100's.

For many people, the gift of gratitude is not a new idea. Many of us has heard the philosophy behind the notion "you get back what you put out," many times throughout our lives. I know I myself have heard this more than once. Before this conversation with my young adult son, however, I had not really taken the time to connect how gratitude and giving are so closely connected. As you make distinctive notice of your gratitude; take an informal inventory of those kind deeds that just seem to occur. As a young man once shared with me, "Mom, when a person is thankful, it is easy to be helpful, and expect nothing in return."

**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@lbtbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:vglazier@lbtbbodawa-nsn.gov) to set up an appointment today!

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

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

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

Transportation is based on availability.

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

**Miigwech!**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

# NATIVE WAY GYM




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

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

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

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

**ADVANCED TAE KWON DO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!  
CALL COMMUNITY HEALTH  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
231-242-1601**

# February Elders Birthdays

**February 1**

Kathryn Loonsfoot  
Dorothy Buren  
Eileen O'Shea  
Doris Beaudin

**February 9**

Joey Deckrow  
Wynonah Shawa Waldfried  
Grace Zerbe

**February 19**

Nancy Bailey  
Carol Jeffers  
Chris Peariso  
Leela Harrison

**February 2**

Yvonne Salter  
Michael Peters  
Karen Lambert  
Carolyn Mejia  
Lori Gee

**February 10**

Ralph Swanson  
Geraldine Hutton  
Sally Spangler  
Arlene Boggs  
Michele Mabry

**February 20**

Krystine Rojas  
Deleta Smith  
Justin Shananaquet

Patricia McCarty  
William Hulka

**February 11**

Joyce Thompson  
Katherine Beech  
Donna Hielkema

**February 21**

Kathryn Terlizzi  
William Vandegriff  
Kimberly White  
Wade Smith  
Steven Otto

**February 3**

Clayton Walker  
Denise Zimmer  
Paul Shananaquet

**February 12**

Josephine Pawneshing  
Floyd Genia, Jr.  
William Tuffelmire  
Wayne Montez

**February 22**

Sandra Gilbert

**February 4**

Theodore Engstrom  
Charlotte Duvernay

**February 13**

Joyce Smith  
Henry Dubiel

**February 23**

Arvilla Bateman  
Mashilaa Beam  
William Meshekey, Jr.  
Ronald Washegesic, Sr.

**February 5**

Barbara Memon  
Benjamin Bernard  
Darlene Mulholland

**February 14**

Brenda Spikes  
Mikel Bagby  
Patricia Dyer-Deckrow

**February 24**

Johanna Cameron  
Jerri Lynn Barker  
Shirley Startup

**February 6**

Sherry Archibald  
Brunell Martineau  
Kathy Austin  
Francie Loper

**February 15**

David Gross  
Rhonda Lowe  
Virginia Adams  
Kevin Casey

**February 25**

Dolores Thomas  
Carla Osawamick  
Marie Michels

**February 7**

Patrick Shomin  
Donald Masse  
Richard Wanshon  
Daugherty Johnson, Jr.

**February 16**

Betty Moses  
Sharon Shepard  
Angela Bowen

**February 27**

Colleen Falwell  
David Martell  
Joann Nelson  
Patricia Maple

**February 8**

Frank Thompson  
Marcia Stratton  
Lewis Fisher  
Connie Fitch

**February 17**

Jacqueline Campos  
Lee Graham

**February 28**

Kirk Warren

**February 18**

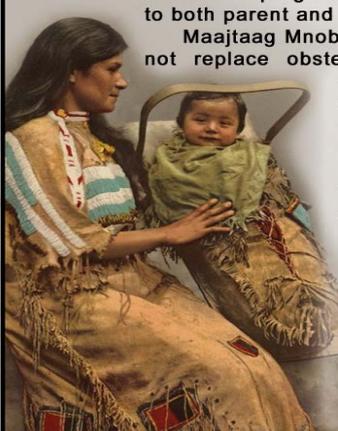
Ralph LaVigne, Jr.

**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.



**Trauma in Our Community**  
**From Trauma to Wellness**

**Where :** Michigan Huron Room at the Odawa Hotel  
**When :** Monday, February 1st  
8:30am - Registration  
9:00am - 4:30pm - Presentation

**Why:** We will look at how trauma shows up in our community, in our homes, and in ourselves. We will discuss the roots of trauma. By the time we are done, we will be able to recognize it and use some helpful tools to deal with it. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Mr. Tonemah is an amazing speaker! Don't miss this! **Limited seating available so you must call to register.**

**To Register:** Call Regina Brubacker-Carver at (231)242-1664 or Marlene Gasco at (231)242-1616.

**GooniGnebig Damnawin** February 20, 2016 11 am - ?



**Ndagiizhtaa. Giin dash?**  
LTBB Governmental Center  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

**Competition for all ages!**

To register, contact Marlene Gasco at 231-242-1616. Include your name, age and grade if still in school. Eighteen year olds still in high school, you must register in the 9th-12th grade category.

Soups will be served. Bring a dish to pass. If possible, please bring your own feast bag.

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  
February 1-3, March 7-8 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.

**Are You:**

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



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

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



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

THANK YOU SANTA FOR HELPING US SPREAD OUR PREVENTION MESSAGES.  
FROM THE SPRING PREVENTION PROJECT.



## TAX EXEMPTION 8965 FORM NOW AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS UNINSURED IN 2015



Hello everyone.

I wanted to inform everyone who has been uninsured for the 2015 year that the Tax Exemption 8965 form is now available. You can stop in and see Valorie Glazier at the Health Depart-

ment or go online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), search forms and type in 8965. Please make sure if you are doing this on your own to check to make sure the year "2015" is in the upper right hand corner. When filling out the form, be sure to put your full name at the very top as well as your social security number. Skip down to part II, and answer the questions 7a & 7b accordingly (usually, the answer is "No"). Finally, fill out part III by writing in your full name, social security number and the letter "E" under the exemption type, and check the appropriate box as to how long in 2015 you went without having insurance.

Please keep in mind Con-

tract Health is not considered health insurance. So, unless you had a private insurance through your employer, Medicare, Medicaid or the Marketplace insurance, this form will apply to you. By filling out this form, you will avoid having to pay a mandated fee on your taxes for not having health coverage due to the rules of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact Valorie Glazier at 231-242-1748, [vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or by stopping in at the Health Department.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

## Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

### Quick Care Family Medical Center

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

### McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

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

### Charlevoix Area Hospital

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

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

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

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

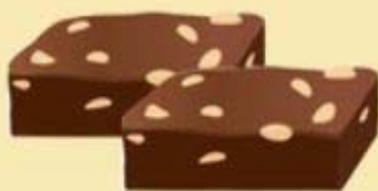
# WHAT EVERY DOCTOR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MARIJUANA

## A QUICK GUIDE TO FAST FACTS



### THE POTENCY OF MARIJUANA

THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana has increased from an average of 1% (1970) up to 30% (2013) (Join Together)



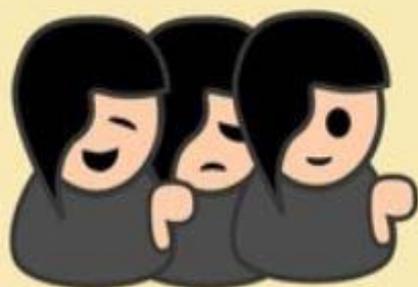
### 10X THE POTENCY!

Edibles such as cookies and chocolates made from THC concentrates are typically ten times more potent than traditional joints (Poison Control Center)



### CHECK YOUR BRAIN!

Marijuana affects the developing brain leading to an average of 8 point decrease in IQ in adults who used marijuana as teens. (NIDA)



Marijuana increases the risk of psychosis and is associated with chronic psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia. (NIDA)



33% of Michigan teens have tried marijuana – soon to surpass cigarette smoking at 35.8% (2013 YRBS)



### DRUGGED DRIVING

Marijuana can cause more car accidents than any other illicit drug. (National Highway Traffic Safety Association)

## MAKE NO MISTAKE.. IT'S STILL A DANGEROUS DRUG.

The American Medical Association considers cannabis a "dangerous drug" that should not be legalized for either recreational or medical use.

For more information on these issues please contact the Michigan Prevention Association Advocacy Committee Chairperson, April Demers at 1-734-637-6485 or [aprildemers@gmail.com](mailto:aprildemers@gmail.com).  
[www.michiganpreventionassociation.org](http://www.michiganpreventionassociation.org)

IN COOPERATION WITH  
MONROE COUNTY  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
COALITION

MICHIGAN PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

## GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

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

The deadline for submitting an application is March 31, 2016. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

## 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.

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## FALL ANISHINAABEMOWIN GAME NIGHT AND POTLUCK

Submitted by the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

Aanii kina gwaya (Hello everyone),  
 The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD) held its annual Fall Anishinaabemowin Game Night and Potluck on November 24, 2015 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.  
 This Fall Game Night was the first time the community was able to meet and interact with the new Kinoomaagejik ANA Project (KAP) Language Instructor, George "Jaach" Trudeau. The event was well attended by the Youth Department, the NCMC Elementary Anishinaabemowin class and community members.  
 For this event, the Language Department set up group

or team games for the participants to play, and Animal Bingo was also played. For Animal Bingo, George taught participants the words for the animals in the game and also gave them lessons on why the animals were called what they were in Anishinaabemowin.  
 For the next two stations, Anishinaabemowin relay games were played. Netawn Kiogima, the High School Anishinaabemowin teacher, played a Charades Relay with common wesiinhiik (animals) Anishinaabemowin terms. Once the teams guessed all their cards correctly, the cards had a puzzle piece on the back of them which they then raced to complete the puzzle.  
 The next game that was being played was called "Wigwaming" meaning "In/On the House." For this game, Gwen Gasco, GALD Department Assistant, taught partic-



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!

ipants the names of household items in Anishinaabemowin. Then, in relay style, the teams would draw a card which told them what to go get by saying "Onaadin" meaning "Go and get" and then the item's name in Anishinaabemowin. Cards with the pictures of all the household items were placed at the end of the hallway. One team member would run down the hall and find the card and then bring it back to his or her team before the next person could go.  
 The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts two Anishinaabemowin Games Nights a year; one game night in the spring and one in the fall. If you missed this last Anishinaabemowin Game Night, keep an eye out for our next event in the spring.  
*Courtesy photos.*



### Kanishinaabemi!

We will speak the language!

The LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department will be hosting a weekday interactive language immersion class from **January 4 - March 28, 2016.**

**Kanishinaabemi Biboon Classes**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 3:30 - 6 pm  
 Mina Mskiki Gumik Conference Room  
 This is an open community class.  
 Register on the first day or come in to the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.  
 Regular and consistent attendance is encouraged, but guests are welcome to drop in.  
**Come and help revitalize Anishinaabemowin in our community!!**

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

### Ebiimoshin

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

**Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List** - One word at a time - E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached.

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

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

*Don't forget!*

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

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

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

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**  
 IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 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.

### December 2015 Bibezhik Kidwinan

<b>WORD BANK</b>	<b>ACROSS</b>
mdaas	3. money
mzinaateschigan	4. Wait for it.
shkapajigedaa	7. S/He is waiting.
baabiiwshin	8. socks
baabiiw	10. shoe
mdaasan	12. shoes
nimkaadidaa	16. Merry Christmas!
mkizinan	17. sock
mzinaazigan	18. television, TV
mnidogiizisonhs	19. S/He is decorating.
zhoomaanken	
baabiitooon	<b>DOWN</b>
minonimkwadaading	1. camera
zhoonyaa	2. Wait your turn.
baabiichige	4. bicycle
segaachige	5. Happy New Year!
baanimkaagedaa	6. Wait for him/her.
minoniibaanamaang	9. penny
mkizin	10. Little Spirit Moon, December
baabiiijigen	11. Let's wish each other Happy New Year.
biimskowebshkigan	13. Let's go about wishing Happy New Year.
	14. Let's wrap presents.
	15. Wait for me.

**Answer Key on Page 21.**

Aachkinigan	Aach ki ni gan	a Room
Aasmaagamik	Aas maa ga mik	Outside, Exterior Wall
Aasmaatik	Aas maa tik	Wall
Aazhiwesak	Aa zhi we sak	In the other room
Biitookaan	Bii too kaan	Patio, Porch
Boondaaganaabik	Boon daa ga naa bik	Stove Pipe
Daabaanigamik	Daa baa ni ga mik	Garage
Desigaan	De si gaan	Deck, Porch, Balcony
Jiibaakwegamik	Jii baa kwe ga mik	Kitchen
Kwaandwaagan	Kwaan dwaan gan	Chimney
Mchikan	M chi kan	Fence
Mchisak	M chi sak	Floor
Naamsak	Naam sak	Basement
Nibegamik	Ni be ga mik	Bedroom
Pakwaan	Pa kwaan	Roof
Shkwaandem	Shkwaan dem	Door
Shpimsigong	Shpim si gong	Upstairs
Taasogamik	Taa so ga mik	Shed
Waasechigan	Waa se chi gan	Window
Wiigwaam	Wii gwaam	House
Zaakamoogamik	Zaa ka moo ga mik	Bathroom



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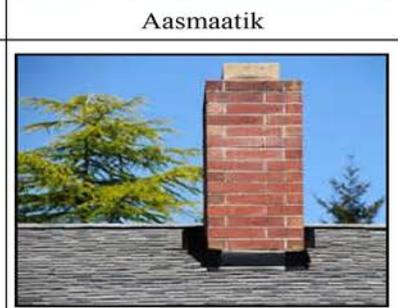
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Waasechigan



Shkwaandem



Kwaandwaagan



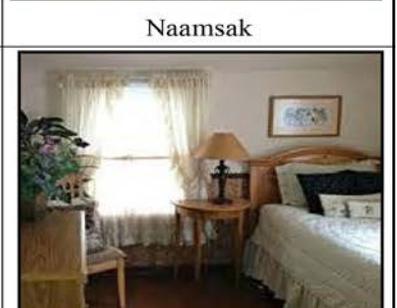
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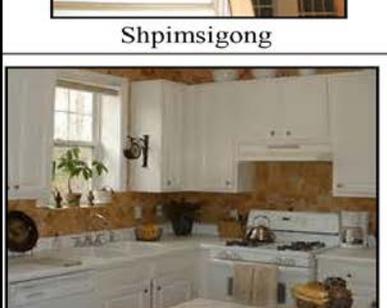
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Aachkinigan



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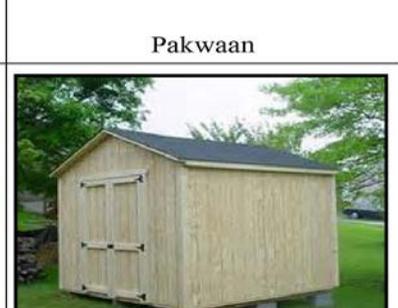
Pakwaan



Desigaan



Daabaanigamik



Taasogamik



Aasmaagamik



Biitookaan



Mchikan



Boondaaganaabik

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.meetchap.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!

online anishinaabemowin

**Get Your 16-month Anishinaabemowin Calendar Today!!!**

The LTBB Gijigowi Language Department has developed a 16-month calendar to teach you one word a day, every day from September 2015 - December 2016.

At the beginning of each month, audio clips for that month's words will be posted on the LTBB tribal website Language page and posted on the SoundCloud to enhance your learning experience.

Calendars are \$20 each.

Calendar contains Anishinaabemowin terms, artwork, & photos from the Waganakising area

If you would like to purchase a 16 Giizisak Mzinigan, please come to the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

For more information, please call 231-242-1457 or e-mail us at [LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on facebook

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

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

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

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

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

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To: GIIN (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:Carla.Osawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

You've Got Mail

**Nishnaabemowin Pane Immersion Program**

**2016 Spring 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?**  
 January 8, 9, 10  
 January 29, 30, 31  
 February 19, 20, 21  
 March 11, 12, 13  
 April 1, 2, 3

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

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

## HEALING THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS



Submitted by Tribal Council member Frank Bernard

I attended two social events that are and will have positive lasting community impacts on the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians far into the future.

### Repatriation Ceremony

I was invited to visit the Repatriation Ceremony. This is the return of our ancestors' remains to their home to be buried with the other ancestors. These remains were in an archeological museum where the Europeans wished to study them. Actually from our perspective, I'm sure they would be upset if we unexpectedly dug up some graves in Washington saying we wished to study them. Yet this is what the Europeans do routinely without giving it a second thought.

These remains were interred in one of the famous mounds which are found in many places across the North American continent. This woman had been entombed there over 800 years ago with her personal belongings. A few of her tools came with her back to her homeland to be with her and the other ancestors.

First, the officials did a pipe ceremony officially welcoming her back, and a few words were spoken about closer relatives who had walked on previously. These words brought to our mind's eye thoughts of our personal experiences of losing members of our own family. It was a beautiful, moving event. Several members of the tribe attended to show their respects for the ancestors.

The officials asked people

to take the remains and place them onto the extended table for us each to come forward and put our medicine and prayers in with the remains. After everyone who wanted to offered their medicine and prayers were done, the remains were wrapped in red cloth and tied up for removal to the burial site.

It was a brisk clear afternoon as those present walked across the wet grass with patches of snow toward the burial site. After climbing up the small knoll, a spot was selected and two holes were dug about four feet deep. The ancestor's remains were placed gently into the hole. Again, everyone was given the opportunity to place medicine and prayers in with the remains. Eventually, each placed a handful of soil onto the remains and the helpers shoveled in the dirt filling the holes.

When everything was complete and an official gave the "Welcome Home" ancestors - the words went up into the cool afternoon air. Some voiced pictures of the spiritual celebration taking place beyond our five senses. We walked silently back to the building, content in knowing these remains can now rest peacefully with the others.

### Drug Court

I was invited to visit the Tribal Drug Court. Naturally, I was disconcerted a little contemplating a confrontation between a prosecuting attorney and the defendant's attorney debating the facts of a drug crime. I pictured the standard media presentation of a court scene depicting two lawyers arguing their side of a case while the criminal watches dismally.

But, I was pleasantly surprised to be admitted to a team of concerned professionals all discussing the manner in which to assist an individual entangled in the snarls of life. Someone who may have succumbed to media advertisements suggesting to the public that the joy of alcohol addiction is the way to combat the stressors of life? There were counselors, attorneys, psychologists, laypeople and elders

expressing their views on how to encourage the person going through various forms of stress: employment or lack of employment, children with health problems, parents with health problems and/or financial burdens or many other areas of stress common to modern day life.

Finally when court was convened, it was more like a Talking Circle than an adversarial confrontation. The clients (offenders) were simply asked how their week had been going. Each one related their particular stressor - a problem that they may have had to deal with during the week and about not giving into getting drunk or high. The team sat side-by-side with the individuals being cared for - not punished. After a person describes their personal struggle in a poignant manner and how they succeeded in achieving a measure of success - the whole room breaks out in applause. The success merits them the opportunity to move on to the next level of empowerment toward their eventual sobriety.

Yes this requires a certain amount of money and expertise on the part of those on "the Team." But the return on investment in the LTBB young people cannot even be measured in money. Anyone of these individuals may return the community monetary and/or practical healthful interchange with others in the community who also need assistance in some manner. These youth probably will return manifold the small investment the tribe is making in their future.

I found the drug court to be an outstanding success for the LTBB community. I wish to add my applause to the tribal drug court for having the courage to change the status quo by incorporating a manner of service to the community that will pay dividends into the distant future.

Both of these beautiful ceremonies expressed hope and a somber appreciation for our getchitwa (sacred) pamadeswin (life) Gichi Manitoo (Great Spirit) has given us.

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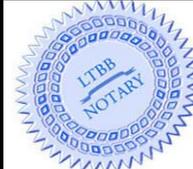
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Interior Painting  
Spring/Fall Cleanup  
Snow Removal Service  
Before & After Photos



## 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

## Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

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

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

Call: 231-242-1563

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

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	1
Citizenship	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	2
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	2
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Election Board	4 year term	2
Natural Resources Commission	Remainder of term expiring 2017, 2 full terms	3

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

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

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

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

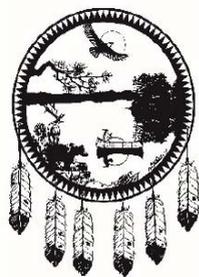
## Save on your next computer with Dell

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If you have any questions, please call Purchasing Technician Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439



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	December 2015									
12/4/15	Land and Reservation Committee			X	X	X				X X
12/7/15	Gaming Enterprise Board						X			
12/8/15	Tribal Council Work Session		X		X	X	X	X		
12/10/15	Tribal Council Regular Meeting		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12/21/15	Gaming Enterprise Board		X				X			
	*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs									



# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## FEBRUARY 2016 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm  
828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:  
Local, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Out of Town, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Limited appointments due to the Holidays

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



### 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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No MORE excuses. No MORE silence. No MORE violence

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

**The 7 Grandfather Teachings**  
LOVE  
RESPECT  
COURAGE  
HONESTY  
WISDOM  
HUMILITY  
TRUTH

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

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## BOOZHOOKEDAA - "LET'S GO BOOZHOOING AROUND"

**History:** On New Year's Eve, young warriors went out into the community carrying a gunny sack and a gun or weapon and shot it off to let everyone know they were there to protect the community. They stopped at different tribal homes to shake everyone's hand and visit. In appreciation, the families gave them some food, and what they couldn't consume, was saved for the Three King's Supper. Back then, where they stopped to eat was where the Three King's Supper was held.

In this community, families continued this contemporary tradition by visiting each other's homes January 1st through the 6th until the Three Kings Supper. The host usually gave the person visiting something, maybe a snack or something small to take with them. Tribal communities often connect religious holidays to traditional culture in efforts to keep tradition alive.



*The Human Services Department was one of the LTBB Govt. Departments, who participated in the 1st Annual Boozhooing event and provided refreshments and snacks for community members. Courtesy photo.*

Arlene Naganashe remembers, "It was a big deal to travel from Petoskey (Michigan) to Cross Village (Michigan) back in the day at that time of the year when vehicles were not as nice as they are today." She thinks this

might have been a way to fight isolation and depression during the winter months and to keep that feeling of community.

She also shared she was told that Nana Boozhoo went away, but promised the people he would return one day. Nanaboozhoo can take on different forms of being, and it was not known what form he would return in, so when people greeted each other they were actually saying, "Ah Boozhoo?," asking, "Are you Nanaboozhoo?"

In keeping with the tradition of Boozhooke, this January, we had our 1st Annual Boozhooing event; some of the LTBB Governmental Departments signed up to host this event in their offices and offered light snacks and giveaway items to community members who came to say, "Ah Boozhoo."

The event started at Arlene Naganashe's house on the 1st.

We look forward to see everyone next year.

## IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

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

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

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

## 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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## February is William Kent Krueger Month at the LTBB Cultural Library

In the month of February, stop in and check out our collection of William Kent Krueger books. His collection of mysteries and thrillers will keep you coming back for more, is guaranteed to chill you to the bone and will get you snuggling for safety!



Not a Patron? Not a Problem! Stop in and have one of our cheerful Library staff help you become a patron, and don't forget to ask about our e-library.  
Hope to see you soon, and remember, we must know our traditions if we are to pass them on!



Cultural Library  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI  
231-242-1487

## Check Out What's HOT in the LTBB Cultural Library!

Do you like graphic novels? I know I do! Ever heard of Super Indian? Well, if not, it is a great graphic novel about an indigenous boy like any male from our tribe. He eats a bad piece of commodity cheese and gets super power. There are two volumes to the set. We also have Trickster (not shown in the picture), which puts oral traditions to a graphic novel. Some of the same stories we have been hearing our elders tell us are in the graphic novel. Isn't that exciting! And last, but not least, we have the collection of "The Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws." All are a great read and very fun because they are in the graphic novel format. So, stop in soon and check out these great titles. We'll be waiting!



Library hours: 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday  
You can go to the library's webpage, and reserve a copy by placing it in your Backpack. Unsure how to do this? Please call, and one of our helpful library staff will be glad to help.  
Not a patron? Stop in or call, and we can help with that too.



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	1 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	2 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	3 Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Govt. Center Rm 312	4 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council meeting 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	5 Election Board Work Session 4:30 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 pm Govt. Center Rm 312	6 Election Board Meeting 12 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI Tribal Burial, Inc. Meeting 9 am Mskiki Gumik Health Building
7	8 Gaming Enterprise Board Meeting 9 am - noon OCR Executive Suite	9 Elders Luncheon at Noon AFC Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	10	11 Elders Luncheon at Noon	12 CWC Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm 118 Land and Reservation Cmte. Mtg. 1pm-5pm Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Citizenship Com. Meeting 5:30 pm Govt. Center Rm 118	16 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	17 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30pm 911 Spring St.	18 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council meeting 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	19 Election Board Work Session 4:30 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI	20 Election Board Meeting 12 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI
21	22 Gaming Enterprise Board Meeting 9 am - noon OCR Executive Suite	23	24	25 Elders Luncheon at Noon	26	27
28	29					Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details

# 2015 Children's Winter Solstice Party

Photos by Annette VanDeCar



# NATIVE NEWS

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN JULIE JANISKEE APPOINTED TO THE LTBB LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD



On January 7, 2016, LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado administered the oath of office to Julie Janiskee, an LTBB Tribal Citizen appointed to serve a one-year term on the LTBB Liquor Control Board.

Janiskee was nominated by the Executive and appointed by Tribal Council.

*Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Julie Janiskee and LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado.*

## MACKINAW CITY CASINO PROJECT COMMENCES



In early January 2016, work began on the Class II casino in Mackinaw City, MI, with the casino ex-

pected to be completed in May 2016. The new casino will be approximately 5,600 square feet and feature 64 slot machines.

The construction of the new casino is part of a five-year strategic development plan. The plan includes developing land LTBB acquired in 2012 into a small casino and an RV park.

It also includes construction of a 130-room hotel, which would be adjacent to its existing casino in Petoskey, MI.

With the new casino slated to open in May 2016, the following spring, development of a 25-space RV park would begin. Construction would start on the new hotel for Odawa Casino in 2019.

By implementing the plan over a five-year period, LTBB will be able to finance the plan with its own funds.

*Photo provided by Odawa Casino Resort.*

## MISS ODAWA NATION ALEXA OLDMAN THE RECIPIENT OF A GO GRANT FOR GIRLS



Connecting Women in Business (CWIB), a Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce group, recently awarded Miss Odawa Nation 2015-2016 Alexa Oldman one of its 2016 Spring GO Grants for Girls.

GO Grants for Girls Outreach Grants are grants ranging from \$100 to \$500, which are awarded to girls in grades six to 10 in the Char-Em ISD service

area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties in Michigan. They can be used toward pursuing a special interest, gaining or improving a skill, participating in a special event and more.

Girls who receive the grant are required to work with an adult mentor, a relative outside of the immediate family, teacher, youth pastor, social worker, etc., who helps them fill out and submit the application, works with them to fulfill their dream and works with them to submit a final report on the completed activity and what it meant to them. Alexa's mentor is LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow Committee Chair Annette VanDeCar. The LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow Committee oversees the Miss Odawa Nation Program with the program being funded from the LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow Committee budget.

Alexa, who is LTBB and Northern Arapaho, will use her \$500 grant toward attending the Denver March Pow Wow in Denver, CO, from March 25-27, 2016. She competes in approximately 20 pow wows annually throughout the United States, incurring many expenses.

If you wish to make a donation toward her expenses, you can go to [www.gofundme.com/misso-dawa2015](http://www.gofundme.com/misso-dawa2015).

Alexa will represent LTBB as Miss Odawa Nation at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow to be held April 28-30, 2016 in Albuquerque, NM. LTBB, with funds from the LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow Committee budget, will send her and a chaperone to the pow wow.

For updates on Alexa and her travels, you can like her Facebook page Miss Odawa Nation 2015 Alexa Oldman.

*Photo by Cherie Dominic.*

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

**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)

**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
- ❖ **Estate Planning**
  - Wills
  - Health Care Directives
  - Powers of Attorney
- ❖ **Probate**
- ❖ **Landlord/Tenant**
  - Evictions
  - Tenant Rights
- ❖ **Michigan Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act**
- ❖ **Setting Aside a Conviction**
- ❖ **Consumer**
  - Debt Collection
- ❖ **Driver License Restoration**

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
- ◆ Juvenile Delinquency
- ◆ Guardianship\*
- ◆ Criminal Defense
- ◆ ICWA-MIFPA
- ◆ Appellate Cases\*
- ◆ Other Matters

\*Available in State Court Proceedings

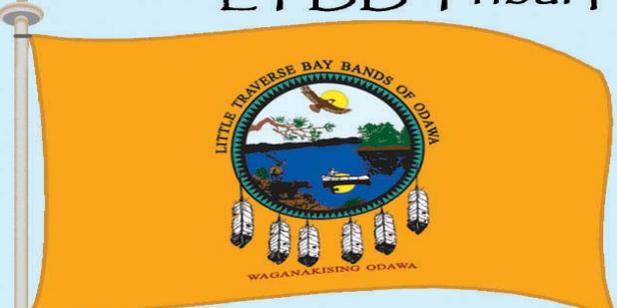
To find out if we can help you with your legal issue, call us at 231-947-0122 or toll free at 1-800-968-6877. Our office is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit our website at [www.mils3.org](http://www.mils3.org).

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.

231-947-0122 ♦ 1-800-968-6877  
[www.mils3.org](http://www.mils3.org)

Michigan Indian Legal Services  

**LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!**



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

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!

## NATIVE AMERICAN BANK DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PERFORMANCE LENDER



*Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Joel Smith, Chief Credit Officer at Native American Bank; Steve Roda, Northwest Credit Manager for the Department of the Interior; Tom Ogaard, President and CEO of Native American Bank; Shanna O'Reilly, Department of the Interior, and Clay Colombe, Chief Lending Officer at Native American Bank.*

Native American Bank, N.A. was designated by the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Division of Capital Investment as a Department of the Interior Performance Lender, announced President and CEO Thomas D. Ogaard. This designation, the highest the department approves, makes Native American Bank one of only three lenders in the United States to earn this classification in the Loan Guarantee, Insurance and Interest Subsidy Program.

In 1974, the Indian Financing Act was established to provide reservation businesses with access to investment capital equal to that available to businesses in non-reservation areas. The Indian Loan Guarantee, Insurance and Interest Subsidy Program (ILGP) was established to help lenders reduce risks on the loans they make to eligible Native American-owned businesses, primarily by providing a guarantee up to 90 percent of the unpaid principal and interest.

The program is open to federally-recognized American Indian tribes or Alaska Native groups, individually enrolled members of such tribes or groups or a business

organization with no less than 51% ownership by American Indians or Alaska Natives. The borrower's project must be located on or near a federally recognized Indian reservation or recognized service area, and the project must contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area.

"Native Americans often face the absence of access to financial capital and services, which is a significant impediment towards the realization of self-sufficiency and financial freedom. Our mission is 'Native People Investing in Native Communities.' We are proud to have passed the rigorous standards set by the Department of the Interior regarding the Loan Guarantee, Insurance and Interest Subsidy Program," said Ogaard.

The Department of the Interior may approve lenders under any of three different classifications, depending on factors such as the number of loans the lender makes under the program, the total principal balance of the lender's program loans, the number of years the lender stays involved with the program, the relative benefits and opportunities the lender gives to Indian business

efforts through the program and the lender's overall compliance with program requirements.

After earning the Approved Lender and Preferred Lender designation, a lender with five years maintaining a minimum outstanding balance of \$2,000,000 in program-guaranteed loans and/or a superior record of enhancing economic opportunities for Indian businesses, a Department of the Interior Lender with a satisfactory record of Program compliance may request approval from the department for the designation "Department of the Interior Performance Lender."

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## NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI CHAIRMAN HOMER MANDOKA APPOINTED TO THE MICHIGAN PIPELINE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

**Editor's note:** The following is a Firekeepers Casino Hotel press release dated December 10, 2015.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Pottawatomi (NHBP) and FireKeepers Casino Hotel are proud to announce Tribal Council Chairman Homer A. Mandoka has been appointed to the Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board by Governor Rick Snyder.

Mandoka has served on the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Pottawatomi's Tribal Council for 13 years and has served as Chairman for five. Previously, he served on the Bronson, Michigan Police Force for 15 years.

Mandoka is certified in Emergency Management by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is passionate about safe petroleum



transportation. The NHBP's ancestral homelands include the Kalamazoo river basin where the tribe was an integral part of the Kalamazoo river cleanup following the 2010 British Petroleum (BP) oil spill. Mandoka earned his Associate degree in Law Enforcement from Kellogg Community College. He was also recognized in 2013 as the Tribal

Leader of the Year by the Native American Finance Officers Association.

"Michigan's Tribal Governments and NHBP play a vital role in the preservation of our state's world-class resources," states Homer A. Mandoka. "I look forward to helping ensure our lakes, streams and rivers are protected for years to come."

The 16-member Pipeline Safety Advisory Board works to protect Michigan's environment including its lakes, rivers and other natural resources. They are charged with advising state agencies on matters related to pipeline routing, construction, operation and maintenance. The board members include industry, environmental and conservation representatives and now, a representative from a tribal nation.

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 10:35 a.m.

Council Present: Secretary Otto, Councilor Bernard, Councilor Harrington, Councilor Law, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet

Absent: Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick,

Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, St financial Analyst Stella Kay, General Counsel James Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Invited Guests: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.: Alan Proctor-President, Bryan Gillett-Vice-President, Tanya Gibbs-Member, Steven Hayward Land Use Economic Development Consultant. Odawa Casino Resort: General Manager Eric McLester

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt the agenda for November 19, 2015 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the minutes of November 5, 2015 as presented.

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

**Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., discussion.**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the Operating Agreement for The Shops at Victories Center, LLC, between Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and Geodetic North Investors, LLC, dated November 9, 2015 and authorize the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Chair and the Tribal Treasurer to sign the agreement.

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

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to approve the Ground Sublease between Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., and The Shops at Victories Center, LLC, dated November 9, 2015 and authorize the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Chair and the Tribal Treasurer to sign the agreement.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the Development Agreement between Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., The Shops at Victories Center, LLC, and Geodetic North Investors, LLC, dated November 9, 2015 and authorize the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Chair to sign the agreement.

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

**11:53 a.m. Public Comment opened:**

- Andrew Stich spoke regarding Treasurer Reyes communication with regard to his public comments; and his attendance at Tribal Court today with regard to Child Welfare

**11:58 a.m. Public Comment closed.**

**12:03 a.m. Lunch**

**1:36 p.m. Resume**

**1:33 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

**1:57 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Otto verbal report for November 19, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Otto to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Council member Law's verbal and written travel report for November 19, 2015.

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

**Land and Reservation Committee: no report.**

**Ethics Committee: no meeting. No report.**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor between Odawa Casino Resort and DeBeer Construction and authorize the Odawa Casino Resort general manager to sign the contract.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's verbal and written report for November 19, 2015.

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

**3:11 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.**

**3:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.**

**3:11 p.m. Break**

**3:26 p.m. Resume**

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report for November 19, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Bransky's Enjiinakng verbal report for November 19, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve the release and settlement agreement between Odawa Casino Resort and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and authorize the Odawa Casino Resort general manager to sign the Agreement.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve receipt of Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for November 19, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve Certified Motion #111915-01: Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Workforce Investment Act Section 166 24-month Project Period Extension.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #111915-02; Request for Funding

from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish Hatchery Maintenance Project FY 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Certified Motion #111915-03; Support of the Emmet County Road Commission's application for funding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Transportation Tribal Transportation Facility Bridge Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #111915-04; Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY 2016 Tribal Youth Initiative, Youth Conservation Corps.

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

Motion made by Secretary Otto and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #111915-05; Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service-Sanitation Pro-

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

February 2 Work Session  
February 4 Council Meeting  
February 16 Work Session  
February 18 Council Meeting

March 1 Work Session  
March 3 Council Meeting  
March 15 Work Session  
March 17 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  
Marc Reyes, Treasurer  
Dexter McNamara, Councilor  
Julie Shananaquet, Councilor  
Frank Bernard, Councilor  
David Harrington, Councilor  
Mike Naganashe, Councilor  
Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

gram Well & Septic Systems Contract BE-15-J53 Modification.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to appoint Albert Colby Jr., to the Liquor Control Board to serve a 2 year term to expire September 30, 2017.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Bernard, Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes) Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to appoint Julie Janiskee to the Liquor Control Board to serve a 1-year term to expire September 30, 2016.

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

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to re-appoint Billy McNamara to the Natural Resource Commission to serve a remaining 4-year term to expire September 30, 2019.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor McNamara), 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to appoint Melissa Laughlin to the Election Board to serve a 4-year term to expire September 30, 2019.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to appoint Merle Carson to the Election Board to serve a 4-year term to expire in September 30, 2019.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Secretary Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor McNamara to appoint Marvin Mulholland to serve a three (3) year term expiring September 30, 2018 on the Gaming Enterprise Board upon obtaining a Primary Gaming License from the Gaming Regulatory Commission.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Law and Secretary Otto), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge the Letter of Interest from Joseph Van Alstine for the Zii-bimijwang, Inc. Farm Board and to set up an interview.

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

Motion to pass the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook Revision 101615-01.

Discussion: Request to remove from the agenda.

Motion dies due to lack of support. Item removed from the agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to acknowledge the receipt of the Letter of Resignation from Alice Yellowbank, Traditional Tribal Burial Board and miigwech for her years of service.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Traditional Burial Grounds Board in the amount of \$30,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2016 to come from General Fund Balance—Supplemental Funding.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Approval of Budget Modifications for Budget Deficiency of the Burial Fund.

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

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$35,350.00 for the Election Board.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Eshkinigijik Tribal Youth Services Department.

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

5:30 p.m. Motion made by Coun-

cilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn.

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

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Secretary Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting December 10, 2015 Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

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

Opening Ceremony: Councilor Beatrice Law

Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julie Shananaquet

Absent: Councilor McNamara

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick,

Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay, Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima

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

Judicial Officials and Staff: Chief Judge Allie Maldonado

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort: General Manager Eric McLester, Chief Financial Officer Roger Borton, Gaming Enterprise Board Chair Denise Petoskey

Public: Josephine Laughlin, Colton Reese, Renee Dillard, Linda Gokee, Janan Cotto, Carla Osawamick

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adopt the agenda for December 10, 2015 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to amend the agenda to include a closed session for legal regarding Harbor Springs Language class.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor McNamara) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the minutes of November 19, 2015 with corrections.

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

**9:41 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to into closed session for confidential business matters.

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

**10:17 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge the verbal and written report from Odawa Casino Resort as presented by General Manager Eric McLester.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the LTBB 401K 457(b) Updates as presented by Human Resources Director Denise

"Minutes" continued on page 16.

*"Minutes" continued from page 15.*

Petoskey and Benefits Specialist Stephanie Carver as presented on December 10, 2015.

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

**Executive Updates:** Government to government update from the state, United Tribes of Michigan meeting February 8 & 9, 2016. December 16, State Reps will come to work on Lake Trout Fisheries Issues. Employee Christmas Party will be December 11, 2015.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive report as presented on December 10, 2015.

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

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:** **Legislative Leader Report:** position is dormant at this time.

**Secretary Otto Report:** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary Otto's verbal Report as presented on the agenda for December 10, 2015.

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

- Documents Delivered to the Executive

- Tribal Resolution #111915-01  
- Supplemental Funding for Traditional Burial Grounds Board in the Amount of \$30,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2016 to come from General Fund Balance - Supplemental Funding delivered to the Executive Department on 11-23-15 and signed on 11-24-15.

- Tribal Resolution #111915-02 - Approval of budget modifications for budget deficiency of the Burial Fund delivered to the Executive Department on 11-23-15 and signed on 11-24-15.

- Tribal Resolution #111915-03 - Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$35,350.00 for the Election Board delivered to the Executive Department on 11-23-15 and signed on 11-24-15.

- Waganakising Odawak Statute #2015-022 - Eshkiniigijik Youth Department Services delivered to the Executive Department on 11-23-15 and signed on 12-02-15.

- Vetoes-None.  
- Phone Poll conducted on 11-24-15: Motion to approve Notice of Declaration of FY2016 Budget Emergency Letter and to authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign letter.

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

**Discussion** with Harbor Springs Language Class Josephine Laughlin and Colton Reese regarding letters of concern submitted to the Tribal Council.

**11:00 a.m.** - Councilor McNamara Arrives.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge the Language presentation as presented by Harbor Springs Students.

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

**11:12 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session for Legal regarding Harbor Springs Language class.

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

**11:26 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Naganashe to return to Open Session.

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

**Treasurer Reyes Report:** Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting met on December 2, 2015. Next meeting: Monday December 21, 2015 in the Tribal Council Chambers.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to acknowledge the receipt of Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on December 10, 2015.

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

**Tribal Council Member Reports:** **Land and Reservation:** Last Meeting was on December 4, 2015, next meeting January 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to go over the Zoning Regulations.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor

Law to acknowledge the receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee report as presented by Committee Chairperson Treasurer Reyes on December 10, 2015.

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

**Ethics Committee:** No Meeting. No Report.

**11:43 a.m. Public Comment Opens:**

Citizen Andrew Stich-Would like to thank Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley for attending a court case earlier this year. Travel Reports. Budget Shortfall.

Citizen Linda Gokee-Direction of the Tribe, Tribal Government mirrors United States Government and State Laws. Short coming of the Budget, need to be proactive. Voiced opinion on Chief Judge Candidate.

**11:55 a.m. Public Comment Closes**

**11:57 a.m. Lunch Break**  
**1:34 p.m. Resumes**

**Legislative Office Reports:** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay verbal and written report for December 10, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for December 10, 2015.

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

**Enjiinakeng Report:** No report.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for December 10, 2015.

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

**Corporate Charters and/or Boards: No reports**

i. Zhiibimijwang, Inc.  
ii. Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.  
iii. Traditional Tribal Burial Board

iv. Gaming Enterprise Board

**2:34 p.m. Break**  
**2:50 p.m. Resume**

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to authorize and approve the submission of Councilor Law's written testimony to the Department of Justice regarding funding for the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act as presented to Tribal Council.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to approve the Executive to sign the letter to Jerin Falcon, Special Agent in Charge regarding the re-issuance of Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Law Enforcement Commissions (SLECS) to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Conservation Officers.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge receipt of Executive nomination of David Dominic to the Natural Resources Commission and set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge receipt of the Executive's nomination and to appoint Albert Colby Jr. to the Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2016.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 5 - No Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Harrington, Councilor Shananaquet Councilor McNamara, Councilor Bernard, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Letter of Interest from Lisa Flynn for the Traditional Tribal Burial Board and set up an interview.

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

**3:15 p.m. Public comment opened:**

Linda Gokee thanked Tribal Council for their contributions to the meetings.

**3:16 p.m. Public Comment closed.**

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to pass REG-WOS 2013-004-120715-001 A 2016 Reservation Natural Resources Rules and Regulations as received from the Executive Department.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass REG-WOS 2013-004-120715-001 B 1836 Ceded Territory 2016 Natural Resources Rules and Regulations as received from the Executive Department.

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

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to reappoint Frederick Holdorff to the Natural Resource Commission to serve the remainder of a 4-year term expiring September 30, 2019.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to appoint John W. Keshick III to the Natural Resources Commission to serve the remainder of a 4-year term expiring September 30, 2017.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to appoint William A. Denemy to the Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board to serve a 3-year term expiring September 30, 2018.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #121015-01; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY 2016 Circle of Flight Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #121015-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY 2016 BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Cisco Restoration Project, Phase 3.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #121015-03; Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Capacity Funding, Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP) Program Capacity Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to set the disenrollment hearing for Tribal Citizen Lizabeth Snow Keway at the regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of March 3, 2016; and authorize and approve the Secretary to send out the notice of the hearing.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to post to the Legislative Calendar, Compensation for Tribal Council Statute as sponsored by Councilor Beatrice Law.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Enrollment List C Voluntary Relinquishment dated December 2, 2015 for a total of 1.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #121015-04; Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service FY 2016 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Murray Rd Green Cemetery Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to authorize Treasury Office Senior Financial Analyst to apply for a

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), also known as a CFTC Interim Compliant Identifier (CICI) or Global Markets Entity Identifier (GMEI).

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Mary (Gasco) Donner's Resignation from the Zhiibimijwang, Inc. Board.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to table the Contract with Wesley Andrews (Tabled until Revised 2016 Budget is approved).

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to approve the amendment to the Traditional Burial Board Corporate Charter for clarification of its non-profit status.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to authorize and direct the Enjinaak-negeng General Counsel to file a foreclosure action, on behalf of the Tribe through its Housing Department, in Tribal Court with regard to the Home Purchase Contract dated September 27, 2011 for a house on Lot 5, Wah-Wahs Noo Da Ke Development.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to amend the agenda to include the following items: Odawa Casino Resort Revised 5-year plan, Bell's Fishery Supplemental Funding Request, Blue Cross Blue Shield settlement and Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards Regulations.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve and authorize the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Amended Five Year Strategic Economic Development Plan for Odawa Casino Resort that includes the building of a 120 unit casino property in Mackinaw to open in 2016, dated December 10, 2015, as presented by the Odawa Casino Resort General Manager McLester.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve and authorize the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Funds Flow, as presented by the Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Eric McLester, for the confidential settlement funds received by OCR under the release and settlement agreement between OCR and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve and authorize the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Amended Five Year Strategic Economic Development Plan for Odawa Casino Resort that includes the building of a 120 unit casino property in Mackinaw to open in 2016, dated December 10, 2015, as presented by the Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Eric McLester.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Shananaquet), 2 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington, Councilor Bernard), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**5:10 p.m. Break**

**5:20 p.m. Resume** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding Request to Operate Bell's Fisheries for FY 2016 in the amount of \$65,641.00.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Otto-no Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards REG-WOS 2005-06-121015-015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington

to appoint Allie Maldonado to Chief Judge for a 4-year term.

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 Secretary Otto to appoint Sean Cahill to Appellate Justice for a 6-year term.

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 McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$40,000.00 for Department of Kikaajik.

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 Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorizing Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department to carryover Department raised Revenue.

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 Naganashe and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution: Budget Modification for Employee Appreciation.

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 Treasurer Reyes to adopt Tribal Resolution: Budget Modification for Communication Department.

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 Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Use of 3rd Party Billing Funds, in the amount of \$7,438.00 for Dental Clinic Construction.

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 Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorizing Swap Documents to Modify Loan Agreement and Related Documents Dated February 7, 2014 from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Authorizing Tribal Appropriations for Payments of the Loan, Affirming Adoption of Law Governing the Arbitration of Disputes related to the Loan, and Law Regarding Security Interests and Addressing Related Matters.

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

**6:05 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn.

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

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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## MICHIGAN

March 19-20  
27th Annual Central Michigan University Pow Wow  
CMU Events Center  
Central Michigan University  
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April 9-10  
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## MINNESOTA

January 29-31

Shooting Star Casino Pow Wow  
Morris, MN  
Contact Information: Michelle LaGarde at 612-227-9998

February 12  
American Indian Magnet School Monthly Pow Wow  
St. Paul, MN

March 11  
American Indian Magnet School Monthly Pow Wow  
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April 9  
32nd Annual Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Pow

Wow Morris, MN  
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April 29  
Remember the Elders Traditional Pow Wow  
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Contact Information: Maria at cermak26@gmail.com

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HEAD MALE DANCE JUDGE - Nigel Schuyler

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Potluck & Serving Bread & Soup

More Information to Follow Soon

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Wednesday, March 2  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
LTBB Gov't Center Commons Area  
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Harbor Springs, MI

Judging will take place at 7 p.m.  
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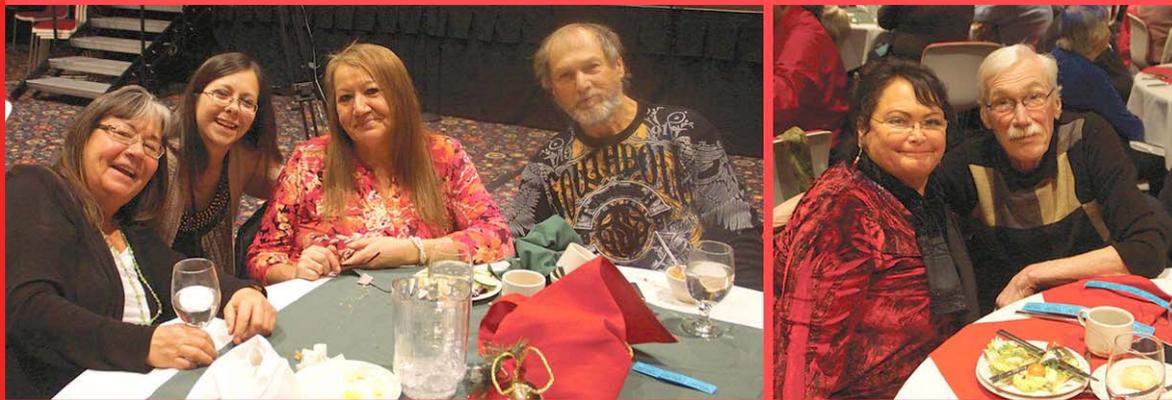
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## LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS



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- March 25, 2016 - Good Friday
- 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

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## ODAWA CASINO RESORT UPDATE



Every New Year brings new opportunities, and at Odawa

Casino we are doing just that! Over 500 guests were part of the random giveaway promotion, *It Can Happen to You*, in January! Each month, Optimum Rewards Members and guests willing to sign up for an Optimum Rewards card are eligible for the random giveaways occurring every day at all different times, in all different venues. Guests eligible may receive cash, free play, gift cards, free meals, hotel stays and much more!

If you are looking to stay warm and out of the weather in February, stop in at Odawa Ca-

sino to enjoy the following promotions: the Ozone will be hosting a Funny Business Comedy Show every Saturday from 9pm to 10:30 pm beginning Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>; a free Couples Slot Tournament will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm and on February 20<sup>th</sup>, guests will have the opportunity to test their luck at Plinko!

Hopefully the groundhog will emerge from its burrow on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and determine that spring will come early this year!

Eric McLester, General Manager

## ODAWA CASINO RESORT RAISES MORE THAN \$18,000 FOR THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT



Pictured left to right in the photo provided by Odawa Casino Resort are NASCAR Steve - On Air Personality for Northern Star Broadcasting, Hank Rowland - Director of Food & Beverage at Odawa Casino, Kris Kasik - Executive Assistant at Odawa Casino, Angie Wilson - Marketing Coordinator at Odawa Casino, Deb Noblett - Executive Director at the Manna Food Project, Amanda Foster - Administrative Assistant at the Manna Food Project, Barb Laughlin - Administrative Assistant at Odawa Casino, Barry Laughlin - Director of Property Operations at Odawa Casino and Pete Pallas - Warehouse Assistant at Odawa Casino.

Odawa Casino employees and patrons raised more than \$18,000 in November 2015 to benefit the Manna Food Project.

Throughout the month of November, members of the community helped raise donations by earning 200 base points by using their Players Club Card on slot machines or table games, then swiping at the kiosk and in turn, Odawa Casino made a \$4 donation. Guests also purchased a piece of carrot cake from the Copper Café, and \$1 from that was donated. If guests purchased a "Bet Against Hunger" shirt at the Quill Box gift shop for \$12, \$6 of that purchase was also do-

noted. The Quill Box gift shop also offered a bracelet for \$2, of which \$1 went to Manna.

Employees of Odawa Casino also raised money by purchasing a "Bet Against Hunger" fundraiser t-shirt which could be worn with blue jeans, and they could also purchase bracelets. Team members also made weekly trips to Manna to volunteer their time to assist with whatever needed to be done. Employees also built sculptures out of canned goods provided by the casino, and guests and casino employees were encouraged to vote for their favorite creation by donating non-perishable food

items in the totes next to the creation they liked the best. More than 7,500 cans were purchased by the casino and were donated to Manna after the contest.

"The response from Odawa team members, as well as members of the community was fantastic. Not only did the Casino raise a substantial amount of money for a great cause, but everyone had fun while doing it," said Britta Erickson, Director of Marketing.

As the final donation numbers were tallied, the monetary donation total came to \$18,041 along with the 780 canned goods donated by voting.

The Manna Food Project is a non-profit organization established in 1987 to help feed the hungry throughout Northern Michigan. Manna operates a food bank, food pantry and a "Food 4 Kids" backpack program. Manna serves as a food bank for more than 35 partner agencies in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, feeding more than 60,000 families a year.

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 shop, a nightclub and a 137-room hotel.

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## FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS SKI FREE IN MICHIGAN!



The Michigan Snowsports Industries Association (MSIA) wants to give Michigan kids an opportunity to get out, have fun and get healthy this winter. This is why MSIA has established a state-wide program which provides every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader the opportunity to ski for free. Students can obtain a "Cold is Cool" Ski & Ride Passport which gives them up to three free lift tickets or trail passes at 30 participating ski areas plus additional discounts on the slopes and in Michigan ski shops. In addition to the lift tickets donated by the participating ski areas, the Cold is Cool Passport also includes a coupon for 20% off a helmet purchase and \$15 off the purchase of \$100 at more than 50 participating ski shops. Some ski areas have also included coupons for equipment rental and free or discounted lessons.

Proof of 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade status is required. One page of a report card or progress report is sufficient. If the child is home schooled, the parent

or guardian can include a note stating the child's grade equivalent. Please note! Put your child's name and address in the "Ship To" column if you are ordering online.

MSIA charges \$20 for the Cold is Cool Passport to cover printing, shipping and postage fees.

In order for fourth and fifth graders to use the free lift or trail pass coupons, a paying adult must accompany them. "We feel that fourth and fifth graders should be supervised by an adult while on the slopes and trails. Our intention is to make this a fun, affordable and safe activity for the entire family," says Mickey MacWilliams, MSIA Executive Director. With the passport, up to two kids can ski free with each paying adult. The passport is valid through April 30 or the end of the 2015/16 ski season.

You may download an application form at [www.goskimichigan.com](http://www.goskimichigan.com). You may also order the passport online by clicking on the button on the aforementioned website. If you are ordering online and have more than one child in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you must order each passport separately.

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

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays

Happy birthday to our Aunt Tina on February 19th, we love and miss you. Hope you have a wonderful day. Your nephews, Collin and Braden, and, niece, Kaitlynn Sutton. We love you to the moon and back.

Sending happy birthday wishes to Ms. Aya Khalaf. Aya celebrates her big day on February 14th. Hope you have a great day. Love, Grandma & Grandpa Naganashe.

Happy birthday wishes to our little star, Grayson Boda. Four years ago, this shining star came into our lives. On February 29th, he celebrates his 4th birthday. Love and kisses, Meema, Mom & brother.

Happy birthday on February 19th to our daughter, Tina Peterson. We are proud of the responsible adult you have become. May your day be as special as you are. Love, Mom and Dad.



Happy birthday to Kathy VanDeCar on February 24. Wishing you all the best on your special day and during the year. Go Spartans! From your family in Michigan.

Wishing Francie Loper a happy birthday on February 6 from your family, relatives and friends. We will keep our prayers going for you. Your brother Chilly Willy loves you very much.

Belated birthday wishes for my daughter, Shannon Rose Dunlop, who celebrated her special day on January 22. From your father, Chilly Willy.

Happy birthday to Marcus Loper on February 7. From your family, relatives, friends and your Uncle Chilly Willy.

## Walking On...



Dora Lee Willis, 60

Dora Lee Willis, 60, formerly of Northport, MI, passed away at her home near Bay Shore, MI, Saturday, December 19, 2015. She was born June 18, 1955 in Petoskey, MI, to John Raymond and Christine Marie (Coby) Willis. Dora graduated from Gaylord High School in 1973 and attended Northern Michigan University. Dora worked in tribal government for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Dora enjoyed bead working and attending pow wows with friends. She loved spending time with her Jack Russells, Munchkin, Pippin and Merri. She was a caring and loving lady who would help anyone in need. She is survived by her brothers, Curtis D. Willis, of Balmor, N.J., Ronald R. Willis of Homer, MI; nieces and nephews, Marie, Christina, Joyce, Rebecca,

William, Corey, Jodi, P.J., Phillip, Butch, John, Tammy, Terri, Roger, Tiffany, Ron, Jr., and Stacy. Dora was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Coby and John R. Willis, Jr.; and sisters, Judy McMillan, and Nellie Harmon.



Herbert Leroy Kesick, 77

Herbert Leroy Kesick, 77, of Eads, TN, died January 4, 2016. He was born in Gladstone, MI, to the late Joseph and Rose Kesick. He was preceded in death by 10 siblings. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Ann Kesick, daughters, Christina Johnson (spouse William), Stephanie Kesick-Street (spouse Donald), grandchildren, Samantha and Billy Johnson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He retired after serving 21 years in the U.S. Navy, worked more than 26 years at Methodist Health Systems and five years at UT Health Science as a boiler plant operator for both facilities. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

## Laugh, Learn and Live Well



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

We will be making felt strawberry boxes in honor of Heart Health Awareness Month

Stress, social isolation and loss of community can all contribute to diabetes, a major health concern for Anishnaabe. 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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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All forms including RTM Annual Sales Tax Credit MI-4013

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

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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.

## Love Lines

Thunder Woman, like Grandfather stone, my love and commitment to you will ever remain. As our children grow and begin their own journey, you have only become more beautiful to me. You are a great Mother, a wonderful wife and my best friend. Creator has blessed me greatly with you and our children, let's walk His road and grow old together.

Thunder Tribe, 1st and most important, I love you all very much. I am here as long as you need me. Life is not always easy, but together, there is nothing we cannot face. I miss you when you are away, and my heart sings and I smile much when you are near. You keep your Mother and I young and happy! Love, Your Dad, Thunder cloud man.

Happy Valentine's Day to my wifey. I love you to the moon and back! And, I love you more! Love, your Nishnaabe.

## Correction

In the article titled, "LTBB to Establish Class II Casino in Mackinaw City, MI, after the Mackinaw City Village Council Turns Down its Plan for a Class III Casino," which appeared in the December 2015 issue of *Odawa Trails*, it incorrectly stated, "Because LTBB will be operating a Class II casino as opposed to a Class III casino, LTBB will not have to pay the 2% semi-annual payments to local governments, but is required to pay the 6% semi-annual payments to the State of Michigan."

According to LTBB General Counsel James Bransky, a strictly Class II gaming facility does not fall under LTBB's gaming compact with the State of Michigan, so neither the 2% local payment nor the 6% state payment apply.

## 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.

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# COURT REJECTS CONTROVERSIAL REQUEST TO DELAY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEYS IN UTAH'S RED ROCK COUNTRY - FIRST OF SIX LEGAL CHALLENGES TO FEDERAL LAND USE PLANS THAT PUT PRICELESS CULTURAL ARTIFACTS AND SOME OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES IN AMERICA AT RISK



Editor's note: The following is an Earthjustice press release dated January 4, 2016.

Last week, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Denver, CO, rejected a request by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to indefinitely delay surveys for cultural artifacts on public lands managed by BLM's Richfield Field Office in Utah.

In May 2015, environmentalists and historic preservation advocates secured a victory when a Utah federal district court judge ordered BLM to conduct on-the-ground surveys to identify cultural artifacts in need of protection on more than 4,000 miles of dirt roads and trails where BLM has per-

mitted off-road vehicles to be driven. The Tenth Circuit confirmed BLM must comply.

The Richfield Field Office covers 2.1 million acres of red rock country in south central Utah, largely sandwiched between Canyonlands National Park and Capitol Reef National Park. **This land is held sacred by Native American tribes, including the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe.** Thousands of significant cultural properties have been identified in the field office, including structures, ceramics, petroglyphs and lithic scatters. In a land use plan adopted in late 2008, BLM gave the green light to off-road vehicles to drive on more than 4,000 miles of trails and tracks without first surveying them to ensure these irreplaceable cultural resources would not be harmed by such use.

Read more about this victory, including a link to the court's decision, on our website [www.earthjustice.org](http://www.earthjustice.org).

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# SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY ADDS FIRST DENTAL THERAPIST TO MEET DENTAL CARE NEEDS



Editor's note: The following is a W.K. Kellogg Foundation press release dated January 4, 2016. The following statement is by La June Montgomery Tabron, President and CEO.

Members of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Washington State have positive news to smile about—the hiring of their first dental therapist.

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) recently announced the Swinomish hired Daniel B. Kennedy to provide tribal members with much needed dental care. The Swinomish is a leader for the growing movement across the U.S. to utilize dental therapists to reverse the oral health disparities which have plagued Native

children for far too long.

Sovereign tribal nations have both the right and the responsibility to attend to the health and well-being of their members. We deeply appreciate the courage, perseverance and leadership of Chairman Brian Cladoosby and the Swinomish community to address the backlog of untreated tooth decay and prevent yet another generation of Native American children from growing up with dental pain and inadequate dental services.

Mid-level dental providers have been providing much needed dental care in Alaska, Minnesota, more than 50 other countries and now in the Swinomish in Indian country.

What a privilege it is to stand with many dentists, dental hygienists and other oral health professionals; tribal and community leaders; non-profit oral health groups; and state oral health coalitions to support and celebrate a future where dental care is no longer the number one chronic illness among children in the U.S.

Courtesy logo.

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dismissal of the case, and the LTBB Appellate Court held a hearing on the case on December 3, 2015.

On December 11, 2015, the LTBB Appellate Court released its decision and order, affirming the Tribal Court's order of dismissal dated July 28, 2015, Judge Patrick Shannon presiding.

Following this decision, the LTBB Election Board certified the recall election on December 18, 2015. Following the certification, the Election Board has 90 days in which to schedule a special election to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson to serve the remainder of Kiogima and DeLeon's four-year term ending on August 18, 2017.

In the interim, Legislative Leader Regina Gasco-Bentley continues to fill the Chairperson position until a special election is held to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson.

Immediately following the unofficial recall election results on November 17, 2014, Kiogima and DeLeon were placed on paid leave of absence pending the certification of the recall election results per WOS 2013-001. They remained on paid leave of absence until the LTBB Election Board certified the recall election results on December 18, 2015.

In WOS 2015-002 Recall of an Official and Leave of Absence passed by the LTBB Tribal Council on February 19, 2015 and signed into law on February 24, 2015, it states, "If the preliminary non-certified results show that the recall election did result in the recall of the official, then the official shall be placed on paid leave of absence until the Election Board certifies the election results, or if there is a challenge to the election, until the Tribal Court issues a ruling indicating that the recall election was valid and did result in the recall of the official, and the Election Board certifies such results. If that official (or former official) appeals a decision of the Tribal Court to the LTBB Appellate Court, such official (or former official) shall remain on unpaid leave during the pendency of any appeal before the Appellate Court."



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



## NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

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

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

### ACROSS

3. money / **zhoonyaa**
4. Wait for it. / **Baabiitooon.**
7. S/He is waiting. / **Baabiichige.**
8. socks / **mdaasan**
10. shoe / **mkizin**
12. shoes / **mkizinan**
16. Merry Christmas! / **MinoNiibaanamaang**
17. sock / **mdaas**
18. television, TV / **mzinaateschigan**
19. S/He is decorating. / **Segaachige.**

Puzzle on Page 7.

### DOWN

1. camera / **mzinaazigan**
2. Wait your turn. / **Baabiijigen.**
4. bicycle / **biimskowebshkigan**
5. Happy New Year! / **MinoNimkwadaading.**
6. Wait for him/her. / **Baabiw.**
9. penny / **zhoomaankenh**
10. Little Spirit Moon, December / **Mnido Giizisonhs**
11. Let's wish each other Happy New Year. / **Nimkaadidaa.**
13. Let's go about wishing Happy New Year. / **Baanimkaagedaa.**
14. Let's wrap presents. / **Shkapajigedaa.**
15. Wait for me. / **Baabiwshin.**

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS



### SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION

November 17, 2014

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

RECALL VOTE DEB DELEON	MACHINE COUNT	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
RETAIN	312	3	315	45.06%
REMOVE	380	4	384	54.94%
<b>VOTE TOTALS</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

RECALL VOTE FRED KIOGIMA	MACHINE COUNT	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
RETAIN	322	3	325	46.16%
REMOVE	375	4	379	53.84%
<b>VOTE TOTALS</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### VOTER PARTICIPATION

REGISTERED VOTERS	BALLOTS CAST	% VOTING
1703	706	41.46%

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the election held on the seventeenth day of November, 2014.

SIGNED

CHAIRPERSON: [Signature] 12/18/2015  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON: [Signature] 12-18-15  
SECRETARY/TREASURER: [Signature] 12/18/15  
BOARD MEMBER: [Signature]  
BOARD MEMBER: [Signature]

"Climate Change Talks" continued from page 1.

International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (My statement follows this article). As I spoke to the assembled nations and representatives from across the world, I was aware of the weight of history and the demands upon us all to work for the coming generations. Mother Earth can live without us. What we are urgently working to achieve is our continued existence. The coming generations of Anishinaabek and all human beings, and the generations of many of the plant and animal beings, depend on how well we work to change the course of human history.

Our climate is warming. Since the time of the Industrial Revolution with the advent of large scale burning of fossil fuels (i.e. coal, natural gas and oil), the average temperature of the earth has risen nearly 1 degree Celsius. The higher levels of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide and methane) in the atmosphere cause higher levels of the sun's energy to be trapped and not radiated back into space. While 1 degree Celsius seems like a small number, we are already seeing accelerated melting of ancient glaciers and polar ice causing a slow sea level rise in the world's oceans. Warming temperatures are causing more intense storms which are resulting in massive damage to coastal cities and populations. The strongest hurricane ever recorded hit the Mexican coast in October 2015. Unprecedented flooding and droughts are occurring. Warming climate is causing significant changes in weather patterns and is resulting in loss of life, food crop failures and economic disruptions.

While these effects are being felt at the current level of warming, we can expect to see even greater and more devastating effects as the warming continues to accumulate. There are natural cycles of warming and cooling, but the massive burning of fossil fuels has pushed the natural cycles far beyond normal levels. If we want our great-grandchildren to live in a world similar to the one we know today, we must take steps to change humanity's course. The effects of climate change used to be thought of as something way in the future, but that future is getting closer at an alarming rate.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was signed in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Since then, there have been 21 meetings called Councils of the Parties or COPs. In Kyoto, Japan, at COP3 in 1997, an agreement was negotiated by most of the world's countries to limit the emission of greenhouse gases. The U.S. did not sign the Kyoto Accord. Little Traverse Bay Bands, however, on May

15, 2005, passed resolution 051505-1 that set as tribal goals the provisions of the Kyoto Protocols. We joined several tribes, states and other governmental bodies within the U.S. to work on achieving these goals locally. Another international attempt was made in 2009 at COP15 in Copenhagen, Denmark. These talks ended in failure and left the world facing an ever escalating level of emissions.

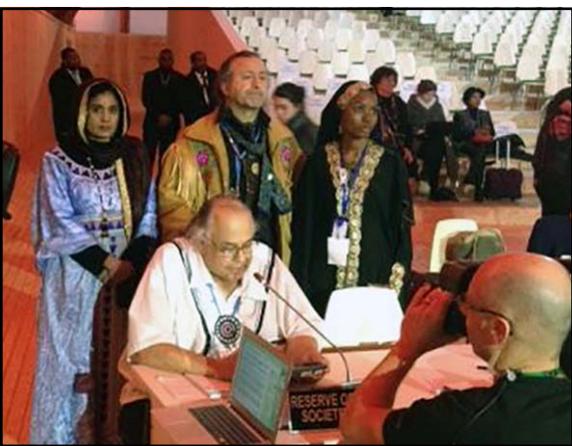
During late 2014 and in 2015, several alarming scientific reports came out that said the world was at a crisis point for global warming. No longer could we say that the crisis was a long way off in the future. If we didn't take actions within a few years, we may well be on a course that could make large areas of the Earth uninhabitable for human beings due to sea level rise, temperatures and devastating changes in weather events such as floods and droughts. All of this background was what we built on in Paris.

During 2015, the United States and China reached an agreement on limiting emissions that paved the way forward for the COP21 proposed agreement. Coming into the meeting in Paris, hopes were high that agreement could be reached on an International Treaty on Climate Change. After long hours of work, including an extension of time past the scheduled Friday evening closing, the agreement was announced midday on Saturday, December 12, 2015 and was adopted at the closing plenary session that ended after midnight on December 13, 2015.

Did we achieve success? In the end, the only way for our civilization to ensure its existence is to transition away from a fossil fuel based energy economy to an economy based on sustainable energy sources and resource use. The Paris Agreements do not achieve this. However, the agreements are a step towards this goal and, if properly implemented, will help us shift towards slowing global warming.

Our Anishinaabe traditional teachings guide us to live in a sustainable way. We are part of Creation, not the masters of Creation. We share the world with other beings and elements of Creation. Together, we inhabit a sustainable world. Non-Indigenous governments and societies, by acting as if we humans are in control of Creation, have caused global civilization to stand on the brink of extinction. Indigenous Peoples believe that the solutions to the world crisis are embedded within the values of our traditional knowledge. The Paris Agreements are the first United Nations International Treaty to acknowledge "the rights of Indigenous Peoples" and to acknowledge "traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples." These are hard fought achievements, but are only one step on an arduous journey.

## FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK'S STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE



International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change  
Statement at Closing Plenary of UNFCCC COP21

Paris, France, December 12, 2015  
Presented by Frank Ettawageshik, supported by Chief Bill Erasmus, Hindou Ourmou Ibrahim, and Saoudata Aboubacrine

Aanii, Nakwegeshik N'diznikas. Pipigwa Ododem. Waganakising ndoonjibaa. (Hello. Noonday is my name. The Sparrow Hawk is the mark of my family. I am from the Land of the Crooked Tree).

Mr. President, I greeted you in my Native language. My name is Frank Ettawageshik, and I represent the National Congress of American Indians. Thank you for this opportunity to address you on behalf of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change. Indigenous Peoples are those who least contribute to climate change, having safeguarded our traditional lands, territories and resources for millennia. Because our lives are inextricably and intimately related to the natural world, every adverse effect on that world acutely affects our

lives. The members of our caucus come from all the regions of the world. Indigenous Peoples came here with three key messages. We are pleased that during these negotiations, all of our points were addressed to some degree.

1. It is essential that the rights of Indigenous Peoples be recognized, protected and respected within a broad human rights framework. We sought such assurance in the operative section of the agreement. We are keenly disappointed that the Parties did not see fit to accommodate this request in which we joined with a broad constituency. The parties do recognize the importance of such rights in the preamble, and we intend to insist on our rights at every turn. We are sovereign governments with international treaties and rights to land territories, and resources toward which we have a sacred duty which we intend to fulfill.

2. A temperature goal of no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. We are disappointed this was not adopted as the Structured Expert Dialog stated that our traditional livelihoods will be severely affected at two degrees. However, we are thankful that the vital importance of achieving the 1.5 degree Celsius goal is recognized in the agreement language.

3. Recognition, respect for and use of our traditional knowledge with our free, prior and informed consent. We appreciate that a provision appears in the operative section under adaptation, but it should apply everywhere in the agreement and decision without the qualification "where appropriate."

We must remember we are here as nations to uphold the future for our children! We recognize the hope in all children's eyes, and we work, so that this hope will remain through the future generations.

Miigwetch (Thank You), Merci Beaucoup

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

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**LTBB Youth Services**

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

**Please note:**  
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For questions please contact: DeeJay Chino, MPA  
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**4-H Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program**

*What is the Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program?*

- This program is a collaborative citizenship and leadership experience sponsored by Michigan State University Extension, the Emmet County 4-H program and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- It's an opportunity for teens to explore and expand their knowledge of the structures and intricacies of tribal, county and state government. You'll work as a team to identify community issues, learn that youth have a voice and that your actions do make a difference!
- Participants will also travel to Lansing to attend the "4-H Capitol Experience" citizenship program. You'll visit state offices and agencies, have breakfast with your state senator and representative, visit with lobbyists and spend time at the Capitol.

**Where:** Emmet County Governmental Locations (Emmet County Departments, LTBB Youth Center & Governmental Center)  
**When:** February 17 to April 13  
**Cost:** \$ 25.00 for 4-H Members  
\$ 35.00 for non 4-H members  
**Who:** Emmet County High School Students

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension**

To request an application packet or for more information on this program, contact the Emmet County MSU Extension Office at (231) 348-1770.

\*Program fee includes meals and materials for local event. Registrations fees and transportation costs for Capitol Experience are being subsidized by a grant from the Baiardi Family Foundation of Harbor Springs.

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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
- Lies to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling "ah," "oh," "eh,"
- Does simple gestures such as reaching, "no" or waving "bye-bye"
- Copies gestures

**12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)**

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

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

- Says several single words
- Knows what ordinary things are for (e.g., telephone, brush, spoon)
- Plays simple pretend things together when babbling "ah," "oh," "eh,"
- Pulls up to stand

**2 YEARS**

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Points to things or pictures when they're named
- Copies adults and friends (drawing when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Climbs well

**3 YEARS**

- Plays main theme with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting
- Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds

**4 YEARS**

- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2 or 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/ActEarly](http://www.cdc.gov/ActEarly) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

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# 8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR BENEFITS THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION

This year's 8th Annual NICWA Holiday Bazaar, held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on December 5, 2015, was a success. All proceeds from the event go to the National Indian Child Welfare Association.

This year, the bazaar offered more than 25 craft vendors who sold a variety of items from baked goods to household items. Not only were there vendors, but there were also a tree decoration contest and raffles for beautiful merchandise. The themed trees this year included Frozen (the Disney movie), summer getaway, a traditional tree and an office-themed tree. Ward and Eis in downtown Petoskey, MI, donated the majority of the raffle items. Raffle items included items such as, but not limited to, photographs, purses, hand drum, earrings and baskets.

LTBB-owned and operated Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI, donated all the event's soft drinks again this year. New this year, Matilda Jane donated a tree covered with

its merchandise, and it was used as a silent auction item. North Central Michigan College's computer-aided manufacturing program also had silent auction items with all our United States services emblems and clan animals. Alexa Oldman, Miss Odawa Nation 2015-2016, held a 50/50 raffle, and the Traditional Tribal Burial Board had a Native American Star Quilt raffle.

The overall prize this year was also different. It was broken down into three different prizes. The grand prize was a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island with two free Shephler tickets. Second prize was a one night stay at the Windmere Hotel on Mackinaw Island and two free Shephler tickets to the island. Third place was dinner for two on Mackinaw Island at the Hotel Iroquois Carriage Restaurant. The grand prize was won by Christopher Tollenaar, and Cherie Dominic won both second and third prizes.

Photos by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.

## 2015 NICWA Holiday Bazaar



Photos by Wendy Congdon



### Apartments for Rent

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- ◆ Must be a LTBB Tribal Citizen
- ◆ Must be 55 or older or handicapped/disabled of any age
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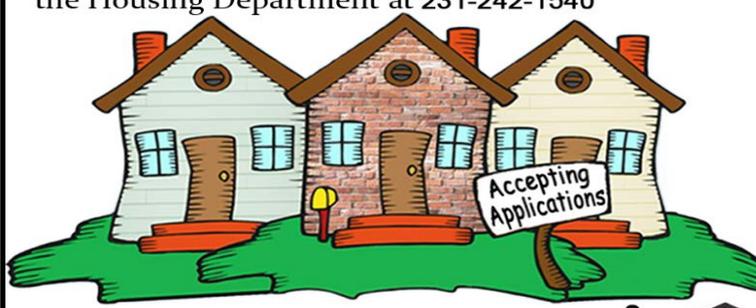


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Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing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

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

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

**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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