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ODAWA PROSPERITY PROJECT UPDATE

The Odawa Prosperity Project is a community-led initiative to identify economic priorities, understand the needs of Tribal Citizens and the Tribal workforce, and create a strategy and vision for the next 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years.



Join us at the

2024 Odawa Homecoming POW WOW!

August 10 & 11 | LTBB Pow Wow Grounds

Stop by our tent to share your feedback on strategies for our Tribe's future.



SCAN TO STAY UP TO DATE ON THE ODAWA PROSPERITY PROJECT

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ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THE ARCHIE KIOGIMA JR. BA MIGIZI AVIARY & REHABILITATION CENTER

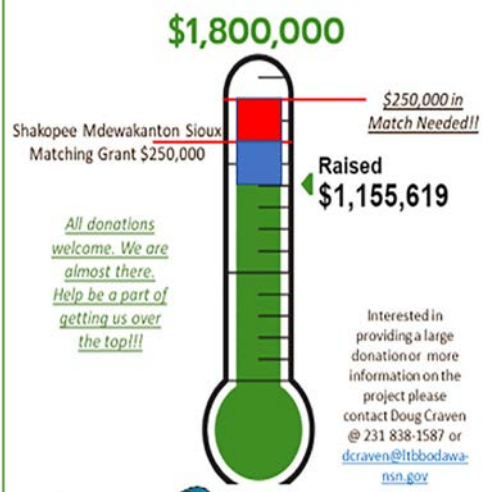
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) was awarded a \$250,000 matching grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community as a part of its continued campaign to fund and build the Archie Kiogima Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

nestled within Northern Michigan, LTBB seeks to care for and protect injured eagles and other raptors.

LTBB has had a long-term relationship with one of the country's most celebrated raptor rehabilitators, Rebecca Lessard, founder and operator of Wings of Wonder (WOW) located in Empire, MI.

With the grant expiring in July 2024 and the bid valid until July 15, 2024, LTBB is seeking like-minded tribes, groups and individuals to help us achieve the \$250,000 matching funds and our overall goal of \$2.3 million.

Through the construction of a top-notch facility on tribal land,



Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi (Eagle) Aviary & Rehabilitation Center

\$1,800,000

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Matching Grant \$250,000

Raised \$1,155,619

\$250,000 in Match Needed!!

All donations welcome. We are almost there. Help be a part of getting us over the top!!!

Interested in providing a large donation or more information on the project please contact Doug Craven @ 231 838-1587 or dcraven@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
MIGIZI REHABILITATION AVIARY

"Migizi Aviary" continued on page 37.

BEADING WITH BECCA LYNN: SHARING HER ARTISTIC GIFT WITH FUTURE GENERATIONS

By Wendy Congdon, Pre-Press Graphic Specialist

I finally had an opportunity to join Beading with Becca Lynn, sponsored by the LTBB Youth Services Department. I brought my camera and was a willing volunteer! I wasn't sure what I could do as a volunteer, but I knew I could thread a needle!

We started out with lunch provided by the Youth Services Department. Everyone got a chance to sit and chat while enjoying lunch together. Lots of excitement and laughter from the students as they talked about their week and what they were thinking of beading.

Becca had set up the supplies. Pre-set gems and small mirrors glued to stiff felt for the center of a medallion, blank pieces of felt, thread and LOTS of seed beads in every color. Each student was allowed to pick their choice to start a new project. Several students were no strangers to beading, and they took off picking out what they needed to make the project they had in mind.

Becca explained the importance of continuing the skill of beading. This is a skill which dates back centuries if not millennia. Beading is a beautiful skill which needs to be carried on from one generation to the next, so it will never be lost.



spiritual and artistic importance. Often used to decorate clothing, accessories, regalia and other items. Each beadwork design and motif can carry deep symbolism, reflecting spiritual beliefs, stories and values. AND... for fun!

After getting everyone started, Becca continued working on a project as well. She taught us the single-needle method of stringing on five or six beads and passing the needle through the felt. You then make a backstitch through the felt, setting the needle to pass through the last three beads of that row.

Becca prefers to use the double-needle method.

"Beading with Becca" continued on page 36.

Visit Us at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

We will be at the 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August 10 and 11, so be sure to visit with us to collect project information and share your vision for LTBB's future.

Complete the Tribal Census

The project is in full swing, working to identify community priorities and increase awareness of the Tribal Census. These activities are critical, so that future Tribal economic development initiatives can align with Citizens' values and ambitions.



Scan here to complete the Census!

Census Status Update

LTBB's first-ever Tribal Census, open to Citizens and LTBB community members over age 18, has received over 1,000 responses from across the United States.

"Prosperity Project" continued on page 37.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 6-17-2024 = 4,607

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Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

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<u>Tribal Council/Legislative Office</u> Linda Gokee, Office Coordinator 231-242-1406 Marin Taylor, Administrative Assistant 242-1403	Dental Clinic 242-1740 Maternal Child Health Outreach 242-1614
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<u>Elders Department</u> Dorothy Pagel, Administrative Assistant 242-1423	<u>Planning, Zoning and Building Department</u> Tammy Willis, Administrative Assistant 242-1581
<u>Enrollment Department</u> Lindsey Doerfler, Administrative Assistant/Genealogist 242-1521	Amanda Swiss, Tribal Planner 242-1508
<u>Facilities Department</u> Simon Kenwabikise, Director 242-1532	<u>Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department</u> Pat Boda, Administrative Assistant 242-1640
<u>Education Department</u> Tammy Gasco, Administrative Assistant 242-1480	Brenda Schoolcraft, Office/Intake Coordinator 242-1642
<u>Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department</u> Theresa Keshick, Administrative Assistant 242-1457	<u>Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program</u> 242-1462
<u>GIS Department</u> Alan Proctor, Director 242-1597	<u>Tribal Prosecutor's Office</u> Gwen Teuthorn, Office Manager 242-1475
<u>Health Department</u> 242-1611	<u>Youth Services Department</u> Tina Dominic, Director 242-1593

Election Board

electionboard@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement
Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iing debendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendiziying. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabii'amigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'iing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigi kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

LTBB Mission Statement
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 own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture, and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication, and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our Tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the Tribe forward.

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS

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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 August 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is July 1, 2024.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 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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- 12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Aanii Tribal Citizens, Electronic payment is accepted for Enrollment Department services. This includes debit cards, credit cards and NFC payments. These electronic payment services are in addition to our current forms of payment: Physical cash, money orders, cashier checks

and personal checks. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment office at 231-242-1522. Miigwech, Pauline Boulton Enrollment Officer *Courtesy graphic.*



A message from your Enrollment Department

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Official Tribal Identification Card
Jane Doe

GENDER: Female
D.O.B.: 04/16/1992
ENROLL NO.: 0000
Street Address

ISSUE DATE: 08/29/2022
EXPIRE DATE: 08/29/2027

Jane Doe
Citizen Signature

Watch Out!
ID Cards Expire!

There has been an uptick in the number of citizens who are attempting to use expired ID cards at the Tribal gas stations. You can see if your card is expired by looking at the red print under the smaller ID picture on your card. In order to renew your ID card the Enrollment Office needs both a new picture and \$10 as cash, check or money order. You may use any of the following methods to update your ID card.

1. Come into the Government Center for a new picture and fee.
2. Acquire a picture at a CVS/Walgreen's/etc. and send that picture in with a \$10 fee over mail.
3. Take a picture with your phone of your head and shoulders against a pure white background and email that picture to enrollment@lbbodawa-nsn.gov. Then mail the \$10 fee separately.

THE \$10 FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO VETERANS AND THOSE 55 AND OVER.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Services for our citizens:

- Picture Tribal Identification Cards-Available same-day. May be requested via mail and electronically.
- Address Changes -Adults only need to be notarized if not having mail sent to their home! Minors must be notarized annually. We have a Tribal Notary in-office and many other on-site at the Government Complex.
- Marriage License Applications -Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.
- Tribal Directories -Available same-day!

We certify for our citizens:

- Michigan Indian Tuition Waivers
- Eagle Parts and Feather Applications
- LTBB Indian Blood Quantum

Apply to become a:

- Citizen - Application available via mail only
- Tribal Notary

• Marriage Commissioner

- Need something?
- Request a document from your Enrollment file
- Blood quantum adjustment
- Relinquishment requests

Have any questions or need a form? Call or e-mail:

E-mail: enrollment@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
Theresa Boda-Naganashe - P: 231-242-1521
tnaganashe@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
Lindsey Doerfler - P: 231-242-1522
E-mail: ldoerfler@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
Pauline Boulton - P: 231-242-1520
E-mail: pboulton@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.
<https://lbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>
<https://lbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

Attention Citizens! No Current Address on File

This list contains the names of Tribal Citizens who have not had a current Address Verification Form on file for multiple years or who haven't had contact with the Tribe for over 10 years. It is important that a Citizen's address is current to ensure that they receive their Tribal benefits.

If you know a person who is on this list, please have them contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1522 or at enrollment@lbbodawa-nsn.gov. Address Forms can be located on the tribal website.

Philip Morey, Jr.	Roberta Hyneman	Christopher Nagel
Jeremie Coleman	Dawn Jackson	Michael L. Perry
Deanna Foxworthy	Kristina Kuzmik	Delia Petoskey
Nina Gozales	Eric LaBrosse	Anna Singel
Ambrosia Heintz	Todd Meshekey	Tammra Wirth

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

Theresa Boda-Naganashe 231-242-1521
Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

Tribal Directories include adult name and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled before January 28, 2021, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

To receive your copy:

- ✓ Must include a copy of your Tribal Identification Card
- ✓ A \$5 check or money order payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians
- ✓ Choice of cover design. If you do not specify, we will choose for you!

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enrollment Office
231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521
Fax 231-242-1526



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
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Enrollment Office

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards in person or via mail A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Any name charges, no charge. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2021 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.	\$1 ea
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$25
Tribal Notary Application Residency/Business residency requirement Surety Bond: \$125 **Cannot be waived**	\$10
Marriage Commission Application Residency/Business residency requirement	\$25

*** Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans***

August 19, 2021

For your convenience!
The Enrollment office mail drop box is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.



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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NEW AMENDMENT TO THE LTBB/STATE OF MICHIGAN TAX AGREEMENT

Submitted by **Hayden Hooper**, DOC Director

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) is excited to announce we have successfully negotiated a 5th Amendment to our LTBB/State of Michigan Tax Agreement! Effective August 1, 2023, if you are looking to move into the Tax Agreement Area, there are now sales/use tax exemptions which could apply to your purchase before you move in. This includes sales/use tax exemptions on a modular/mobile home purchase or sales/use tax exemptions on permanent home improvement/renovation items. There is also an updated exemption for our current Resident Tribal Members. Please see below:

• Effective August 1, 2023 – sales/use tax exemptions on modular/mobile homes or permanent home improvement items for LTBB Tribal Citizens who are moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area with such purchases – meaning a person would not have to live within the Tax Agreement Area in order to be eligible for these specific exemptions.

• The purchase(s) must be for the LTBB Tribal Citizen's future principal residence, which must be within the Tax Agreement Area. The tribal citizen must establish the home as their principal residence within 12 months for a modular/mobile home purchase or within 18 months for permanent home improvement item purchases.

• Effective August 1, 2023 – the AGI limit on the *Form 4013: Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit* has increased from \$80,000 to \$113,000 for the 2023 tax year and a mechanism has been built in, so the amount can be reviewed/updated each year.

Please contact DOC for complete details, requirements and new forms related to these exemptions. Information will also be available on the LTBB DOC web page. For any questions, please contact DOC at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. We are very excited to bring these additional benefits to our tribal citizens!

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LTBB Department of Commerce Announcement: The Economic Diversification and Recovery Strategy (EDRS) is underway!



This project is a result of grant funding from the US Economic Development Administration, and will include the following activities:

- Hire Economic Recovery Coordinator.
- Hire Consultant to develop an Economic Diversification and Recovery Strategy (EDRS) - This will be a tangible document used to guide LTBB's economic decisions for the next 5-25 years.
- Assemble an LTBB workgroup to help build the EDRS.
- Conduct market research, workforce research, Tribal-needs research, and land-use analysis.
- Explore options and needs for completing a Tribal Census.
- Develop resources for business start-ups and provide assistance to bring business to Tribal Lands.
- Conduct outreach and surveys to hear input directly from the Tribal Community.

Information will continue to come out as we work through the activities and we will be seeking input!

This project is 100% with funds available through U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Recovery and Diversification Project grant Number 06-69-06380- URI: 118783.

ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

LTBB Tribal Citizen owned businesses wishing to be e-mailed of various business opportunities within the LTBB Government or LTBB owned enterprises should contact the LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide an e-mail address in which they would like to be contacted and include a

brief statement of what their business offers.

LTBB DOC will reach out to these businesses directly when departments or entities ask for their business opportunities to be shared.

LTBB DOC can be reached at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind all Resident Tribal Citizens (RTC) that Requests for Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCE) must be submitted prior to making the purchases. DOC has up to 96 hours to process the request once all necessary information has been received. If the purchase is made before obtaining the TCE, there is now a fallback option which makes it possible for Citizens to request a refund directly

from the Michigan Department of Treasury, however this should not be used in lieu of the regular TCE process. The refund process is more burdensome on the RTC and still requires that a TCE is obtained. Refund requests can be made within four (4) years of the original date of purchase. Please contact the DOC office at 231.242.1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov if you need to request a refund or for any other TCE questions.

IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

The LTBB Department of Commerce would like to share an important update regarding the Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE).

While we strongly encourage Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) to obtain TCEs prior to the purchase(s), there is now a way to request a refund directly from the Michigan Department of Treasury for taxes paid on eligible items. If you made an eligible purchase while being an RTM, and you did NOT claim your exemption at the time of purchase – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce for detailed information on how to request your refund. Refund claims must be made within four years of the original date of purchase.

Please note this refund option should not be used as an alternative to the regular TCE process; rather, it should be a fallback option as the process for a refund is more burdensome on the RTM and still requires the RTM to obtain a TCE. The refund will be requested directly from the Michigan Department of Treasury, however, LTBB DOC can walk you through the process and help you obtain the necessary paperwork to do so (TCE, appropriate receipts, forms from the seller, etc.).

Please contact the LTBB DOC office at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov for additional information.

LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

Listed below are the townships included in the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. If your principal residence is within the Tax Agreement Area and your address is updated with the LTBB Enrollment department, you are considered a Resident Tribal Citizen and are eligible for several tax exemptions as defined in our Tax Agreement. For more information on the available exemptions, please contact the DOC office at 231.242.1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

- Little Traverse (all)
- City of Petoskey (all)
- Readmond (all)
- West Traverse (all)
- City of Harbor Springs (all)
- Bear Creek (all)
- *Resort (partial)
- *Hayes (partial)
- *Bay (partial)
- *City of Charlevoix (North of the bridge only)
- *Charlevoix Township (North of the bridge only)

LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships:
Cross Village (all)
Friendship (all)

ARE YOU LOOKING TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC SKILLS & GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE?

INTRODUCING THE

AANJIGIN HONORARIUM PROGRAM



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aanjigin@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



AVAILABLE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY

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GROW WITH US - APPLY NOW!

*SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT VOTING IN MICHIGAN.



- ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION
- SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION
- EARLY MAIL-IN BALLOTS

REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY!



RESOURCES FOLLOW POLICY & POLICY FOLLOWS ELECTIONS

ELECTION DEADLINES

Primary Election Day - August 6th -
Election Registration Deadline - July 22nd -

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE* - July 22nd -
NOTE: Residents need a Michigan Driver's License or State ID to register online.

* If you miss the July 22nd deadline you can still register and cast your ballot in-person at an election office or polling site up through election day.

VOTING PROCESS

MAIL-IN BALLOTS: Allowed
All voters may vote by mail but they must apply for this option by August 2nd.

Mail-in ballots MUST be mailed back by Election Day.

Early Voting begins August 4th at your local election clerk's office.

In-person voting on Election Day runs from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. at your local polling location.

MUST PRESENT ID



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT. REGISTER ONLINE OR LEARN HOW TO GET REGISTERED AT: WWW.NUIFC.ORG/VOTE

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July Elders Birthdays

July 1

John Dubiel
Laura Johnson
Phillip Nadeau
Justine Hudson

July 2

Kimberly Hines
Jeffrey Beaudin, Sr.
Wayne Hardwick
Bernard Weidenfeller
Jim Naganashe

July 3

Lavern Cherette
Terri Cutler
Melvin Bonneau
James Nanegos
Parris Montez
Mary Poynter
Leo Strate, Sr.
Todd Snow

July 4

Jon Frederick
Troy Clark
Caryn VanDommelen
Kimberly Wilcox
Michele Remley
Lyle Martell
Wendy Maisano
John Teuthorn
Marylin Genia
Donald Sloniker

July 5

Naomi Dolezal
James Sessions
John Sharkey
Claude Cutler, Sr.
Mary Eastling
Sandra Yoder
Terrilyn McComb

July 6

Tabethia Tiseo-Shell
Michelle Quesenberry
Mary Pawneshing
Vicki Dougherty
Catherine Kaestner
Georgia Wafer

July 7

Carole Glomson
Howard Kischassey
Arthur Brewer
Gregory Swanson
Cheryl Leonard
Cynthia Baten
Michaela Knorr
Bryce Carver

July 8

James Austin
Tracy Sparks
Michael Perry
Gail Niedling
Vergil Williams

July 9

Leo Delmas
Kelly Casey
Melissa Dumond
Tyler Shomin
Malcolm Williamson, Sr.
Gwen Scutt
Joyce Robertson

July 10

Pamela Kelly
Mary Evans
Sandra Walker

July 11

Hermenia Boucek

July 12

Debra Haza
William McMillan, Sr.
Tracey Long

July 13

Darlene Rittenhouse

July 14

John Willis
Theresa Henry
Margie Pratt
Thomas Teuthorn
Shonnetta Gronvold

July 15

Carol Kiogima
Stella Kay
Terri Maass
Rochelle Ettawageshik

July 16

Dwight Smith
William Thompson
Margaret Watkins
Michael Peters

July 17

Roberta Foster
John Hinmon
Mark Blumke
Calvin Strate, Jr.
Fabian Wabanimee, Jr.

July 18

Dorla McPeak
Margaret Hudson
Kenneth Dubiel
Kimberly Symanski
Marc Sprague
James Joyner

July 19

Jesse Day
Frederick Holdorph
Kathy Denemy
Karl Cherry
Robert Kildee
Catherine Bradley

July 20

Brian Nichols
Alicia Stokes
Terisita Chingwa
Jean Trousdale

July 21

Mary Bellone
Thomas Kilpatrick
David Thompson
Elsie LaPalm

July 22

Eva Hinmon
Lisa Keway
Delores Bajt
Audrey Hegenbarth
Mary Longstreet
Nancy Shananaquet

July 23

Mary Remley
Joel Kilborn
Leanne Silvey
James Lucchese
David Lucchese

July 24

Stephan Gasco
Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet
Ronald Bottoms
Bernadine Ross
Ricky Samson
Raymond Pearson

July 25

Ronald Sebeck
Diana Rowlett
Adeline Lyons
Bernice Suhr
Kevin Schlappi
Nancy Haas

July 26

Sandra Merrifield
Patricia Borck
Robert Field
Judith Woodaz
Debra Janney
Patrice Cisco

July 27

Lonnie Chingwa
Debra Graveratte
Darlyne Oakford
Lulubelle Shananaquet
Mary Meyers
Diane Eick
David Curto

July 28

Craig Kahgee
Hester Booth-Gooding
Matthew Blumke

July 29

Geraldine Smith
Howard Bernard
Kenneth Harrington

July 30

Scott Kiogima
Lisa Nolley
Marty Carson
Michelle Hudson
Dean Lark
James Sharkey

July 31

Jane Hunt
Matthew Davis
Rita Blacklock

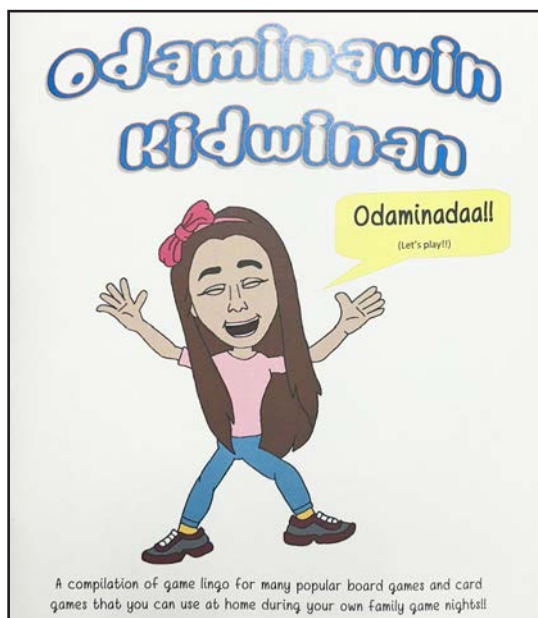
GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT BOOK REVIEW

By **Theresa Keshick**, Language Assistant

Odaminawin Kidwinan: Odaminadaa! (Let's Play!!) is a compilation of game lingo for many popular board games and card games that you can use at home during your own family game nights! This book is available in the Language Department. Many popular games included are Ogiigoonhken!! (Go Fish!!), Giiwnaadiziwok Nshwaaswe'ak (Crazy Eights), Kaawiin Jida! (Sorry!), Yaatzii (Yahtzee) and Bezhik Gwetago (Uno) among a few others. Feel free to contact the department to receive a copy or stop in and grab one!

Courtesy graphic.





"2024" IS OUR 20TH YEAR
MAY 25 THROUGH OCT 26
TUES & THURS 4P-8P
SATURDAYS 9A-1P

HOME GROWN U-PICK
LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH
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WE HARVEST

MAY 25 SATURDAY
Greens will be available for you in the coolers

JUNE 1-15 TUES. & THURS.
available in the coolers

SEPT 16 - OCT 26 TUES. & THURS.
available in the coolers

U-PICK

JUNE 1-15 SATURDAYS
Fields open 9A-1P

JUNE 16-SEPT 15 TUES., THURS., SAT.
Fields open Tue/Thurs 4P-8P and Sat. 9A-1P

SEPT 16-OCT 26 SATURDAY
Fields open 9A-1P






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231-242-1613
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PRC PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE NOW AVAILABLE AT:



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- AFTER HOURS AND WEEKEND COVERAGE
- MEDICATIONS THAT CANNOT BE FILLED AT LTBB

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PAVE IMMERSION GRADUATES FOR SPRING 2024

During the month of May 2024, the following students received a degree in Anishinaabemowin from Bay Mills Community College:

- Tom Teuthorn – 6-year degree in Anishinaabemowin Pane Immersion
- Carol McFall – 6-year degree in Anishinaabemowin Pane Immersion
- Mary Gasco – 6-year degree in Anishinaabemowin Pane Immersion
- Chris Smith – 2-year degree in Anishinaabemowin Pane Immersion
- Sharon Sierzputowski – 2-year degree in Anishinaabemowin Pane Immersion

CONGRATULATIONS to all the graduates!!!

Courtesy graphic.

shtaataahaa giigiizhitoon!
aapiji kiinagachtoon!



36th Annual
Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 19, 2024

Central Michigan University's
Bennett Track & Field

Registration opens: May 6 | www.sagchip.org/mifo/

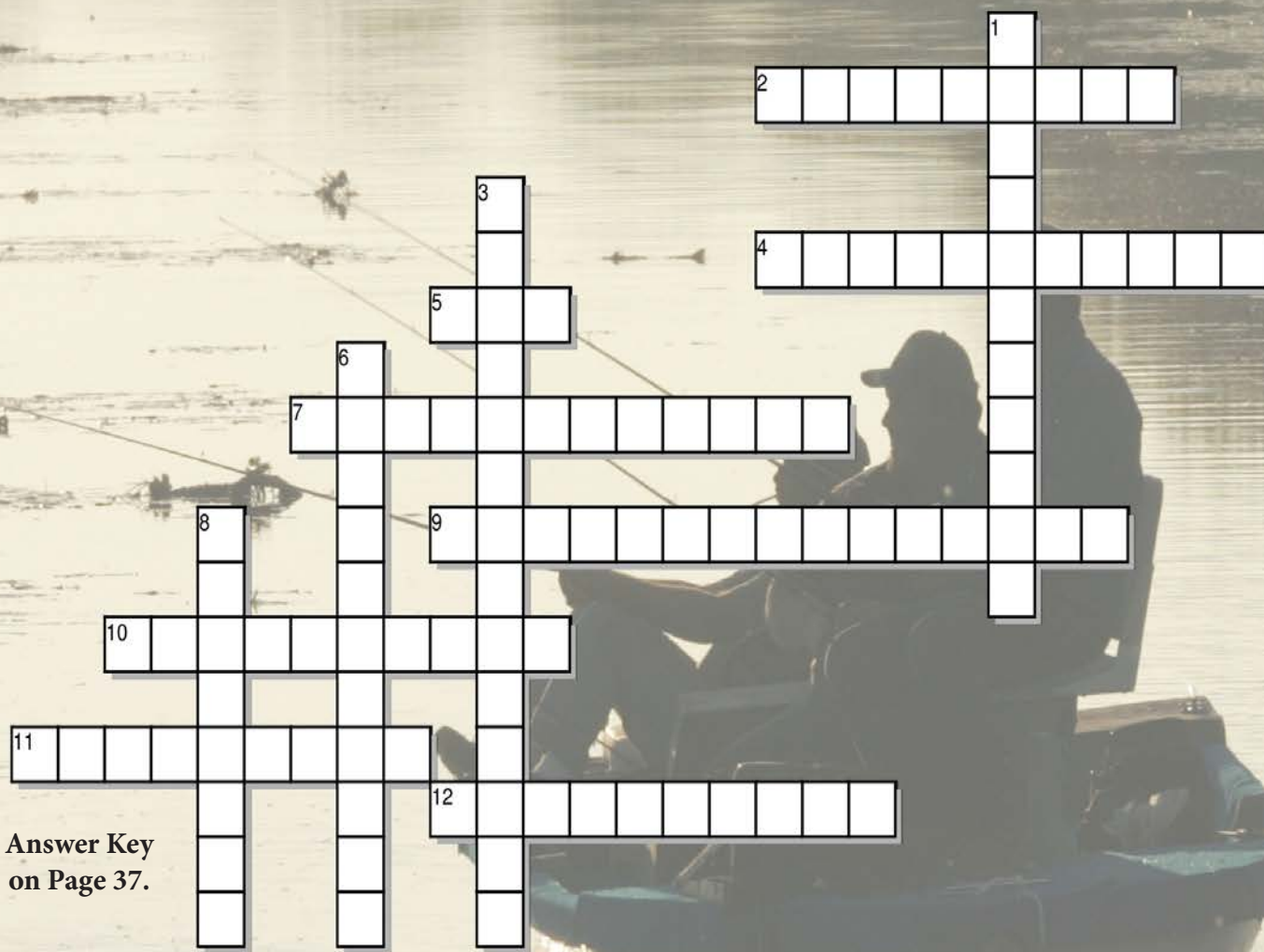
For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

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Let's Go Fishing!

July 2024



Answer Key on Page 37.

ACROSS

- 2 to clean/gut fish
- 4 a fishing pole or rod
- 5 spear
- 7 place of fish
- 9 the place where they grow
- 10 S/he is fishing.
- 11 little fish
- 12 fish (plural)

DOWN

- 1 fish eggs; roe
- 3 a fisherman
- 6 little fish (plural)
- 8 fish

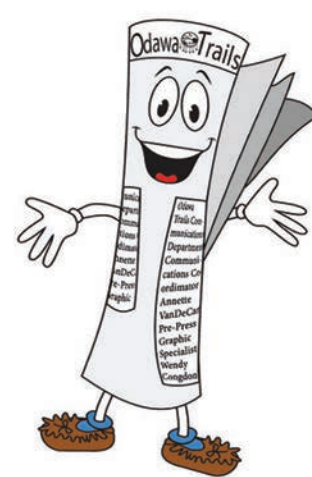
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Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application?

Go to www.ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov, look under the Services tab and go to the Forms Directory.

Still have questions?

Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for more information.



We want your birthdays, anniversary wishes, congratulations, wedding announcements, birth announcements or a miigwetch!!

Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!

Submissions can be e-mailed to newsletter @ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NIIGAANDIWIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S AANJIGIN HONORARIUM PROGRAM

Submitted by **Rachael Koepf**, WIOA Employment and Training Specialist

Spotlight on LTBB Tribal Citizen Parker Clark

"I didn't know what I was going to do with my life! I knew I had to do something. I had tried college, but I didn't like that. Maybe the trades? Electricity ... Yes! It's everywhere and we can't live without it. Working with my hands was always rewarding, I could see how my work looked and watch it function how it was supposed to. As I began my career as an electrician, I became obsessed with problem solving and building electrical solutions for houses, commercial business and industrial factories. Going to work every day running romex, bending conduit, laying out rooms became tasks I could handle with confidence and efficiency. As anyone in the trades knows, the beginning wages in the trades can be one of the hardest parts to manage. Gas prices, tool expenses, food, tuition are all very expensive, especially when first year wages can range from \$15-16 an hour! It's not very often that ANY trade makes a livable wage to start. I didn't come from money either, luckily, I was born Native American, and the tribe has been a Godsend from the very beginning. Clothing, tools, tuition are all things the tribe has been able to assist me with. Making it possible for me to focus on my education rather than making ends meet to afford these things I needed to be successful. The Aanjigin Program, through the tribe, has been instrumental for my success! Aanjigin has been extremely helpful and has helped guide me along the way. Professional, quick and understanding are the only ways I know how to describe what the program has done for me. Aanjigin has



gone above and beyond what I thought was possible for financial assistance for an entry level Electrical Apprentice, making my life much, much more manageable. As it stands now, I am on track to be a licensed electrical journeyman through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 498, within another year or so. I am receiving a hands-on education that is second to none. I work a minimum of 40 hours a week, paying into health care and retirement for my family's future. I volunteer politically for the union, I volunteer work hours towards Habitat for Humanity houses for the less fortunate, I am an active participant in the brotherhood/sisterhood and feel that everything I do is important and appreciated. The community of professionals I'm a part of welcomes and accepts me with open arms, they keep me working and encourage me to do better every day." LTBB Tribal Citizen Parker Clark.

Aanjigin Honorarium Program

"The Aanjigin Honorarium Program was established in 2021 to address students' growing need for vocational training support. Jordan Shananaquet, former Education

Director, and Fred Harrington, former Tribal Councilor and sponsor of the program's statute, co-drafted the legislation with other members of the Niigaandiwin Education Department to create a program dynamic enough to support non-traditional education paths that result in industry-recognized credentialing. "Aanjigin" was selected as the program name which means "continuous growth" in Anishinaabemowin and represents the program's intention of supporting students

who pursue vocational training which often requires recurrent trainings to maintain relevant industry knowledge. The program provides training assistance, including but not



limited to tuition, fees, books, supplies, stipend and mileage reimbursement to LTBB Tribal Citizens regardless of residency. Since the program's inception, the demand for services has surged with almost double the number of students taking advantage of supports in FY2023 compared to FY2022. All applications can be found on the LTBB's website under the "Forms Directory" tab and are reviewed by the Aanjigin Team once a month. Please call 231-242-1480 for more information," Education Director Kerstine Omev.

Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.

SPRING PREVENTION ADULT RX SURVEYS 2024

Aanii LTBB Tribal Citizens and Descendants,

We are excited to announce open hours for people to come complete their Adult RX Survey. By taking our survey, you inform us how we can better serve you. Your feedback is extremely important to us. By sharing your thoughts, you assist us in enhancing and customizing our services to suit your requirements. This survey only requires a few minutes of your time, and your answers will remain anonymous. We appreciate you taking the time to help us enhance your experience.

Please note these surveys are part of a grant

framework and are exclusively for LTBB Tribal Citizens and Descendants, aged 21 or older, residing in Charlevoix, Cheboygan or Emmet County, MI. If you prefer to complete the survey online, please contact Angeline Roberts at 231-242-1710 or via e-mail at aroberts@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to receive the link and your personal passcode.

As a token of our appreciation, each adult participant will receive a \$30 Walmart gift card upon completing the survey. Your input is not only necessary but also greatly appreciated.

Chi-Miigwech for your time and cooperation!

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, July 3	11am-2pm	Room 312 @ Government Building
Tuesday, July 9	8:30am-12pm	Health Park Conference Room
Thursday, July 18	11am-2pm	Room 312 @ Government Building
Tuesday, July 23	8:30am-12pm	Health Park Conference Room
Monday, August 5	8:30am-12pm	Health Park Conference Room

SAVE THE DATES
MORE INFO TBA

NIIBIN/SUMMER CAMPS

June 24-28, 2024
Osborne Rd Property + field trips
&
July 29-Aug. 2, 2024
Jiimaan Journey
Camping @ Camp Petosega
(In collaboration with Community Health/SPRING Prevention Grant)

Questions? Contact Amanda!
231-242-1483, aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

ISTEAM programming is funded by National Science Foundation (NSF); Advancing Indigenous STEAM Learning (AISL) Grant; Collaborative Research, Transgenerational Learning, Disruption, and Decision Making for Changing Lands and Waters, #231-242-1483.

WIOA
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE

The Niigaandiwin Education Department receives Department of Labor funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 166, which funds supportive services to eligible Federally Recognized Native Americans, Alaskans, Hawaiian & First Generation Descendants in need of assistance with barriers to employment in the 28-county program service area.

Emmet • Charlevoix • Cheboygan • Presque Isle
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Crawford • Oscoda • Alcona • Wexford
Missaukee • Roscommon • Ogemaw • Iscoo
Mason • Lake, Osceola • Clare • Gladwin
Arenac • Oceana • Newaygo • Mecosta
Isabella • Midland • and Bay County

HOW WE CAN HELP

Services we help with, but are not limited to the following:

- Tuition, Training, & Testing Fees
- Licensing & Certification
- Work & Interview Clothes / Shoes
- GED Completion Award
- Transportation Assistance
- Entrepreneurial Related Expenses
- Needs Related Payments
- Individual Employment Plan

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT WIOA:
CONTACT RACHAEL AT 231-242-1488 or EMAIL: RKoepf@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Check out our new programming here:

Looking for a new career?

Aid we can provide: tuition & fees, advising, mileage, internet reimbursement, books/materials, early registration, exam fees, hourly stipend, laptop assistance

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute 92% of funding (\$300,666) and tribal support of 8% (\$42,334) for project year 1 (2022)

Bay Mills Community College
BRIMLEY, MICHIGAN

231-242-1494
WOCTEP@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
www.facebook.com/woctep.woctep

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

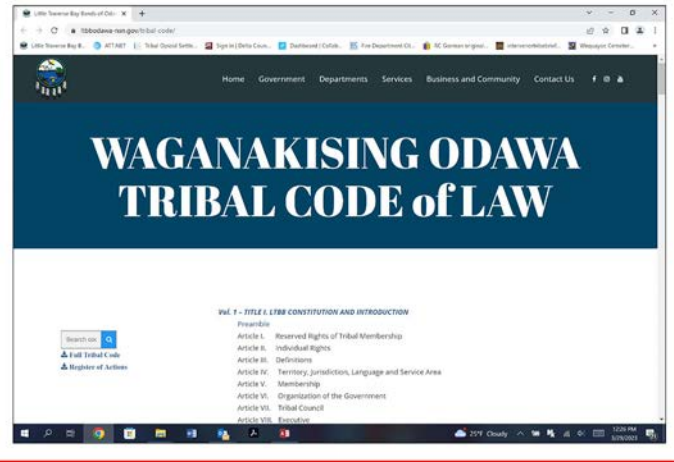
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council REVISED ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
DATE										
4/2/24	Tribal Council Work Session (cancelled)									
4/3/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Budget Hearings (Executive, Election Board & Prosecutor)	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
4/4/24	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X			X	X	X
4/5/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Budget Hearings (Judicial & Legislative)	X		X	X			X	X	
4/9/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Annual Budget Public Hearing (A.M.)	X		X	X				X	
4/9/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting (P.M.)	X		X	X				X	
4/12/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting				X			X		
4/19/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X		X				X		
4/23/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X				X	X	X
4/25/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.										

NOTICE: NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

New features included:

- Tribal Code Titles posted separately and searchable
- Full Tribal Code posted in its entirety
- Register of Actions (all updates since 2012)





LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Citizens Legal Assistance (OCLA) was established to provide free, limited-scope legal services to LTBB tribal citizens. Areas of law covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Family Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce • Child Custody • Child Support ❖ Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt Collection ❖ Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act ❖ Setting Aside Conviction/s ❖ Driver License Restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Estate Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wills • Deeds • Health Care Directives • Powers of Attorney ❖ Probate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estate Administration ❖ Landlord/Tenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evictions • Tenant Rights ❖ Personal Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Protection Orders (PPO) • Abuse/Neglect of Adults
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For assistance, please contact Cherie Dominic, OCLA attorney, at:
(231) 242-1433 Office
(231) 330-0529 Mobile
cdominic@LTBBodawa-nsn.gov

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DATE										
5/3/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X			X			X		
5/3/24	MMIP March, Grand Rapids, MI							X	X	
5/7/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
5/9/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
5/14/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting			X				X	X	
5/17/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting		X					X		
5/21/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5/23/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.										



The IRS won't text you about your refund. It's a scam.

Let us know: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

A tax rebate of \$268.48 has been issued to you for an over-payment in year 2021-2022. Click the link to continue. <https://irsdown...>

SCAM

IRS impersonators have been around for a while. But as more people learn their tricks, they're switching it up. So instead of contacting you about tax debt and threatening to get you to pay up, scammers may text you about a "tax rebate" or some other tax refund or benefit. Here's what to know about the new twist.

The text messages may look legit and mention a "tax rebate" or "refund payment." But no matter what the text says, it's a scammer phishing for your information. And if you click on the link to claim "your refund," you're exposing yourself to identity theft or malware that the scammer could install on your phone.

If someone contacts you about a tax rebate or refund: Never click on links in unexpected texts. Don't share personal information with anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Always use a website or phone number you know is real.

They'll always start by sending you a letter. If you want to confirm, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040. Find the status of any pending refund on the IRS official website. Visit Where's My Refund.

Report unsolicited texts or emails claiming to be the IRS. Forward a screenshot or the email as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov. If you clicked a link in one of these texts or emails and shared personal information, file a report at IdentityTheft.gov to get a customized recovery plan based on what information you shared.

Even if you didn't lose money to an IRS scam, tell us about it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.



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Must meet income-eligibility requirements in order to receive free legal services.

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JULY 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CLOSED the 4th for Independence Day and 31st for Inventory

Open Distribution: 8th - 12th from 9am - 3pm

Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week

828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:
Local: 3rd and 5th
Peshawbestown: 17th
Traverse City: 23rd

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



NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

- ★ TRIBAL ID
- ★ SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- ★ 30 DAYS PROOF OF INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- ★ SUPERVISOR SIGNED WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

UNLICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ STATE ISSUED ID
- ★ ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
31 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

Help Your Child Build a Healthy Eating Routine

Eating habits start early – so help your child build a healthy eating routine to last a lifetime.

Follow these tips to help kids and teens get the nutrition they need.



Offer your child a mix of healthy foods

There are lots of healthy choices in each food group! Help your child find a variety of foods they enjoy, including:

Whole fruits – like apples, berries, oranges, mangos, and bananas



Veggies – like broccoli, sweet potatoes, beets, okra, spinach, peppers, black beans, edamame, and jicama



Whole grains – like brown rice, millet, oatmeal, bulgur, whole-wheat bread, and pasta



Protein foods – like lean meats and chicken, eggs, seafood, beans and lentils, nuts and seeds, and tofu



Low-fat or fat-free dairy – like milk, yogurt, cheese, lactose-free dairy, and fortified soy beverages (soy milk) or soy yogurt



Oils – like vegetable oil, olive oil, and oils in foods like seafood, avocado, and nuts



Depending on your family's culture and tastes, your child might enjoy different foods than the ones listed here – and that's okay! You can find healthy foods that work for your family at [DietaryGuidelines.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/DGA_2020-2025_CustomizingTheDietaryGuidelines.pdf](https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/DGA_2020-2025_CustomizingTheDietaryGuidelines.pdf).

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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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services

EMERGENCY POTABLE WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Assistance with water utility bills with past due balances or shut off notices

FILLABLE APPLICATION ON LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV UNDER THE HUMAN SERVICES FORMS DIRECTORY

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH E-MAIL AND MAIL

PLEASE MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Little Traverse Bay Bands
 ATTN: Human Services
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740

E-mail: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
 Fax: 231-242-1635

Questions?
 Please contact Emily Conners, DHS Program Generalist, or Holly Budzynski, DHS Administrative Assistant, at 231-242-1620.

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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

July 4, 2024 - Independence Day
 September 2, 2024 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
 September 20, 2024 - Sovereignty Day
 September 27, 2024 - Michigan Indian Day
 October 14, 2024 - Indigenous People's Day
 November 11, 2024 - Veteran's Day
 November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving
 November 29, 2024 - Day After Thanksgiving
 December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve
 December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day
 December 31, 2024 - New Year's Eve
 January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day

Serve your Tribal Nation

tinyurl.com/ltbbcbc

Join a board, commission or corporation

Open your camera and scan the QR code or follow the link to fill out an intake form and attach your resume.

Vacancies

- Citizenship Commission – 2 seats
- Environmental Appeals Board – 3 seats
- Gaming Authority – 1 seat
- Gaming Regulatory Commission – 1 seat
- HEMP Regulatory Commission – 5 seats
- Housing Commission – 3 seats
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii fellow Citizens,
 Summer is in full swing, and it has been a busy year so far. I can't believe we are already halfway through 2024. I hope everyone is enjoying this warm weather and getting outside. Please remember to sign up for our summer camps through our Youth Services and Education Departments. Our teams just wrapped up two wonderful camps. Our Youth Services Department's girls camping trip and our Education Department's Osborne Road camp. It is vital to our tribe that we continue these camps and teaching our children the traditional ways of the Waganakising Odawak. Reach out to the Education Department if you are interested in volunteering your time

and knowledge towards these efforts. The Jiimaan Journey is our next opportunity to come together from July 29-August 2. We hope to see you there.

In June, I traveled to attend the United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) meeting where I was voted Vice Chairperson of said United Tribes of Michigan. I look forward to serving in this capacity to continue working side by side with our neighboring tribes affected by similar products of our environment here in Michigan. I hold my elected positions here with LTBB and UTM with great pride and respect for the people who helped put me here. Please contact my office if you have any questions or comments you would like brought to the attention of the United Tribes of Michigan.

In May, we hosted the first Michigan Boarding School Study Group here at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. This study will be an attempt by the state to learn more about the atrocities which happened in the boarding schools in Michigan. Similar to the Road to Healing event previously held in 2022, state employees will be sitting with us to listen and

learn. We have heard your concerns about the Road to Healing event and will ensure our voices are heard during this study. We have a Boarding School Advisory group within LTBB which will be working closely with the State to monitor the nature of their approach to such a sensitive topic. The meeting in May was a discussion on timelines and strategies with tribal leaders in an effort to collaborate and understand how tribal communities want this study to take place. As always, your opinions matter, we welcome your input on such matters and can be contacted at the office.

The Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow is upon us; we are in full planning mode with the Pow Wow Committee. We cannot wait to see you there for another successful year. With our amazing turnout last year, we are working to update the grounds with additional parking areas and more bleachers.

As I mentioned, it is a busy summer, and I am in awe of the community I serve. Your ability to come together and support each other is astounding. Let's keep it up.

NATIVE NEWS

CHILDREN'S BOOK SHARES BILLY MILLS' JOURNEY TO OLYMPIC GOLD

By Kalle Benallie

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared on *Indian Country Today (ICT)*, and they are reprinted here with permission.



It has been 60 years since Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota, won the 10,000-meter run at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He still remembers it vividly, and his new book "Wings of an Eagle," co-authored with Donna Bowman, and illustrated by Lakota artist S.D. Nelson, is telling his story in a new way.

The children's picture book, set to be released on July 2, takes readers through Mills' childhood on the Pine Ridge Reservation, enduring poverty, racism, his severe health challenges and military service, all of which led him to his ultimate goal of becoming an Olympic athlete.

When Mills competed in 1964, the only other American athlete to have medaled in the 10,000 meter was Louis Tewanima, Hopi, who won the silver medal in 1912.

Mills, 85, said Bowman first approached his wife, Pat, about five years ago about the prospect of having this book made. He said he was impressed by how much knowledge and research Bowman did about the Lakota and culture and what she knew about Mills.

"She in so many ways, for me, was the perfect writer to do the book on me. It allowed me to just sit back and be the expert on Billy," he said. "I provided her the knowledge I could and the dreams of Billy as a child and as a soon to be 86-year-old man."

Mills said what he hopes young readers will take away from the book is unity – national, local and global — the importance of honesty and truth and the importance of uplifting each other in their pursuit of finding their dreams and passions.

S.D. Nelson came to illustrate the book due to Bowman's recommendation. It's his second time illustrating a story about Indigenous Olympian. He worked on the children's book "Jim Thorpe's Bright Path" released in 2004.

"I'm excited to be part of a living legend," Nelson said. "It really was a joy to illustrate this book because I got to run with Billy Mills. When you're illustrating a story, you become totally involved and I got to be there on the wings of an eagle with Billy Mills."

Mills said he cried when he found out Nelson would be the illustrator and considers him as one of his heroes.

"Anything he did, I was in total agreement. I think he did it with an incredibly cultural, Native perspective to what I'm hoping the book will be like," he said.

Mills particularly loved how Nelson drew "little Billy" as not having a complete face. He said he's been touched by the Cherokees and how their dolls don't have a face because the child with proper mentorship will create who they are.

"It took me back immediately to my dad, for when my mom died, I was eight years old and my dad told me 'Son, you have broken wings. You cannot fly, but it takes a dream to heal broken wings,'" Mills said.

Nelson said drawing Mills' childhood face like that wasn't intentional and was inspired by Lakota ledger-style art.

"A lot of what happened with the paint and brushes was subconsciously inspired," he said.

Nelson worked for a year on the illustrations. He worked on hundreds of drawings, dwindling down his choices which would appear in the book, waited on the approval from the editors, Bowman and Mills and making the final paintings.

The main lessons in the books Mills included was his dad's influence and how his words helped him create who he would become and what he would look like spiritually, emotionally and physically.

"I never felt like I belonged and my dad would tell me 'Find your passion' because my dad would take Lakota virtues and values and he would explain them to me. He didn't do this with any of my siblings. Why would he do this to me? I don't know," Mills said.



Mills said before he went to the games, Oliver Red Cloud, who eventually became chief of the Oglala Lakota, said he needed to do a "humble himself to all creation, to honor his family, honor his tribal nation and honor the United States of America" and do a giveaway, a Lakota tradition which promotes sharing.

Mills said he's done several giveaways in his life. One was his involvement with the 1983 biographical movie "Running Brave." Another one was him co-founding the non-profit organization Running Strong for American Indian Youth with Eugene L. Krizek of Christian Relief Services.

Now, Mills will add "Wings of an Eagle" as a giveaway to the youth, and it's an emotional one for him.

Mills, Pat and his family, will be at the summer Olympics in Paris for over a week. It's his 14th Olympic games he's attended. He plans to watch the 10,000-meter race and be at Cinque Mulini annual cross country running race in San Vittore Olona, Italy, which he ran in 1965. Mills said Cinque Mulini is helping fundraise for Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

"I would love to see another American win (the 10,000). It would be extremely exciting if it was a Native American and it would be top highlight for me if it was a female winning the 10,000," he said.

Kalle Benallie, Navajo, is a reporter-producer at ICT's Phoenix bureau. E-mail her at kalle@ictnews.org.

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TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY DURING POOR AIR QUALITY DAYS

By Michigan DNR

The 2024 North American wildfire season is underway and warmer weather is increasing the risk of higher ozone levels.

In case you missed it, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is suggesting Michigan residents take steps to protect themselves from risks related to poor air quality.

Monitor the air quality index on the AirNow website, or sign up for alerts through the EnviroFlash system. Keep an eye on the news and weather and be prepared in case of smoke.

Before a wildfire smoke event, MDHHS recommends you:

- Familiarize yourself with your forced air HVAC system or your window air conditioning unit. If it has a fresh-air intake or outdoor air damper, you will need to close it during a smoke event.

- Ensure you have replacement air filters rated MERV-13 or higher.

- Consider purchasing a portable air cleaner. If you don't have one, you can make a do-it-yourself air filter.



- Help neighbors and family members plan for possible wildfire smoke.

If you have asthma or other respiratory illnesses, heart disease, diabetes or another health condition which may make you more sensitive to wildfire smoke, talk to your health care provider ahead for guidance.

Children under 18, anyone over the age of 60, pregnant people and outdoor workers are also more at risk. Talk to your health care provider ahead of time to make a plan.

Find more information on the MDHHS Your Health and Wildfire Smoke page.

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BRUSH UP ON GREAT LAKES BEACH SAFETY TIPS

By Michigan DNR

Summer temperatures are here, and the water is calling. Many state parks, but not all, offer swim areas identified by buoys or markers, a beach flag warning system and water depth less than five feet at the time of installation. Before you jump in, make sure to keep safety in mind, especially on big water. Remember the Great Lakes are large, powerful water systems which hold more than 20% of the world's fresh water. Strong currents can catch even the most experienced swimmer off guard.

To keep everyone safe, follow these must-know tips:

- Check weather conditions and beach flags in buoyed swim areas (double-red flags = water access closed, red flag = high hazard, yellow flag = medium hazard, green flag = low hazard). By law, you cannot enter the water from the beach when double-red flags are flying or if otherwise directed.

- Choose buoyed swim areas located in state parks. Swim areas offer additional safety measures and visual cautions. It's important to note not all state parks have designated swim areas.

- Never swim alone, especially children.



- Keep close watch on children and weaker swimmers: Stay within arm's reach, have them wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets, be conscious of their limits and take breaks frequently.

- Be aware of water temperatures. Water can be much colder than the ambient air temperature might suggest, especially in larger bodies of water like the Great Lakes. Sudden immersion and/or sustained time in cold water can cause cold shock, making it hard to breathe and increasing your risk of drowning.

Learn more about these beach safety tips, including information about the benefits of buoyed swim areas, the beach flag warning system, how to spot (and escape) Great Lakes currents and more at Michigan.gov/BeachSafety.

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MAY AND STANLEY SMITH CHARITABLE TRUST PARTNERS WITH AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND TO SUPPORT NATIVE STUDENT VETERANS

The American Indian College Fund (College Fund) has received a \$50,000 grant from the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust to implement a six-month fellowship focused on empowering Native student veterans to success. The Naabaahii Ółta'í (Student Warrior): Native Student Veterans Peer-to-Peer Program is a mentorship opportunity which builds relationships between veterans based upon their shared experiences. The Native Student Fellows will collaborate to develop and implement a community-based project which will support the overall health and wellness of their Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) and communities. This opportunity will help the participating Native student veterans discover how to best fill their roles both on and off campus. Each TCU involved in the project will receive \$9,000 to support programmatic efforts.

American Indian College Fund President and CEO, Cheryl Crazy Bull, said, "We appreciate being able to honor the Native men and women who support our country through military service. The Naabaahii Ółta'í (Student Warrior): Native Student Veterans Peer-to-Peer Program allows fellows to use the skills learned in the armed forces to take up mantles of leadership in a new way on tribal college campuses and in their home communities."



Both of the selected Native Student Fellows, Cynthia Jones and Tori Benally, shared their thoughts on the importance of this program. Jones said, "As an Indigenous Female Veteran, I have endured many challenges that have come before me, the voices of my ancestors through their songs and prayers have bestowed upon me, I now can see myself as a leader of my family and community."

Benally added, "Being a part of this scholarship, has taught me how to become a leader as a woman. To stay ahead and to be prepared to help give an experience of knowledge to those who need it. Mental health is a mental crisis that's often overlooked. Knowing there is help is what our culture needs, being involved to provide guidance is the best feeling ever."

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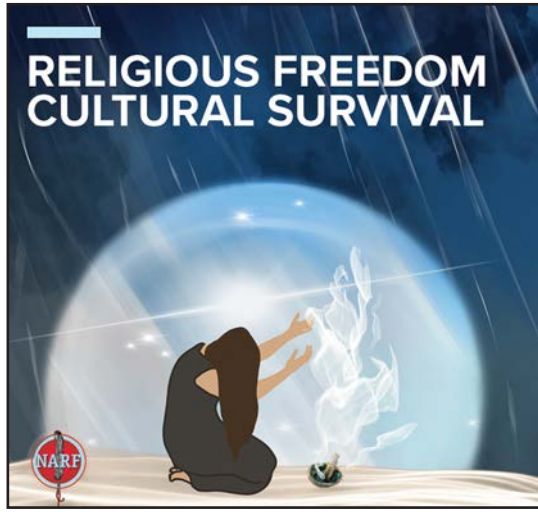
HEALING FROM THE DARK PERIOD OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL PERSECUTION

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the National Indian Law Library (NILL) have compiled and published an online collection of resources about the religious and cultural persecution of Native peoples in the United States. To view the collection, visit the Civilization Regulations and Policy page on the NILL website.

From 1883 to 1978, the United States made it illegal for Native people to practice their cultures and religions. Initiated through an ill-informed and heartbreakingly intolerant letter by Colorado Senator Henry M. Teller, the U.S. Department of the Interior imposed the Code of Indian Offenses onto Native people under Commissioner of Indian Affairs Hiram Price. Though Congress never passed the Code into law, the federal government adopted the Code and official U.S. policy centered on forcing Christian practices and beliefs upon indigenous people.

The Code made participating in Native religious ceremonies a crime. The law created local courts which doled out sentences such as withholding food and rations for more than two weeks from any Native person caught practicing their religion at a dance or ceremony. The Code created a 10-day prison sentence for any Native person caught seeking spiritual advice or medicine from a tribal priest or Native doctor.

“At the time the United States adopted the Code of Indian Offenses in 1883, the American court system did not allow Native people to file lawsuits about this policy and practice. Generations of Native people and allies had to first create access to the colonizers’ courts and congresses. Only then could Native people convince Con-



gress to repeal the Code by passing the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978,” explained NARF Staff Attorney Brett Lee Shelton. “People talk about colonization as if it happened hundreds of years ago, but it has been less than 50 years since America withdrew this sinister legal mechanism attacking Native religion and culture. Native people are still healing from this dark period of religious and cultural persecution and still working to restore our rights.”

Defending religious freedom and cultural survival remains one of the main issues Native people face today. Related issues include regaining or maintaining access to sacred places and defending sacred lands and waters shared by treaty.

Learn more about these tragic cultural regulations and policies on the NILL website.

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SBC AWARDS NORTH AMERICA NAMES NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI GAMING COMMISSION TRIBAL GAMING REGULATOR OF THE YEAR

On May 9, 2024, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Gaming Commission, a leading authority in tribal gaming regulation, was awarded the prestigious Tribal Gaming Regulator of the Year award during the 2024 SBC Awards North America ceremony held at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel in New York City. This award recognizes the NHBP Gaming Commission’s dedication to promoting the integrity of gaming, protecting tribal assets and innovation in the tribal gaming sector.

The SBC Awards North America is a premier event which celebrates the accomplishments of operators, affiliates and suppliers across various disciplines, including payments, marketing, platform providers and data. This year’s ceremony marks the fourth edition of the awards, spotlighting the entities which have demonstrated remarkable resilience and ingenuity.

NHBP Gaming Commission’s Executive Director, Meghan Frye, expressed enthusiasm about the nomination, stating, “We are thrilled to accept the SBC Awards North America ‘Tribal Regulator of the Year’ award, a recognition which signifies our team’s passion and excellence in the field of Tribal Gaming Regulations. This notable honor is a testament to our dedication and strategic efforts to protecting the Tribe and ensuring the integrity of gaming. We couldn’t do this without the vital support we receive from our Commissioners and the Tribe. We are incredibly thankful for this honor and are inspired to continue advancing our regulatory goals with renewed dedication.”

The SBC Awards North America is re-



nowned for its comprehensive recognition of expertise and innovation in the betting and gaming landscape. Being named the Tribal Gaming Regulator of the Year award underscores the NHBP Gaming Commission’s significant contributions to the sector and its unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of regulatory excellence.

For more information about the NHBP Gaming Commission and its initiatives, please visit <https://nhbp-nsn.gov/gaming-commission/> or contact Executive Assistant Savanna Graham at 269-841-1064 or savanna.graham@nhbpgc.org

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Is Your Ancestor Listed in the New Boarding School Database?

Editor's note: The following article and photograph appeared on *Indian Country Today (ICT)*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

WARNING: This story contains disturbing details about residential and boarding schools. If you are feeling triggered, a resource list for trauma responses from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition can be found at boardingschoolhealing.org. In Canada, the National Indian Residential School Crisis Hotline can be reached at 1-866-925-4419.

By Mary Annette Pember

The Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition has launched the first-ever comprehensive digital database of Indian boarding schools which links information from more than one source.

The database, the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive, is accessible to the public with a list of schools and students which dates back nearly 150 years. It was released May 21, 2024 after years of research.

Unlike other digital collections, the archive also includes an advisory the content may trigger secondary trauma or PTSD, and offers resources for self-care and organizations which can help.

"Indian Boarding Schools hold a complex and often painful legacy in American history," the coalition said in a press release announcing the archive's release.

"For generations, Native American children were forcibly removed from their families and communities and sent to these schools where they were subjected to cultural assimilation and abuse," according to the statement. "The repercussions of this traumatic chapter continue to reverberate through Native communities to this day."

For now, the archives include information on nine of the federal Indian boarding schools, including the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon, Pipestone Indian Training School in Minnesota, Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota, Stewart Indian School in Nevada, Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial School in Michigan, Fort Bidwell Indian School in California and Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School in Alaska.

In addition to the names of students, the archives list documents found in student files, photos, evaluations, institution finances and other information documents about the schools. Work continues, so additional schools can be added to the database as the information is gathered.

"It's a huge undertaking, but we're here to do this work and are committed to our communities and tribal partners," Fallon Carey, the coalition digital archives assistant, told *ICT*. Carey is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

At least 60,000 Native children had attended the federal boarding schools by 1925, either voluntarily or by force. Many died at the school and never made it home.

Elusive Information

Even the most basic information about the children who attended the schools has long been difficult to locate.

The scattered nature of records kept by federal, academic, church and private archives has made accessing large portions of information difficult, according to Deb Parker, the coalition's chief executive. Parker is a citizen of the Tulalip Tribes.

"This initiative marks a significant milestone in NABS commitment to truth, healing, and justice," Parker said in a statement provided by the coalition. "The majority of all Indian boarding school records are currently not available to the public. By making these records accessible, we are taking a big step toward honoring the history and strength of Native peoples and building a more just and equitable future."

Even information on the number of schools has been elusive. Last year, the coalition released the most up-to-date list gathered through the organization's ongoing research. The list of 523 schools is available on the organization's website.



The newly released archives include information about the various schools such as location, years of operation and the entities which operated them. They also include profile information about the more than 550 tribal nations in the U.S.

The archives also provide links to several other boarding school archival sources, including the Genoa Indian School Digital Reconciliation Project, the Carlisle School Digital Resource Center and the National Archives and Records Administration.

The coalition partnered with the University of Minnesota and used the university's resources for organizing the information. The coalition website includes tutorial videos for help in navigating the archives.

Focus on Student Files

Details vary from school to school, but can be hidden in voluminous records.

For instance, the records for Pipestone Indian Training School alone represent more than 90,000 pages of information.

Officials said gathering documentation for up to two schools typically requires an eight-week trip for two archivists, who use a special overhead scanner to produce high-resolution PDF files of the records. The files are then analyzed, catalogued and uploaded to the archive.

Coalition leaders first envisioned such an archive more than 10 years ago and began fundraising for the project. The current archive represents more than four years of work dedicated to compiling and digitizing 39 student indexes and expanded records from the nine schools.

The U.S. sources include the National Archives and Records Administration as well as information from several organizations which partner with the coalition.

The coalition's work is driven by tribal communities, according to Carey.

"Our tribal partners requested that we focus first on digitizing student files," Carey said. "There is so much more work to come."

Currently, Carey is a team of one at the coalition, but after a recent grant of \$500,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the organization will soon be hiring more people to work on the archive.

"Even if we had 12 full time archivists who worked for the rest of our lives, we'd never finish digitizing all the boarding school documents," Carey said.

"A Long Journey"

Community reaction to the project has been positive so far, according to Joannie Suina, director of communications for the coalition. Suina is a citizen of the Pueblo of Cochiti.

"We've gotten several phone calls from people saying, 'I'm so grateful I was able to find my grandparents' records,' 'It feels so good to connect with our roots,' and, 'Now, we have a centralized resource to utilize,'" Suina said.

The archive is an ongoing project.

"It's going to be a long journey going forward - the archive is a powerful tool and there will be some kinks to work out," Carey said. "We're asking people to give us a little grace as we move forward."

Coalition leaders are continuing to seek sponsorship from members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for legislation which would create a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

The proposal would create a commission which could locate church and government records, document ongoing impacts from U.S. boarding schools and provide a final report with recommendations for justice and healing.

"Boarding School Database" continued on page 14.

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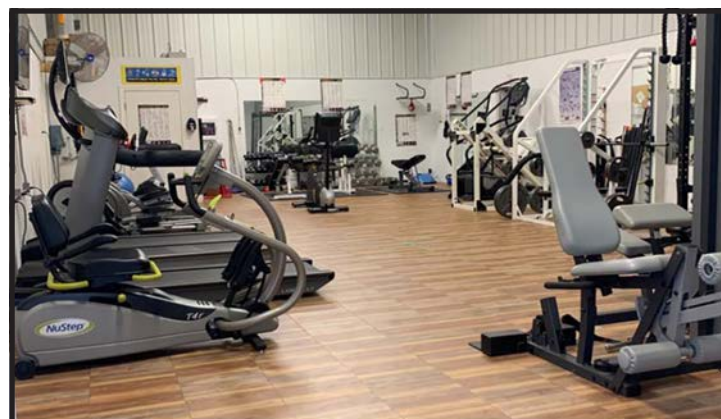
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"Boarding School Database" continued from page 13.

The proposed legislation was initially co-sponsored by U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat from Massachusetts, and then-U.S. Representative Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo. Haaland is now the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Sponsors in the House now include Republican U.S. Representative Tom Cole, Chickasaw, of Oklahoma and Democrat Sharice Davids, of Kansas.

"The NIBSDA database really allows us to

be a hub for folks to access a new tool and resource to find their relatives and in some cases, bring (their remains) back home," Suina said.

"We deserve access to these records. This will help create paths towards supporting generational healing for survivors and their descendants."

Mary Annette Pember, a citizen of the Red Cliff Ojibwe tribe, is a national correspondent for ICT.

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ROGEL CANCER CENTER FUNDS FOUR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY GROUPS TO PROVIDE CANCER SCREENING, PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center has awarded four Michigan community organizations a total of \$200,000 in grants for projects designed to improve cancer screening and tobacco cessation among populations experiencing cancer disparities.

The grants will enable each organization to implement evidence-based interventions within the community they serve. Evidence-based interventions are efforts which have been shown through previous research to be effective at influencing public health. The funded projects focus on screening for breast, cervical and colon cancer in racial and ethnic groups with lower screening rates, and commercial tobacco cessation programs in the American Indian/Alaskan Native community.

About 60,000 Michiganders will be diagnosed with cancer this year and another 20,000 are expected to die from the disease. Since 1987, Michigan has seen a 10% decrease in cancer diagnoses and 25% decrease in cancer deaths.

"While we have seen a steady decline in cancer incidence and mortality in Michigan, the burden of cancer is not equally shared. There are significant racial and socioeconomic disparities across incidence, mortality, screening and early detection. These grants will help local community organizations across the state develop programs for the populations they serve and begin to address the cancer disparities we see in our state," said Kenneth Resnicow, Ph.D., associate director for community outreach, engagement and health disparities at the Rogel Cancer Center.

As a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, Rogel is committed to supporting community health needs throughout the state of Michigan to reduce cancer disparities. Rogel's Community Outreach and Engagement program provides public education, a community advisory board and support for innovative research. The team also works with community partners across the state to implement evidence-based interventions.

The grants will be funded over two years and include training and evaluation support from Rogel to ensure successful interventions.

Learn more about the four funded projects: **The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)**

ACCESS is a non-profit organization serving diverse populations in Metro Detroit and beyond. ACCESS's project aims to increase breast and cervical cancer screening rates among Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) women in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Research shows foreign-born MENA women are less likely to get screened for cervical cancer than U.S.-born white women. To address this, the project will use bilingual patient navigation services to assist women unfamiliar with the American health care system in getting screened. Additional barriers to screening will be addressed through community events, social media cam-



paigns and marketing materials.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM)

ITCM represents the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan and works to improve the quality of life for American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) populations. Due to a history of targeted marketing, adults from tribal communities in Michigan use commercial tobacco at significantly higher rates than the overall population. This results in an increased burden of lung cancer and other commercial tobacco-related cancers. The ITCM's project will address this burden through a mass media campaign to increase awareness of smoking cessation resources, educate about the health risks of commercial tobacco, and ultimately, reduce its use among AI/ANs in Michigan.

Taylor Street Primary Care Clinic

The Taylor Street Primary Care Clinic, established in 2020, is a nurse-managed, non-profit primary care facility serving Detroit's Virginia Park community and nearby Detroit neighborhoods. The clinic provides high-quality illness care, preventive services and health and wellness programming. Their project will use motivational interviewing, a communication style for behavior change, and address patient concerns and barriers related to colorectal cancer screening. By enhancing patient motivation and lowering screening costs, the project seeks to reduce disparities in colorectal cancer diagnosis and deaths among African American people in the Virginia Park neighborhood and surrounding areas.

West Michigan Asian American Association (WMAAA)

WMAAA is a non-profit organization advocating for the needs of Asian American people in Michigan with a focus on education, health care and social justice. The goal of WMAAA's project is to decrease disparities in breast and cervical cancer screening among Asian American women in West Michigan and Metro Detroit. Their project involves implementing a culturally appropriate program to educate women on breast and cervical health, supplemented by bilingual patient navigation to support Asian American women seeking screening. The project aims to reduce cancer deaths by addressing disparities, increasing access to quality and timely care and improving outcomes through patient navigation.

Courtesy photo.

SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Office of Native American Programs
Office of Public & Indian Housing

- Low Monthly Payment
- Flexible Underwriting
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- Monthly Mortgage Insurance - Now at a Lower Rate!

THE SECTION 184 LOAN CAN BE USED FOR:

- Acquisition of existing housing
- Rehabilitation of existing housing
- Construction of new housing, including manufactured housing affixed to a permanent foundation

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE LTBB HOUSING DEPT at 231-242-1540.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

STR - 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.

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

DPA - 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.

FPA - 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 40 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.

****HUD will no longer allow services on Land Contracts****

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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

Equal Housing Opportunity TTY 7-1-1

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550
TTY: 7-1-1

Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

- Must belong to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
- Rents are based on income
- Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
- All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath
- Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
- Barrier free units are available
- LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Tribal Village is approximately 4 miles north of Harbor Springs, MI

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, at any USDA office or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at program.intake@usda.gov.

Construction is underway!

Housing is pleased to announce that we will be building new apartments in Charlevoix at Murray Road and in Harbor Springs on Second Street.

Construction will start in 2024.

We are accepting applications now!

Contact us today to be ready to move into your new home!

Contact us today at 231-242-1540 for more information.

Struggling with anxiety

THERE IS HOPE.

Text or Call 988

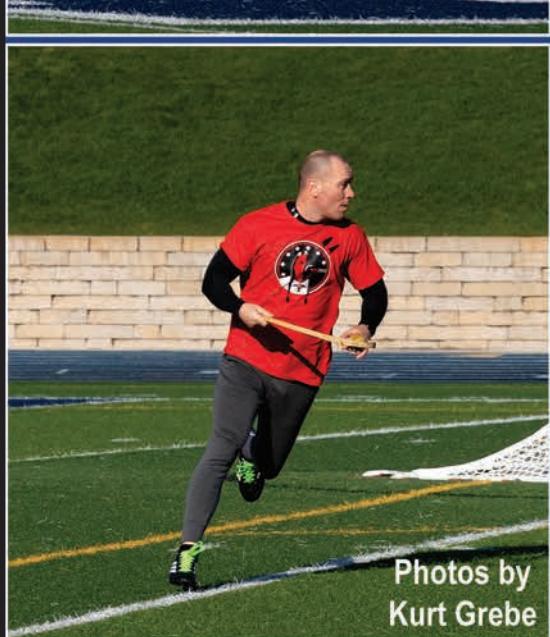
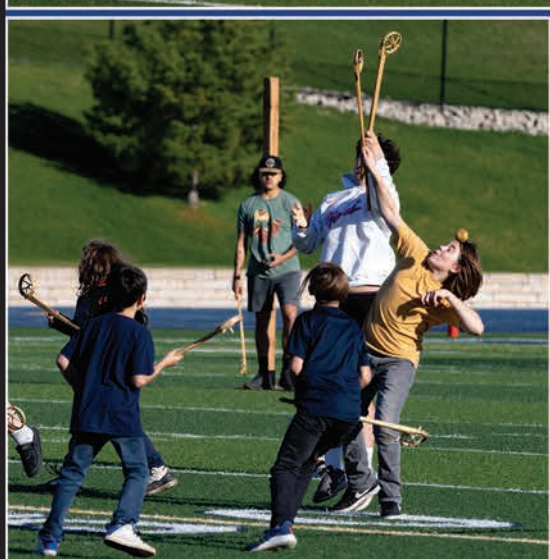
to connect with someone who cares.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

#MentalHealthAwareness #988Lifeline 24/7

BAAGADOWEWIN HALFTIME

Petoskey Northmen VS Sault Blue Devils



Photos by Kurt Grebe

Youth Services After-school Program

NEW LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023

LTBB Government Center on Mondays & Tuesdays

Petoskey Public Library on Wednesdays & Thursdays



TRIBAL YOUTH AGES 6-18

- LTBB Enrolled
- LTBB Descendents
- Enrolled in other tribes

Waanitgaanzjik embraces shared teachings of Odawa/Anishinaabe culture, traditional practices, and healthy lifestyles for the betterment of youth and community.

- ✓ Cultural Activities
- ✓ Homework Lab
- ✓ Tutoring Center
- ✓ Snack Pantry

Transportation Available
Limited seating for Petoskey



Email Youth Services Director at: Kdominic@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

Scan QR code to download our fillable/printable registration form >>>>>



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department Lead to Non-Lead Transition

Why Switch?



We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when lead ammo is brought into the Natural Resource Department (NRD) in exchange for non-lead (copper) ammunition.

LTBB NRD seeks to reduce the amount of lead deposits that remain in harvested animals consumed by people and disposed of parts consumed by wild animals, causing a potential harmful effect.



For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1670
dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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

EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION



The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country. Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department at: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1670 E-mail: dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

2024 LTBB Annual Community Meeting



Photos by Billy McNamara



FREE Open Sew

Need to use a sewing machine? Want to make a ribbon Shirt/Skirt?
 Have a sewing project you need help with? Need to work on your regalia?

Don't know where to start? Come sew with us! You don't need to bring a machine, we've got you covered. Experienced crafters here to help! Some supplies are available to help you on your way.

Room 312 at the LTBB Governmental Center from 10 am to 3 pm.

August 28, September 25, November 6th

Please bring your own beverage, snack or lunch.

For information, contact Theresa Chingwa at 231-242-1486 or TChingwa@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

Additional sewing times available at Family Culture Nights and during the LTBB Quilters meet-ups!

Let's make Quilts and Teddy Bears!

Join in with other LTBB Stitchers and make lap quilts and teddy bears for the LTBB Tribal Police and Human Services.

We have come together to make Quilts and Teddy Bears for tribal citizens in need of comfort items. We will be donating to both Tribal Police to have on hand and also for Human Services to use for LTBB Foster Kids.

NO sewing experience required!! You can bring your own sewing machine OR use one we will have set up and ready to go!

Wednesday's from 10 am to 4 pm
 July 24, August 28, September 25
 October 6, November 4
 LTBB Governmental Center
 Room 312

For more information, contact us at OdawaTrails@gmail.com
 We welcome donations!

Where do I find...

Find it all here! www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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

THE ANISHINAABE BRIGHT HOPE ... OUR STUDENTS

By Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

Anishinaabe students are AMAZING!! Congratulations to all who have reached educational milestones. Many talents and abilities have been showcased in academics, music, sports, art, robotics, dance and more. Many opportunities are open to Anishinaabe students as they continue on life's journey.

SMILE! See Yourself as a Dentist. Every day, in the noble profession of dentistry, you can use your talents to help the Anishnaabe.

A **Dentist** earns a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and is educated to diagnose and treat the diseases, malformations, injuries and conditions of the lower one-third of the head and neck, especially inside and outside the mouth. A dentist is licensed by the state government. https://www.adea.org/GoDental/Future_Dentists.aspx

A **Dental Hygienist** earns a Bachelor of Dental Hygiene Science. The RDH provides preventive education, administrative and therapeutic resources to restore patients to optimal oral health. The dental hygienist is licensed by the state government. www.gdha.org/what-is-a-hygienist & https://www.adea.org/GoDental/Future_Dental_Hygienists.aspx

A **Dental Assistant** (DA) renders assistance to a dentist, dental hygienist, dental technician or dental therapist in dental treatments. They constantly promote excellent dental health. They also handle administrative tasks and technical jobs such as x-ray and sterilization, among other duties. A DA can be trained on-the-job, hold a certification or be registered by the state government. <https://www.nmc.edu/programs/academic-programs/dental-assistant/index.html>

A **Dental Health Therapist** (DHT) is a mid-level provider; the therapist provides community dental education and some common dental procedures under the supervision of the dentist. A DHT is certified by the state government. dentaltherapy.org/about/about-dental-therapy

A **Dental Clinic Business Manager** coordinates and manages the business aspects of a dental clinic. The manager can be trained on-the-job or may be certified in some states. <https://www.michigandental.org/CE-Courses/Certified-Dental-Business-Professional/>

A **Certified Dental Laboratory Technician** (CDL) works in a separate dental laboratory. The CDL uses the latest technology in the art, science and knowledge of physics, chemistry, metallurgy, ceramics and plastics when designing and fabricating corrective devices for the mouth and replacements of natural teeth. The dentist and the dental laboratory technician must collaborate closely. The CDL is certified by the state government. <https://dentallabs.org/nad/> & <https://explorehealthcareers.org/career/dentistry/dental-laboratory-technician/>

Dental Researchers are needed from all scientific, mathematical and engineering fields. <https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>

Dental Educators teach at the community college, college and university levels. <https://www.adea.org/>



www.adea.org/

Dental ancillary positions are found in government, industry and insurance companies. Diverse fields of study which include education, law, English, art, mathematics, sciences, media, accounting, business, information technology and others, contribute to the dental industry. <https://www.dentaltown.com/blog/post/18643/the-dental-supply-chain-a-comprehensive-guide-to-what-it-is-and-how-it-works>

Consider a dental internship in an ancillary position for summer employment for college students. <https://recruiting.adp.com/srccar/public/RTI.home?c=1214201&d=TRI#/>

When exploring careers in dentistry, there are many programs for interested college students at no charge. <https://dental.buffalo.edu/community-outreach/SummerGatewayProgram.html>

To experience a real-world dental clinic, the United We Smile Dental Clinic in Traverse City, MI, offers mentorships to high school and college students. <https://unitedwaynwmi.galaxydigital.com/user/register/>

We cheered as our Anishinaabe students' talents and abilities have often been showcased in a team setting. Functioning on a team develops leadership, communication, dependability, cohesion, cooperation and accountability leading ultimately to success.

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." – Michael Jordan

Every day, dentistry functions in a team setting. Dental teamwork is the collaborative effort to achieve the goal of excellent dental health for patients in the most effective and efficient ways. The impact on patients' lives is profound and uplifting. The feeling of exhilaration at the completion of a comprehensive and difficult case is indescribable. There is power in coming together in the spirit of healing. <https://nativetribe.info/unlocking-the-power-of-communication-and-teamwork-how-native-american-strategies-can-transform-your-team-building-approach/>

A dental career is always in high demand anywhere in the world, even close to home. Dental careers allow for flexibility as life changes occur. Working hours seldom include weekends, holidays or evenings. The working environment is pleasant and comfortable with great team members. The incomes and benefits are rewarding.

Can you help us achieve this goal? Healthy teeth ... Healthy person ... Healthy tribe ... healthy Anishinaabe.

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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

2024

SUMMER PROGRAM

Please join us in the month of July for our 5th - 12th grade Indigenous Education cultural summer enrichments. Special guests all summer! Please contact Mrs. TwoCrow for registration packet.

WEEK 1: July 9th, 10th, & 11th
WEEK 2: July 16th, 17th, & 18th
& Travel to Michigan Indian Leadership Program
WEEK 3: July 23rd, 24th, & 25th

FEMALE TEACHINGS

Jingle Dress, Berry Fast, Water Ceremony & Language
Location: HS Cultural Club Room 205
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

EVERY TUES

POWOW PREP WITH MRS TWCROW

MS and HS Students Only
Location: HS Cultural Club Room 205
Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

EVERY WED

MALE TEACHINGS

Drum, Sacred Fire, Coming To Age Fast, & Language
Location: HS Cultural Club Room 205
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

EVERY THURS

MORE INFO:

SAMANTHA TWCROW

twocrows@suttonsbayschools.com
231-492-3233

Intergenerational

GONA 2024

Gathering of Native Americans

Native American Families and Their Descendants are Welcome

AMERICAN INDIAN Health & Family Services

This event is free to all

For more info, call 313-900-8262

AUGUST

1st, 2nd, 3rd

2024

A GONA is a culture-based planning process where community members gather to address community-identified issues. It uses an interactive approach that empowers and supports AI/AN tribes. It promotes wellness through the four elements of GONA - Belonging, Mastery, Interdependence, and Generosity.

Location:
Hollywood Casino at Greektown
555 East Lafayette Street
Detroit, MI 48226

To register, scan the QR code or enter the following into your browser:
<https://tinyurl.com/4j24xfxr>

Firework Safety Tips for Your Pets

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MORE PETS RUN AWAY ON THE 4TH OF JULY THAN ANY OTHER DAY OF THE YEAR!

- Keep pets indoors in a quiet place where they will feel comfortable.
- Give them their favorite toy & check on them often.
- Be sure your pet is microchipped & the information is up-to-date.
- Always keep ID tags on your pet's collar.
- Tire them out—a tired pet will be more likely to remain calm.

Information provided by taag.com

FARM STAND

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 3 pm - 7:00 pm

AIHFS
4880 Lawndale
Detroit, MI 48210

American Indian Health & Family Services is partnering with Eastern Market to bring Farm Stand here! Farm Stand will sell fresh, affordable, and locally produced food.

Farm Stand is equipped to accept all currencies including cash, credit/debit, EBT, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC Project FRESH and Senior Market FRESH. For more info, John Peterson at 313-846-3718.

TALK, READ, AND SING TOGETHER EVERY DAY! IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN.

Learn more about your baby by watching for developmental milestones. Smiling, cooing, and babbling are just a few. Your baby will show you many more milestones in how he plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves! Look for your child's milestones regularly and share his progress with the doctor at every well-child visit.

BIRTH TO 2 MONTHS

- Coo, makes gurgling sounds
- Babbles with expression and copies sounds he hears
- Turns head toward sounds

4 MONTHS

- Begins to babble
- Babbles with expression and copies sounds he hears

6 MONTHS

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Begins to say consonant sounds [babbling with "m," "b"]

9 MONTHS

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mama/mama" and "babababab"

12 MONTHS

- Uses simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"
- Tries to say words you say

18 MONTHS

- Says several single words
- Points to show someone what he wants

2 YEARS

- Points to body parts when named
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Follows simple instructions

3 YEARS

- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences

4 YEARS

- Tells stories
- Can say first and last name
- Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" or "she"

5 YEARS

- Speaks very clearly
- Says name and address
- Uses future tense; for example, "Grandma will be here."

TIP: Respond to your baby's first smile, gurgle, and coo — she's talking to you and wants you to talk, too!

TIP: Hold and talk to your baby; smile and be cheerful while you do.

TIP: Read books to your baby every day. Praise him when he babbles and "reads" too.

TIP: When you read with your child, have her turn the pages. Take turns labeling pictures with your child.

TIP: Describe what your baby is looking at; for example, "red, round ball."

MHA NATION AND VOTERS DEFEND VOTING SUBDISTRICT AT SUPREME COURT

Individual voters and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation joined the *Walen v. Burgum* lawsuit which sought to eliminate the majority-Native-voter state legislative subdistrict which encompasses the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. The tribal government and Native voters, along with the state of North Dakota, successfully defended the creation of House District 4A, a district which gave MHA voters an opportunity to elect their candidate of choice. The losing plaintiffs appealed the case, which went directly before the U.S. Supreme Court.

On May 6, 2024, voters and the MHA Nation urged the U.S. Supreme Court to dismiss the lawsuit or to uphold the U.S. District Court's ruling which found in favor of the tribal nation and the state of North Dakota. The lower court's ruling found North Dakota's 4A subdistrict, which primarily followed the boundaries of the Fort Berthold reservation, was legal and required by the Voting Rights Act.

On the same day the tribe was defending the win, the North Dakota Attorney General urged the Court to vacate the favorable ruling he had won and remand *Walen v. Burgum* back to the U.S. District Court for further review. The state's filing stated: "This



Court should vacate the District Court's decision and remand for further proceedings.

The abrupt change left the MHA Nation and individual voters on their own to defend North Dakota's legislative actions and Native voters' rights before the Supreme Court.

"We opposed this unconscionable change of position," said MHA Nation Chairman Mark N. Fox.

The Native American Rights Fund, Campaign Legal Center (CLC) and The Law Office of Bryan L. Sells, LLC, represent the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, Lisa DeVille, and Cesar Alvarez, Jr. in the appeal.

"North Dakota subdistrict 4A meets court-established redistricting criteria that require legislators to create a subdistrict to ensure that all votes count," said NARF Staff Attorney Michael Carter. "The subdistrict follows the political boundaries of the MHA Nation and allows voters from the Fort Berthold Reservation an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice to the North Dakota legislature. Native voters have struggled for generations to exercise their right to vote in North Dakota and gain representation at the state level."

Courtesy graphic.

BEFORE YOU STRIKE THAT MATCH, TAKE STEPS TO KEEP YOUR FIRE CONTAINED

By Michigan DNR

Summer is the season of grills, campfires, sparklers and fireworks, and with hotter, dryer weather comes fire season. To protect people, wildlife and landscapes, it's important to follow fire safety tips and be prepared in case your fire does something unpredictable.

Here are some basic safety guidelines:

- When making a campfire, build it in a ring or pit. Never leave a fire unattended, even for a moment. When you're done, douse your fire thoroughly with water, stir and douse again.
- When using fireworks, keep a hose handy and make sure to soak used sparklers in water before discarding them. Never shoot fireworks into dry grass, brush or trees. When barbecuing, never leave the grill unattended and keep a water source nearby.
- If you are planning work, not play, for your holiday weekend, make sure your yard cleanup is safe. When towing trailers or equipment, ensure tow chains don't drag and cause sparks, and avoid using heavy machinery like lawnmowers in dry areas. Always keep a water source handy.
- Debris burning is the top cause of wild-



fires in Michigan. Check whether burn permits are being issued or if weather conditions allow for safe burning before you burn. Check the burn permit page or call 866-922-BURN (866-922-2876) for more information.

Use fire wise landscaping tips at home, too, to maintain a safe space around your house. Trim low branches, remove dead vegetation and keep firewood piles a safe distance away.

Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people. If you see a fire grow out of control, call 911 immediately. Swift action can save lives.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/FireSafety.

Courtesy photo.

IT'S TICK SEASON, DOWNLOAD THE TICK APP, YOUR ON-THE-GO TICK EXPERT

The Tick App was created in 2018 by the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences. The app is now available as an identification service for users seeking information, identification and safety tips on ticks.

The on-the-go information app can be helpful for spending time outside during tick season and can contribute to research happening across the United States.

It's available for download on the App Store and Google Play.

Courtesy graphic.



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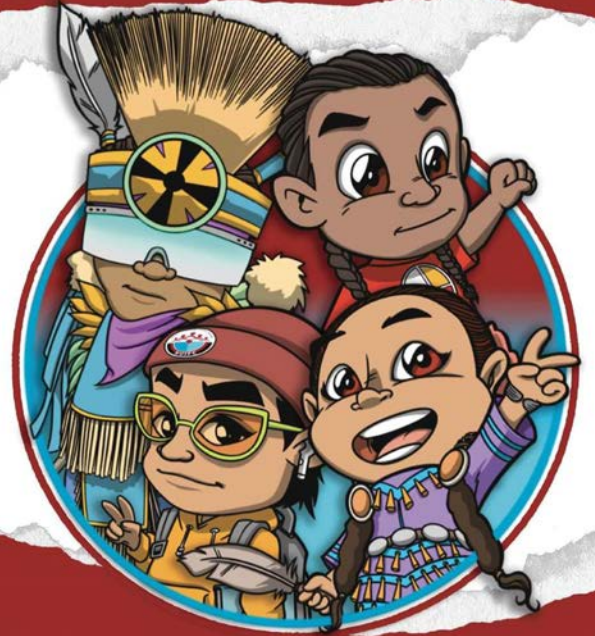
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Copayment Exemption

You may be eligible for copayment exemption and reimbursement of copays for health care and all urgent care visits.

Learn about eligibility and how to submit official Tribal documentation:

Visit www.va.gov/health-care/copay-rates

Call 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)

Scan With your smartphone



2024 Miss Odawa Nation Contest

LIVE THE LEGACY...

A crown has been worn by a young Odawa woman for over 80 years. These young women proudly display the finest qualities.

To be considered for this high honor, you must be:

- Between the ages of 13 to 19
- * A positive role model for all youth
- Knowledgeable in Odawa culture
- * A young lady with Odawa lineage who is at least 1/4 Native American
- * Single with no dependents and a Pow Wow dancer

Application materials available online at:
www.odawahomecoming.com
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or
 contact Annette VanDeCar at
avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2023/2024 Miss Odawa Nation
 Mnookmi Massey

Miss Odawa 2024 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday August 10th, 2024

Tentative 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Schedule

Friday, August 9, 2024

Vendor Set-up	1 pm
Dancer/Drum Registration	5 - 8 pm
Participants Canopy Set-up	5 pm

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Dancer/Drum Registration	10 am - 12 pm
Open to the Public	11 am
Grand Entry	1 pm
Flag Song	
Veterans Song	
Invocation	
Welcome (Chairperson)	
Intertribals/Contests	
Dinner Break	5 - 7 pm
Grand Entry	7 pm
Intertribals/Contests	

*Junior Miss Odawa Nation 2024-2025 and Miss Odawa Nation 2024-2025 will be crowned prior to the 7 p.m. Grand Entry.

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Open to the Public	11 am
Grand Entry	Noon
Flag Song	
Veterans Song	
Invocation	
Intertribals/Contests	
Announcement of Winners	5 pm

*Times subject to change



MARTY VAN DE CAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S (6-12 YEARS) SPECIAL

31st ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW
 AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2024
 HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Top 3 boys and girls win a bike and a quilt from Niibiishenh Children's Store



3 consolation prizes (scooters) each for boys and girls. All participants will receive a gift.

Sponsored by the family of Marty Van De Car



*Are you between the ages of 7 and 12?
 Be a Part of the Legacy!*

Junior Miss Odawa Nation

at the Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow!

To be considered for this high honor, you must be:

- Between the ages of 7 to 12
- A positive role model for all youth
- Knowledgeable in Odawa culture
- A young lady with Odawa lineage, who is at least 1/4 Native American
- A Pow Wow dancer



Junior Miss Odawa 2024 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Application materials available online at:
www.odawahomecoming.com
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or
 contact Annette VanDeCar at
avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2023/2024 Junior Miss Odawa Nation
 Adrianna Shenoskey

ODAWA HOMECOMING CANOPY POLICIES

All canopies must have at least one participant (Dancer/Singer)

Set-up begins Friday, August 9 at 5 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!

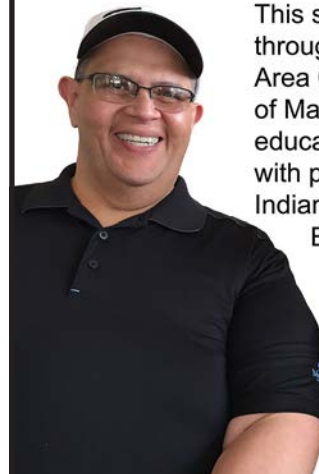
Canopy space is limited to a 10' x 10' area

YOU are responsible for canopy area CLEAN up before leaving

All interested parties MUST check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up

Canopy limit is ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Fund



This scholarship fund was established through the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation in memory of Marty Van De Car to provide educational opportunities for students with preference given to an American Indian student graduating from an Emmet County high school. To donate to the scholarship fund, visit <https://bit.ly/MartyVDC>

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August 10 & 11, 2024
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& Adult 18-49

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3rd - \$500

Teen 13-17

1st - \$300

2nd - \$250

3rd - \$200

Junior 7-12

1st - \$200

2nd - \$150

3rd - \$100

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LTBB HOMECOMING
POW WOW

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- February 10
- April 13
- June 8
- August 10
- October 12
- December 14

McLaren Northern Michigan - Cheboygan Campus

- February 9
- April 12
- June 7
- August 9
- October 11
- December 13

All needle drop-off events are from 9 am - 1 pm

NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI SWEARS IN NEWLY ELECTED TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) issued the oath of office on May 16, 2024 to newly elected Tribal Council Member Ariel Boonstra and re-elected Homer A. Mandoka during the regularly scheduled May Tribal Council Business Meeting on May 16, 2024 at the Pine Creek Community Center.

The election was conducted to fill the expired four-year term for two seats on the Tribal Council, held in conjunction with the annual General Membership meeting on The Pine Creek Indian Reservation on April 27, 2024.

Boonstra graduated in May 2024 with a degree in Agricultural Science from Utah State University. She was raised in Grand Haven, MI, where she graduated from Grand Haven High School in 2013.

"I am honored to serve my Tribe as its newest Council Member, and I am optimistic about our Tribe's future," said NHBP Council Treasurer Ariel Boonstra. "As a problem-solver who thrives on open, two-way communication to meet goals by working together, I respect each individual person for who they are. I look forward to serving my Tribe with my fellow Council members, using the Seven Grandfather Teachings as our guide."

This marks the beginning of Mandoka's eighth term; he has served the Tribal Council continuously since 2002 and currently chairs the Planning & Land Use and the Emergency Preparedness committees. Graduating from Union City High School in 1983, Mandoka earned an associate degree from Kellogg Community College with honors. Before his election to the Tribal Council, Man-



doka was a police officer for the city of Bronson, MI, where he currently resides with his wife, Kathy. They have four children: Austin, of Battle Creek, MI, Haley Irwin (Paul) of Madera, CA, Philip Mandoka, of Denver, CO, and Logan, of Kalamazoo, MI. They are the grandparents of Maizie, Daxton and Poppy Irwin.

"I have been honored to serve Tribal Membership as one of five members on the Tribal Council, and I will always cherish the experience, motivation and passion of everyone," said Mandoka.

In addition to swearing in the newly elected Tribal Council Members and completing their oaths of office, the Tribal Council voted for the officer appointments during the Tribal Council meeting. The following officer appointments are:

- Chair – Dorie Rios
 - Vice Chair – Robyn Elkins
 - Secretary – Nancy Smit
 - Treasurer – Ariel Boonstra
 - Sergeant-at-Arms – Homer A. Mandoka
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HOT TIP FOR TRAVELERS: LEAVE FIREWOOD AT HOME

By Michigan DNR

Moving firewood when you camp, hunt or head out for a weekend getaway means you risk carrying tree-killing insects and diseases to new places. Invasive pests can crawl out, infesting trees and carrying diseases which can forever change the landscape of the places you love.

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, there are 140 pests and diseases which can be moved with firewood. Some, like oak wilt, hemlock woolly adelgid and spotted lanternfly are already present in Michigan while others such as Asian long-horned beetle are infesting nearby states.

"On their own, these insects and diseases can't travel very far, but they can travel hundreds of miles on firewood," said Joanne Foreman, Invasive Species Program communications coordinator with the DNR. "Trees cut for firewood often died due to insects or disease. Why risk carrying oak wilt to your cabin or beech bark disease to your favorite camping spot?"

Keep the Fire Burning

You can still have a roaring campfire or a cozy night in front of the fireplace – just make sure to burn safely:

- Wood which looks clean and healthy can still have tiny insect eggs or microscopic fungi spores which can start a new and deadly infestation. Always leave your backyard firewood at home even if you think it looks fine.
- Buy firewood near where you will burn it – a good rule of thumb is only using wood cut within 50 miles of where you'll have your fire.
- Use FirewoodScout.org to find a firewood vendor near your destination. With over 350 Michigan listings, you can comparison shop before you arrive.
- Certified, heat-treated firewood is safe



to move long distances. Look for a federal stamp or seal on the package and keep the firewood in the original packaging if entering a campground which requires heat-treated wood.

- Aged or seasoned wood is still not safe. Just because it is dry doesn't mean it's clean. A recent study showed insects continued to emerge from firewood even three years after it had been cut.
- If you buy firewood and don't burn it all, don't bring it home or to your next destination.
- Tell your friends not to bring wood with them – everyone needs to know they should not move firewood. You are the first line of defense against a new infestation.

Know Before You Go

Firewood policies vary greatly among national parks, national forests, private campgrounds and other lands in Michigan. Call ahead or visit DontMoveFirewood.org for more information.

In state parks, the DNR requests visitors purchase certified, heat-treated firewood sold in the parks or at some local stores and roadside stands.

Information on invasive tree pests and diseases of concern in Michigan can be found at Michigan.gov/Invasives.

Courtesy photo.

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Miigwech Inc. recently welcomed Combat Veteran Nicole Raphael OIF 3, 92 Alpha Logistics Specialist.

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If you're interested in learning more please contact: nraphael@miigwechinc.org



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A TIP FROM A FORMER SMOKER

I used to run marathons. But I couldn't outrun the damage caused by smoking.

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Tribal Member, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY SUNSET ROTARY

MOBILE PANTRY

The Little Traverse Bay Sunset Rotary group is sponsoring mobile pantries in Petoskey. This time, we are bringing the food right to you! The rotary group will be handing out food at some of the apartments and villages around Petoskey. Our neighbors will enjoy non-perishable goods, produce, protein, and dairy. Walk or drive up to the Manna truck to get food assistance, no applications or qualifications necessary.

Maple Village 1695 Meadow Way Petoskey February 28, 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm May 22, 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm	Traverse Woods 203 Lafayette Ave Petoskey March 27, 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm June 26, 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm	Harbor Village 1301 Crestview Dr Petoskey April 24, 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm July 24, 2024 4:30pm-6:00pm
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To help us prepare, please call or text Manna at 231-254-5630 with your apartment/village name if you plan to attend the mobile pantries.

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BERRY MOON

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntann-Nokti Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niiwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
<p>Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Elders Luncheon at Noon	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Zibimijwang, Inc. Meeting 6 pm	Independence Day All Government Offices Closed	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am Tribal Burial Board Meeting 2 pm	Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Chambers
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
 May 9, 2024
In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:13 a.m.
 Opening ceremony: Secretary Emily Proctor
 Closed Session: Yes
 Council Present: Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes
 Absent Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Tamara Munson

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker

Corporate Charters Present: OEAHC Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto, OEDMI Designated Director Leroy Shomin

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Vice Chair Stella Kay, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne,

Judicial Officials and Staff: None
 Public: Melissa Shomin, Nichole Keway Biber

Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Director of Finance Debbie Provost, and Director of Slots Dennis Shananaquet
 Review Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt the agenda of May 9, 2024 as amended.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of April 25, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve the minutes of April 25, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

9:29 a.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives

Executive Oversight Report:
 Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco

Getting ready for Community Meeting

Attended Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) Meeting

-Four (4) meetings per year and they get rotated around the state; last meeting was in Kalamazoo, next meetings will be in Escanaba, Alpena, and Detroit.

-The boarding school coalition is still under MDCR

-MDCR is planning on hiring a representative for northern Michigan

-Will be working on a Resolution

The City of Harbor Springs owns the Indian Town Park. They intend to place a dedication plaque along with a short history of Indian Town.

Attended a Fair Housing Meeting in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Working on ARPA and DPW projects

Indian Town housing project will wrap up in a couple of weeks.

Murray Road housing update.
Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge

receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

Secretary Report
 Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): None

Documents Delivered to the Executive: Three

-Tribal Resolution Appropriating of Funds for the 2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets – delivered 4/26/2024, signed by the Executive on 4/26/2024

-Tribal Resolution 2024 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Budget Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$20,000.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance – delivered 4/26/2024, signed by the Executive on 4/26/2024

-Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding the Amount of \$65,465.73 to come from Tribal Burial Board for FY 2024 Cemetery Development and Maintenance Fund – delivered 4/26/2024, signed by the Executive on 4/26/2024

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Reached out to citizens residing in the Lansing Michigan area and assisted them in completing the Department of Commerce (DOC) Economic Development Administration (EDA) Tribal Census. If anyone would like to help canvas for the Tribal Census, please reach out the Department of Commerce.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal report as provided on the agenda for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:
 Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Secretary for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

9:49 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2024 1st Quarter Report

10:25 a.m. Councilor William Ortiz arrives

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2024 1st Quarter Report dated April 23, 2024 as presented by General Manager Ron Olson and Director of Finance Debbie Provost for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor William Ortiz), 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:
 Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent
 Councilor Tamara Munson – Breast Pump supplies and Butterfly Legislation, Youth Center and Youth Council interest.

Councilor Aaron Otto – Attended

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

- July 9 Work Session
- July 11 Council Meeting
- July 23 Work Session
- July 25 Council Meeting

- August 6 Work Session
- August 7 Council Meeting
- August 20 Work Session
- August 22 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

- Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader
- Emily Proctor, Secretary
- Leroy Shomin, Treasurer
- Tamara Munson, Councilor
- Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor
- Melissa Pamp, Councilor
- Fred Kiogima, Councilor
- William Ortiz, Councilor
- Jordan Shananaquet, Councilor

the Ziibimijwang, Inc. meeting

Councilor Melissa Pamp – 4/21 MMIP 5k & 1 mile walk at Central Michigan University, spoke to CMU students and participants. Attended the Gathering of Nations pow wow with Miss Odawa. There was a lot of controversy with the host. On 5/2 attended the No More Stolen Sisters event in Mount Pleasant. On 5/2 met with Valerie Red-horse Mohl, filmmaker, and is making a documentary. Attended the MMIP in GR, Gretchen Whitmer, Valerie filmmaker, and others. Water ceremony with a run/walk. Went to MMIP at State Capitol. Will attend a MMIR event on 5/16 hosted by the SCIT. Would like to have ½ hour of language on the WS Agenda.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Request policy & procedures within the Planning Dept., Met with Councilor Melissa Pamp and the Executive regarding the Youth Council. Met with Councilor Aaron Otto regarding the EDA Grant and Economic Development. Met with tribal citizens regarding their needs. Working on a shared calendar of Tribal Council.

11:10 a.m. Councilor William Ortiz arrives

Councilor William Ortiz – attended the MMIP in Grand Rapids. Good turnout from Little Traverse Bay Bands. Working on the "Fresh Start Initiative" (formerly called relocation program).

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, and Councilor William Ortiz's verbal reports for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

Staff Reports:
 Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst Office Update
 Corporate Charters and/or Boards
 Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort: **10:00 a.m.** 2024 1st Quarter Report
 Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,

1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation: **Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto's Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation verbal report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. **Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Designated Director Leroy Shomin's Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.'s verbal report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)

Motion carries.
 Tribal Historic Preservation Office – No report

Citizen's Legal Assistance Attorney: **Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Citizen's Legal Assistance Attorney Cherie Dominic's written report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

General Counsel: **Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Certified Motion # 050924-02 Land Purchase Authorization for Land Parcel 210.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Public Comment:
 11:45 a.m. Opens

Nichole Keway Biber: Not sure what Land Parcel 210 may be for, but is hoping perhaps there could be a green space for native plants and pollinator garden.

Melissa Shomin: Would like to see more money put into the Community Meeting, encourages Tribal Council and Executive to provide resources for members that face challenges to attend the very important meeting. Has emailed Tribal Council and Executive many times and had not received many responses. Regarding Dental Clinic, would like to see emergency services for citizens outside of the area.

11:54 a.m. Closed
 Legislative Office Director:

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

12:08 p.m. Lunch break

1:39 p.m. Meeting resumes
 Legislative Leader Report
 Office update
 Closed Session

1:43 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Personnel.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

3:49 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

roy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carries.
 Public Comment:

3:54 p.m. Opens
 No comments made
 3:55 p.m. Closes

Legislative Services Attorney
 Office update
 Closed Session

3:56 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Legal.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

3:57 p.m. Secretary Emily Proctor leaves meeting

4:42 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to Open Session.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker's verbal and written report for May 9, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Certified Motion # 050924-01 Designation and Assignment of Cemetery Lands to the Executive Burial Board.
 Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Citizenship List C (Voluntary Relinquishment) dated May 2, 2024 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve REG-WOS 2024-001 041824-02 Hotel Room Tax Regulations.
 Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to post Non-Citizen Exclusion Statute as sponsored by Councilor Melissa Pamp.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Inventory from Corporate to Executive Burial Board.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson – Absent, Councilor William Ortiz – Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp – Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – Absent, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – Yes
 Motion carries.

4:53 p.m. Secretary Emily Proctor returns

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Designation of Motor Fuel Wholesaler and Retailer Under Tax Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson – Absent, Councilor William Ortiz – Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – "Minutes" continued on page 28.

“Minutes” continued from page 27.

Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp – Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – Yes Motion carries.

Other Items of Business:

Adjournment:

4:55 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as written.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary Date

MELLON FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$1,000,000 TO HELP FACILITATE THE RETURN OF OBJECTS TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums (ATALM) has received a gift of \$1,000,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the “Going Home: Returning Material Culture to Indigenous Communities Project.” The project facilitates the return of culturally significant items to descendant communities with cultural facilities. Additional funding to support international returns is provided by the Henry Luce Foundation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is supporting returns to California tribes.

In addition to providing financial support to tribes seeking the return of cultural items, the Going Home Fund focuses on raising public awareness about the importance of returning culturally significant items to indigenous communities, building relationships between tribal museums and non-Native collections institutions and individual collectors as well as building the capacity of tribal museums to seek loans and gifts of culturally significant items.

To launch the project, the Fund is working with the Museum of the Cherokee People and individual donors to return over 200 objects to descendant communities. Available objects may be viewed on the Going Home Fund portal. From the portal, descendant communities may request the return of items. Cultural experts may also provide additional information about the items.

The Going Home Fund is led by an Advisory



ry Council of museum professionals, tribal leaders and attorneys with expertise in repatriation, gifts and museum loans. Walter Richard “Rick” West, a member of ATALM’s governing board and President Emeritus of the Autry Museum of the American West, is leading the project.

“We are grateful to the Mellon Foundation for its support. We are committed to working with tribal communities and collecting institutions in a respectful and collaborative way,” said West. “It is our hope that the Going Home Fund will remove any financial and institutional barriers that have prevented the return of material culture to the originating communities. We look forward to facilitating long-overdue homecomings and enhancing the cultural continuity of Native communities.”

To view the portal and access related forms, please visit <http://goinghomefund.org>.

Courtesy graphic.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
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P.O. Box 160
Conway, MI 49722

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FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

SIGNATURE OF VOTER DATE



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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3. If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in Tribal buildings; or
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LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

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The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.

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MANNA FOOD PROJECT

AGENCY PARTNER PANTRIES

AMTRIM COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Mon & Thur	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Saturday	10:00 AM	Noon
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Tuesday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Wed, Thur, Fri	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Saturday	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Friday	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Tuesday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale	231-587-9606	200 N Maple Street	Mancelona	Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Boyne Valley	231-468-4615	3031 Main Street	Boyne Falls	Thursday	Noon	5:00 PM
Bread Of Life Food Pantry	231-547-4300 Ext 2	05855 M-66 N	Charlevoix	1st & 3rd Thur	4:30 PM	6:00 PM
Care & Share	231-536-7426	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Thursday	9:30 AM	Noon
Care & Share	231-536-7424	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Tuesday	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9490	100 W Hurlburt Street	Charlevoix	Mon & 1st Thur	9:00 AM	Noon
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9491	100 W Hurlburt Street	Charlevoix	Monday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Good Neighbors	231-497-8678	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Noon
Good Neighbors	231-497-8679	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	2:00 PM	5:30 PM
Jesus Is Lord Church	231-347-4837	06072 US 31 N	Bay Shore	2nd & 4th Tues	Noon	2:00 PM
Seventh Day Adventist	231-582-0151	326 North Park	Boyne City	All	Appt Only	Appt Only
EMMET COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Harbor Springs Community	231-526-2017 X 43	201 W. 3rd Street	Harbor Springs	Monday	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
Brother Dan's	231-347-7423	415 State Street	Petoskey	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Noon
Church Of Christ	231-347-6181	320 Monroe Street,	Petoskey	Monday	11:30 AM	Noon
Church of the Nazarene	231-548-5462	7489 Mission Road	Alanson	Wednesday	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Noon
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	2nd & 4th Thurs	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Carp Lake	231-347-8852	6339 E Gill Rd	Carp Lake	1st Thursday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Bliss	231-347-8852	265 W Sturgeon Bay Tr	Levering	3rd Thursday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Pellston Area	231-838-4499	161 US 31 N	Pellston	Wednesday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Salvation Army	231-347-3531	712 Pleasant Ave	Petoskey	Mon through Fri	9am-11:30am	Call for emergency

"Oh, the Places They'll Go": Acoustic Telemetry Helps Unveil Fish Movements, Better Manage Michigan's Fisheries

By Todd Wills, Seth Herbst, David Fielder, Jan-Michael Hessenauer, Ben Turshak and Chris Vandergoot

Editor's note: Todd Wills, Seth Herbst, David Fielder, Jan-Michael Hessenauer and Ben Turshak are Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division staff members and Chris Vandergoot is the Director of the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System.

We all know fish swim and move. But the when, where and why often remains a mystery for anglers and fisheries managers alike.

Managing fish populations requires a comprehensive understanding of fish behavior – driven by the biology of the fish and the environments they live in – as well as the anglers who value and enjoy Michigan's world-class fisheries. Understanding angler behavior is relatively easy because people talk and can tell us what they like to catch and what motivates them to fish. Fish behavior, on the other hand? Well, that is more of a challenge.



The animals we are passionate about, both as anglers and resource managers, aren't vocal and remain hidden in the depths of Michigan's waters where their movements are mostly unseen. Fortunately, fisheries managers in Michigan have adopted an advanced technology to unravel the mysteries of when, where, why and even how far fish travel. That technology is acoustic telemetry, and the information gained from this high-tech tracking method is helping fisheries managers address a variety of challenges, including conserving native stocks, controlling invasive species and understanding habitat use.

Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System Network

Deciphering fish movement patterns in the Great Lakes with acoustic telemetry became much easier in 2010 with the creation of the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observations System. The GLATOS network uses cutting-edge technology to repeatedly observe the location of individual fish across short time intervals.



The ability to record the location of an individual fish over time is a substantial advancement from previous methods which solely relied upon knowing the release location of a uniquely marked fish and a subsequent recapture location, often provided by an angler. While the data from these methods are informative, a major shortcoming is they provide no information on how the fish behaves between the time it was released and recaptured.

So, how does acoustic telemetry work? The GLATOS network functions as a surveillance grid, consisting of receivers or "listening stations" strategically placed throughout the Great Lakes and capable of recording detections of fish which have been implanted with individually coded acoustic transmitters – or "pingers" – the



receivers are constantly listening for. This network of receivers and pinging fish provides vast spatial coverage of some of the largest lakes in the world and is supported by intensive collaborations among several state, federal and tribal fisheries resources agencies, universities and non-governmental organizations.

There are currently more than 3,000 receivers in the Great Lakes Basin in the process of detecting pinging fish. An astonishing 24,000 fish have been implanted with acoustic transmitters since the GLATOS network was created, providing fisheries managers with year-round, 24/7, fine-scale fish behavior data never available before.

Read on for a snapshot of what biologists have learned about some of Michigan's most popular fish species, starting in Lake Michigan and taking a clockwise trip around The Mitten.

Lake Michigan Whitefish

Lake whitefish yields in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron have declined by more than 50% since the early 2000s. Although the reasons for these declines remain somewhat unclear, the lasting effects of invasive species on Great Lakes habitat and food webs are certainly at play. For example, the smothering of rocky spawning reefs by invasive zebra and quagga mussels may be reducing lake whitefish egg deposition and survival.

As part of an effort to ultimately restore this lost reef habitat, researchers from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other agencies are using acoustic telemetry to characterize fine-scale movement patterns of lake whitefish on several reefs in northern Lake Michigan during the fall spawning season. Many acoustic receivers are placed closely together over the spawning reefs to precisely determine the position of acoustic-tagged fish and their spawning locations. Pairing these positional data with high-resolution maps of the water depths and lake bottom around the reefs allows researchers to examine the habitat characteristics which concentrate lake whitefish during the spawning season.

These data indicate shallow reef complexes have "hot spots" for spawning activity which often correspond with shallow, low-sloping, rocky ridges. The collection of eggs on these hot spots has affirmed acoustic telemetry data can be used to correctly identify spawning locations where egg deposition is occurring. Researchers are now using these high-resolution data to prioritize experimental invasive mussel removal efforts on spawning reefs to locally increase egg deposition and survival.

Saginaw Bay Walleye

Decades-long jaw tagging experiments have shown some walleye leave Saginaw Bay for the main basin of Lake Huron, but before the GLATOS network was available, little was known about the actual proportion, timing and range of their movement. Acoustic telemetry led to the discovery nearly 40% of Saginaw Bay's walleye migrate into the main basin by June 1 each year with no movement out of the bay later in the year. The fish which leave Saginaw Bay travel long distances and repeatedly go to the same destinations each year before returning in the fall to overwinter and spawn again the following spring.

Researchers aren't sure why some walleye migrate and others remain residents of the bay, but whichever behavior they exhibit is consistent each year. These details about fish movement are

"Acoustic Telemetry" continued on page 31.



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very important for stock assessment and for setting fishing regulations because they help managers understand when and where fish will be susceptible to angler harvest.

More recently, acoustic telemetry is being used to learn where walleye are spawning in Saginaw Bay and how these spawning fish use the different rivers and reefs in the bay. This work will help fisheries managers know which spawning locations are the most important to protect and perhaps pursue improvements to fish passage in rivers or restore reef habitat.



rative and well-coordinated interagency fisheries management for populations which cross state and provincial borders.

Meanwhile, investigations of smallmouth bass in Lake St. Clair demonstrate they tend to remain in relatively confined areas within the lake, like Anchor Bay in the northern part of the lake or the Mile roads on the western shoreline, despite frequent movements within those areas. This behavior suggests the Lake St. Clair smallmouth bass population could be comprised of different subpopulations of fish, which may have their own demographics. The characteristics of these unique subpopulations must be accounted for when managing the lake as a whole.

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100 YEARS LATER: A CONGRESSIONAL ACT THAT DIDN'T ENSURE EQUAL JUSTICE

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared on *Indian Country Today (ICT)*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

Ronnie Jo Horse is only the second generation in her Oglala Lakota and Northern Cheyenne family to be able to fully participate in elections.

Her grandfather was born in 1910 before Native people were even considered American citizens. Her mother is the first generation who was actually able to cast a ballot.

Horse registered to vote just one month after she turned 18 in 2010. Horse is now 31.

“People think it’s a long time ago when it really wasn’t — it was our grandparents,” Horse, executive director of Western Native Voice in Montana, told *ICT*. “And (those) my mom’s age, they got to fully participate in the system ... We can still see the effects to this day.”

Just 100 years ago, on June 2, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signed into law the Indian Citizenship Act, also known as the Snyder Act, making indigenous people citizens of the United States. About half in the country were already considered citizens, but the new law made it official.

The act is often linked to voting rights, but it’s imperfect in its language and the right to vote for indigenous people was challenged among the states as late as 1962. The act affirmed citizenship but did not provide equal rights to those that white, male, American citizens possessed.

Even today, which marks the 100th anniversary



sary of the Indian Citizenship Act, indigenous voters are still encountering issues with casting their ballots and fighting off efforts to dilute their votes although a growing number of Native politicians are being elected to office.

“We know it still took decades for our people to fully have that right to vote,” Larry Wright, executive director for the National Congress of American Indians, told *ICT*. “We know we still have a long way to go because we still have voting rights issues yet today.”

Indigenous women, including Horse, are at the forefront of defending those rights.

Native Vote Washington, California Native Vote Project, Native Voters Alliance Nevada, Western Native Voice, Arizona Native Vote and New Mexico Native Vote are all led by indigenous women.

Congressional History

It was a misty day outside the National Archives and Records Administration with rain so light it could barely be felt. It was May 15, and the Washington, D.C. weather was just starting to heat up. Three security officers and a metal de-

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tector were fixed at the researcher's entrance, but entry into the Central Research Room was swift.

After a 45-minute wait, congressional documents from 1924, some sitting in archival storage boxes, were rolled into the Central Research Room on a metal cart. In a bound book, titled "Original House Bills 6146 - 6499" from the 68th Congress, was the first draft of HR 6355, "A Bill: to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue certificates of citizenship to Indians."

In its final form, the act was brief. "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all non-citizen Indians born within the territorial limits of the United States be, and they are hereby, declared to be citizens of the United States: Provided, That the granting of such citizenship shall not in any manner impair or otherwise affect the right of any Indian to tribal or other property."

Matthew Fletcher, a federal Indian law professor at Michigan State University, said the law helped standardize the citizenship requirements across the nation.

Before the Indian Citizenship Act, indigenous people could get American citizenship by becoming Christianized and giving up their individual treaty rights; through acts of Congress such as the Dawes Act; and through military service. Indigenous women could become citizens by marrying white men, and their children would also be granted citizenship.

"Prior to the Civil War, citizenship was done on a state-by-state basis," said Fletcher, Grand Traverse Band. "For example, in Michigan and Minnesota, in the 1850s, there was a way for Indian people to become citizens of a state. They couldn't become federal citizens, but they could become state citizens."

Even after the act passed, however, Native people were still treated differently. In 1868, the 14th amendment granted American citizenship to every person born or naturalized within the bounds of the United States, but the conditions did not apply to indigenous people.

"Indian people did not, at that time, get automatic birthright citizenship with the federal and state government by virtue of just being born in the U.S.," Fletcher said.

The right to vote came even later. The Bill of Rights — the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution — went into effect in 1791 but did not include a right to vote, leaving it up to states to run federal elections and to decide who is eligible to vote.

That changed in 1870 with the ratification of the 15th amendment, which granted all male citizens, regardless of race, the right to vote. But that amendment, likewise, did not apply to indigenous people.

The act of Congress which made indigenous people citizens came in 1876 after a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court which concluded Native people were not citizens of the United States.

The Supreme Court ruling followed the so-called Marshall Trilogy of the 1830s which ruled indigenous nations were domestic dependent nations, meaning these nations were in the bounds of the United States and subject to the federal government's power and responsibility.

Decision to Act

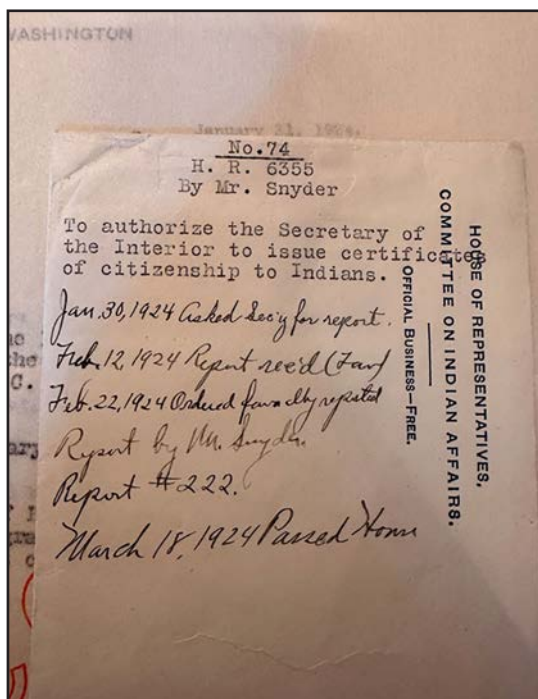
Nearly 50 years after the Supreme Court rulings, Congress decided to act on citizenship for indigenous people.

By then, Native people had begun to catch the attention of politicians. In 1907, Charles Curtis, Kaw Nation, became the first Native person to serve in the U.S. Senate when he was appointed to one term.

He was elected by popular vote in 1914 and served two-and-a-half terms as a senator for Kansas. In 1925, Curtis became the first majority party leader in the Senate. He left the Senate in 1929 when he was elected vice president of the United States along with President Herbert Hoover.

He was not a strong advocate for tribal sovereignty, however, said Philip Deloria, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, a history professor at Harvard University.

"You couldn't be a national politician without fitting fairly well into the mainstream, and that is kind of about where Curtis does seem to



me to sit," Deloria said. "His politics have to be kind of middle of the road, assimilationist, because there was no space for a Native person who was actually a serious advocate for tribal sovereignty, which isn't to say he wasn't an advocate for Native people."

The Indian Citizenship Act was first introduced on January 29, 1924 in the U.S. House by Representative Homer P. Snyder of New York, according to original documents at the National Archives.

One day later, Snyder asked the Interior Secretary Hubert Work to write a report on the bill. Work's administrative assistant E.K. Burlew sent a letter back to Snyder on January 31, 1924, saying a report would be submitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs as soon as possible.

The report was submitted to the committee on February 12, 1924, and the act passed the House on March 18. Documents from the Senate Indian Affairs Committee or from the U.S. Senate about the act couldn't be located in the archives.

The act became law on June 2, 1924. It wasn't a complete fix. Native people faced many of the same voting restrictions as did formerly enslaved people after the Civil War.

"The Snyder Act just says, 'Indians are now citizens,'" Fletcher said. "But the 14th Amendment is still lurking out there. So, states continue to play games with Indian voting rights. (States) would say things like, 'You can't vote in our elections if you don't pay taxes or if you don't speak English as a first language,' or... they would have citizenship tests that were really hard to pass."

The act was passed in the aftermath of World War I in which many Native Americans served in the Armed Forces even though they were not citizens. It was a time of changing immigration demographics in the United States with discrimination rampant against southern and eastern European immigrants.

The political opposition was codified into law in the Immigration Act of 1924, which curbed the number of immigrants from southern and eastern Europe, such as Italy, while favoring those from western Europe.

"It's not a coincidence that the (Indian) Citizenship Act and the Immigration Act both happened in 1924," Deloria said. "Both Native people and for immigrants, there's a lot wrapped up around assimilation. There's a whole set of discourses and practices and institutions that are aimed at immigrants, and getting them to stop speaking their languages and to give up their customs, and to assimilate."

It was also in 1940 all Native Americans and Alaska Natives were to finally be counted with the general American population in the decennial census, according to the Census Bureau. Previously, Native people had to renounce their tribal citizenship or "tribal rule" under state or territorial laws to become Americans.

Repowering Communities

Indigenous people were not all in agreement about American citizenship, however — there were essentially four different positions on it, according to Deloria's research.

One position favored citizenship for practical reasons. It would lead to voting rights, access to courts and hopefully, equality. The second po-

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sition, seated in American nationalism, believed indigenous people should be citizens because they had served in the war.

The third position believed American citizenship would lead to assimilation of indigenous people into mainstream society and away from their indigenous nations. The final position was indigenous people who flatly opposed American citizenship and the Indian Citizenship Act.

"Many Native people saw citizenship as the final act of colonization," said David Silverman, professor of history at George Washington University. "One of the points I make is that the options in front of them were very few. Effectively, they had the choice – not of citizenship and sovereignty – but between the abject poverty of reservation communities caused by white legislation and the failures of federal policy or assimilation into the white mainstream. And that was the range of debate."

There was extreme poverty on many reservations, according to Kevin Gover, undersecretary of museums and culture at the Smithsonian Institute.

The movement of Native people was restricted and closely monitored. They had little sovereignty over themselves, their children, lands or water. More than 80% of school age children were forcibly taken from their families and put into federal Indian boarding schools where they faced strict assimilationist policies as well as violence, neglect and even death.

"Their lives were completely controlled by Indian agents on the reservation," said Gover, Pawnee. "They needed the agent's permission to leave the reservation to spend their own money. So, citizenship was a step toward reestablishing both individual Indian agency over their own lives and equally important, the tribal authority ... We've used our citizenship over the years in ways that repowered our communities."

"No One Ever Asked"

A few years ago, Ronnie Jo Horse was in Fort Peck in northeastern Montana at a community meeting to update the community on the recent state legislative session. She asked a group of elders if they were registered to vote.

None of the women had ever voted in an election and none was registered to vote.

"I asked why they had never participated before," Horse recalled. "They said, 'No one ever asked me to.'"

Horse had always taken voting seriously. As a teenager, she became a member of Western Native Voice, an organization dedicated to building civic engagement and power on the seven sovereign tribal lands in Montana as well as major urban centers for indigenous people living off tribal lands.

By age 18, she was helping give rides to people who wanted to give public comments at the Montana Legislature.

A friend who worked for Western Native Voice encouraged her to register to vote, and she did. Eventually, she became the organization's executive director in 2022.

Jaynie Parrish, Diné, the founder and executive director of Arizona Native Vote, cast her first ballot in 2008 when she was nearing her 30s.

Parrish drove with her mother to Lupton Chapter House, located near the Arizona-New Mexico border just off Interstate 40. On election days, Navajo chapter houses are bustling. Campaign workers for Navajo politicians, and sometimes, state elections, are posted outside, offering free traditional foods and a time to chat about candidates.

"It's festive and we get to visit with relatives," Parrish said.

Parrish said she hadn't registered to vote or even thought about voting in a meaningful way because no one had talked to her about it.

"I just didn't have anybody approach me," Parrish said, "I don't remember anybody coming to my high school and talking to me about voting."

Today, she is working to ensure voters are registered and Native voices are heard.

"Honestly, I just feel like this is my place to be right now and to help serve in a way to empower our people by voting, showing them that path, that this is just one way to create change," Parrish said. "It doesn't mean that it's the only

way, but it's definitely an important place for us to have a voice. I always go back to people like Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan (in Minnesota), and Denise Juneau, and all these incredible leaders that put it just right. They said, 'This is our time, and we're fighting against systems that weren't built or created for us, but we're making new paths, and finding a way to make it work.'"

Taylor Patterson, Bishop Paiute, never intended to go into the field of civic engagement. She was pulled into it after seeing firsthand how state and federal policy can impact people.

At 19, she was diagnosed with a chronic illness which forced her to learn to advocate for herself. She knows now how a Medicaid For All policy could help people pay for the care they need.

"I'm really just concerned about making sure that people stay engaged and push for the things that they want," Patterson said.

Especially young voters, 18 to 29, who are often the smallest percentage of voters.

"I don't want another generation to be disenfranchised because they don't see a place for them ... We're asking young people, why don't you vote?" Patterson asked. "And young people will tell us exactly what they want. And they're like, 'That's too pie-in-the-sky. No, that's crazy. The green New Deal or Medicare For All is never going to be able to pass. So, then why should I vote?'"

Barriers to Voting

But, there are still many barriers for Native voters today.

In 1962, New Mexico became the last state in the nation to affirm equal voting rights for Native Americans living on sovereign lands in *Montoya v. Bolack* went all the way to the New Mexico Supreme Court.

The court affirmed Native Americans living on reservations were legally allowed to vote in state and local elections. It would be one of the last attempts to use a direct statute to deny Native Americans the right to vote, according to historian Willard Hughes Rollings.

In 2020, the Native American Rights Fund released a report, "Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters," which details ways in which Native voters are disenfranchised.

The process of registering to vote is riddled with barriers. There aren't enough locations to register to vote, which means some people have to drive long distances just to apply in-person. Online voter registration isn't always an option as Native communities lag behind others when it comes to Internet access, and eight states don't allow online voter registration at all: Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and New Hampshire.

In states such as New Mexico, online voter registration requires a New Mexico ID or driver's license, which can be another barrier. Some states even require a physical address in order to register to vote, which can be a problem for people living in rural areas on sovereign lands.

An estimated 40,000 Native Americans in Arizona don't have addresses for their homes, so when a proof-of-address requirement proposed in Arizona would have disproportionately impacted Native American voters, according to Jacqueline De León, staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund.

"We were able to successfully beat that back but the legislature knows that statewide races in Arizona are decided by less than 300 votes out of 2.5 million cast, that the margins are so incredibly tight," De León said. "So, we are seeing an attempt to pick off minority voters across the state."

Casting ballots can also be a problem. There often aren't enough early voting locations for people who can't take work off to vote on election days. During the 2016 presidential election, 59 million people voted before election day, according to *The Associated Press*, and in 2020, seven out of 10 voters used early voting and mail-in ballots. The Republican Party, however, has moved to restrict both, according to *PBS NewsHour*.

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Maryland and Kentucky lasts less than a week. In Texas, about half the early voting locations are being closed because there’s no funding.

And for those who wait until Election Day to cast their ballot, there aren’t enough polling places, which can force some indigenous voters to drive long distances. Once there, Native language speakers who need their ballots translated from English are unable to receive those services even though translations may be required by law if the population meets a certain percentage requirement.

“For many of our communities, English is still not our first language,” said Jordan James Harvill, Cherokee, the national program director for Advance Native Political Leadership. “Section 203 provisions ... say that if there’s a certain number of language speakers in a community, that there have to be ballots and information about voting in that language. That is still not respected for a large portion of our communities, particularly when we’re thinking about Alaska Native communities, Navajo, Diné speakers.”

Looking Ahead

In the next 100 years, there are many dreams of what could be. It would start with the passage of the Native American Voting Rights Act, an act which would ensure communities like the Catawba Nation in South Carolina have a polling location on their lands where voter access could meet the unique needs of a community.

“We have to pass the Native American Voting Rights Act,” said De León, Isleta Pueblo. “I’d like to see voter access as an everyday part of Native peoples lives in a way that is organic and true to the community, that’s intuitive for people, that understands their lives, and is responsive to their lives, so that they can make the choice of participating in American political life.”

The act was introduced in the U.S. House in 2021 by Representative Sharice Davids, and co-sponsored by Representative Tom Cole, Chickasaw. Davids is Ho-Chunk. There has been little action on the act by Congress, however. It was moved from the Committee on House Administration to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in 2022. That was the last action made on the act.

The act would make it mandatory for states to provide voter registration and polling locations on sovereign tribal lands, according to the Native American Rights Fund. It would create state-level Native American voting rights task forces, require oral voting translations in Native languages and allow others to drop off absentee ballots and voter registration to state agencies. It would also require states to get pre-approval from tribal governments, the U.S. attorney general or a D.C. federal district court before making any changes which would impact voter accessibility.

Wright, Ponca, said the act could help eliminate barriers.

“We can ensure that our people, regardless of where they live, what reservation they are, that those laws will be upheld and barriers aren’t put up to prevent our people from voting,” Wright said. “So, it’s very important that we get this passed and make sure that voting rights for tribal people are defended.”

The act could restore equity to a system which has never been fully in balance.

“Across the globe, indigenous peoples are standing up from Central and South America to New Zealand, and saying that we deserve a place at this table,” Harvill said. “We are the original peoples of these lands, and we will not be cast aside in the process of decision-making.”

“It means equity and parity in elected office,” Harvill said. “We have 350 Native elected leaders currently. We need roughly about 17,000 to reach basic representational parity based on population. It looks like closing that gap in everything from state legislatures to Congress to school boards and city councils that there is not a single place in this nation where Native people are not at the table driving decisions for the lands that they call home.”

Success at the Ballot Box

A growing number of indigenous politicians have been elected in the past 20 years. The November 5, 2024 election will see more than 140 indigenous candidates running for everything from local school boards to the U.S. Senate, according to a database by ICT and Advance Native Political Leadership. “What we’re going to see is the most diverse, the largest class of Native peoples being elected to office in the nation’s history this cycle,” Harvill said.

Current officeholders (and this isn’t an extensive list) include:

- Denise Juneau, who is of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes, Democrat, was the first Native American woman elected to a state-wide office when she won election as the state superintendent of public education in Montana.
- Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, Democrat, who was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2018, became the first Native American in a presidential cabinet when President Joe Biden nominated her to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which is tasked with overseeing Indian affairs. Biden has seated more Native American federal judges than any other single administration with all four being Native women.
- Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, White Earth Nation, DFL, became the first Native American woman in the country elected to lieutenant governor’s position when she was elected in 2018. She remains the only Native American woman in her position.

• Although no Native woman has yet been elected as a governor, Republican, Kevin Stitt, Cherokee, is Governor of Oklahoma where U.S. Representative Tom Cole, Chickasaw, is the longest-serving Native American member of Congress. U.S. Representative Josh Brecheen, Choctaw, also represents Oklahoma in Congress as does U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin, Cherokee, who became the first Native member of the Senate since 2005. All three members of Congress are Republicans.

• U.S. Representative Mary Peltola, Yup’ik, Democrat, was the first Alaska Native elected to represent Alaska’s at-large congressional district.

• U.S. Representative Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, Democrat, joined Haaland in becoming the first Native American women elected to Congress in 2018. Davids is now the longest serving Native American congresswoman in the history of the country and is seeking reelection to Kansas’ third congressional district this year.

Pauly Denetclaw, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, is Haltsooi (Meadow People) born for Kinyaa’áanii (Towering House People). An award-winning reporter based in Gallup, NM, she has worked for the Navajo Times and Texas Observer covering indigenous communities, and her radio pieces have aired on KYAT, National Native News, NPR’s Latino USA and Texas Public Radio. She is a board member of the Native American Journalists Association. Follow her on Twitter @pdineclaw.

Courtesy photos.

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Congratulations Graduates!



Satori Granados,

I can't express enough how proud I am of you. Of the 18 years of your life here, of everything you've been through and conquered, the setbacks AND the advancements! Graduating from Petoskey High School with outstanding grades, shows determination, discipline and motivation. With a mindset like yours, you will do amazing things in life! Your family, loved ones and ancestors are watching over you and are beyond proud of you! We are all cheering you on! Congratulations on your achievement! The world is yours.

With love, the Granados family.



Congratulations **Addison Feathers** on your achievements. Take that diploma and put it to work to accomplish your dreams. Miigwetch for your time to assist at our feast meals. We are proud of you!

Love, Aunt Lonnie and Uncle Roy (Ozawa Nimkee).



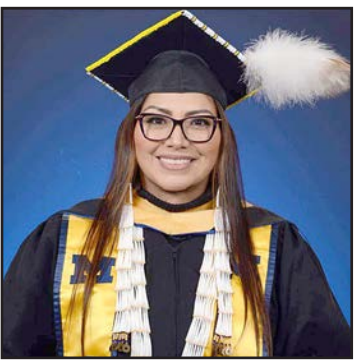
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Miigwetch and congratulations on your achievements and for serving as Student Representative on our Parent Committee for Escanaba's Indian Education Program. I am so very proud of you. Follow your dreams and take them to the next level.

Lonnie and Roy Sebeck (Ozawa Nimkee), Cultural Adviser.



Karlee Exelby, daughter of Tina Dominic and Roan Exelby, graduated from Highpoint Virtual Academy of Michigan on May 24 at the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts in East Lansing, Michigan. Karlee earned her graduation cord as a member of Highpoint's E-Sports Team. Karlee will be attending Gastronomic International Culinary Academy of France to study French Pastry and French language. Karlee will finish her studies in France with an internship at Michelin Star rated restaurant. Keep up the amazing work, Karlee! Love, Mom & Dad.



Congratulations to **Heather (Schuyler) Syrette**, who earned her Masters of Social Work from the University of Michigan in December 2023. We are very proud of your hard work and dedication. Love, your family.



Congratulations to **Neely Bardwell**. She graduated a semester early and with honors from James Madison College, Michigan State University, in December 2023.

Congratulations to our nidaanis, **Maya Schuyler**, on her graduation, May 4, 2024, with her Bachelor of Science in Clinical Exercise degree from Central Michigan University. She was honored by CMU's Office of Indigenous Affairs and CMU North American Indigenous Student Organi-



zation (NAISO) for her hard work as the NAISO President with a beautiful blanket from 8th Generation.

Maya, we are proud of you in all that you do. Your family is always here to support and encourage you every step of the way. We will be here for you as you continue onto your educational journey at Eastern Michigan University's nursing program in the fall. Giizaagin Nigamonbiimewiidoon!! Giizaagin Kokum, Papa, Mom, Dad, Selese and all your cousins, Aunties and Uncles.



Christopher Hinmon graduated from Petoskey High School. He will be attending North Central Michigan College in the nursing program.



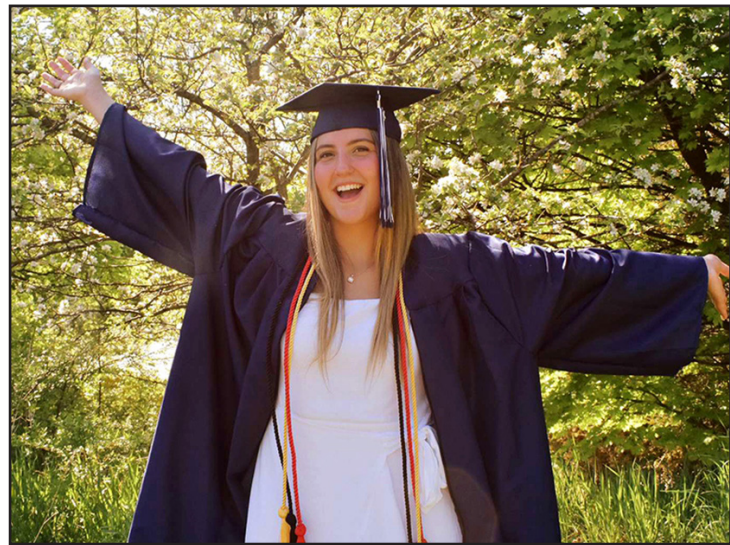
Congratulations to **Tavi Lucier**, Class of 2024 at Alanson High School. Your family is very proud of you!



Alicia Rose Silva, daughter of Jose and Sue Silva, graduated Cum Laude from East Lansing High School Class of 2024. Alicia will be attending Michigan State University in the fall. She will be pursuing a career as a pediatrician.



Congratulations **Danika Gunderson!** We are so proud of you, there are no limits to how far you can go. We are looking forward to seeing you walk your own path as you enter this new phase of life. Love you bunches, Grandma Cathy and Grandpa Bob Bradley.



Congratulations **Emily Naganashe!** We are so proud of you! From the family.



Congratulations to **Candice Munson** on your graduation from Kirtland Community College. Great job and keep reaching for the stars. Candice is the daughter of Daniel (Tamara) Munson and April Matz and the granddaughter of Rita and Martin Serva and Joyce and Keith Matz. Love, Mom, Dad and family.



"Beading with Becca" continued from page 1.

The double-needle method of beading, also known as two-needle bead weaving or two-needle off-loom bead weaving, is a technique used to create beaded designs using two needles simultaneously. One needle strings beads on the top thread, and the second needle thread comes through the bottom of the felt and places a stitch to hold down the top thread. This creates stitches much like a sewing machine does, only manually! The double-needle method can be particularly useful for creating complex designs.

As we continued to work, the youth were having fun laughing and joking as they worked. Occasionally, they would fall silent, concentrating on the design they were working on. It was great to have such a diverse group of ages working and having fun together! Sarah Schilling played a fun playlist of music as we would laugh over knowing when a song was popular, dating some of us, and the youth even singing along or commenting on their favorite "working" music.

As our beading time was ending, too quickly, everyone was excited to share their completed projects or some still in progress. I was able to finish my final row on my medallion and place a bezel trim around the center mirror. Becca helped finish the pieces with findings, so projects were useful and could be worn. Everyone was so proud of their accomplishment! I was, too!!

There are many accomplished bead workers within LTBB. I asked about volunteers. Volunteers are greatly appreciated, but due to regulations, anyone who volunteers to work with the Youth Services Department functions must have a background check for the safety of the youth. I was able to attend because as a worker of LTBB, we have already completed this process to work there. I HIGHLY encourage anyone to do it! If you would like to volunteer, you can get easy access to the forms by contacting the Youth Services Department at 231-242-1593. If you need help with getting the paperwork or with completing the procedure, Youth Services Department staff are glad to help you get it set

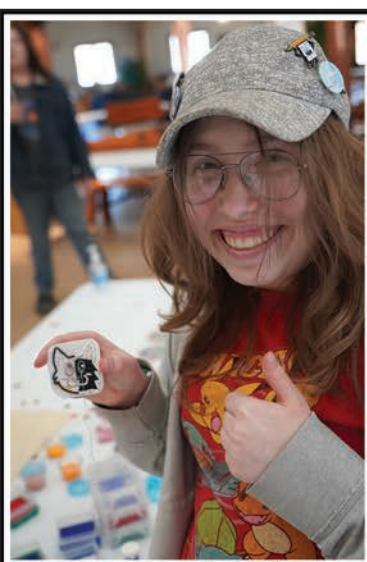


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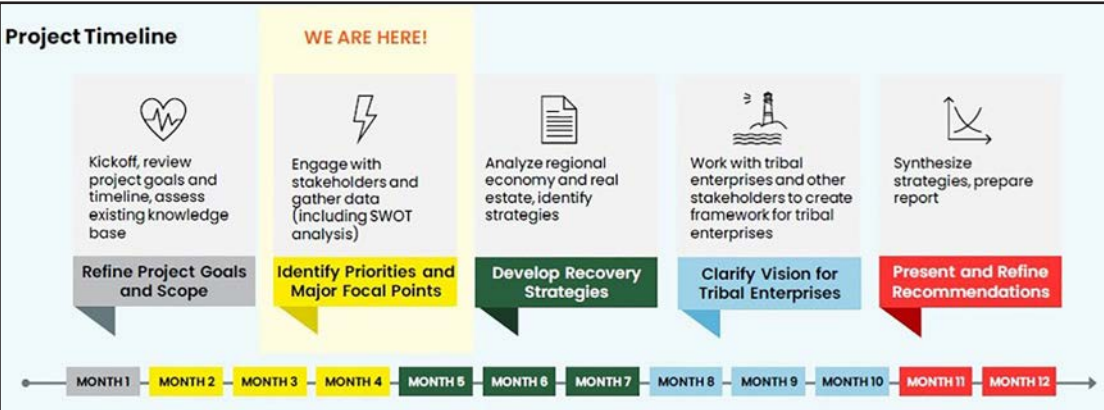
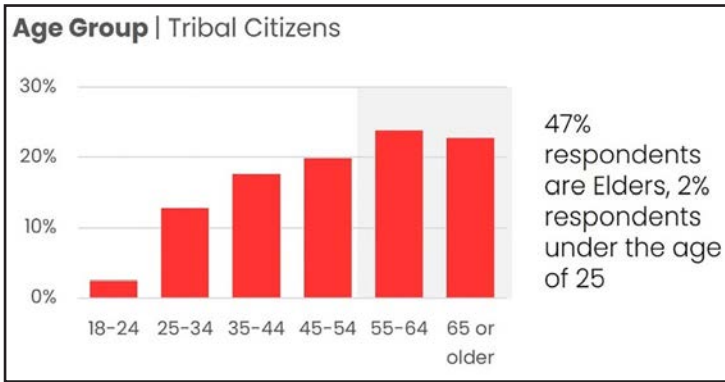
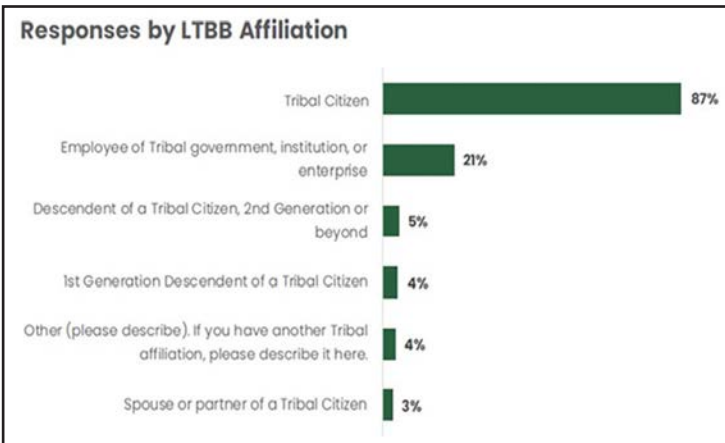
up! Give them a call, you won't regret it!

Today, Odawa beadwork continues to be a cherished cultural practice, passed down through generations and celebrated for its beauty and significance. It is important to continue sharing this knowledge of beading to the next generations. If you have this artistic gift, I highly encourage joining the ranks of being a volunteer to Becca Lynn's beading class. Many of the youth activities are a little too active for me, but beading I can do! I look forward to the next opportunity to join next fall and share in continuing this art. If you are skilled (or not so skilled!) at a traditional art, or just want to help with various functions, join in and share your knowledge with them. The paperwork is worth it!!

Photos by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.



“Prosperity Project” continued from page 1. the project team is looking to increase participation, so that everyone has a chance to share their voice and goals for the Tribe’s future. We are working to get additional responses from young adults because these Citizens will inherit the work we do today and ultimately carry forward our Tribe’s economic activities. If you know a young adult who is part of the LTBB community, please inform them of the opportunity to complete a Census! If you know someone who hasn’t completed the Census, please let them know it is important. See below for information about the project timeline and initial findings. - Nathan Burns, LTBB Department of Commerce, Economic Recovery Coordinator. Courtesy graphics.



“Migizi Aviary” continued from page 1. hundreds of eagles and other raptors for over 30 years, Rebecca Lessard is now retired. Please help the LTBB Natural Resource Department cement Wings of Wonder and former long-time WOW icon Rebecca Lessard’s legacy through donation funds necessary for the construction of the Archie Kiogima ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center. Total project costs are estimated at \$2.3 million. The campaign is on the way to reaching that funding goal, however, a significant amount of funding is still needed. A minimum of \$250,000 in additional donations are needed in order to fully realize the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community grant. LTBB has created an informational webpage (<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/migizi-aviary/>) on the project with online donation capabilities.



Odawa Casino Marketing Director Alan Bouschor (left) and Odawa Casino Community Development Coordinator Ellie Joles (right) presented LTBB Natural Resource Director Doug Craven (center) with a check for \$1,156 as a Spare Change Program donation toward the Archie Kiogima Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

The bald eagle, “Migizi” is a highly respected and significant cultural species to many Native American tribes, including the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Preserving this highly revered and significant cultural species for the next seven generations is a high priority for the LTBB. *Courtesy graphics and courtesy photo.*

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS!

The Tribal Census will close on August 31, 2024

LTBB Census Ambassadors will be active this summer, making house visits and phone calls to increase participation in the Census!

SCAN TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS AND STAY UP TO DATE!

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Top 3 Land Use Priorities | What goals should the Tribe prioritize for Tribally owned land? (select three)

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
MIGIZI REHABILITATION + AVIARY

- The What:** Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Natural Resource Department is seeking like-minded Tribes, groups and individuals in the care and protection of injured Eagles and other raptors through the development of top-notch facility on Tribal land nestled within a Tribal community. The facility will be the nations 1st Tribal Eagle Aviary east of the Mississippi River.
- The Need:** The retirement of Rebecca Lessard and the closing a Wings of Wonder(WOW) means that there is no long a raptor facility providing services to northern MI and the eastern UP. Upwards of 20-30 eagles per year went through the WOW facility for rehabilitation. There is currently not a facility available to address the need.
- The How:** The LTBB Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation center has 3 phases: 1. Rehabilitation mews to rehabilitate injured eagles and other raptors, 2. Animal lab/clinic for intensive care, check in, food preparation and office space, 3. Migizi Aviary flight pen to permanently house non-releasable eagles.
- The Cost:** The total cost of the facility is \$2.3 million. LTBB kicked off the funding Campaign March of 2021 and to date has raised \$1 million. The project was put out to bid. 1st two phases came in at \$1.7 million and Phase 3 came in at \$600K. The bid is valid through July 15th. \$1.3 million needed to complete all phases.

Let’s Go Fishing Answer Key
Puzzle on page 6.

Giigoonh	fish
giigoonhik	fish - plural
giigoonhs	little fish
giigoonhsak	little fish - plural
gigoonhke	S/he is fishing.
giigoonhkenini	a fisherman
waakoonhsal	fish eggs; roe
mdamoojigan	a fishing pole; rod
nit	spear
bkazhaawe	to clean/gut a fish
enjimaajigwaad	the place where they grow
giigoonhkeng	place of fish

PRIDE FOR TWO-SPIRIT AND LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

During June, Pride Month celebrates the 2SLGBTQ+ community's achievements and advocates for equal rights and community acceptance. It's also a time to remember a people known as "Two-Spirits," who were once revered before colonization and considered gifted by the Creator.

"Colonization forced us to accept values and beliefs that did not fit within our own customs and traditions," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "Culture is very important to the health and well-being of our people, and that is why it is important to remember that as this nation's first people, we look to the past to find that part of history that helps us to define who we were and still are today."

The Two-Spirited People

It was during an indigenous lesbian and gay gathering in Winnipeg in 1990 that the term "Two-Spirit" was used to distinguish Native LGBTQ+ peoples from non-Native LGBTQ+ peoples. It is a name which ties Two-Spirit to our cultural beliefs and spirituality. In many ways, the 2S and LGBTQ+ people share the same life experience: Sometimes accepted, shunned or even ignored.

According to the Indian Health Service, "Native American two-spirit people were male, female and sometimes, intersexed individuals who combined activities of both men and women unique to their status as two-spirit people." For example, women may have had to be the hunter and the gatherer or men the homemakers. These were skill sets tied to their natural inclination.

Two-Spirit people may be straight, gay, bi-sexual or asexual, male, female, transgender female, transgender male, non-binary, queer or plus (something else). Two-Spirit embodies an indigenous worldview of gender, including any individual who may express or present as having both male and female qualities.

"The biggest takeaway from the concept of our Two-Spirit relatives is that alternative lifestyles were accepted as a matter of course; they were never frowned upon," Jump explained, adding indigenous people understood a birth didn't have predetermined assignments and there was a purpose and a need for all walks of life.

"If only we could see through the eyes of our ancestors," Jump concluded. "We might see how acceptance is key to our health and wellbeing."

Bullying and Suicidal Risk Factors

Sadly, a lack of awareness, education and an understanding of 2SLGBTQ+ people often leads to bullying, discrimination and harassment, which can contribute to a decline in mental health and increase the risk of suicide.

Bullying and Discrimination: Two-Spirit individuals often face bullying, discrimination and harassment based on their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. This can occur in various settings such as schools, workplaces, communities and even within families.

Impact on Mental Health: Persistent bullying and discrimination can have serious negative effects on the mental health of Two-Spirit individuals who experience these forms of mistreatment. It can lead to a higher risk of developing

Happy Pride Month



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depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and other mental health issues.

Suicide Risk: Two-Spirit youth, in particular, are at a significantly higher risk of suicidal ideation, suicide attempts and completed suicides. This is due to persistent bullying and discrimination, which can exacerbate feelings of isolation, hopelessness and worthlessness.

Lack of Support: Two-Spirit individuals who experience bullying and discrimination may also face challenges in accessing supportive resources and networks. Fear of rejection or further mistreatment can lead to social withdrawal and reluctance to seek help.

Intersectional Factors: The impact of bullying and discrimination can be compounded by intersecting factors such as race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability and cultural background.

It is essential to understand addressing bullying and discrimination against the 2SLGBTQ+ requires a multifaceted approach involving education, raising awareness, supportive environments and increased access to services. Also, creating inclusive and affirming spaces where individuals feel safe, valued and supported is crucial to the health and well-being of future generations.

StrongHearts Native helpline stands with Two-Spirit people and the LGBTQ+ community and recognizes the need for acceptance, equal protection, social and racial justice and reconciliation across the nation. For those who may be experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence, StrongHearts can help by providing culturally appropriate support and advocacy for Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other factor protected by local, state or federal law. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

Source

StrongHearts Native Helpline, "Two-Spirit Identity." <https://strongheartshelpline.org/abuse/two-spirit-identity>

Indian Health Service, "Two-Spirit." <https://www.ihs.gov/lgbt/health/twospirit/>
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LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays



Happy 19th birthday to **Izzy Portman** on July 14. Love, Mom and Dad.

Birthday wishes for **Ronald Bottoms** on July 24. Enjoy your day. From the siblings and family.

Walking On...



Alysha M. Bowman, 28

Alysha Marie Bowman, a tenderhearted, young soul, passed away unexpectedly on October 10, 2023, leaving behind memories of her warm smiles, sweet giggles, bubbly personality and clumsy "mistakes."

Alysha was born to William "Henry" and Michelle (Asher) Bowman on August 6, 1995 in Hancock, MI. She was a member of her father's tribe, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, however, she grew up and spent most of her life here, within her mother's tribe, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. After graduating from L'Anse High School in 2013, she worked in several places within the community.

Alysha learned to love thrifting and going to rummage sales at a young age from her Grandmother Marie and Auntie Sara. She also enjoyed spending time with her family, however, her greatest love was for her two boys, Trenton and Zachary.

Alysha is survived by her sons, Trenton and Zachary Degenaer; parents, Henry and Michelle Bowman; brothers, Logan and Joran; sister, Shyana; Grandmother Linda LaPine; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Alysha was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Larry Asher, William Bowman and Mark LaPine; and grandmother, Marie Kagabitang.

Walking On...



Rose M. Brown, 54

Rose M. Brown, beloved wife, mother, "yaya," sister and friend, passed away, surrounded by her family on May 16, 2024 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN, at the age of 54. She was born on August 26, 1969 in Petoskey, MI, to her parents, Douglas Sprague and Diane Buelow (Fyvie). Rose was known for her vibrant personality as a go-getter, who exuded love and care for her family and friends.

Rose graduated from Harbor Springs High School in Michigan and went on to work diligently for 22 years on the 3rd shift as a stocker at Walmart. Her dedication and commitment were truly inspiring to all who knew her.

Beyond her professional life, Rose had a variety of interests which brought joy to her days. She had a passion for 80's hairbands and going to concerts, especially to see the band, Ratt. She also loved her "girls" weekends and travelling with friends. She had a special place in her heart for "The Grinch," "Peanuts," and "The Walking Dead." Her addiction to pillows was well-known among those closest to her, and she held a deep admiration for Jason Momoa. Her family remembers her love for gossip and drama. She always had the news or TMZ pulled up on her phone to keep up to date on the latest scandal. Rose will be deeply missed by those whose lives she touched.

She leaves behind her husband, Charles Brown; daughters, Samantha (Kyle) Justice and Jordan Brown; stepdaughter, Heather Chaney; grandchildren, Ivyana, Guiliana, Decklin and Maisy Brown; and Remington and Chey-

anne Chaney; father, Douglas Sprague; and brother, Shawn Buelow. She is further survived by many extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother, Diane, and sister, Susan Winchester.



William "Bill" LaCroix, 72

William "Bill" Harley LaCroix, 72, of Petoskey, MI, died at his home on May 17, 2024.

Bill was born on March 27, 1952 in Boyne City, MI, the son of Norman and Edna (Nicewander) LaCroix. He attended Boyne City High School where he was active on the football team and participated as a "Yell Leader."

On August 19, 1994, he married Carol Goldsmith. He gained three stepsons and a large extended family.

Over the years, Bill held many jobs, including East Jordan Ironworks, Boyne Mountain and most recently at the Odawa Casino.

He loved camping, hunting and being with family, especially his grandchildren. He also liked to race snowmobiles with his dad and brothers.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carol LaCroix; stepsons, Patrick (Elizabeth) Ecker, Jeremiah (Kassi) Ecker and Devon (Michelle) Ecker; grandchildren, Melisa LaPoint, Haley, Naomi, Kady, Ruth Ann, Alyssa, Honey, Mary and Jakob Ecker; great-grandchildren, Hunter, Lily, Willow, Harley, McKayla, Savannah, Jakob Lee and Kyler; and his siblings, Dave (Jennifer), Timmy (Gene), Benny, Sherri and Rocky.

He is preceded in death by his son, Nathan LaCroix; his parents, Norman and Edna; and a great-granddaughter, Lana Rae.

Congratulations

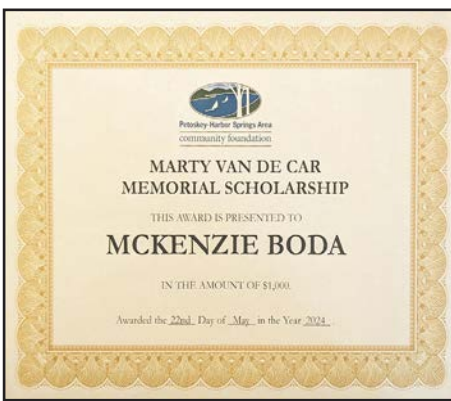


Congratulations to the U.S. Census Bureau's **Bernadece Boda**, who was named the 2024 Chicago Federal Executive Board's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Employee of the Year. Bernadece, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, received the award on May 23, 2024 in Chicago, IL. The award states, "In recognition of your exceptional leadership, dedication and unyielding commitment to the Federal community. Your contributions are truly appreciated."



Congratulations to Chef **Jeff Gokee**, who along with fellow chefs Hans Jessen and Jeffrey Summers, helped Nomad - Bay Harbor win the 2024 Petoskey Sunrise Rotary Burger Battle. The award-winning burger is a waygu beef burger with a sunny side up cooked egg served on top. Jeff is an LTBB Tribal Citizen.

Congratulations to LTBB Tribal Citizen **Mckenzie Boda**, the recipient of the inaugural Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. The Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship was established in 2023 by Marty's family through donations from their family and friends to honor Marty's life and legacy. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating Emmet County (Michigan) high school student who is continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, community college or eligible trade/technical/vocational institution. Preference is given to a Native American student.



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