

# Odawa Trails

April 1<sup>st</sup> is National Greeting Card Day!  
Send a friend a card!

## NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Aanii Citizens,  
Tribal Council will hear comments/concerns from the Tribal Public community regarding LEG-312 Citizenship proposed Legislation on April 4, 2023 at 9 a.m. - noon & April 18, 2023 at 9 a.m. - noon on Zoom and in the Tribal Council Chambers, located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.

The section of the draft for comment reads:  
SECTION VI. COMPUTATION OF LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND BLOOD QUANTUM

The 1870 Annuity Pay roll of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa & Chippewa of Michigan under chiefs listed in Section V (B.1) blood calculation is as follows:

A. Persons listed on the 1908 Durant roll who are exclusively Little Traverse Bay Band blood will be upgraded to full blood Little Traverse Bay Band.

B. For persons who are Little Traverse Band blood and have other Native American blood lines, the Little Traverse Bay Band blood will be increased to make the person full blood, however, the other Native American blood lines will not change. As example:

- Listed on Durant Roll
- Example:  
DR#7265 Jane Doe =1/4 LTB, 1/4 GTB = 1/2 (revised December 19, 1999)
- DR#7265 Jane Doe =3/4 LTB, 1/4 GTB = 4/4 (Change)

## SWISS MAKES PETOSKEY HISTORY AS FIRST-EVER UNDEFEATED STATE CHAMPION

By Drew Kochanny, Petoskey News-Review Sports Editor

**Editor's note:** The following article and photographs appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review* on March 6, 2023, and they are reprinted here with permission. Trevor Swiss, an LTBB Descendant, finished his high school career with a 153-17 record. His season record was 47-0, wrestling at 150 pounds. He is a four-time district champion (the first-ever for Petoskey High School), a multiple state placer and a state champion.



Petoskey senior Trevor Swiss has been kind of a Northmen wrestling history buff his whole life.

Even from a young age, you could have asked him which wrestlers earned state titles or what some of the best finishes ever for Northmen were and Swiss would rattle off names.

"I always had all the names memorized and what year they took first," he said. "A lot of just the all-state wrestlers from Petos-

key, I always knew what year they placed or how highly they placed because I envisioned myself up on that wall."

Now, Swiss is part of that Petoskey history.

Over the weekend at Ford Field in Detroit, MI, Swiss became just the fourth wrestler ever at the school to become an individual state champion as he claimed the Division 2 150-pound state title.

For Swiss, the championship is something he's worked his entire wrestling career for, from starting in first grade, to Saturday afternoon (March 4, 2023). Describing that final moment isn't something he can really even put into words just yet.

"It's pretty tough," said Swiss. "When there's something you've been thinking about and has been

*"Trevor Swiss" continued on page 32.*

## GUIDED BY HER ANCESTORS AND FAMILY, EVA OLDMAN DESIGNS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTS FOR ALL

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

At age 13, LTBB Tribal Citizen Eva Oldman showed her creativity when she started designing and making her own pow wow regalia with the assistance of her cousin, Winnay Wemigwase.

Since then, Eva has made pow wow regalia for her children, Alonzo, 25, Alexa, 21, Niibiishenh, 5, and Nangwegan, 4; created several logos, flyers and websites; designed several products for her business, creative graphics by eva; and created Niibiishenh, a children's store along with her younger children, Nangwegan and Niibiishenh.

"I think my creativity comes from my grandparents (Dan and Eva Naganashe)," said Eva, who is also Northern Arapaho. "My grandma made quill box-



before them. It evolved from them. My mother (Shirley Naganashe-Oldman-ba) and my brothers, Jason (Oldman-ba) and Jesse (Oldman-ba) guide me through my journey on Mother Earth. They open doors for me and present opportunities for me. I believe all my ancestors guide me in my life."

Eva, who has been a graphic designer for more than 15 years, graduated from the Center of New Media from Kalamazoo Valley Community College with two Associates in Applied Science degrees, one in Graphic Design and one in Web Design. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Tribal Administration and Governance from the University of Minnesota Duluth and is applying to schools to pursue her Master's degree in Legal Studies/Indigenous Law.

She established her business, creative graphics by eva, in 2018 and it was solely for graphic design services. She expanded her business by establishing an indigenous product line in February 2021 and establishing Niibiishenh, the



children's store, in January 2023.

"I saw a need for graphic designers in Indian country," Eva said of starting her business. "I was designing a lot of graphics and posters for Native people and that inspired me to create an indigenous"  
*"Eva Oldman" continued on page 30.*

es and played the piano. My grandpa played the fiddle. I think my creativity came from them and all of my ancestors

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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 3-20-2023 = 4,465

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# Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

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Odawa Trails Website [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com)

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242-1521 Administrative Assistant  
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**Facilities Department** **Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department**  
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**Education Department** **Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program**  
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242-1597 242-1593

**Health Department** 242-1611

## Election Board

ElectionBoard@lbtbelectionboard.org

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 gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi'aamigak 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, miigo 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 May 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 3, 2023.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to [newsletter@lbtbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@lbtbodawa-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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6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**

12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



year's elected speaker is Heather Syrette; please make sure to join us in person or virtually!

On March 13, (Vice Chairperson) Stella (Kay) and I were able to attend the investiture of LTBB Tribal Citizen Allie Maldonado, Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals. I was honored and humbled to give a speech at this ceremony, and we look forward to seeing her take on this important new role.

at the federal level.

In April, Stella will be taking part in the Native American Finance Officers Association 41st Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. as well. We are continuing our efforts to work together with tribal nations all over the U.S. to get the best outcomes for our communities.

As always, our office is available to take your questions, comments and concerns. We enjoy seeing our citizens engage and get involved in our events and meetings or just stopping by to express themselves. Warmer weather is upon us! We made it through another winter. Let's stick together to achieve our goals!

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Our Executive team also traveled to the National Congress of the American Indians Executive Council Winter Session and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes in Washington, D.C. to represent our tribal government in the important discussions happening

Aanii Boozhoo.

Here's to hoping April showers bring May flowers! As stated in the March issue, we are getting closer to the community meeting. The official date is scheduled for May 13, 2023 at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. This

## LTBB ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Address Verification Forms are now being accepted through Email & Fax.

- Forms must be completed in full
- Hardcopies **MUST** still be mailed in or left in outdoor mailbox located in front of Administration Building

Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

231-242-1526

Office is open for appointments  
For questions or appointments call:  
231-242-1522 - Lindsey  
231-242-1521 - Marin  
231-242-1520 - Pauline



## TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICES 2023 SCHEDULE

**MARY PINE**  
May 2,3 July 5,6  
September 5,6  
November 8,9

**JOSEPH SYRETTE**  
April 19,20 May 17,18  
June 7,8 July 9,20  
August 23,24 September 20,21  
October 18,19 November 15,16  
December 20,21

TO VIEW EACH BIOGRAPHY, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CELL CAMERA  
To schedule, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1640

**LTBB**  
Wawiiayaa Giigidoowin  
"Talking Circle"  
Thursday 5pm - 6pm  
LTBB Conference Room

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Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm  
Phone: 231-242-1750  
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\*Subject to PRC Coverage Guidelines. Call PRC at 231-242-1600 for payment authorization prior.

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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



| DATE    | January 2023   | Emily Proctor | Marcella Reyes | Leroy Shomin | Fred Kiogima | Tamara Munson | William Ortiz | Aaron Otto | Melissa Pamp | James Pontiac |
|---------|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1/6/23  | Land and Reservation Committee   |               | X              | X            |              |               |               | X          |              | X             |
| 1/10/23 | Tribal Council Work Session  | X             |                |              | X            | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 1/12/23 | Tribal Council Meeting   | X             | X              | X            | X            | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 1/17/23 | Appropriations and Finance Committee                                       |               | X              | X            | X            |               | X             |            |              | X             |
| 1/24/23 | Tribal Council Work Session  | X             | X              | X            | X            |               | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 1/26/23 | Tribal Council Meeting   | X             | X              | X            |              | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 1/27/23 | AKI Construction Reception and Dinner                                      | X             | X              | X            | X            | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
|         | *Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs. |               |                |              |              |               |               |            |              |               |

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



| DATE    | February 2023  | Emily Proctor | Marcella Reyes | Leroy Shomin | Fred Kiogima | Tamara Munson | William Ortiz | Aaron Otto | Melissa Pamp | James Pontiac |
|---------|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2/3/23  | Land and Reservation Committee   |               | X              |              |              |               |               | X          |              | X             |
| 2/6/23  | Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Meeting                       | X             | X              | X            | X            |               | X             |            | X            | X             |
| 2/7/23  | Tribal Council Work Session  | X             | X              | X            |              | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 2/9/23  | Tribal Council Meeting   |               | X              | X            | X            | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 2/14/23 | Appropriations and Finance Committee                                       | X             | X              | X            | X            |               | X             |            |              | X             |
| 2/21/23 | Tribal Council Work Session  | X             | X              | X            |              | X             | X             | X          | X            | X             |
| 2/23/23 | Tribal Council Meeting   | X             | X              | X            | X            | X             | X             |            | X            | X             |
|         | *Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs. |               |                |              |              |               |               |            |              |               |

We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>. Please be respectful in your comments.

# LTBB, GUN LAKE TRIBE AND POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI CELEBRATE PARTNERSHIP

Submitted by **Shanna Shananaquet**, OEAHC Executive Director

At the end of January 2023, representatives and Tribal Council members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the Gun Lake Tribe all gathered at the McKay Tower in Grand Rapids, MI, to celebrate the recent formation of Aki Construction.

This is a historic and culturally significant one-of-a-kind real estate development and construction company created as a partnership between Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (OEAHC), Mno-Bmadsen and Gun Lake Investments; the economic development and investment entities within their three perspective tribes.



Pictured from left to right are Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Administrative Assistant Nicholas Peltier, Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet and Secretary/Board Member Jeremy Steele.

It is with great honor to see the tribes of the Three Fires unite and celebrate Aki Construction and know future success will directly benefit tribal communities.

LTBB Tribal Councilor Marty VanDeCar-baa was given an honorable mention during this event for his sup-

port in this endeavor and all economic diversity for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation is very excited to move forward with our new partners and bring back value to our tribes.

*Courtesy photos.*



Tribal Council Members and Representatives from LTBB, the Gun Lake Tribe and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians celebrate the creation of Aki Construction.

## 2024 BUDGET FORMULATION PROCESS PLANNING CALENDAR



- 1<sup>st</sup> week of April - All Branch hearings (April 5 – Executive & Election Board and April 7 – Prosecutor, Legislative, Judicial)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April - LTBB 2024 Proposed Annual Budget available to Tribal Citizens (April 10)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April - 2024 Annual Budget Public Hearing (April 11)
- By Annual Meeting - Tribal Council approve annual budget (April 20- TC Mtg)  
Final 2024 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website (April 21)
- TBD - Annual Community Meeting

## Forests' Benefits for Cities

**INNER FORESTS**

- Clean air
- Shade from sun
- Urban wildlife
- Higher property values
- Recreation

**NEARBY FORESTS**

- Clean air
- Drinking water
- Reduced flooding
- Reduced soil erosion
- Timber
- Recreation

**FARAWAY FORESTS**

- Carbon storage
- Rainfall generation
- Timber
- Medicine
- Biodiversity

Source: Cities4Forests n.d.a.



### NOTICE TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced that Medicaid Eligibility Renewals will **resume starting April 2023.**

#### IF YOU HAVE MEDICAID: GET READY TO RENEW NOW.

Following these steps will help determine if you still qualify:

Make sure your contact information is up to date with MDHHS.

Check your mail, text, or MI Bridges account for notifications.

If received, complete the Medicaid Renewal Form immediately.

The Renewal Form must be mailed in or submitted on your MI Bridges account

#### FOR HELP OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Visit the MI Bridges Webpage: [michigan.gov/mibridges](https://michigan.gov/mibridges) Or Contact:  
Abigail Dawson  
LTBB PRC Benefits Assistant  
P: 231-242-1752  
E: [adawson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:adawson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)



**DON'T RISK A GAP IN YOUR MEDICAID OR PRC COVERAGE!**

LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH

## NATIVE WAY

OPEN EACH DAY  
5AM - 11PM

**We are excited to announce the new hours of operation for Native Way!**

If you do not have a membership, you will need to have a current physical. Once your physical has been completed, you will need to call Marlene Gasco, Health Wellness Advocate, at 231-487-1616 to schedule your orientation.

### LTBB OF ODAWA INDIAN HEALTHY START FAMILY SPIRIT PRENATAL TO 5 YEARS OLD

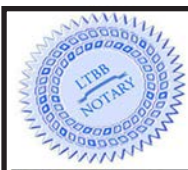
**AS TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WE ARE ALSO MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, SISTERS AND AUNTS WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF OUR NATIVE COMMUNITY.**

- WHAT DO WE OFFER?**
- \*FREQUENT CONTACT AND SUPPORT
  - \*EDUCATIONAL MILESTONES
  - \*PRENATAL EDUCATION
  - \*POSTPARTUM
  - \*LABOR AND BIRTH EDUCATION
  - \*RESOURCES FOR OUR PROGRAMS INVOLVMENT PROVIDED
  - \*AND MUCH MORE



FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR BARCODE, CALL OR EMAIL:

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Or TRACEY @ 231-242-1721  
[tostrander@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tostrander@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)



### TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

| Tribal Notary Commission Full Name | Current Status | Expiration Date   | Serial Number | Phone Ext. |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Rebecca R Fisher                   | Active         | February 20, 2027 | 02-09         |            |
| Cynthia Brouckaert                 | Active         | June 5, 2023      | 05-09         | 1462       |
| Beverly J Wemigwase                | Active         | February 21, 2027 | 10-09         | 1400       |
| Julie Rose Janiskee                | Active         | August 23, 2027   | 11-09         | 1610       |
| Marin C Taylor                     | Active         | May 14, 2024      | 13-09         | 1521       |
| Hayden Hooper                      | Active         | February 1, 2027  | 15-09         | 1584       |
| Lakota Worthington                 | Active         | May 4, 2027       | 16-09         | 1401       |
| Kerstine Omev                      | Active         | January 17, 2028  | 17-09         | 1480       |

# April Elders Birthdays

**April 1**

Loretta Cook  
John Kenoshmeg, Sr.  
Christine Kawegoma  
Audrey Gribben

**April 2**

Keith Kiogima, Sr.  
Marilyn Hume  
Betty Peacock  
Vicki Emery  
Anne Cowell

**April 3**

William Denemy  
Lynn Martin

**April 4**

Sandra Tipton  
Viola Wood  
Mary Kiogima

**April 5**

Regina Hardwick  
Gloria Purifoy  
Yvonne Sineway  
Susan Townley  
Marcella Reyes

**April 6**

Steven Shenoskey  
Ricky Reiter

**April 7**

Thomas Nongueskwa  
Ivan Taylor  
Larry Cartwright  
Cynthia Kiogima  
Brion Himes  
Nannette Clearing-Sky-Christensen  
Christopher Walker

**April 8**

Daniel Keller  
Karyn Krueger  
Joseph Nowak  
Kelly Lyle  
Rose Newman  
Mitchell Baker, Sr.

**April 9**

Sharon Tracey  
Wayne Stine  
Karyn Young

Dawn Malcomson  
Melissa Moses  
Susan Gibson

**April 10**

Mary Wemigwase  
Louretta Eidt  
Sadi Synn  
Carl Shawa  
Michael Smith  
Michael Shomin

**April 11**

Robin Barney-Lees  
Jamie Martin  
Melissa Goorhouse  
Matthew Kiogima  
Gerald Keller  
Karen Morrison  
John Naganashe  
Mellissa Pier  
Patrick Springfield  
Lauretta Gilbert  
Christine Haines

**April 12**

Michelle Neveau  
Michele Beaman  
Elaine Ramirez  
LaVerne Bottoms  
Norman Rittenhouse, Sr.

**April 13**

Janice Grooms  
Willie Rawls, Jr.  
Jonathan Smith

**April 14**

Richard Klevgard  
William Crampton  
Kevin Barry

**April 15**

Sharon Duffey  
Karl Kilborn  
Jacqueline Myers  
Aaron Mobley  
Laura Esford  
Kenneth Sands

**April 16**

Claire Reinhout  
Diane Roe  
Elizabeth Gillispie  
Laura Morche'  
Frederick Perry, Sr.

**April 17**

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

**April 18**

Thomas Kiogima, Sr.

**April 19**

Mary Niswander  
Tina Hea  
Brenda Sabella  
Frank Ettawageshik  
Debra Holbeck  
Margaret Gasco  
Michael Cherette  
Gregory Barrette

**April 20**

Linda Steinman  
Catherine Laba  
Deborah Shawanibin  
Veda Segundo Estrada

**April 21**

Richard Hays  
Linda Laughlin

**April 22**

Mary Hill  
Harold Salter  
Wanda Carr

**April 23**

Michele Portman-LaCount  
Brian Darling

**April 24**

Steven Kuska  
Sharon Cranick  
William Denemy  
Mary Bowers

**April 25**

Gary Kaestner  
Virgil Honson  
Susan Sloan

**April 26**

Kelly Wesaw  
Scott Pliier

**April 27**

Mary Baldwin  
Dena Sims  
Dale Willis

Aaron Chingwa  
Michael Shepard  
Laura Hall

**April 28**

Julie Bernard  
Margaret Kiogima Gardner  
Donald Houghton

**April 29**

Michael Anthony  
Cynthia Daley  
Carmalene Baker  
Richard Kewaygeshik  
Lisa Keefer  
Merry Hinmon

**April 30**

Johnathan Medicine  
Catherine Wright  
Judith Smith  
James Keway  
Robert Kaestner  
Pauline Walker

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### SPARTAN STRONG

Submitted by Behavioral Health

The recent tragedy at Michigan State University (MSU) has reminded us all just how precious life and time is.

As this tragedy unfolded, some of our students at MSU reached out and requested our traditional medicines to help with the healing process as they were in short supply of them.

Being the loving, giving and compassionate community we are, their request was met with a quick response. The LTBB Behavioral Health Department, guided by its Cultural Resource Advi-



sor Deleta Gasco Smith, set to work preparing medicines to send to them. Behavioral Health Manager Randy Koch and his wife were gracious enough to make the delivery to our MSU students. In those times when we struggle to understand, perhaps, it will be helpful to remember "Spartan Strong" continued on page 6.



Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic

We are OPEN and Accepting New Patients!



**Compassionate Health Care**  
Serving the Medicaid Population of Northern Michigan

**Q & A**

**Do I need to be Native?**  
No. The Clinic is open to both Native and Non-Native people.

**What if I don't have insurance?**  
We only accept patients that have Medicaid as their primary insurance.

**Do you accept any other insurance?**  
No. Our clinic only accepts patients with Medicaid as their primary insurance.

**Can I just walk in?**  
We recommend calling us first, 231-242-1760. We typically can make same day appointments.



**Same Day Appointments Available!**

Call Us!  
(231) 242-1760

Open to Anyone w/Medicaid as their Primary Insurance!

<https://ctwc.health>

"Spartan Strong" continued from page 5.

those 7 Mishomis minwa Nokomis teachings. Everything you need to go forward is there.

Remember, also you are not alone, you do not face this individually. You have the loving thoughts, prayers and support of the Waganakising Odawa Nation standing behind you. Those who have fought and endured are watching. Our ancestors, elders see you and are waiting for you to embrace your medicines and teachings and start your healing journey.

With loving thoughts and prayers for your healing and survival, please remember they are watching and waiting for you to reach out.

Courtesy photos.



### WOMEN'S HEALTH EVENT AT LTBB

Submitted by **Emily Ferroni**, Patient Navigator for Cancer Screening

Are you due for your cervical cancer screening? Did you know you can reduce your risk of cervical cancer with regular pap smears? If you are due for your screening, schedule an appointment to participate in the LTBB Health Clinic's Women's Health Event on April 19, 2023 during the times of 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and on April 20, 2023 from 1-5 p.m. If you schedule and complete your cervical cancer screening during your appointment with your provider, you will receive a

goody bag and the chance to win a gift card.

The clinic lobby will be dedicated to the women of the LTBB community to make it a welcoming environment for women to receive this critical component of their health care. Refreshments and educational materials will be available to them in the lobby area.

Take the time to take care of your health, make sure you're up to date on this screening.

Call Emily, the Patient Navigator of Cancer Screening, to schedule an appointment to participate in this event. You can call or text her at 231-268-1307.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR Women's Health Event**  
A DAY DEDICATED TO CARING FOR WOMEN

**LTBB HEALTH CLINIC**

APRIL 19, 2023, 8-12PM  
APRIL 20, 2023, 1-5PM

MAKE A CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING APPOINTMENT TO RECEIVE A GOODY BAG & CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD. GET SCREENED FOR CERVICAL CANCER.

CALL EMILY AT 231 268 1307 TO SCHEDULE.

**STAY CLEAR. GET SCREENED.**

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### APRIL 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 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: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Peshawbestown: 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Traverse City: 25<sup>th</sup>

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



## FEATHERS Star Quilt Raffle




**Queen Size**

Tickets available until August 13 (Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow)  
 Prices: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, arm length for \$10 and wingspan for \$20

Tickets available at the LTBB Communications Department (LTBB Government Center) and various LTBB events.  
 Contact Information: Annette VanDeCar  
 avandecar@ltbbtribalburial.org


Proceeds go to LTBB Tribal Burial Board

## INDIGENOUS FOOD PRESERVATION PRACTICES

@animamundiherbals


### AIR + SUN Drying

Fruit and vegetables were often laid out on flat rocks, grass mats or hides. Native American tribes for ex. would cut the vegetable or fruit into strips, flatten it out using a bone or rock, and then dry the pieces in the sun.



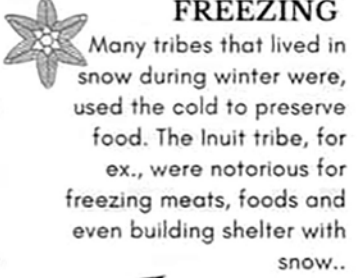
### RENDERING

The fat from large animals, such as buffalo or elk, was collected by Native American tribes and rendered. Some rendered fat was classically stored in bladders or large intestines, or it was cooked along with water under a low heat.




### FREEZING

Many tribes that lived in snow during winter were, used the cold to preserve food. The Inuit tribe, for ex., were notorious for freezing meats, foods and even building shelter with snow..




### SALTING

Since salt absorbs moisture, it makes the perfect vessel to preserve food. Salting is one of the oldest known preservation methods, first recorded around 3000 BC in Mesopotamia.




### FERMENTATION

Fermentation is a practice found in many Indigenous tribes around the world. Clay pots were often used to ferment food, drinks, cheeses, vegetables, and more..




### SMOKING

The practice of 'smoking' food has existed for many thousands of years. This ancient technique was done as a form of preserving and storing fish, meat, and more.




### BURYING FOOD

Many Indigenous peoples had buried food in clay pots. Burying clay containers allowed access to the natural cooling temperature of the earth.



### PEMMICAN

Nicknamed the "bread of the wilderness." Pemman is made by Native American tribes, using a mixture of dried berries, tallow, and/or rendered fat.



### SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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


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



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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POLICY, THIS INSTITUTION IS PROHIBITED FROM DISCRIMINATING ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL BELIEFS, OR DISABILITY. TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION, WRITE USDA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ROOM 326-W, WHITTEN BUILDING 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, S.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20250-9410, OR CALL (202) 702-5964 (VOICE AND TDD). USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

### 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 TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 918 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## Easter Coloring Contest Rules

**Crayons \* Markers \* Paint \* Stickers \* Colored Pencils \* Glitter \* You choose!**

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can be submitted by snail

DEPARTMENT, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No exceptions!

postmarked by April 7, 2023. No exceptions! Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

mail, ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS

- All mailed entries must be

Each winner will receive a prize!



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

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

Parent or Guardian needs to fill out information!

**PRC Chiropractic Coverage**

**Monthly Benefits:**  
 3 Adjustments  
 1 Massage

Schedule an appointment with your doctor at the Mina Mskiki Gumik to discuss further.

**One Year Approval Only:**  
 Follow up required with primary care in one year for a possible renewal of services

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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.

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application?

Go to [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.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-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)**

LTBB Town Hall meetings are available to be viewed at:  
[www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html)

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## LTBB CITIZENS AND DESCENDANTS ENJOY WELDING COURSE

By **Benedict Hinmon**,  
NIT Project Director

In October 2022, Niigaandiwin Education and Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) worked collaboratively to reintroduce Industrial Welding to the LTBB community. As Native people and communities, we have enjoyed a long relationship with industrial manufacturing, many of us had grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles who worked in manufacturing. In fact, in the 1950's, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Employment Assistance Program moved thousands of Indian families to large urban areas to pursue factory jobs during the manufacturing boom of that period. Today, places like Detroit, MI, Minneapolis, MN, and Chicago, IL, have large Native American communities who were a part of this migration to pursue manufacturing jobs.

At Niigaandiwin, we are committed to providing a positive and nurturing classroom experience for our LTBB students by creating safe spaces where LTBB students could learn alongside other community members. NIT's goal from the very beginning was responding to community needs identified in a 2021 LTBB Education Community Survey with 769 respondents. The survey provided important data about the communities' desire for smaller class sizes and short-term training of a year or less which led to earning industry recognized credentials. All of this was considered as we moved forward to design and implement training programs for the community.

Welding represents one of a handful of careers where successful candidates can earn industry recognized credentials in as little as 10 or 20 weeks; and in as little as three years, earn a six-figure salary. Both the American Welding Society (AWS) and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) agree the demand for certified welders will grow over the next decade with as many as 400,000 new welding jobs becoming available. Welding, an in-demand skill which is used in a wide variety of industries, is also used in the manufacturing process of 70% of all products built in the United States. As Baby Boomers, the largest segment of our skilled workforce moves closer to retirement age, there may not be a better time to consider welding as a career.

One NIT student, John



Witherspoon, who recently hired at DCL, a manufacturer and worldwide distributor of American made dust control and loading systems, had this to say: "Welding has opened new doors for me. Thank you for setting up that welding class for us." John, who was among the first graduates of NMFG 310 Beginning Welding class, decided early on welding was something he wanted to make his career. Following just 10 weeks of training, John was able to land a good job in his hometown of Charlevoix, MI, and is now on track to make welding his career. NIT is so happy to have been a small part in John's journey and success.

NIT is proud to announce 12 of 12 NIT supported students earned their D1:1 AWS Flat Weld Certification in Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) and Metal Inert Gas (MIG). Of this number, nine were LTBB Citizens, descendants or a member of another federal tribe. Niigaandiwin Education Department was pretty happy about our first class of welders being 75% Native students and every one of them thoroughly enjoying their classroom experience. In fact, most of the class were eager to pursue an advanced welding class if one were offered by North Central Michigan College (NCMC).

Following consultation with our training partners at NCMC and after speaking with our welding instructors, a recommendation was made to offer an advanced and beginner welding class simultaneously. The new NMFG 310 Welding Class, which began on February 21, 2023, has six continuing advanced students and five beginners. Both the instructors and our team at NCMC agreed the beginning welders will benefit from training alongside the advanced welders. NIT is happy to announce of the 11 students enrolled in this new class, three are LTBB Citizen Elders, demonstrating once again, you're never too old to

start a new career.

As Greg Shananaquet put it: "I couldn't wait to get back in the classroom, we have a great group of people who get along and help each other to succeed. That's what being community is all about." Greg, a shuttle driver for the LTBB Elder Luncheon Program, enjoys his interaction with fellow elders every week, now is equally enjoying connecting with another segment of the community. In the end, that is what it is all about, making sure our community has access to meaningful training



programs in a safe and healthy learning environment.

Accordingly, Jordan Shananaquet, former Education Director, had this to say: "Creating safe spaces where LTBB Citizens can feel a sense of belonging is exactly why Niigaandiwin Education and Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training worked so hard to make this program a reality." Jordan, who recently departed from her post as Education Director, accepted employment with the First People's Fund, a non-profit dedicated to supporting Native artist-entrepreneurs and cultural bearers. Hinmon, NIT Project Director, had this to say: "Jordan has been a driving force for positive changes in LTBB education programs. Niigaandiwin Education Department wishes Jordan all the continued success in her new role benefitting Indian Country."

If you would like more information about NIT and its training programs, just scan the QR Code below and it will take you directly to our webpage for applications and more information.

Courtesy photos.







Did you know that the average Michigan CNC Programmer makes \$26.59 per hour?



NIT can help you reach your full potential!


The **Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Program** (NIT) provides financial assistance to eligible students pursuing the following supported programs that are *short-term and offer flexible scheduling!*

- **Computer Numeric Control (CNC)** Certificate of Development
- **Manufacturing Technology** Certificate
- **Computer-Aided Design (CAD)** Certificate
- **Industrial Welding** Certificate


Available assistance includes tuition & course fee assistance, textbook and course equipment coverage, **a \$12.75/hr stipend**, mileage reimbursement, and training fee assistance.





Scan for more information or contact NIT at (231) 242-1485 • bhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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









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NATIVE AMERICANS

The production of this flyer was supported by Grant 90NA8359 from ACF. Its content is solely the responsibility of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and does not necessarily represent the official views of ACF.



### Meetings & Events Thru June + Summer Camp Info 2023

- Bi-weekly Monday Co-Design Meetings
  - LTBB Gov't Bldg Rm 312 & Zoom Meeting ID: 393-739-2960
    - 5:30-7PM
    - 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24 (ZOOM ONLY), 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/19
- Bi-weekly Tuesday Cross-site Curriculum Meetings
  - Zoom Meeting ID: 930-0472-1371
    - 6:30-7:30PM
    - 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27
- Seasonal Saturday Cross-site Co-Design Meeting
  - Zoom Meeting ID: 942-4224-9188
    - 1-3PM
    - 4/1, 4/15, 6/3, 6/17
- Sugar Bush Events
  - Mshko'Ode Farm
    - Sun. 3/12 & Sat. 3/18,
    - 11 AM-4 PM
  - Craven's
    - Sun. 3/19
    - 11 AM-1PM
    - Meal and Socialization to follow @ Harbor Springs tribal housing community building
  - More info TBA for dates/times w/Tom @ housing maple grove
- Summer Camp!
  - Jiimaan Journey & Burt Lake State Park Camping
    - Mon.-Fri., July 31-Aug. 4
  - Day Camp @ Osborne Rd.
    - Mon.-Fri., Aug. 21-25



## Community Zisabaakwat ♥ (Maple Sugar) Making & Feast

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023  
4:30 - 7 PM

**Wah Wahs Noos Da Ke Village  
Community Building  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740**





Questions?  
aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
231-2424-1483







STEAM is supported by National Science Foundation grant #20144478

## SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 4-9, 2023**  
MYSTIC LAKE CASINO HOTEL



National Congress of American Indians  
**MID YEAR 23**  
Convention & Marketplace  
June 4-9, 2023 | Prior Lake, Minnesota  
MidYear 2023 Convention & Marketplace



## National Native Media Conference

**August 10-12, 2023 | Winnipeg, Canada**



# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY ON FIVE MILE AND SPIRIT CREEKS

Submitted by **Samuel Day**, Water Quality Biologist

The LTBB Natural Resource Department Environmental Services Program (ESP) recently partnered with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and numerous other partners to secure \$5 million in grant funds to remove barriers to fish passage in streams throughout Michigan. ESP will be using a portion of those funds to replace undersized culverts on both Five Mile Creek at Lower Shore Drive and Spirit (Wycamp) Creek at Lake Shore Drive over the next few years.

It is important to note we are not removing the dam on Spirit (Wycamp) Lake and we are not aware of plans by any other agency to remove the dam. The neighboring property owners and the entity responsible for maintaining the dam is also not interested in removing the Wycamp Dam.

Because of its cultural and biological significance, Spirit Lake or Mnido Zaa-gigan and the creek which drains it, Spirit Creek, have been a focus for restoration and protection work. The lake itself has a long history of use for ceremonies, hunting, fishing and gathering and is still one of the most heavily utilized waterbodies by citizens to this day. Spirit Creek is also important spawning and nursery habitat for many fish, supporting large runs suckers. Additionally, LTBB has trust land downstream of the culvert, providing access to the creek for LTBB Citizens. While not as heavily utilized as the area around Spirit Lake, the waters of Five Mile Creek



Undersized culvert on Spirit Creek at Lake Shore Drive.

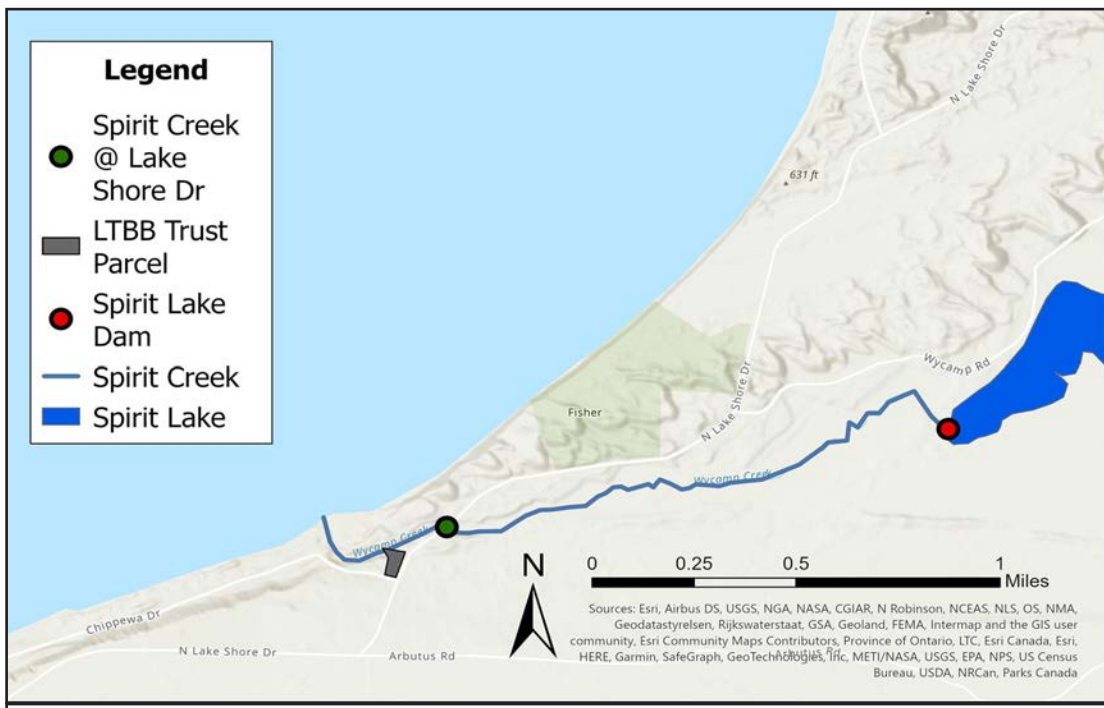
are also important fishing grounds for resident fish like Brook Trout as well as vital spawning grounds for many fish of Little Traverse Bay.

Unfortunately, both Spirit and Five Mile Creeks and the aquatic life which live within them are at risk due to undersized culverts which exist on the creeks. Undersized culverts pose many risks to these systems such as contributing massive amounts of erosion and posing barriers to fish passage within the creeks. Assessment data shows the existing culvert on Spirit Creek at Lake Shore Drive is contributing 10.6 tons per year of sediment to Spirit Creek, covering critical spawning gravel for migratory fish like suckers. The story for Five Mile Creek at Lower Shore Drive is not much better with the erosion from the culvert contributing 6.3 tons of sediment per year directly into Little Traverse Bay. Aside from the massive erosion each culvert causes, both culverts are slightly perched above the stream and essentially act as

dams, preventing many fish from moving upstream.

To combat these issues and restore conditions in each creek, ESP is working to replace these culverts with improved structures which can better accommodate flows within the creeks and allow fish to move upstream as they please. This work would not be possible without the aforementioned funding and help from our partners at the Emmet County Road Commission. To learn more about LTBB's road stream crossing, scan the QR code below and check out our recently completed video about road stream crossing projects.

*Courtesy photo and courtesy map.*



Map showing location of Spirit Creek road stream crossing project in relation to trust land and Spirit Lake Dam.

### WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help.

Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands Natural Resources Department presents "Road-Stream Crossing Restoration" video on YouTube.

Join LTBB Water Quality Biologist Sam Day as he explains the importance of road-stream crossing restoration at Wycamp Creek in Emmet County, MI.

<https://tinyurl.com/LTBBWycampCreek>

The Little Traverse Bay Bands Natural Resources Department has taken on numerous road-stream crossing restoration projects in the past several years and plans to continue pursuing these very important habitat restoration initiatives.

**Subsistence Gillnetting Workshop**  
April 15th-16th, 2023  
Gladstone, Michigan

We are excited to offer our Subsistence Workshop in the Upper Peninsula!

LTBB NRD is looking for LTBB Tribal Citizens interested in learning traditional and effective means of catching fish in the Great Lakes.

**Must be an LTBB Citizen and have your subsistence license, will need weather appropriate gear and an adventurous spirit!**

Participation is limited, and it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.  
E-mail [dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or call 231-242-1670.

**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.

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department**

**Lead to Non-Lead Transition**

**Why Switch?**

**PHOTO OF BALLISTIC GELATIN**

**BULLET TYPES - ALL .270 CAL**

1. Federal Vital Shock - Barnes Tipped TRX 110 grain
2. Winchester Power Point 110 grain
3. Winchester #70 110 grain

- 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](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

**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](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## FORM 4013: RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT - TAX YEAR 2022

The Form 4013: Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is now available upon request from the LTBB Department of Commerce office for the 2022 tax year. Most programs used for e-filing taxes or programs used by professional tax preparers will automatically generate the Form 4013 upon selecting you were a Resident Tribal Member during the applicable tax year. However, for those who do not e-file or do not use a tax preparer or those who prefer to have a paper copy of the Form 4013 – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce office to request a copy is mailed or e-mailed to you. The LTBB Department of Commerce can be reached

at 231-242-1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

\*The Form 4013 is used to obtain the annual sales tax credit per our Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan. The form is filed with your Michigan Income Taxes and the credit is given based on a formula using your adjusted gross income and the number of months you resided within the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. It is to your advantage to submit this form, so you may receive your annual credit. If you have any questions on this form, including how to submit – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce office. Miigwech. – *Hayden Hooper, LTBB Department of Commerce Director.*

## 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 De-

partment 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

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

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)

## 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](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A MAIL DROP BOX



It is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will have limited quantities of adult and minor address forms stocked. **\*\*Weather Permitting\*\***

We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well.

Just give our office a call, and we will be more than happy to try to accommodate you.

All Enrollment services are available by appointment only. You may call or e-mail to work with our staff.

231-242-1521, 231-242-1522, 231-242-1520 or [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

## Breaking Ground Spring of 2023!

Housing is pleased to announce that we will be building 35-45 new apartments in Charlevoix at Murray Road and in Harbor Springs on Second Street.

The new apartments will start becoming available at the end of 2023.

**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.



SECTION 184  
LOAN GUARANTEE  
PROGRAM



- \* Low Monthly Payment
- \* Flexible Underwriting
- \* Low Interest Rates
- \* 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

REFINANCING IS BACK!!! Includes rate and term, streamline, cash out

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](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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).



**ATTENTION CITIZENS! No Current Address on File**

The list below contains the names of LTBB 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 more than 10 years. It is important the location of citizens is current to ensure they receive their tribal benefits.

If you are on this list or know a person who is on this list, please contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1522 or at [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

|                        |                      |                           |                    |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Shawn Paul Brophy      | Justine Makala Gasco | Todd Allen Meshekey       | Alvina Rose Ruth   |
| Jeramie Lee Coleman    | Porter Ray Greensky  | Philip Maurice Morey      | Rebecca Jo Smith   |
| Andrew Jacob Dean      | Karle Kay Harris     | Christopher Patrick Nagel | Percy Lee Williams |
| Deanna Marie Foxworthy | Dawn Mary Jackson    | Jory Dean Purvis          | Tammra Lee Wirth   |



**PDF-417 Barcode Added to Tribal Identification Cards**



**What is the PDF-417 Barcode?**

This barcode is used for age verification and identification purposes throughout the USA. The information stored on it is all the information on the front of your Tribal ID and nothing more. This barcode is also on the back of State IDs and Driver's Licenses.

**Why add this to our Tribal IDs?**

While Tribal IDs are recognized federally there have been issues with day-to-day use in non-federal businesses like gas stations and grocery stores. The addition of the barcode may allow for easier use as a main ID for the purchase of age-restricted items.

**How do I get the new ID card?**

The only requirement for the new ID card is to have a current photo on file (the photo cannot be older than 4 years). This means that there is no fee. If you want your new ID card right away, then please use the contact information of the left side to request your new ID. In June 2023 ID cards will be mailed to everyone with a current photo and who hasn't requested their new card.

\*The Enrollment Department will only be printing the updated Tribal ID cards from now on. All cards will have this barcode including minor cards and veteran cards.

**Contact Information:**  
Lindsey Doerfler—  
(231) 242-1522  
[ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Marin Taylor—  
(231) 242-1521  
[mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Pauline Boulton—  
(231) 242-1520  
[pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
[enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE**

- Services for our citizens:**
- Picture Tribal Identification Cards – Available same day. May be requested via mail and electronically. Veteran cards also available.
  - Address Changes – Adults only need notarization if mail isn't sent to their home. Minors must be notarized annually. Tribal notaries can be found onsite at the Government Complex.
  - Marriage License Applications – Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.
  - Tribal Directories – Available same day
  - File Photocopy – request a document from your Enrollment file
  - Blood Quantum Adjustment Request – Provide documents on an ancestor that shows proof of more Indian Blood
  - Verification of Indian Preference for Employment
  - Eagle Parts and Feathers Application – Wait time for parts and feathers is dependent on the Repository
- 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
- Have any questions or need a form? Call or e-mail:**
- E-mail: [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522  
E-mail: [ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Marin Taylor – P: 231-242-1521  
E-mail: [mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Pauline Boulton – P: 231-242-1520  
E-mail: [pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

**LTBB VETERAN CARDS**

Dear Tribal Citizen,  
Tribal Council passed WOS# 2021-009 Waiver of Fees for Military Veterans Statute on June 10, 2021, which was signed by Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson, on July 7, 2021.

Under the statute, the Executive has authorized the waiver of identification card fees for military veterans.

**Definition**  
"Military Veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval or air service and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable, this includes United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard service and members of the Reserves, Air or Army National Guard.

We have created new



Tribal Identification Cards for our LTBB Veterans.  
If you are a veteran, give us a call and we will verify if your picture and address are current. We will issue you a new Tribal Identification Card. We have issued our first Veteran ID Card to Thomas Henry Naganashe.  
**Zhimaaganish - Veteran**

Please contact the Enrollment Office through Lindsey Doerfler at 231-242-1522 or Marin Taylor 231-242-1521. You may also contact the Enrollment Office via e-mail at [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Sincerely,  
Pauline Boulton  
Enrollment Officer

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enjiboozbigeng Enrollment Office**

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

\*\*\* Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans\*\*\*  
August 19, 2021

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

**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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Then mail the \$10 fee separately.

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

**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

**Hoar Frost**

**Lake Plumbago**

**Peanut Butter Falls**

**IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?**

**Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.**

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

Marin Taylor 231-242-1521  
Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



Ziibi River



Jiigbiik Beach



Bitooshkbiishenh Swamp



Kichigami Ocean



Zaagigan Lake



Baagtik Rapids



Nigwiki Sand



Giizhkaapkaa Cliff



Zhiw Mountain



Ziibiinhs Stream or Creek



Mnis Island



Wiikwet Bay

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

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

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

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

**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



## ANISHINAABEMODAA PANE

Let's Always Speak Ojibwe

On-Line Ojibwe Language Class

**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**7:00 -8:30 pm**

**September 28th - June 28th, 2023**

No prior language experience necessary

Open to all

**Register Here!** [Registration Link](#)

**Instructor: Clarice Pangowish**  
Featuring the Culture Foundry App



**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
- Turns head toward sounds

TIP: Respond to your baby's first smiles, gurgles, and coos — she's talking to you and wants you to talk, too!

**4 MONTHS**

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

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

**6 MONTHS**

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Begins to say consonant sounds (jabbering with "m," "b")

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

**9 MONTHS**

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

**12 MONTHS**

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

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

**2 YEARS**

- Points to things or pictures when named
- Says 2 sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Follows simple instructions

**18 MONTHS**

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

**3 YEARS**

- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand most of the time
- 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"

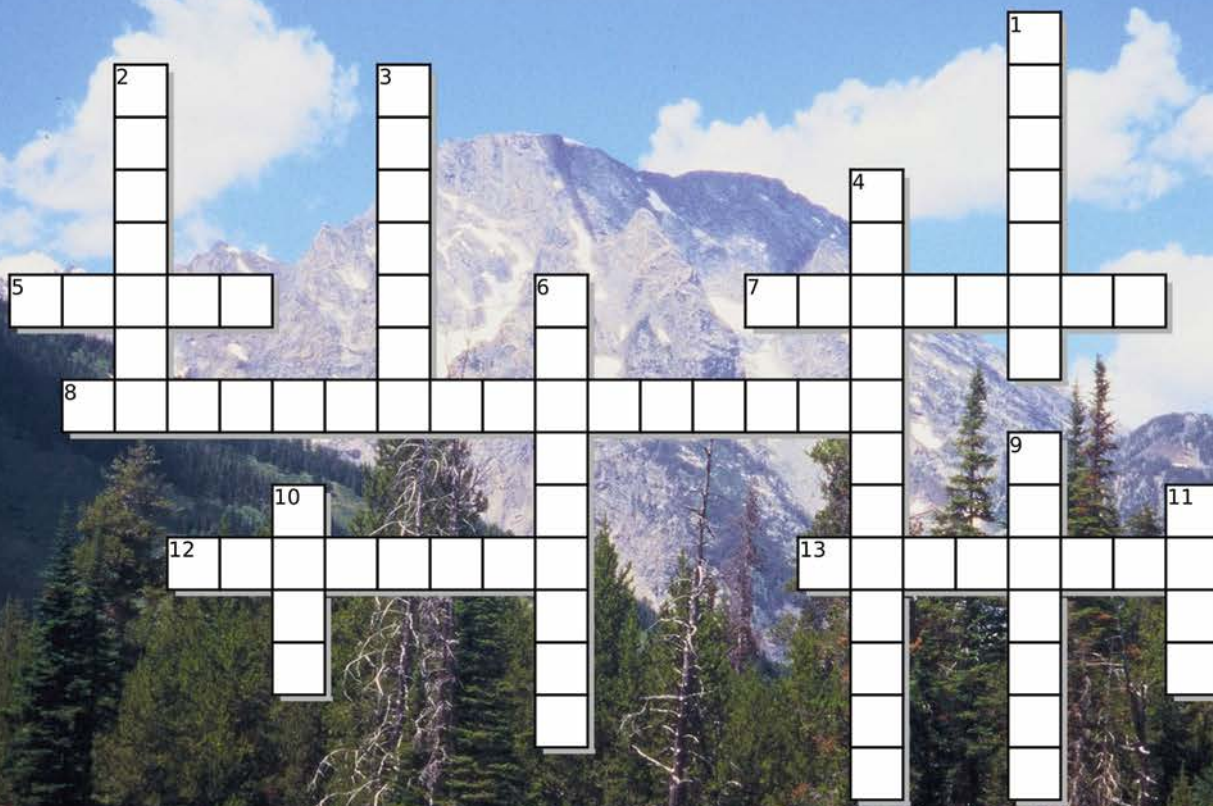
**5 YEARS**

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

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

# Ziisbaakdake Giizis

Sugar Moon (April) 2023



**ACROSS**

- 5 river
- 7 beach
- 8 swamp
- 12 ocean
- 13 lake

**DOWN**

- 1 rapids
- 2 sand
- 3 cape
- 4 cliff
- 6 stream or creek
- 9 bay
- 10 mountain
- 11 island

**WORD BANK:** BAAGTIK, BITOOSHKBIISHENH, GIISHKAAPKAA, JIIGBIIK, KCHIGAMI, MNIS, NEGWIKI, NEYAASH, WIIKWET, ZAAGIGAN, ZHIW, ZIIBI, ZIIBIINH

Answer Key on page 32.



**NASA  
ASTRONAUT  
NICOLE  
MANN  
BECOMES  
FIRST  
NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
TO CONDUCT  
SPACEWALK**

**NATIONAL  
SUICIDE  
PREVENTION  
LIFELINE**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

**Anishinaabemdaa.com**

Well, here it is folks - the long awaited, updated website!

Medicine Wheel Teachings

**Games**

- Bowling
- Word Search
- Body Game
- Crossword Puzzles
- Concentration Games
- Drop and Catch
- Count and Climb

**Lessons & 150+ Videos**

- Ceremonies
- Jokes, Songs, Riddles
- Around the House
- History
- Grammar
- Creation, Nature
- Animals, Birds, Fish
- Stories, Legends
- Food, Cooking, Eating
- Teachings

**Check out our great Anishinaabemowin Facebook Groups!**

- LTBB Anishinaabemowin**  
Our main page is where we post learning materials, resources, announcements.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/579880368807404>
- LTBB Zoom Anishinaabe Language Classes**  
Here you will find announcements and the schedule of weekly Zoom classes, and handouts from class.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/555794471766384>
- Daminawinan Anishinaabemang (Games in Anishinaabe Language)**  
Games and puzzles for the whole family.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131141284298625>
- Anishinaabemowin Eta (Anishinaabe Language Only)**  
No-English Group for Fluent Speakers & Intermediate Learners  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/177520107437>

# NATIVE NEWS

## “BAD PRESS” TEAM WINS U.S. DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL JURY AWARD: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AT 2023 SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) Executive Director and Co-Director of the feature documentary, Bad Press, Rebecca Landsberry-Baker attended the premiere of the film with her team at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, UT.



the direction of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce. Now, the real fight begins. Landsberry-Baker and Joe Peeler tell a nuanced, empowering tale of a modern Native community fighting for transparency and access to information in order to hold their government accountable. “Bad Press” is an energizing watch, full of humor, humanity and numerous twists and turns. “Bad Press” won the U.S. Documentary Special Jury Award for Freedom of Expression. “There are so few people outside our Indigenous communities, and sometimes even

within them, who know about the issue of free press in Indian Country. But, through our film, I’m seeing folks connect so personally with this important story through Angel Ellis, who has put everything on the line to take up this fight. She is truly an inspiration,” Landsberry-Baker said. “A reviewer from No Film School said the film captured the “blueprint for a revolution” and we’re hopeful this story will be a roadmap for tribes pursuing press protections for their own tribal media departments.”

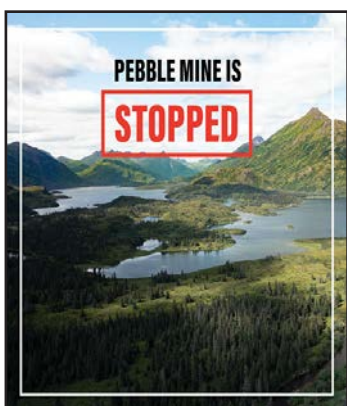
*Courtesy photo.*

### About “Bad Press”

Angel Ellis is just trying to do her job. She’s a reporter for Mvskoke Media in Okmulgee, OK, and she wants to give her readers access to all the information relevant to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. But that’s not an easy task, given Angel and her colleagues believe in truth and transparency and aren’t afraid to challenge the integrity of some questionable tribal officials. Fast-forward to a confusing whirlwind of an emergency session at the National Council where the 2015 Free Press Act is repealed, Mvskoke Media’s independent editorial board is dissolved and the newspaper is placed under

## EPA TAKES ACTION TO STOP PEBBLE MINE

Bristol Bay Tribes, communities, Alaska Native Corporations and organizations are celebrating the news the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized 404(c) Clean Water Act protections which will stop the proposed Pebble Mine from being built at the headwaters of Bristol Bay. Native American Rights Fund client United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) has long sought to safeguard the lands and waters which have sustained Bristol Bay since time immemorial.



for the discharge of dredged or fill material associated with mining at the Pebble deposit. Additionally, the Final Determination prohibits future proposals to develop at the Pebble deposit a mine which has impacts similar or greater than the mine plan denied by the Army Corps of Engineers in 2020.

The Final Determination outlines prohibitions and restrictions which will prevent a large-scale mine from being developed at the Pebble deposit due to the adverse impacts such a mine would have on Bristol Bay’s people, waters and salmon fishery. The protections will prohibit and restrict the use of certain waters — in the South Fork Koktuli, North Fork Koktuli and Upper Talarik Creek watersheds — in Bristol Bay as a disposal site

This news is decades in the making and was initiated in 2010 when Bristol Bay’s Tribes first formally petitioned the EPA to use their authority under the Clean Water Act to protect the pristine watershed. The EPA’s Final Determination

is a welcome decision in the region where the vast majority of residents have long-opposed this toxic project. During Bristol Bay’s robust sockeye salmon season last summer, a record number of Bristol Bay residents and Alaskans submitted comments supporting EPA finalizing permanent protections for the watershed.

The fight to protect Bristol Bay and its irreplaceable resources has had support from a unique bipartisan coalition, including commercial and sport fishermen, jewelers, chefs, businesses, residents, politicians on both sides of the aisle and millions of Americans over several comment periods. Although Clean Water Act 404(c) protections provide certainty Pebble cannot be built in Bristol Bay, Bristol Bay’s Tribes and regional organizations will remain vigilant and continue working to safeguard the lands, waters and the people they sustain from future threats.

*Courtesy photo.*

**OUR STORIES HEAL**  
**Ginoojimomin Apii Dibaajimoyang**  
**BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING & JUSTICE PANEL**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH - 6-8 PM**  
**Michigan State University**  
**Kellogg Conference Center - Auditorium**  
**219 S. Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824**

**PANELISTS INCLUDE**  
**TOM BIRON, LINDA COBE & BEN HINMON**

**Join us for a powerful panel discussion on strength, resilience & healing!**

REGISTRATION - [WWW.NATIVEJUSTICE.ORG/EVENTS/TRCMSU23](http://WWW.NATIVEJUSTICE.ORG/EVENTS/TRCMSU23)  
 QUESTIONS - BRONSON HERMAN - [BRONSON@NATIVEJUSTICE.ORG](mailto:BRONSON@NATIVEJUSTICE.ORG)

**Apply now!**  
**NATIVE YOUTH IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2023**

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative's Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit applications are available now!

Attend IFAI's Youth Summit, held at the University of Arkansas, to develop key skills and learn alongside experts! Some agriculture policy and production areas covered during Summit include: ag business and finance, land stewardship and conservation, ag law and policy, nutrition and health, and more.

All travel and lodging expenses covered for accepted applicants.

**Applications due April 3, 2023!**

## ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE WITHIN 27-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

**PRC offers coverage for medically necessary services when:**

- Care cannot be fulfilled at the Mina Mskiki Gumik
  - Must receive authorization from their doctor at the clinic prior to going to an outside provider.
- Care is needed after clinic hours or when closed
- Care is needed on the weekends



For more information, call PRC's front desk at 231-242-1600 opt. 3.

**28th Annual 2023 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp**  
 "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"  
**July 28th & 29th, 2023**

**Sunrise Ceremony, Traditional clothing with respect for all**  
 Bring your tribal flag, giveaway gift, and feast bundles.  
 Presentations: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, and language learning

**2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI (LRBOI-Pow Wow Grounds)**  
 No Registration Fee  
 Meals Provided  
 Camping available first come, first basis  
 Restrooms/Bath House

*This year's language camp is dedicated to the memory of Terrie Tyler-ba*

| Friday, July 28   | Saturday, July 29   |
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Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) in Traverse City, MI, has formally partnered with Bay Mills Community College in an effort to increase the number of dental assistants serving Northern Michigan and Native American patients in particular.



“Our communities need more dental professionals of any kind. This seems like a really good fit,” agreed Diana McKenzie, dean of science and allied health at Bay Mills, which enrolls about 600 students. About 62% are Native American. Among more than 315,000 dental assistants nationwide, Rickert said only 0.7% are American Indian or Alaska Native.

Natalia Chugunov, chair of the Bay Mills science department, said she hopes the partnership can benefit tribal health centers, too.

“We try to help both the community, our college and our students,” she said.

Wooters said the agreement is another way to boost enrollment. NMC's dental assistant program currently has 13 students and can accommodate 24. Need is great in the lower peninsula as well, she said.

“We're not filling the needs for all of the jobs,” said Wooters.



NMC recently invested \$52,000 in new equipment for the dental assistant program. It has six fully-functioning patient rooms and some of the latest technology, including an intraoral scanner.

“After earning their associate degree and passing the RDA exam, a dental assistant can expect to begin their career making between \$18 and \$25 per hour,” Wooters said. A typical work week is only four days, offering flexibility. Job settings include general practice dental offices, pediatric offices, oral surgery and other specialty offices, dental labs and more.

The program has been designed with student convenience in mind. Bay Mills students can take their first year of general education requirements entirely online. The second year of in-person dental assistant classes is scheduled in a Tuesday-Thursday block, allowing students to spend most of their week back home in the U.P. if necessary. On-campus housing is also available at NMC.

Rickert said the Michigan Dental Association, the American Dental Association and other sources offer scholarships to students of color.

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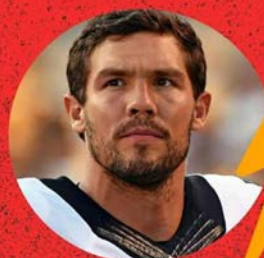


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Scientists with the USDA Agricultural Research Service are developing new tests to identify the COVID virus and its variants and tools for tracking the virus in wild and domestic animals, thanks to five projects funded by the American Rescue Plan.

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is currently implementing a \$300 million provision in the American Rescue Plan Act to conduct monitoring and surveillance of susceptible animals for the COVID virus. Through this initiative, ARS, in partnership with APHIS, is conducting five research projects to improve its understanding of the virus and to help APHIS accomplish its goal of building an early warning system to potentially prevent or limit the next zoonotic disease outbreak or global pandemic.

Two of the projects call for developing easy-to-use field tests to provide quick identification of COVID infection in wildlife and domestic animals — each based on a different basic technology. Both technologies are being worked on by scientists in the Produce Safety and Microbiology Research Unit (PS&MRU) at the ARS Western Regional Research Center in Albany, CA.

Currently, all official testing of animals for COVID requires sending samples to certified laboratories and can take a week or more to provide answers. This may be too long to prevent early spread of infection.

ARS microbiologist and PS&MRU research leader Vivian Wu's goal is a hand-held, rapid test providing answers in 10-15 minutes, based on an aptamer lateral flow assay (aLFA) for animal and environmental COVID virus testing.

Aptamers are very small synthetic strands of DNA or RNA which can be tailored to tightly bind to very precise targets. These molecules also are very environmentally stable, especially to heat, making them ideal for use in the wild and on farms. As important, aptamers can be easily manufactured in a relatively short time and cost.

Since aptamers recognize very specific viral proteins, multiple, individual COVID variants could be detected with each test and kits be rapidly modified as new strains emerge. The rapidity of this point-of-care, noninvasive test would facilitate monitoring of animals. It could be used as a surveillance tool and help the decision-making process of farmers, veterinarians and regulatory agencies.

"Farmed and wildlife species that have already been reported to be susceptible to COVID are our first priority for species-specific tests," Wu said. "Besides farmed and wild mink, we are targeting white-tailed deer and hamsters. Tests for companion animals such as cats and dogs and animals in zoos such big cats and great apes also will be considered. Our list will be updated as new information becomes available on the susceptibility of animals with new variants. We also are looking at tests for on-farm environmental and wastewater sampling as a form of surveillance."

ARS molecular biologist Robert Hnascko with the PS&MRU is heading the second ARP project developing portable COVID tests for domestic and wild animals, this one based on antibody immunoassay technology, a more established technology.

"We are trying to build a better 'mouse trap' that expands the utility of antibody-based tests with better sensitivity and viral variant identification," Hnascko said. "And by using monoclonal antibody technology that has a good history of commercial acceptance, we expect easier licensing to industry and speedy production. Getting low cost, disposable tests available to facilitate detection at remote locations and to increase testing frequency is part of the solution to COVID in animals."

At the ARS National Animal Disease Center (NADC) in Ames, IA, medical veterinary officers Mitchell Palmer, Paola Boggiano, Alexandra Buckley and Eric Cassmann are using ARP funding and working with APHIS Wildlife Services to expand their studies of COVID and white-tailed deer. The ARS team, along with Cornell University collaborators, built on prior research showing white-tailed deer carry a molecular receptor similar to one in humans in their cells which allows COVID virus to gain entry and replicate. Deer the researchers exposed to the virus showed no clinical signs of illness but remained infectious to other deer for 5-6 days, primarily through nasal secretions and saliva. Both the virus and antibodies produced in response to it were detectable in the deer for at least 21 days — the length of the initial laboratory study.



"But we don't know what happens beyond that 21-day period," noted Palmer.

This latest round of studies supports field work being done by APHIS Wildlife Services to survey white-tailed deer populations for evidence of infection in the wild. The scientists have three key objectives 1) compare the different COVID variants in deer, 2) learn how long antibodies persist in their bodies and whether these antibodies protect deer from re-infection and 3) determine how long the virus is detectable in deer.

Ultimately, researchers want to know whether white-tailed deer can serve as a "reservoir species," meaning an intermediate animal host in which COVID virus could survive in the wild and potentially mutate into new variants capable of prolonging or exacerbating the disease pandemic in humans.

"It is possible that a new variant may be more easily transmitted from deer to humans. Transmission from humans to animals, and then transmission back from animals to humans, has already been documented in mink and hamsters," Palmer said. "There is a concern that this could happen in white-tailed deer, a more widespread species with a population of over 30 million in the United States."

In another ARP-funded project which began in October 2022, the NADC group began collaborating with APHIS Wildlife Services to study the susceptibility of elk to learn whether these larger relatives of white-tailed deer could also serve as COVID reservoirs in the wild.

Researchers at the ARS Exotic & Emerging Avian Viral Diseases Research Unit in Athens, GA, also are expanding the investigation into which species may serve as reservoirs or hosts for the COVID virus. The scientists have already developed a cell culture model to better predict host susceptibility to the virus in the laboratory. In their model, a receptor from a different animal species can be put onto cells the virus normally cannot infect. After adding a new receptor, if the virus can infect those cells, then the virus may be able to infect the species the receptor came from.

"The impact of the cell line is that we are able to screen diverse animal species without doing actual animal studies to see if any given species can serve as a host for the COVID virus," said David Suarez, research leader of the unit in Athens. "Understanding the COVID virus' host range is essential to understanding the ecology of the virus and the role different species may play as reservoirs or bridge-species to humans."

Suarez's research team will be collaborating with APHIS Wildlife Services to apply their cell line technique to a larger number of wildlife species to screen for susceptibility to the COVID virus.

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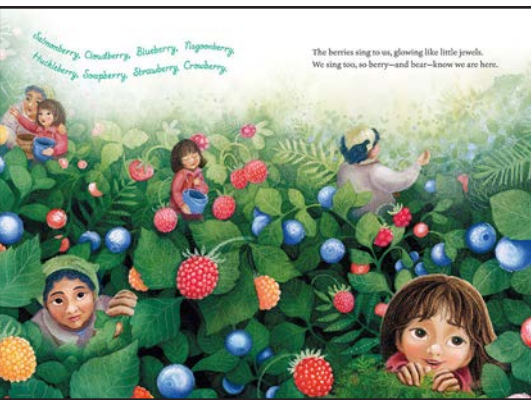
# INDIGENOUS AUTHORS WIN RECOGNITION IN BOOK AWARDS

By Sandra Hale Schulman

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

Three indigenous authors have won honors from the American Library Association this year for children's and young adult literature.

Tlingit & Haida author-illustrator Michaela Goade — a previous winner of the prestigious Caldecott Medal — received a Caldecott Honor Book citation for her children's book, "Berry Song," a sentimental celebration of the land she knows and the powerful wisdom of elders.



She joins two other indigenous authors who received honor book citations for the library association's Stonewall Awards: Author Jen Ferguson, Métis, for her debut young adult novel, "The Summer of Bitter and Sweet," and Native Hawaiian author Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, who co-authored "Kapaemahu."

Goade told ICT she wants to share her joy of her southeast Alaska homeland, *Lingít Aaní*.

"I love to illustrate the land and how this place makes me feel, and hopefully, communicate that awe to others," Goade told ICT. "I don't necessarily set out with the intention of making things feel dreamlike. It's just how I've always viewed *Lingít Aaní*, southeast Alaska ... It has always inspired in me a child's sense of wonder."

The American Library Association's Youth Media Awards recognize the top books, digital media, video and audio books for children and young adults with special recognition which includes the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards.

The awards were announced at the association's LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience, held January 27-30 in New Orleans.

"Berry Song," is Goade's first book as author and illustrator.

Goade has illustrated other books as well, including "I Sang You Down from the Stars," written by Tasha Spillett-Sumner; "Encounter," by Brittany Luby; and "Shanyaak'utlaax: Salmon Boy," written by Johnny Marks, Hans Chester, David Katzeek, Nora Dauenhauer and Richard Dauenhauer.

Over the last several years, Goade's work has focused on indigenous KidLit.

A member of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, her Tlingit name is Sheit.een and she is of the Kiks.ádi Clan (Raven/Frog) from Sheet'ká. She was raised on the beaches and in the rainforest of southeast Alaska on traditional Tlingit lands.

The book tells of a young girl and her grandmother gathering gifts from the earth. There is salmon from the stream, herring eggs from the ocean and in the forest, a world of berries – salmonberries, cloudberries, blueberries, nagoonberries, huckleberries, snowberries, strawberries and crowberries.

Through the seasons, she and her grandmother sing to the land as the land sings to them, forging a deep kinship with the earth and generations which came before them.

"I try to put those feelings of gratitude, connection, and respect into the art, in the hopes that it encourages similar feelings in readers young and old," Goade told ICT. "I also find inspiration from traditional Lingít storytelling, where you'll find blurred lines between what we today call reality and the supernatural."

Goade said the story went through many changes.

"Berry Song" went through so many iterations and changed dramatically along the way,"

she said. "It wasn't even about berries in the beginning! At first, I struggled to find my voice and the heart of the story. The writing felt forced and tried to do too much. I think one misconception about picture books is that they are easy to write because they are short. But that economy of language is what makes it so tough. Also, the interplay between text and art poses some unique challenges."

She finally found her voice.

"It wasn't until I centered the writing on something I truly love – berry picking – that the story began to find its rhythm," she said. "That personal connection allowed me to explore, learn, and bring more meaningful depth to the story."

She said she's still a bit self-conscious about claiming the title of "author."

"I'm no stranger to imposter syndrome as an artist," Goade said. "But I really felt out of my depth at times, even though my wonderful editor Susan Rich and book team helped me every step of the way. Receiving a Caldecott Honor for 'Berry Song' is very exciting and affirming on a personal level. It tells me I'm on the right path."

She hopes the recognition can help other indigenous writers as well.

"When books like 'Berry Song' get recognition, I think it helps increase visibility of all children's literature by Indigenous authors and illustrators," she said. "I'm just one bookmaker among many in the talented and supportive Native KidLit community, and the thought that this honor might help more Native creators get book contracts is what it's all about. Representation is so important, and we need more books by Native authors and illustrators in the world."

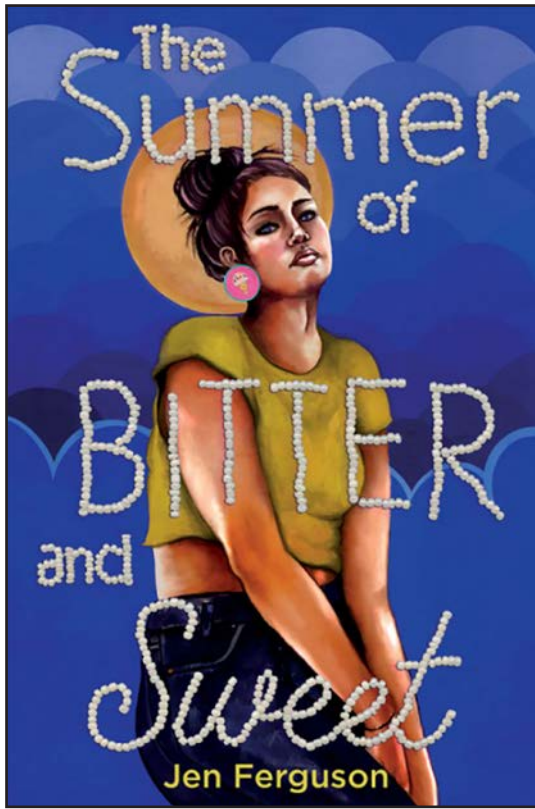
The book has drawn high praise.

"Tapping into themes of people's connection to nature — and nature's to people — the volume crucially invites readers to recognize this intersection," according to the starred review in *Publishers Weekly*.

"Told in rhythm, song and narrative, the language is rich and evocative — perfect for early elementary readers," wrote the *School Library Journal*.

"Berry Song" is published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

'[The Summer of Bitter and Sweet](#)'



Ferguson's debut young adult novel, "The Summer of Bitter and Sweet," was cited as an Honor Book in the Stonewall awards for young adult literature.

The Stonewall Book Awards recognize books for children or teens relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender experience.

Métis author Jen Ferguson's debut novel, "The Summer of Bitter and Sweet," was named an Honor Book by the American Library Association for the Stonewall Awards for young adult literature. The book cover was illustrated by Reyna Hernandez with beading by Kim Stewart. The jacket was designed by Laura Mock.

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Ferguson is an activist, feminist and auntie with a Ph.D. who teaches at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. She lives on Gabrieli-no Tongva territory.

She has said writing, teaching and beading are all political acts.

“At the heart of the novel is a family and a community,” she told author and blogger Cynthia Leitch Smith. “At the heart of the novel are the people and the land and the relationships between them.”

The novel tells the story of a Métis girl, Lou, in Canada who learns to deal with the issues she is facing.

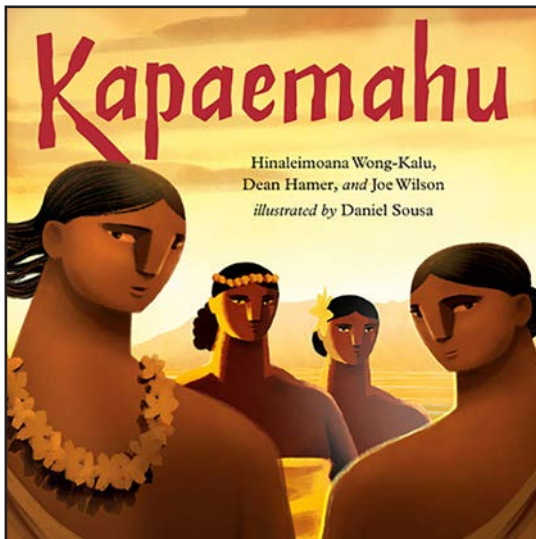
“As the story opens, Lou is secretive and dealing with all the things in her life alone — even though she has supportive uncles, her mom and her best friend at her side,” Ferguson told Smith. “As Lou’s tumultuous summer moves forward, she reconnects to her kin and her community to build healthy, thriving relationships.”

The book was also a finalist for a William C. Morris Award as a debut book for teens by a first-time author. It is published by Heartdrum, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

**‘Kapaemahu’**

“Kapaemahu” was named an Honor Book for the Stonewall Award for children’s literature.

It tells the story of an indigenous legend of how four people who are two-spirit or māhū brought healing arts from Tahiti to Hawai’i and imbued their powers in four giant boulders on Waikiki Beach.



The book is written by Wong-Kalu, Dean Hamer and Joe Wilson, who also wrote and co-directed a 2020 animated short film by the same name. Wong-Kalu narrates the film.

Wong-Kalu is a Native Hawaiian, is māhū and a transgender woman. The book was illustrated by Daniel Sousa and is published by Kokila, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

*Sandra Hale Schulman, of Cherokee Nation descent, has been writing about Native issues since 1994. The recipient of a Woody Guthrie Fellowship, she is an author of four books, has contributed to shows at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, The Grammy Museum, The Museum of Modern Art NYC and has produced four films on Native musicians.*

Courtesy photos.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**



On February 16, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizens Jeniffer Yuhn, Regina Brubacker-Carver and Linda Gokee took their oaths of office for the LTBB Citizenship Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire. Yuhn also took her oath of office for the LTBB Housing Commission on the same day from



LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire.

Yuhn, Gokee and Brubacker-Carver are serving 3-year terms on the LTBB Citizenship Commission, ending on February 9, 2026. Yuhn is serving a 4-year term on the

LTBB Housing Commission, ending on February 9, 2027.

On February 17, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizen Angie Woodin took her oath of office for the LTBB Housing Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire.

Woodin is serving a 3-year term, ending on February 9, 2026.



On February 28, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizen Deleta Smith took her oath of office for the LTBB Citizenship Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire.

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**LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS**



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- May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day
- July 4, 2023 - Independence Day
- September 4, 2023 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
- September 21, 2023 - Sovereignty Day
- September 22, 2023 - Michigan Indian Day
- October 9, 2023 - Indigenous People’s Day
- November 10, 2023 - Veteran’s Day
- November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving
- November 24, 2023 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 25, 2023 - Christmas Eve
- December 26, 2023 - Christmas Day
- January 1, 2023 - New Year’s Eve

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**Patient Benefits Assistant**  
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### K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

This list will be updated as we gather more information on area K-12 academic resources...

#### Petoskey Area (FREE or scholarships available)

- Northmen Den Youth Services, AIM Tutoring Program  
Easy paperwork, after-school tutoring downtown Petoskey  
Students in grades 6-12 (45 minute weekly sessions)  
Subject areas: reading, writing, math, algebra, geometry, & study skills, meal & snacks included  
Full scholarships available  
Contact: Kathy Petersen at 231-622-8044
- After-School Homework Help (Petoskey High School)  
Monday & Wednesday at PHS Media Center 3:15-5:15PM  
Contact PHS for more information
- After-School Homework Help (Petoskey Middle School)  
After School Study Lab in the Media Center  
Monday-Thursday 3:15-4:15PM  
Contact the PMS Media Center at 231-348-2291

#### Charlevoix Public Schools (FREE)

- After-School Tutoring Charlevoix Middle/High School  
Media Center, Monday-Thursday each week, 2:30-3:15PM  
Talk to tutors about transportation services  
Contact Charlevoix Middle/High School at 231-547-3222

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# CORNELL UNIVERSITY RETURNS NATIVE ANCESTORS 60 YEARS AFTER THEY WERE DUG OUT OF THE GROUND

By Jenna Kunze



Velasco, an assistant professor of anthropology at Cornell, the one individual from Alaska is likely “culturally unaffiliated” — a term which describes a loophole in the federal law. Since 2010, regulations detailed in the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) have provided a process for museums and institutions to return culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains, but the vast majority of museums have chosen not to. Recent proposed changes to the law will swap out “culturally unidentifiable” for “geographically affiliated,” matching the known geographic origins of each set of human remains to a present day tribe.

“To date, no claims have been made to these remains under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act,” Velasco said in a statement to *Native News Online*. “Nonetheless, the ongoing audit in the Department of Anthropology will be reviewing their provenience to determine if an Alaska Native group(s) with cultural or geographical affiliation can be reasonably identified.”

In 2001, the university returned a totem pole to an Alaska Native corporation, Cape Fox Corporation, according to federal records. The totem pole was gifted to the university in 1899 by the former dean of forestry who was involved in the expedition which removed the totem pole and other objects from Cape Fox Village, Alaska, in 1899.

When an ancestor’s remains and cultural artifacts are returned to a tribe, that tribe takes “another step forward in a long journey toward recognition of our sovereignty as a Nation and our dignity as people,” Oneida Indian Nation Representative, Ray Halbritter, said at the February 21 transfer ceremony in remarks provided to *Native News Online*.

In November 2022, Colgate University returned 1,520 stolen Oneida funerary objects excavated by an amateur archeologist from burial sites within the Oneida Territory in upstate New York between 1924 and 1957. It took 27 years for Colgate to return every Oneida ancestor and burial object it held.

Today, universities and institutions across the country still hold more than 108,000 ancestors, based on their reports. At least 825 of those ancestors and 4,624 of their

belongings were removed from burial sites and locations across New York, the federal database shows.

“Some say the repatriation process is too complex, time-consuming and costly. Events like this do not happen overnight,” Halbritter said in his remarks. “Still, universities, museums and other cultural institutions cannot claim these challenges as a reason to avoid doing what is right – what is required in a just society that acknowledges the sovereignty and dignity of Native people and our long fight for this acknowledgment.”

“The return of our ancestors to our sacred homelands is a basic human right. It is about our dignity. To delay their repatriation to us – presumably because admitting the wrongs was uncomfortable – is a continuation of the violations.”

Cornell’s Velasco said, while the university commemorates the return of the ancestors to their homelands, it’s important to ask why they were taken to Cornell to begin with.

“Confronting this painful history is the first step to acknowledge that the pursuit of knowledge and education never again displace respect for the dead, and the rights of their descendants,” Velasco said. “As a biological anthropologist, I am an inheritor of this troubled legacy, and I feel shame acknowledging it.”

On behalf of the Oneida Nation, Halbritter commended Cornell University for finally working with the Oneida Indian Nation to right its historic wrong.

“You are confirming that the complexities of this process are worth solving and that the outcome is worth the time and cost required,” said Halbritter, speaking to university staff. “Yes, it can be uncomfortable. Yet, in taking this major and courageous step today, you are recognizing that the Oneida people are so much more than relics of the past.”

*Jenna Kunze is a staff reporter covering Indian health, the environment and breaking news for Native News Online. She is also the publication’s lead reporter on stories related to Indian boarding schools and repatriation. Her bylines have appeared in The Arctic Souther, High Country News, Indian Country Today, Tribal Business News, Smithsonian Magazine, Elle and Anchorage Daily News. Kunze is based in New York.*

Courtesy photo.

**Editor’s note:** The following article and photograph appeared on *Native News Online*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

Dean Lyons, an Oneida Nation Turtle Clan member, spoke to three of his ancestors during a transfer ceremony at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, on February 21.

“You will be back in Mother Earth. You will hear the waters again,” Lyons said. “You will hear the animals again. You will hear the thunders again. You will remain here undisturbed amongst your relations.”

After nearly 60 years, university staff returned the human remains of three Oneida ancestors who were dug out of the ground and kept by Cornell’s anthropology department in the campus archive. This week, the ancestors have finally returned home for reburial.

Bottom of Form

In August 1964, a property owner digging a waterline ditch in upstate New York’s Broome County unearthed the human remains of at least three people, according to a Federal Register notice. The property was near the site of Onaquaga, a large multinational settlement on the banks of the Susquehanna River which was occupied by the Oneida people for centuries, according to the tribe. The property owner called the local police, who brought the ancestors to a Cornell anthropologist, Professor Kenneth A. R. Kennedy, for identification. When Kennedy died in 2014, the ancestors were transferred to Cornell’s Department of Anthropology where they have remained ever since, the federal register notice details.

In addition to three ancestors — identified as one “young adult male of Native American ancestry” and two children — Cornell also returned the 22 funerary objects unearthed with the individuals.

Although the ancestors came to Cornell more than two decades before the passage of Congressional legislation which requires all institutions and museums receiving federal funds catalog and return all Native American ancestors and belongings in their possession, the university has dragged its feet on returning ancestors for the last 30 years.

Cornell University reported to the federal government in the ‘90s — as required by federal law — it was in possession of four Native American remains. This year marks the first time it has made any of those ancestors available for repatriation to tribal nations. According to the government’s public database, Cornell still holds one Alaska Native ancestor from Nome, Alaska.

According to Matthew

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K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

This list will be updated as we gather more information on area K-12 academic resources...

**Harbor Springs Middle School**

- 4th hour intervention hour provides academic support
- Grades 6-8
- Please inquire with teacher or use contact below
- Contact: Mary Beck, Academic Interventionist, at mbeck@harborps.org

**Title 6 Indian Coordinator**

- Title 6 programing differs between schools, staffing and local needs
- Please inquire on academic support once position is filled
- Position is currently vacant
- Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

**Harbor Springs High School**

- Academic Seminar  
Please inquire with your student’s school counselor or homeroom teacher regarding 5th hour academic seminar for high school students
- Title 6 Indian Coordinator
- Please inquire on academic support once position is filled
- Position is currently vacant
- Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

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## DNA RESEARCH FINDS LOW GENETIC DIVERSITY AMONG U.S. HONEY BEES

U.S. agriculture owes many thanks to the honey bee (*Apis mellifera* L.) as it plays the crucial role of pollinator within the nation's food supply. Some of the nation's food industries rely solely on the honey bee, and it's estimated the economic value of its pollination role is worth well more than \$17 billion each year. With this fact in mind, ARS researchers recently studied the U.S. honey bee's genetic diversity to ensure this crucial pollinator insect has sufficient diversity to overcome the growing number of stressors such as parasites, diseases, malnutrition and climate change.

What they found is alarming: The U.S. honey bee population has low genetic diversity, and this could have a negative impact on future crop pollination and beekeeping sustainability in the country.

The research, recently highlighted in *Frontiers*, was accomplished by analyzing the genetic diversity of the U.S. honey bee populations through a molecular approach, using two mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) markers (DNA specifically from a mother). Researchers studied approximately 1,063 bees from hobbyist and commercial beekeepers in 45 U.S. states, the District of Columbia (D.C.) and two U.S. territories (Guam and Puerto Rico). The data showed the nation's managed honey bee populations rely intensively on a single honey bee evolutionary lineage. In fact, 94% of U.S. honey bees belonged to the North Mediterranean C lineage. Data reflected the remainder of genetic diversity belongs to the West Mediterranean M lineage (3%) and the



African A lineage (3%).

"It's important that we have a realistic and accurate estimation of the honey bee's genetic diversity because this indicates the insect's ability to respond to disease, adaptation to environment, and productivity," said ARS Research Entomologist Mohamed Alburaki. "Without this pollinator insect, we will witness a drastic decrease in the quantity and quality of our agricultural products such as almonds, apples, melons, cranberries, pumpkins, broccoli and many other fruits and vegetables that we're used to purchasing. We can't wait until a domino effect slowly takes place and affects our food supply."

The lack of genetic diversity creates a vulnerability for U.S. honey bees to survive in shifting climates now wetter or drier than usual. There is also concern a honey bee's inability to fight off disease or parasitic infection could negatively impact beekeeping sustainability. The challenge of U.S. honey bees' weakened immunity has become an economic burden to bee producers and beekeepers. In the past, U.S. beekeepers suffered less honey bee colony losses and treated against varroa mite (a ferocious honey bee parasite) once per year. In 2023, colony losses and winter mortality are at a high peak and varroa mite requires multiple treatments per year to keep it under control.

"As a honey bee researcher, what worries me the most is that 77% of our honey bee populations are represented by only two haplotypes, or maternal DNA, while over hundreds of haplotypes exist in the native range of this species in the Old World, or the honey bees' native land of evolution," Alburaki said. "Many of these haplotypes have evolved over millions of years in their native lands, and have developed astonishing adaptation traits that we should consider incorporating in our U.S. honey bee stocks before it is too late."

These complex factors are driving Alburaki and his ARS research team to develop a solution that's sustainable for the entire nation. The research team is currently evaluating the paternal diversity of the previously analyzed populations to acquire a full and accurate picture of the overall genetic diversity of the U.S. honeybee populations. Researchers are also interested in the possibility of diversifying breeding stations with honey bee queens from various genetic backgrounds.

Alburaki's research also identified and named 14 novel haplotypes in the three evolutionary lineages. These haplotypes have never been reported before and can provide new insights into the U.S. honey bee's evolution since its importation to North America in the 1600s. There is hope the researchers can use this information to locate and enhance the numbers of these rare and novel US haplotypes, which could speed the process of reaching a healthier diversity within the nation's honey bee population.

*Courtesy photo.*

## U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM OFFERS SOLUTION TO HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID PEST

Hemlocks, *Tsuga* species, are evergreen trees which can be found in forested ecosystems and in landscape plantings. They are in the pine family and often assume a conical shape. Hemlocks are not poisonous and may even be used as Christmas trees during the holiday season.

Unfortunately, hemlocks in the U.S. are vulnerable to attack by a small insect called the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). This insect looks like tiny cotton balls on the needles of the tree and can kill the trees by feeding on the sap. The adelgid has decimated stands of hemlocks in the eastern U.S. While insecticides and biological control measures can offer some relief, the best way to combat HWA is to develop genetic resistance in the trees.

To address this agricultural challenge, USDA-ARS researchers at the U.S. National Arboretum, led by Horticulturist Susan Bentz, developed hybrids between the native (susceptible) Carolina hemlock and a resistant Asian species, *Tsuga chinensis*. Two of these hybrids, *Tsuga* 'Traveler,' and *Tsuga* 'Crossroad' – were recently released to the nursery industry. Both have resistance to HWA and have outstanding ornamental and growth characteristics, including symmetrical, upright habits. These hybrid hemlocks are the first to be introduced to the horticultural trade and represent new strategies for managing HWA in landscape settings.

"This has been a long-term project that uti-



lized the Arboretum's horticultural, scientific, germplasm and collaborative resources," said Susan Bentz. "We are excited to have developed a sustainable approach to this problem."

Both 'Traveler,' now patented, and 'Crossroad' are hardy in U.S. Department of Agriculture Zones 6 and 7 and will perform well in moist, well-drained soil in full sun to partial shade. These cultivars can be clonally propagated by cuttings taken in December or January or in early summer. Rooting occurs slowly and the resulting plants transplant well from containers into the landscape.

Propagating nurseries interested in 'Traveler' or 'Crossroad' should contact [usna.comments@usda.gov](mailto:usna.comments@usda.gov) for more information.

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# April

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| <p><b>Please Note:</b><br/>Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p> |   |   |   |  |   |  |
| 2   | Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting<br>5:30 pm | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Tribal Council Work Session<br>9 am                | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Elders Commission Meeting<br>5 pm<br>Ziibiniwang, Inc. Meeting<br>6 pm | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Tribal Council Meeting<br>9 am<br>Liquor & Tobacco Licensing Board Meeting<br>12:30 pm<br>Child Welfare Commission Meeting<br>3:30 pm - 5:30 pm |   | Tribal Burial Board Work Session<br>9 am   |
| 9   |   | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting<br>9 am | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Executive Branch Town Hall Meeting<br>10 am on Zoom                    | 13<br>Elders Luncheon at Noon  | 14<br>Election Board Work Session<br>5 pm | 15<br>Election Board Meeting<br>9 am<br>Gaming Authority Work Session<br>9 am - 10 am<br>Meeting 10 am - 11 am<br>Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 am<br>Natural Resources Commission Meeting<br>6 pm |
| 16  | Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting<br>5:30 pm | Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Tribal Council Work Session<br>9 am                | 19<br>Elders Luncheon at Noon   | 20<br>Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Tribal Council Meeting<br>9 am<br>Tribal Burial Board Work Session<br>6 pm  | 21  | 22   |
| 23  | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting<br>3 pm         | 24<br>Elders Luncheon at Noon   | 25<br>Elders Luncheon at Noon<br>Natural Resources Commission Meeting<br>6 pm                     | 27<br>Elders Luncheon at Noon  | 28  | 29<br>Tribal Burial Board Meeting<br>9 am<br>Gaming Authority Work Session<br>9 am - 10 am<br>Meeting 10 am - 11 am<br>Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 am  |
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**Elders Valentine's Day Luncheon**  
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# LTBB Community Valentine's Day Dance



Photos by Annette VanDeCar





# Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan Public Hearing on Area Plan



ing Place Senior Center, 10579 Main St., Honor, MI 49640. To request a copy of the draft FY 2024 AIP Summary (available after April 3, 2023), please e-mail [brewerd@aaanm.org](mailto:brewerd@aaanm.org) or call 231-421-9612.

Written testimony will be accepted at the hearing, by e-mail to [brewerd@aaanm.org](mailto:brewerd@aaanm.org), by mail to the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, 1609 Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 or online at <https://www.aaanm.org/planning/>. All testimony must be received by May 2, 2023.


About: The mission of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM) is to serve and advocate for older persons, adults with disabilities and caregivers by supporting their independence, dignity and quality of life. AAANM serves residents in the 10 counties of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford.

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then recovered and behaved normally.”

Scientists then harvested the nematodes, so the contents of their cells, including luciferase, could be blended into a mixture called a “homogenate.” Next, they mixed the homogenate with a luciferin-like chemical called furamazine and presto —bioluminescence achieved.

Rather than observe this with the naked eye, the scientists used biochemical assays and sensitive light-detecting equipment to gauge the strength of the homogenate’s bioluminescence and determine how well their experiments had worked. So far, the researchers have successfully electroporated luciferase mRNA into the likes of soybean cyst nematodes (SCN) and root-knot nematodes— both costly crop pests — and *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a free-living species which doesn’t require a host in which to reproduce.

According to Glen Hartman, another plant pathologist (ARS retired) on the research team, the approach opens the door to introducing other synthetic mRNAs into nematodes to reveal how they change and where as well as when the nematode’s own genes are activated in cells.


There may be pest-control applications as well. For example, electroporation could offer a way to rear laboratory colonies of soybean cyst nematodes which carry pieces of genetic code whose sole purpose is to skew the ratio of male-to-female offspring. In theory, releasing these lab-reared nematodes to mate with those in the wild would eventually cause a generational population crash.

“We hypothesized that if we could interfere with the sex determination in nematodes, we could reduce nematode populations below crop-damaging thresholds,” said Domier.

That, in turn, could diminish the need for chemical controls or help prolong the effectiveness of elite, resistant cultivars favored by growers among other potential benefits.

More details about the technique and its implications for nematode control were reported in the journal *Molecular & Biochemical Parasitology* by Domier, Hartman and co-authors Thanuja Thekke-Veetil and Kris Lambert, both with the University of Illinois, Nancy McCoppin (ARS), Reza Hajimorad (University of Tennessee) and Hyoun-Sub Lim (Chungnam National University).

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## LTBB Natural Resource Commission 2023 Annual Hunting/Fishing Meeting

You are invited to join the Natural Resource Commission and Natural Resource Department at the:

**NRC Annual Hunting & Fishing Meeting**  
 April 15, 2023 —11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Terrace Bay Hotel  
 7146 P. Road  
 Gladstone, MI 49837  
 Phone: 906-786-7554

We would like to invite LTBB Tribal Citizens to an open meeting of the Natural Resource Commission. Meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. Licenses (new or renewal) applications will be available. Door Prizes – must be present to win.

LTBB Enrollment Department will be present to issue and update LTBB Enrollment Cards.

For more information, contact LTBB NRD, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, 231-242-1670 or e-mail [dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)



April 1st  
10am - 10pm  
Wilkinson Hall

## Powwow in Bloom

### 11th Annual Traditional Powwow

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| Donald Lyons - Master of Ceremonies<br>(Leach Lake Band of Ojibwe / Six Nations Mohawk)     | Verna Street - Head Dancer<br>(Cherokee, Tuscarora, & Meherrin Nations of North Carolina) |
| Whirl Wind Bull Yellow Bear - Arena Director<br>(MHA Nation, Sahnish (Arikara), and Dakota) | Lonny Street - Head Dancer<br>(Meskwaki, Tama, Iowa)                                      |
| Iron Bear - Invited Southern Drum<br>(Chicago, Illinois)                                    | Ho-Chunk Station - Invited Northern Drum<br>(Lyndon Station, Wisconsin)                   |
| Thunder Hill - Invited Southern Drum<br>(Weatherford, Oklahoma)                             | Chief Hill - Invited Northern Drum<br>(Ojibwe / Minneapolis & St. Paul)                   |

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# NATIVE BIDASKÉ (SPOTLIGHT) WITH FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN FEMALE DENTIST DR. JESSICA A. RICKERT

By Native News Online Staff

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viewed Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, the first-ever Native American female dentist.

February was National Children's Dental Health Month, sponsored by the American Dental Association. The episode was part of the *Native News Health Desk* reporting initiative to cover health care in Indian country.

Unfortunately, preschool-aged Native American children had four times more cases of untreated tooth decay than white children — 43% compared with 11%, according to a Pew study.

Dr. Rickert discussed the need for early oral health care for Native American children on and off reservations.

When she graduated from the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry in 1975, Dr. Rickert became the first female Native American dentist and the second Native American dentist. She is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

To watch the episode, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z33dstjnOzw>

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Native News Online Publisher Levi Rickert and health reporter Jenna Kunze inter-

# "A STEADY, CONSISTENT VOICE WITHIN TREASURY"

By Pauly Denetclaw

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An indigenous woman will become the first director of the Office of Tribal and Native Affairs at the U.S. Treasury. The tribal affairs office is first of its kind for the department and a permanent fixture.

Fatima Abbas, Haliwa Saponi, who was previously interim director of the office, will take over as the permanent director. The office will work closely with indigenous nations to address specific needs identified by tribal leaders and to work with the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee, a seven-member group which advises Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on "taxation of Indians, the training of Internal Revenue Service field agents and the provisions of training and technical assistance to Native American financial officers," according to the Treasury.

"She can pave the way and set the stage for all of the good things that will happen within Treasury and that's what's going to be so important," Chief Lynn Malerba, U.S. Treasurer, said to *ICT*. "She is standing up this office. She has the ability to create a vision for this office that will endure long after the two of us are gone."

The office was initially established in 2022 after Malerba, Mohegan Tribe, was sworn in. The seeds of this office were first planted in 2021 with the establishment of a tribal team under the Office of Recovery Programs. The team was created to address the needs of indigenous nations who were recovering from the pandemic.

"(Abbas) was instrumental in helping deploy the unprecedented dollars that we saw go to Indian Country through the American Recovery Plan Act, and through the CARES Act," Malerba said to *ICT*. "She was instrumental in helping Treasury understand how to deploy the funds, how tribes can report on those funds, and what the uses could be for those funds to ensure that tribes are able to access them, and to provide care through their communities during the pandemic."

Before becoming director, Abbas worked on the tribal team to implement the \$22 billion in relief and recovery funding given to indigenous nations in 2021 through landmark bills. Previously, she worked for the National Congress of American Indians as the vice president of government relations where she led a team of seven who worked on issues around economic development and taxation.

Abbas is an attorney and is licensed to practice in California, Arizona, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She graduated from the Berkeley's School of Law at the University of California. She has worked for the Karuk Tribe in northern California and the Colorado River Indian Tribes in southeastern Arizona.



U.S. Treasurer Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe, (pictured on the left) and Fatima Abbas, director of the Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, (pictured on the right) during a visit with young people from the Center for Native American Youth. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Treasury.

The creation and establishment of this office at the Treasury is important because it will endure long past the political appointee's leadership.

"The fact that she is a career employee at Treasury means that there will be a steady, consistent voice within Treasury that will help every political appointee understand what it means to fulfill that trust and treaty obligation to tribal nations," Malerba said. "That is what is so important, because I'm a political appointee, so I won't be here forever. But Fatima and her team will be career employees. That makes a big difference in terms of the consistency, the stability and the longevity of these policies enduring."

This office will be the permanent hub for tribal policies in the U.S. Department of the Treasury which will continue to work with the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee and foster consultation with sovereign indigenous nations. The office will also be working with Congress to ensure they understand how the Treasury is implementing the legislation they pass.

"Fatima has been a real ground breaker here already," Malerba said. "I look forward to how she will use her role to be a strong leader within Treasury and to engage all of the departments in Treasury that work with tribes."

Pauly Denetclaw, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, is Haltsooi (Meadow People) born for Kinyaaáanii (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

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor  
Springs, MI 49740  
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2023  
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:09 a.m.**  
Opening ceremony: Councilor Fred Kiogima

Closed Session: Yes  
Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Secretary Marcella Reyes  
Absent: Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Secretary Jeremy Steele and Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet; Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Health Director Jody Werner, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Enrollment Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Marin Taylor, Enrollment Receptionist/Data Entry Clerk Lindsey Doerfler, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Executive Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Education Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Gijigowi Language Department Director Netawn Kiogima

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Ricky Compo, Renee Dillard, Doug Emery, Patrick Anthony, Rose Pyant, Marvin Mulholland, Judy Field, Brian Anthony, Melissa Shomin, Dexter McNamara

Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort's Director of Finance Roger Borton, Director of Food and Beverage Michael "Mickey" Cannon, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet, Director of Table Games Nick Foltz transitioning in Brian Nelson, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Slot Operations Dennis Shananaquet, Director of Security Kevin Giem and GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemboski

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt the agenda for February 9, 2023 as amended.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Executive Oversight Report:**  
**Discussion:** Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley is attending the United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Lansing, MI.

Archives and Records drawings and paintings will have UV protective coverings.

Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton spoke about the new Tribal I.D.s having the same scan strip ability as a state driver's license and/or state identification.

Housing presentation was provided on the Executive Town Hall Meeting this past Wednesday, February 8, 2023 which included layout detail for both Murray Road and Second Street housing.

**Discussion:** Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson

Met with the Community Engagement Council with a focus on outreach programs and law enforcement.

Bids will be sent out for the development of Murray Road housing.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**  
Legislative Leader Report - No report

Secretary Report

Documents signed by the Executive:  
-Tribal Resolution # 012623-01 To authorize \$140,000 in supplemental funding to the Legislative branch to meet increased technological requirements and expanded tribally chartered responsibilities to come from the General Fund - Fund Balance.

-Tribal Resolution # 012623-01 2023 Jingtamok Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$70,820.00 from General Fund.

-Tribal Resolution # 012623-03 Increase Human Resources department FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$40,000 for a Wage Grid Study and Design.

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes' verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Treasurer Report

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Regular Meeting: January 17, 2023

-Last Special Meeting: February 6, 2023

*(Motions made at the January 17, 2023 Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their January 26, 2023 meeting.)*

*(No Motions made at the February 6, 2023 Special Meeting)*

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

- **01/31/23** Reason for Emergency Phone Poll: *Motion to cancel the February 1, 2023*

*Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Meeting and reschedule to February 6,*

*2023 at 6:00 p.m. to address the 2024 Projected Revenues and Budget Formulation Process.*

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Marcella Reyes, Committee Secretary for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Land and Reservation Committee Report**

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

April 4 Work Session  
April 6 Council Meeting  
April 18 Work Session  
April 20 Council Meeting

May 9 Work Session  
May 11 Council Meeting  
May 23 Work Session  
May 25 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

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader  
Marcella Reyes, Secretary  
Leroy Shomin, Treasurer  
Tamara Munson, Councilor  
Aaron Otto, Councilor  
Melissa Pamp, Councilor  
Fred Kiogima, Councilor  
William Ortiz, Councilor  
James Pontiac, Councilor

-Last Meeting: Friday, February 3, 2023

*(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)*

-Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to request a 'Staff Review and Analysis Report' for Land Parcel #180 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior to March 3, 2023.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)

Motion carries.

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, March 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**9:49 a.m.** Break

**10:07 a.m.** Meeting resumes

**Discussion:** Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

**10:09 a.m.** Treasurer Leroy Shomin arrives

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Secretary Jeremy Steele and Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**  
Councilor Fred Kiogima - Attended the Aki Construction Reception

Councilor Tamara Munson - Attended the Aki Construction Reception

Councilor William Ortiz - Absent  
Councilor Aaron Otto - Attended the Aki Construction Reception

Councilor Melissa Pamp - Attended the Aki Construction Reception,

Murdered, Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) Awareness and Youth funding carryover.

Councilor James Pontiac - Attended the Aki Construction Reception  
Legislative Leader Emily Proctor - Absent

Secretary Marcella Reyes - Attended the Aki Construction Reception

Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Attended the Aki Construction Reception

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Secretary Marcella Reyes and Treasurer Leroy Shomin's verbal and written reports for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Legislative Office Reports:**  
Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority - See 1:00 p.m.

for Preliminary review of 2022 finances.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation - See 10:00 a.m. for 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report.

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. - No report  
Tribal Burial Board - No report  
Ziibimijwang, Inc. - no report

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

**11:05 a.m.** Councilor Tamara Munson steps away

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's verbal report for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve the sole source Contract with Wesley Andrews/Andrews Cultural Resources, a total of and not to exceed \$20,000.00, with contract date parameters of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and authorize the Legislative Leader to sign the contract thereafter.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

General Counsel

**11:13 a.m.** Councilor Tamara Munson returns

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

General Counsel

**11:13 a.m.** Councilor Tamara Munson returns

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 020923-01 Land Purchase Authorization.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

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

Patrick Anthony thought 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Funding was to be used for the new clinic instead of other funds that were appropriated.

Ricky Compo would like to see the Chat ability continue on Zoom.

Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp thanked Spring Grant Group and Youth for hosting Cultural Night. She would like to see a playground built at the government complex for the kids.

Netawn Kiogima spoke regarding youth and family functions and have the elders be able to get a ride to be able to participate; but need more space for youth to come together. She would like to see a youth center built on Odawa Circle.

Renee "Wasson" Dillard enjoyed hearing Racheal Koepp's comment. Would like to see the tribe to start a Tribal trucking company

**11:53 a.m.** Closed  
Legislative Office Director

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for February 9, 2023.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch break

**1:10 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Discussion:** Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort - Review preliminary finances of the past year and discuss plans for the upcoming year to include GSP Online Gaming

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 45-day 2023 Presentation as presented by Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer, Director of Finance Roger Borton, Director of Food and Beverage Michael "Mickey" Cannon, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet, Director of Table Games Nick Foltz transitioning in Brian Nelson, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Slot Operations Dennis Shananaquet, and GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemboski.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

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

**3:04 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Public Comment:**

**3:04 p.m.** Opens

No public comments made

**3:06 p.m.** Closes

Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Jennifer Yuhn to the Housing Commission for a 4-year term ending February 9, 2027.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Jennifer Yuhn to the Citizenship Commission for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Secretary Marcella Reyes), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Linda Gokee to the Citizenship Commission for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Regina Brubacker-Carver to the Citizenship Commission for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Regina Brubacker-Carver to the Citizenship Commission for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Regina Brubacker-Carver to the Citizenship Commission for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

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*“Minutes” continued from page 27.*  
**Motion** carries.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to reappoint Angie Woodin to the Housing Commission for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.  
 Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)  
**Motion** carries.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Dexter McNamara to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation for a 3-year term ending February 9, 2026.  
**Motion** fails due to lack of support  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Dexter McNamara to the Housing Commission for a 4-year term ending February 9, 2027.  
 Vote: 2 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion fails.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to pass the Tribal Council Tribal Council Policy and Procedure Tribal Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Work-Sessions and Hearings Short-Title: TCP&P00003.  
 Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion carries.**  
 Review and Approve Minutes of January 26, 2023.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve the regular meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023 as corrected.  
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion carries.**  
**Other Items of Business:**  
 a. Closed Session for Confidential Personnel  
**3:21 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into closed session for Personnel.  
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion carries.**  
**3:24 p.m.** Councilor Tamara Munson returns.  
**3:50 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to return to open session.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor James Pontiac and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to authorize the Tribal Council officers to review Legislative Services Attorney job description and present to Tribal Council at the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion carries.**  
 Adjournment:  
**3:59 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adjourn.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) **Motion carries.**  
 Next Scheduled Meeting;  
**Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom**  
 These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.  
 Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Leader Emily Proctor  
 Closed Session: Yes  
 Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor  
 Absent: Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes  
 Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz  
 Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. President Tanya Gibbs, Vice President Alan Proctor, and Secretary/Treasurer Doug Craven  
 Executive Officials and Staff Present: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Law Enforcement Chief McDonnell, HR Generalist Ashley Davis, Executive Attorney Sean Cahill, WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Enrollment Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Marin Taylor  
 Judicial Officials and Staff:  
 Public: Doug Emery, Rose Pyant, Patrick Anthony, Ricky Compo, Susan Gibson, Renee “Wasson” Dillard, Shanna Shananaquet, Sally Proctor  
 Invited Guest: None  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda of February 23, 2023 as presented.  
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)  
**Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Frieda Carroll-ba, Brian Persing-ba, Paul Sharkey-ba, and Darlene Sholes-ba.  
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) **Motion carries.**  
 Review and Approve Minutes of February 9, 2023.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of February 9, 2023 as presented.  
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) **Motion carries.**  
 Review and Approve Minutes of February 9, 2023.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of February 9, 2023 as presented.  
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) **Motion carries.**  
**9:30 a.m.** Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees:  
 David Thom – Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (Transfer) – Human Resources  
 Tina Bishaw – Crisis Intervention Counselor – Health  
 Nicole Kiogima – Clinic Screener/MA – Health  
 Kelli Pamp – Accounting Technician-Purchasing – Accounting  
 Roberta Rousseau – Community Health Administrative Assistant – Health  
 Sarah Elkins – Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Physician’s Assistant – Health  
 Tyler Welklin – Inland Fisheries Senior Research Technician – Natural Resources  
 Joseph Tolles – Senior Hatchery Technician – Natural Resources  
 Eli Robinson – Clinic Nurse – Health  
**9:27 a.m.** Secretary Marcella Reyes arrives  
 Executive Oversight Report:  
**Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon**  
 Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley is preparing for the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) meeting today.  
 Round Dance update  
 Natural Resources Commission hosting the ice fishing event weather permitting  
 Building security and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor

or Tamara Munson to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon for February 9, 2023.  
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) **Motion carries.**  
**Legislative Office Reports:**  
General Counsel  
**10:10 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.  
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) **Motion carries.**  
**10:24 a.m.** Treasurer Leroy Shomin arrives.  
**11:12 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**11:14 a.m.** Break  
**11:31 a.m.** Meeting resumes  
**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**  
Legislative Leader Report  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
Secretary Report  
 Documents Delivered to the Executive: None  
 Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): None  
 Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:  
**-02/15/2023 Reason for Emergency Phone Poll: Motion to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 021523-01 Governmental Branch Allocation of General funds for Fiscal Year 2024.**  
*Phone Poll Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.*  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Public Comment:**  
**11:45 a.m.** Opens  
 Shanna Shananaquet spoke regarding two motions on the agenda for approval of loans, who is the guarantor?  
 Ricky Compo spoke regarding the Lamar billboard project and supports Councilor Fred Kiogima comment. Hopes on the 28<sup>th</sup> everyone has an open mind on the blood quantum thing and is against it.  
 Shanna Shananaquet requested Tribal Council to look into hiring or contracting a business attorney before the tribe takes on loans.  
 Patrick Anthony thanked Tribal Council for letting him be an observer and to keep up the good work.  
**11:51 a.m.** Closed  
Treasurer Report  
**Appropriations and Finance Committee**  
 -Last Meeting: February 14, 2023 (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)  
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022323-01 Request to Accept Funding Increase from the Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement FY 2023.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022323-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the National Cancer

Institute, Promoting Smoke-Free Homes in Rural American Indian Households Project FY 2023-2026.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022323-03 Request for Funding from Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services Basic Grant FY 2023.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$12,000.00 for a Water and Wastewater Systems Engineering Study of the LTBB Government Center to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Governmental Branch Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2023.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 A phone poll of the Tribal Council will be conducted as the above Certified Motion shall be posted by February 15, 2023 in accordance with Waganakising Odawak Statute 2020-006 Tribal Government Budget Formulation and Modification Statute.  
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to authorize GNI Phase I, LLC to continue to pursue the “A” and “B” loans through Native American Bank and the Energy Improvement (PACE) loan through PACE Loan Group.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None  
 -Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Land and Reservation Committee Report**  
 -Last Meeting: February 3, 2023 (Motions made at the February 3, 2023 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their February 9, 2023 meeting.)  
 Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None  
 -Next Meeting: Friday, March 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Marcella Reyes, Committee Secretary for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Tribal Council Member Reports:**  
 Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report  
 Councilor Tamara Munson – Security issues at the Government Complex. How is the Executive going to strengthen the building? Sent Environmental Response Specialist Traven Michaels information regarding artificial turf in Harbor Springs.  
 Councilor William Ortiz – No report  
 Councilor Aaron Otto - Absent  
 Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attended the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) at the Menominee Nation as Murder and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) has not been resolved. Additional concerns regarding America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) alerts. Attended the Snow Snake workshop.

Councilor James Pontiac – Attended the Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Meeting on February 6. Thanked NRD for the distribution of venison.  
 Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Aki Construction Reception  
 Secretary Marcella Reyes – No additional report  
 Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Met with Secretary Marcella Reyes and Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to work on the LSA job description.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Munson Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor, Councilor James Pontiac and Treasurer Leroy Shomin’s verbal and/or /written reports for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**12:05 p.m.** Lunch break  
**1:03 p.m.** Meeting resumes  
**Legislative Office Reports continued:**  
Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst  
 Office Update  
 Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:  
 Gaming Authority – No report  
 Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – Closed Session  
 Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report  
 Tribal Burial Board – No report  
 Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer – No report  
Legislative Office Director  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for February 23, 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
 Tribal Council Action Items:  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 1836 Ceded Territory 2023 Natural Resources Rules and Regulations Reg-WOS-2013-004-021623-009.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022323-01 Request to Accept Funding Increase from the Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement FY 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022323-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the National Cancer Institute, Promoting Smoke-Free Homes in Rural American Indian Households Project FY 2023-2026.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022323-03 Request for Funding from Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services Basic Grant FY 2023.  
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) **Motion carries.**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to authorize to GNI Phase I, LLC to continue to pursue

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes February 23, 2023 In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:11 a.m.**  
 Opening ceremony: Legislative

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the “A” loan through Native American Bank.

Vote: 7 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to authorize GNI Phase I, LLC to continue to pursue the “B” loan through the Energy Improvement (PACE) loan through PACE Loan Group.

Vote: 7 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Jo-Anne Cook for Chief Judge and set up an interview.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Elise McGowan-Cuellar for Associate Justice and set up an interview.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to approve the Legislative Services Attorney job description dated February 21, 2023 and request the Human Resources Department to post the position.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to appoint Deleta Smith to the Citizenship Commission for a 3-year term ending February 23, 2026.

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

cilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to appoint Laura Blumberg to Züibimijwang, Inc. for a 4-year term ending February 23, 2027.

Vote: 0 Yes, 7 No (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 1 Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion fails.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to appoint Laura Blumberg to Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation for a 3-year term ending February 23, 2026.

Vote: 3 Yes, 4 No (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 1 Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion fails.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to allow Tribal Council to travel March 15, 2023 to Bay Mills to visit the Boys and Girls Club and their operation.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$12,000.00 for a Water and Wastewater Systems Engineering Study of the LTBB Government Center to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Munson-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor James Pontiac-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

cilor James Pontiac-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Munson and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Dissolution of Marriage.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Munson-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor James Pontiac-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor James Pontiac and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to WOS # 2021-004 Domestic Violence Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Munson-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor James Pontiac-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Other Items of Business:** None

**Public Comment:** 1:50 p.m. Opens

No comments made

1:52 p.m. Closed

Adjournment:

1:53 p.m. **Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom**  
These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.  
Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date



**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

**NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements**

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

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

**LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:**  
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-242-1500

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



**LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

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

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

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

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

## VAPES ARE HARMFUL TO NATIVE YOUTH

**Editor’s note:** Article provided by the South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc., a non-profit urban American Indian human services agency dedicated to serving the American Indian/Alaska Native and First Nations communities.



E-cigarettes, also known as vapes, vape pens or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), have been on the U.S. market since 2007. They have exploded in popularity among youth due to clever marketing: Heavy advertising on popular social media sites such as Instagram and Twitter and enlisting young attractive influencers to help market the products, the use of sweet flavors like bubblegum, watermelon slush and cotton candy and colorful packaging and trendy product design (some are disguised to look like USB sticks, highlighters, pens, even hoodies with the vape concealed in the drawstring).

Commercial tobacco use is prevalent in Native communities and is often normalized. Commercial tobacco has even been used instead of traditional tobacco for ceremonial purposes. Native youth are more susceptible to tobacco than their non-Native peers and demonstrate a higher rate of experimentation and current use of e-cigarettes. According to 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey data, 16.1% of Native middle schoolers and 40.4% of Native high schoolers were current e-cigarette users, much higher than the rates among non-Native middle and high schoolers (10.5% and 27.5% respectively).

Though many youth think when they vape it is just harmless flavored water vapor, they are often not aware of the dangerous chemicals the

vapes contain: Nicotine (both tobacco-derived and synthetic), which is highly addictive and can harm youth brain development, toxic metals such as lead, chromium and nickel and many cancer-causing chemicals such as formaldehyde, all inhaled deep into the lungs. Also, the devices can malfunction, catch fire and/or explode, causing serious injury or in some cases, death.

There are resources available for youth who want to quit vaping and want to learn more about its dangers to health. In 2022, the Food and Drug Administration launched “Next Legends,” a campaign which aims to educate American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 12–17 about the harms of vaping. There is also the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program Quitline: 1-855-5AI-QUIT (855-524-7848). Other quit vaping programs for youth and young adults include This Is Quitting through the Truth Initiative: Text DITCHVAPE to 88709 and My Life My Quit: Text Start My Quit to 36072.



Sources:  
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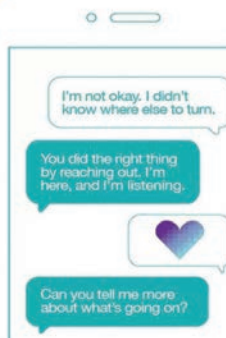
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# SUPREME COURT URGED TO HONOR ESTABLISHED WATER RIGHTS DOCTRINE



On February 8, 2023, 37 tribal governments, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority filed an amicus brief in support of the Navajo Nation in *Arizona v. Navajo Nation*. The brief urges the United States Supreme Court to respect the *Winters* water rights doctrine — which the Court established 115 years ago — and enforce the tribe's trust relationship with the United States with respect to water for the Navajo Reservation. In the *Winters* decision, 207 U.S. 564 (1908), the Court recognized when the United States creates an Indian reservation, it also reserves the water necessary to fulfill the purposes of the reservation.

"In creating a reservation, the federal and tribal governments understood that adequate water is essential to the purpose of a homeland. This has been settled law for over a century and

"Eva Oldman" continued from page 1.

enous line for our people, that represented them. You can go to Walmart and buy a t-shirt, but not a t-shirt that truly represents us as a people. For a long time, we weren't allowed to be ourselves as Native Americans because of the boarding schools and other policies. We should be proud of who we are and we should have Native businesses that represent us. It shows that we're still here, we're resilient and we're breaking barriers."

You can view and purchase her products on [www.creativegraphicsbyeva.com](http://www.creativegraphicsbyeva.com) or creative graphics by eva on Facebook. Her product line has something for everyone from clothing, jewelry, beverage containers, office supplies, stickers, shoes, phone cases, basketballs, home décor, purses and bags, blankets, towels, umbrellas and aprons. Her children's store has lip balm, clothing and pajamas, bags and backpacks, t-shirts, lunch boxes, stickers, towels, pillow cases, quilts, wrapping paper, tattoos, girls' dresses and swim suits, beverage containers and notebooks. She adds new items to her indigenous product line and children's store on a regular basis. To request special orders or inquire about her graphic design services, she can be contacted at [creativegraphicsbyeva@gmail.com](mailto:creativegraphicsbyeva@gmail.com).

"My designs represent who I am as an Odawa and Arapaho," she said. "The woodland florals are from my Odawa side, but a lot of Anishinaabe people enjoy woodland florals. The geometric designs are from my Arapaho side. A lot of Native people buy my products, but Native made products are becoming more mainstream. Non-Native people are becoming more comfortable purchasing them and supporting Native businesses. Just look at our society these days, there are Native American models on the runway, Native American shows like 'Reservation Dogs' are popular among all people and there are successful Native-owned businesses. We should be represented in all areas."

Eva along with her boyfriend, Maheengunse Osawamick, and their children travel to pow wows across the country. Her children dance at pow wows and she and Maheengunse are vendors, showcasing their respective businesses. Maheengunse operates Fade Did Grooming Studio in Petoskey, MI, and sells Fade Did hair products. Eva created Fade Did's website, fadedid.com, and the designs on Fade Did's products. Fade Did has an air-conditioned mobile hair

it is absolutely the case for the Navajo Nation," explained University of Arizona Rogers College of Law Tribal Justice Clinic Director Heather D. Whiteman Runs Him.

The Court repeatedly has affirmed the *Winters* doctrine. Lower federal and state courts consistently have relied on the *Winters* doctrine to resolve water resource management issues across the arid American West. And, in dozens of negotiated water rights settlements, many of which were approved by Congress, the *Winters* doctrine has provided certainty in confirming and allocating water rights for tribal and non-tribal water users.

"We urge the Court to respect the well-established right of tribal nations who ceded millions of acres of land to the United States to have the United States protect the water needed for the remaining land that was reserved for tribal homelands. The federal government long has recognized its legal and moral obligations to fulfill its trust relationship with tribes, including the Navajo Nation," said Native American Rights Fund Staff Attorney Morgan E. Saunders.

The amicus brief was filed by Professor Whiteman Runs Him; Professor Monte Mills, Native American Law Center at the University of Washington School of Law; Professor Dylan R. Hedden-Nicely, University of Idaho College of Law; and John Echohawk, Steven C. Moore, David L. Gover, Ada Montague Stepleton, Joe Tenorio, Morgan E. Saunders, Wesley James Furlong and Sydney Tarzwell at the Native American Rights Fund.

The Supreme Court will hear oral argument in *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* on March 20, 2023. *Courtesy photo.*

studio for pow wows. For more information on Fade Did, you can visit the website or Fade Did Grooming Studio Facebook page or call 231-881-9335.

"It's nice to do events as a family," Eva said. "The kids are being exposed to running a business at a young age and are involved in developing the products on Niibiishenh children's store. Right now, the children's store is geared toward younger kids, but it'll evolve as they grow and get older. Right now, I design what they're interested in. It's special because I'm working with my children and teaching them to be proud of who they are as Native people."

Eva worked with Niibiishenh to design the pow wow unicorn and with Nangwegan to design the pow wow dino.

"She (Niibiishenh) wanted rainbow colors, a rainbow and a unicorn," Eva said. "It took us a month to hash out her vision. She finally said, 'Oh, yay, that's my pow wow unicorn,' and gave me the biggest hug. That was the best feeling. He (Nangwegan) wanted a dinosaur singing and with glasses, so I made the dinosaur with a hand drum and sunglasses. He's been singing and drumming since he was one and he remembers that his uncle Jesse (Oldman-ba) taught him to sing and play his hand drum. It's awesome that Jesse's memory lives on in all of us and is incorporated in that design. He wants me to do a monster truck design next."

Eva's t-shirt with a female traditional dancer, which says Respect, represents her mother, Shirley Naganashe-Oldman-ba. Shirley was instrumental in LTBB gaining federal recognition, served on the LTBB Tribal Council for several years, worked at Victories Casino and Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, helped organize and establish the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow, organized the Sovereignty Day Celebration for several years and was very active in her LTBB community. Eva has organized the Shirley Naganashe-Oldman Memorial Pow Wow in the past.

"She was buried in that regalia," Eva said. "I wanted to honor her in a way that was special. I respect my mother and all that she's done for our community. I see myself doing a lot of the same things that she did. I like to help with community events. We both have a passion to help our people and help others."

Eva and Maheengunse were vendors at the "Eva Oldman" continued on page 31.

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“Trevor Swiss” continued from page 1.

your goal for so long, it’s just really overwhelming almost when your dream finally comes true.”

The championship match came in a 10-4 decision over Jack Conley of Lake Fenton with Swiss joining three others within the program as a state champion.

Tom Evashevski earned the first title in 1971 as a Northmen, then was followed by Chris Johnecheck in both 1992 and 1993 and Keith Sterly in 2004, all names Swiss had engraved into his mind.

As it has been throughout his career, Friday (March 3) and Saturday (March 4) came as a family moment for Swiss. His father, Josh, is the head coach of the Northmen, his mother, Amanda, is there keeping score and rooting him on for every match and brother, Brendan, also competes for Petoskey and did so Friday (March 3) at the finals.

“It’s exciting, especially since they had the opportunity to be down on the mat with me,” said Trevor on everyone supporting him. “My dad was right there and has been supporting me the whole way, my brother had a wrestling pass, so he could come right down on the floor and everything. Even though he didn’t make it through to the next day, he really helped me get prepared for that (final) match, helped me warm up.”

When the championship match closed, Trevor leaped into his father’s arms and later embraced his mom with a giant hug.

The weekend for Swiss began with a pin victory in two minutes, 36 seconds over Gavin Beach of Northwest, then a 6-0 decision over Zach Taylor of OA Carlson followed in the quarterfinals.

Friday (March 3) then closed with a 3-2 decision over Harrison Meekhof of Allendale, the toughest match Swiss felt he was in over the weekend.

“He was a junior and he’ll be back next year and I’m sure he’ll do very well because he was tough and really fast on his feet,” said Swiss. “That was a really hard match, especially at the end of the day when both of us wrestled two matches before just to get to the semis. It was a battle.”

Saturday’s championship then came with Swiss scoring first against Conley, giving him the early edge that he then leaned on.

“One of the big things going into matches that I know really helps me win is if I get the first takedown,” he said. “If I can get a takedown in the first period, it definitely gives me a lot more confidence and I know the match is in my control after that. So, I knew after I got that first takedown that it was going to be my match to win.”

Along with Swiss, Petoskey’s Bobby Patrick took part in the 132-pound finals and came out of a bye with a pin loss against Landon Thomas of St. Joseph. Patrick then fell in a 12-0 decision against Tyler Parmeter of Cedar Springs.

Brendan Swiss competed at 144 pounds at the finals and finished up a 38-8 season, falling to Sean Kinane of Orchard Lake St. Mary in an 8-5 decision, before a 3-2 loss against Zack Gibson of Thornapple Kellogg closed his season.

Big brother is looking forward to seeing what’s ahead for Brendan next season.

“I’m excited to see what Brendan is going to do in his senior year,” said Trevor. “I think he’s really going to do some good things.”

As a big fan of Petoskey wrestling history, Swiss not only became just the fourth wrestler ever to earn a state title at the school, but also became the first-ever undefeated state champion in Petoskey history.

Evashevski completed the first state title at 29-1, Johnecheck earned a 56-2 record in his ‘92 title season, then 52-2 in ‘93 and Sterly finished out a 57-1 season in 2004. Swiss finished the 2022-23 season 47-0.

“It’s something that feels so hard to grasp,” added Swiss on an unbeaten state title. “It’s almost hard to fathom. It was my last match I’ll ever wrestle in high school, probably be my last wrestling match ever. It’s a great way to end, but also bittersweet because that’s going to be it. It’s still pretty wild.”

It might be over for Swiss physically, though it’s a season that’ll always live on in Petoskey wrestling history.

*Courtesy photos.*

### Ziisbaakdake Giizis Sugar Moon Puzzle Key Puzzle on page 13.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| kchigami          | ocean           |
| zaagigan          | lake            |
| wiikwet           | bay             |
| ziibi             | river           |
| baagtik           | rapids          |
| mnis              | island          |
| neyaash           | cape            |
| jiigbiik          | beach           |
| negwiki           | sand            |
| ziibiinhs         | stream or creek |
| biitooshkBiishenh | swamp           |
| giishkaapkaa      | cliff           |
| zhiw              | mountain        |





# ORAL HEALTH EQUITY AND THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

By **Jessica A. Rickert, DDS**, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach, in collaboration and cooperation with **Elizabeth Carmen Lense, DDS, MSHA**, Manager, Health Equity and Prevention, CAAP, ADA



The American Dental Association defines “Health Equity” as optimal oral health for all people. We recognize oral health is an essential part of overall health and every individual should enjoy a basic level of oral health which allows them to live, work and play free from pain and dysfunction.

To achieve Health Equity, we need to advocate for consistent and equitable access to oral care services, collaborate with other organizations to help address the social drivers of health and work to increase diversity in healthcare providers and cultural understanding across dental teams.

Untreated dental disease has a profound impact on quality of life and productivity. Children suffering with dental disease may be afflicted with pain, poor nutrition, delayed speech development and miss school. American Indian/Alaskan Native children have the highest rate of Early Childhood Tooth Decay with 70% of children experiencing decay by age five, and four times the rate of untreated decay compared to the U.S. general population. (IHS Data Brief, April 2019)

Nearly 18% of all U.S. adults and 29% of lower-income adults reported the appearance of their mouth affected their ability to interview

for a job. Untreated dental decay results in a \$45 billion/year loss in productivity. (CDC Oral Health Disparities)

The ADA’s Council on Government Affairs works to increase access to care by advocating for comprehensive Adult Dental Medicaid benefits on the federal level as well as improving access to dental care for pregnant women, young children and disabled people at the state level.

The ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership is designed to enhance the leadership skills of dentists who belong to racial, ethnic and/or gender backgrounds who have been traditionally underrepresented in leadership roles.

Our Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP) supports a number of programs which promote Health Equity, including the Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHC) program which trains dental personnel to aid patients access dental care by making appointments, coordinating childcare and transportation to make sure they can keep dental appointments. The Indian Health Service (IHS) will be training more tribal citizens who are trusted members of their communities. CDHCs already work within IHS’ numerous clinics throughout the U.S. To find out how to develop a CDHC for your organization, contact groverj@ada.org.

The ADA also collaborates with the Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID), the Hispanic Dental Association and the National Dental Association through the Diverse Dental Society to support education and advocacy within those leadership communities to target organizational activities in underserved arenas.

CAAP works with the National Fluoridation Advisory Council and local advocates to promote Community Water Fluoridation throughout the U.S. Safe drinkable water which is optimally fluoridated continues to be the most equitable and cost-effective dental disease prevention strategy,

particularly for those children at highest risk.

The National Advisory Council on Health Literacy in Dentistry helps improve oral health outcomes through training of dental students and dental personnel on patient communication skills with webinars, videos and the development of online health literacy tools which can be used by practicing dentists, hygienists and dental assistants. It is essential patients understand the information their dental teams are sharing with them.

Our newly developed



Health Equity Action Team seeks to lessen Early Childhood Dental Disease through the development of webinars and videos to help increase the number of children visiting a dentist and establishing a dental home by the age of one year old.

We are also working with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to update our joint Oral Health-Pregnancy Consensus Statement first developed in 2012.

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Pregnancy complications and maternal deaths have been climbing in the U.S. in recent years and by encouraging mothers to seek oral care (and dental providers to see them) during pregnancy, we hope to improve health outcomes.

We thank all readers for this opportunity to inform you about the ADA’s efforts to achieve Oral Health Equity for all Americans. You can find more resources on Health Equity at ADA.org, but please feel free to contact me for more information about our programs and any questions at lense@ada.org.

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- Be pursuing a degree with a focus in agriculture, food sovereignty, traditional Native medicine and ecological knowledge, land management, sustainable agriculture and food systems or with a focus in agriculture.

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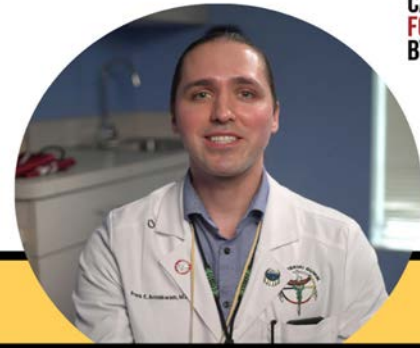
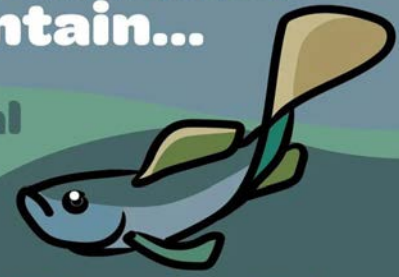
See the special section on IRS.gov about claiming the Child Tax Credit if you aren't required to file a tax return. Learn more at 2021 Child Tax Credit Frequently Asked Questions.

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|--|----------|-------------|--|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| APRIL 2023   |          |             |  | Saturday  | May 27  |             |                       | Campaign Finance Statement Due from All Primary Election Candidates<br>(within 10 days from Certification of Primary Election, on or before Monday, May 29)   |  |  |
| Saturday   | April 8  |             | Primary Ballots Mailed<br>(at least 30 days prior to Primary Election, on or before Saturday, April 8)   | Monday    | May 29  |             |                       | JUNE 2023   |  |  |
| Friday   | April 14 |             | Poll Sitter Applications Due   | Monday    | June 26 | 12 - 6 pm   | GENERAL ELECTION DAY  | (Last Monday in June, Monday, June 26)  |  |  |
| MAY 2023   |          |             |  | Thursday  | June 29 |             |                       | Non-Certified General Election Results Posted<br>(within 3 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, June 29)  |  |  |
| Monday   | May 8    | 12 - 6 pm   | PRIMARY ELECTION DAY<br>(at least 45 days before General Election, on or before Friday, May 12)  | JULY 2023 |         |             |                       |   |  |  |
| Thursday   | May 11   |             | Non-Certified Primary Results Posted<br>(within 3 days of Primary Election, on or before Thursday, May 11)   | Thursday  | July 6  |             |                       | Last Date to File Challenge to General Election<br>(within 10 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, July 6)  |  |  |
| Friday   | May 12   |             | Last Date to Withdraw from General Election<br>(at least 45 days before General Election, on or before Friday, May 12)   | Friday    | July 7  | 5 - 5:30 pm | CERTIFICATION MEETING | Certification of General Election & Official Results Posted<br>(at least 10 days, and no later than 10 Business days, after the General Election, after Thursday, July 6 and on or before Tuesday, July 11) |  |  |
| Thursday   | May 18   |             | Last Date to File Challenge to Primary<br>(within 10 days of Primary Election, on or before Thursday, May 18)  | Monday    | July 17 |             |                       | Campaign Finance Statement Due from all General Election Candidates<br>(within 10 days from Certification of General Election, on or before Monday, July 17)  |  |  |
| Friday   | May 19   | 5 - 5:30 pm | CERTIFICATION MEETING<br>Certification of Primary Election<br>(at least 10 days, and no later than 10 Business days, after the Primary Election, after Thursday, May 18 and on or before Monday, May 22) |           |         |             |                       |   |  |  |
| Monday   | May 22   |             | Official List of General Election Candidates Posted<br>(on or before Monday, May 22)   |           |         |             |                       |   |  |  |



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## Congratulations

Congratulations to sophomore wrestler **Brendan Swiss**, an LTBB Descendant, on another outstanding season. His season record was 38-8, and he qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 Wrestling State Meet at 144 pounds. His high school career record is 79-15. He is a two-time state qualifier and two-time conference champion.



## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Happy 50th Anniversary on April 26 to **Mr. & Mrs. Don Boda**. From the Boda family.

## Walking On...



**Dorothy Anne Tookalo Dyer, 93**

Dorothy Anne Tookalo Dyer, age 93, of Charlevoix, MI, passed away on February 16, 2023. She was born November 5, 1929, the daughter of Leo and Rose (McSauby) Tookalo, in Charlevoix, MI. In April 1952, she married Cornelius Dyer in Detroit, MI, and they were married 47 years until his death in 1999. She was a member of St. Mary church; St. Mary altar society and a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Her greatest joy was her family, and she loved playing cards. Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Patricia (James) Deckrow, Connie (Donald) DiDomenico, Sandra (John) Witherspoon and son-in-law,

Lou Oudin; eight grandchildren along with many great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Cornelius; daughter, Carole Oudin; sisters, Katherine (Floyd) Genia, Lillian Peters (Calvin) and Martina Starr.



**Nancy Lorraine Ortiz, 82**

Nancy Lorraine Ortiz, age 82, passed away on March 3, 2023 with her family by her side. Nancy was born to Joseph and Mary (Shenoskey) Dayson in Nahma Township, MI, on November 27, 1940. She was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She worked for General Motors for 35 years. Nancy's hobbies included fishing, hunting and camping. She en-

## Walking On...

joyed playing bingo and gambling. Nancy loved spending time with family and friends. Nancy is survived by her children, Barbara Dayson (Amos Jackson), Michael Dayson (Roxanne), Edward Ortiz (Kathy), William Ortiz (Mindi), Gloria (Bill) Rinzema and Patrick Ortiz; grandchildren, Sonny, Samantha, Shad, Johnny, Amanda Leanne, Bethann, Thomas, Nick, Royce, Patrick, Gabrielle, Tehya, Lyvia, Justin, Nathan, Lindsey, Stephanie, William, Tyler, Jacob, Shannon, Victoria, Amanda and Lorraine; many great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Nancy was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy, Elaine and Marty; brothers, Joseph, Richard, Theodore and Peter; and grandsons, Dylan and Brandon.



**Shelia Christine (Petoskey) Shalifoe, 74**

Shelia Christine (Petoskey) Shalifoe, 74, of Bliss, MI, walked on March 4, 2023 at the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. Shelia was born on December 10, 1949 in Petoskey, MI, the daughter of Stanley Fredrick "Fred" and Jaunita (Mann) Petoskey and graduated from Petoskey High School. Shelia was a proud member of the

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and was gifted at bead working and cooking. She was an adventurous woman and loved sunsets, nature, especially rock hunting on the shore of Lake Michigan. She was caring, helpful, kind and gracious. She truly had a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her partner of many years, Steven Wiatrolik; two sons, Anthony (MaryKaye) Shalifoe of Baraga, MI, and Michael Shalifoe of Traverse City, MI; brothers, Michael (Barbara) Petoskey, Dennis (Kory) Petoskey and Stanley Petoskey; sister, Brenda Sabella; grandchildren, Ethan, Amber, Anthony and Aliyah; great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Jada and Roman; stepsons, Michael (Bethany) Wiatrolik of Alanson, MI, Brian (Krissy) Wiatrolik of Pellston, MI, and Jeffrey Wiatrolik of Charlevoix, MI; stepdaughter, Melissa Wiatrolik of Harbor Springs, MI; and step-grandchildren, Alicia, Jordan, Kelsey, Jaelyn, Klayton, Jeffrey, Jasmine, Austin, Michael, Kayla, Brian and Tyler. Shelia was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, David Petoskey; and by a sister, Joyce Petoskey.



**Melissa Hughes, 48**

Melissa Hughes, 48, walked on March 1, 2023 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI, with her brother, Clint, by her side. Melissa was born on October 8, 1974, the daughter of Raymond and Alice (Gasco) Hughes. She graduated from Pellston High School and later received a cosmetology degree. She was most recently working as a Pit Boss at the casino. She was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay

Bands of Odawa Indians. Melissa was diagnosed with interstitial lung disease 20 years ago and she had lived far past what their expectations were for her at the time. The lung disease, combined with rheumatoid arthritis, made her life very difficult and painful and the two conditions ganged up on her and took her life. But although her lungs were weak, her heart was strong. She had the heart of a warrior. She was capable of an incredible amount of love despite her physical ailments and despite how she was treated in life. She has had things happen to her which would make the best of us cynical about love and relationships. Her heart was broken many times in her life, yet, she never stopped loving. Her heart always kept beating for the ones she loved and that's exactly how she left this world, strong in heart until the very last beat. She is survived by her parents, Raymond and Alice Hughes; brothers, Clint and Jeremy Hughes; stepdaughters, Tiffany and Tianna Pollaski; step-grandson, Carl Junior; nieces and nephews, Sidney Bohnam Hughes Brooks, Gabriel Hughes, Shania Hughes, Jake Hughes and Luke Hughes as well as countless extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her brother, Elliott Hughes.

## LTBB ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MAY 13, 2023**

8 AM - 5 PM  
OVATION HALL,  
ODAWA CASINO RESORT  
PETOSKEY, MI

### AGENDA AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Questions or suggestions regarding the LTBB Annual Community Meeting? Please contact Community Meeting Speaker Heather Syrette at [hsyrette77@gmail.com](mailto:hsyrette77@gmail.com)





# APRIL SHOWERS OF WINNING

AT ODAWA CASINO!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 4PM-8PM**

**EARN ENTRIES APRIL 1-29  
2X ENTRIES ON FRIDAYS!**

Play Slots & Table Games with your Pure Rewards Card for your chance to **win up to \$500 in Gas Cards, up to \$5,000 in Cash, or a Golf Car!**

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## WILD RIDE OF WINNINGS

MACKINAW CITY

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 4PM-8PM**

**EARN ENTRIES APRIL 1-28 • 2X ENTRIES ON FRIDAYS!**

**GRAND PRIZE • 8PM**

Two (2) winners will be drawn. One will win **\$5,000 CASH** and the other will win a **JOHN DEERE 1023E TRACTOR!**

**CASH & PRIZES • 4PM-7:30PM**

One (1) winner will be drawn every half-hour to pick a tractor for their chance to **WIN UP TO \$200 IN GAS CARDS or UP TO \$1,000 CASH!**



**APRIL 1, 8, 15 & 22 • 2PM-8PM**

Play Slots with your Pure Rewards Card for your chance to **WIN \$25 FREE SLOT PLAY!**

**130 WINNERS EVERY WEEK**

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## Easter MEAL

MACKINAW CITY

will be served at both Odawa Casino locations on Sunday, April 9.

Please visit [odawacasino.com](http://odawacasino.com), check our Facebook page or call 877.442.6464 for times, pricing, and menus.



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## VICTORIES

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP | FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS IN APRIL!**

**DOORS @ 7PM | SHOW @ 9PM**

SPECIAL EVENTS

**FRIDAY APRIL 7**

J. HAWKINS BAND

**FRIDAY APRIL 21**

LOUIE LONGORIA BAND

**SATURDAY APRIL 1**

LADIES NIGHT\*

**FRIDAY APRIL 14**

NATE BARNES\*  
\$10 COVER CHARGE

**FRIDAY APRIL 28**

TC KNUCKLEHEADS

**SATURDAY APRIL 29**

VICTORIES TAKEOVER\*

**DJ EVERY SATURDAY**

APRIL 1, 15 & 29 - DJ T-BONE  
APRIL 8 & 22 - DJ SHAWN PETERSON

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER. PETOSKEY LOCATION ONLY. \*DJ TO BEGIN AFTER THE EVENT. SEE INDIVIDUAL ART FOR DETAILS. 2023.

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