



Mackinac Bands

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## UPDATE OF OUR TRIBE

After 4 years of not being able to tell the members what is going on internally with the Tribe, we are happy to announce that we are in the final stages of the recognition process. We have spent hours in meetings, finding documents, pictures, stories, and anything that was pertinent to show our existence as a tribe. The process says 15 years of continuity and we have 50 years on paper with correspondence on a government-to-government basis, but we were also able to go back to as early as 1671 on paper. There have been changes to the Council over time but that didn't mean that we stopped working on all matters that affect our Tribe and our people in daily living matters, Child Welfare matters are of the most important. Documenting where our children are and being a part of the process for who and where they are placed in the system is very important, we take it very seriously.

We were able to send gifts to children and elders at Christmas time. The Christmas Program has always been a huge event, however if we don't have a place to have it then we have to decide how much money we can put out for how many gifts we have and the postage. Volunteers are a must for the program.

The Tribe has grown so much in a short period of time and open membership will resume in September at the Fall Gathering. The gathering will take place if we have the volunteers to help put it together. A person can always email the Tribe to ask questions about volunteering.



### **We contracted a law-firm, Rosette Law and this is an update from the lead attorney:**

*“Rosette, LLP is a leading majority native owned law firm that exclusively represents Indian Tribes. The firm has more than 20 attorneys in 5 offices around the country in Michigan, California, Arizona, Oklahoma and Washington, D.C. The firm represents over 40 tribes across at least 10 states and works with tribal governments, tribal gaming enterprises, tribal economic development companies, and occasionally tribal citizens. The legal team for the federal recognition petition is Tanya Gibbs, Emily Paski and Winter Hayes.”*

*The firm has received a draft petition along with multiple boxes of supporting documents and records. So far, the legal team has done an in-depth review of recent petitions-both successful and not- to provide additional guidance on the best evidence and facts that will support a successful petition. The legal team has been meticulously going through its internal checklist of the statutory requirements and determining what additional information may be needed to complete the petition. At present, the biggest component that is missing is the “narrative.” The narrative is a component of the petition that tell the story of the Mackinac Bands. While this in not a statutory requirement, we know that the best way to succeed is by providing the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) with a comprehensive petition that not only tells a meaningful story, but also highlights each and every one of the statutory requirements in a way that is easy to read and understand. Once all the documents are reviewed and organized, the legal team will begin to draft the narrative and put together the petition. The firm is confident that a petition will be submitted to OFA before the end of 2022.”*

Since this was written by Tanya Gibbs, we have made more progress...and we will keep the membership up to date as much as possible.

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## YOUR TREATY RIGHTS



### MACKINAC BANDS

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Jana Harper, Mackinac member has donated the hard copy map of the Durant Roll that she created when she first started the project for the museum exhibit of Mackinac Island's sacred places. Jana went on to show her exhibit in other States. She took the names she wrote on paper, rolled them into beads and made a 14 ft. necklace which she wore when she danced in the "When We Gather" short film for the Presidential Inauguration.



On March 28, 1836 "headmen" of the Ottawa and Chippewa bands occupying the northwest portion of the lower peninsula and eastern portion of the upper peninsula executed the Treaty of Washington with the United States (7 Stat. 491). The purpose of the 1836 Treaty was for the United States to acquire legal title to the lands occupied by the Indian signatories, because the U.S. could not grant statehood to Michigan in 1837 without having legal title to the land. Judge Fox's ruling... Under the Supreme Law of the land Article 6 of the Treaty and Article 13 of the United States of America, we have those rights...



## CONSERVATION

Open enrollment for Subsistence hunting fishing trapping and gathering is January 1st of the current year until March 31st of that same year. There are no exceptions. If you do not have a post marked envelope before the closing date it will be sent back to you. If you have no report, please refer to your handbook that is issued to all new licensees.

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## MEET YOUR COUNCIL



### **Richard Lewis - Council Director and Elder Council Chairman**

“My name is D. Richard Lewis. I am Odawa/Potawatomi who is a 7th generation descendant of the Wasegijig family from Mackinac Island. I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mi. where I currently reside. After high school I lived for short stints in cities in the US and Canada and performed as a traditional Native dancer in Germany in the 1990’s.

I practice traditional Anishinaabe spiritual ways of life and have worked over 35 years with different age groups of indigenous peoples on both sides of the US and Canada border addressing issues of addiction, rehabilitation, and community health. I was a counselor and college educator at Bay Mills Indian Community. Native Sovereignty and treaty rights have always played a central role in my life. I have engaged in native activism on environmental issues such as line 5. Mining in the UP and access to educational resources. My goal is for the Mackinac Band to work with other tribal groups and create strong alliances that will allow us to become federally recognized and establish nation to nation relations with governments.



### **Theresa Davis - Council Director and Secretary**

Boozhoo, I was born in Michigan, and I currently reside in Florida. Although Michigan will always be my home. I am very proud to be Anishinaabe and I am honored to be a member of the Mackinac Bands, the oldest historical tribe in Michigan. I am honored to share a common bond of belonging to a community that honors our culture and traditions. I had to retire early, and I have been wanting for many years to give back and help in any way possible with our tribe, I know living in Florida that I was limited to helping. I am honored that I can hold the position of Secretary on the Council of the Mackinac Bands. I look forward to helping Mackinac Bands grow and our rightful place as per our history. Chii Mii gwetch for the

opportunity to serve the members.



### **Quinn Buchwald - Council Director**

Aanii, I live in Seattle Washington. I joined Tribal Council to provide my expertise and give back to the Mackinac Tribal community. When I joined the Tribal Council, my goal was to assist with our federal recognition process, support our youth, and revamp our website. I believe we are moving in the right direction with all these items. Virtual meetings, such as Zoom, and other work-from-home tools have made it much easier to interact with the Tribe and to serve on the Council despite living far away from our homelands. Working for our people and tribe has been an honor. I envision our tribe achieving federal recognition, which will jump start an incredible number of opportunities for our people. I envision our future will include

economic development opportunities, cultural and youth programs as well as continued land and building acquisitions, in the meantime our tribe will continue to grow and thrive, as we develop programs for our people, such as the new Peacekeeping process and the upcoming Scholarship Fund.

Being Native can mean many things and is unique to everyone. Personally, to me it means that I am a member of my tribe, clan, family, and community. There are responsibilities that come with being native and a tribal member. As a Native people we have an obligation to carry on our culture, language, and traditions for our past and present future generations.



### **Patricia Wartella Administrative Assistant/ Treasurer**

I reside in Allegan Michigan. I was born and raised in St. Ignace by my parents John and Flora (Grondin) Smith. I have 7 siblings and I have raised two children who are now grown and out in the business world. My son is a carpenter, and my daughter is a Veterinarian Technician. I have been blessed with a grandson who just graduated kindergarten and is starting first grade this year. I work for the county of Allegan in the IT department for the last 22 years. My mother instilled in us the culture and traditional ways of our people. I work for the Tribe because it feels good to give back to our Tribal Community and if I can use my expertise to help and give of my time to our people that is a comfort knowing that I give back what my

mother taught me. My father was very active in City government working for the city of St. Ignace for 40 years and he showed me that with hard work and perseverance a person can do so much and achieve great things. This is what I want to bring to our tribe.

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## MEET YOUR COUNCIL



### **Theresa LaLone Keyes - Vice-Chairwoman**

I reside in the Pacific Northwest, spending time in Spokane Washington and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where I have been blessed to raise three children with my husband Mike Keyes. We have been married 22 years and have three children of which two are in college and our youngest is about to embark on her Junior year of high school in Spokane with hopes of playing soccer in college. Enrollment for myself and children as members of the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians derives from my fathers side of the family. Rose Carrow (sometimes listed as Caron or Carow on public records) is my Great Grandmother, Rose's father was Oliver Carrow and her mother was Rose Paquin, both of whom were

Mackinac Indians. My grandma Rose passed way before I was born so I never knew her, but my father Thomas J. LaLone, his sister Jeanne LaLone Ager and several other family members told me many endearing stories about Grandma Rose who was deaf and helped to raise my father as an infant after his father had died a sudden death. We have family members in our lineage with last name of LaLonde as well, with our family dropping the "d" at some point. Other of my cousins also researched census records, church records and the Durant Roll records as they show that my Great-Great Grandfather Oliver Carrow and his father and mother William and Isabella Carrow show up on many of them (1834 Chippewa Nation Census- William Carrow (my Great-Great-Great Grandfather): 1860 Mackinac Census-William Carrow (father) Oliver Carow (son) and 1908 Durant rolls – Mrs (Isabella) William Carow: MAC 1253) I provide this history in hopes of continuing to learn of my lineage and to connect with other family members.

I am an attorney and have devoted the last 17 years of my legal practice to providing litigation and counseling services for clients involved in established on-reservation tribal businesses, as well as those seeking to partner in projects related to tribal economic developments. Client representation has primarily been devoted to state tax issues in violation of client rights derived from the Treaty of 1855 in furtherance of the fight for continued expansion of economic growth and the rights as reserved in particular treaties. It is with a great sense of pride and respect that I am able to serve in the role as Vice-Chairwoman of the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians. I hope to be able to provide value to our members as we continue to seek opportunities for community outreach and gatherings; physical office space; and working closely with those forging the continued journey to federal recognition.



### **Lisa Powers - Chairwoman**

I was born and raised in St. Ignace. I have 3 adult children who now have families of their own and blessed me with 6 grandchildren, the oldest just graduated high school and is off to Lake Superior to study early childhood development and she plans to be an elementary teacher while working with children with special needs. I met Chris Powers 17 years ago and we have been married for 10 years. He has endured a lot while I have served on this council for about as long as we have been together. He is of the Sault Tribe community. I believe that we can promote UNITY in all tribes if we work at making the changes necessary to make it happen. I have been honored to serve as Chairwoman since 2016 to present. I have mentors

and teachers that I look up to for advice, Richard Lewis is one of those people and I have great respect for him and appreciate all that he has taught me since coming on the Council and before coming on council. I continue to work diligently to make this Tribe thrive and to achieve formal federal recognition. It has been a long arduous process but its been worth the ride. I have met amazing people, worked with children in child welfare cases, young adults who are struggling because of socio economic or some other form of negative they have had to live with. I know that I will not make everyone happy, that is impossible. I'm here to make the change that is necessary for our tribal citizens to have a better way of life and to learn cultural teachings and a way of living that is like no other community standard. Please learn the ways of your grandmothers and grandfathers and all of your ancestors.

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## RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITY

The Council has worked on many different things in the past year to better our Tribal Community and our outside government to government relations with other entities.

We have worked with Federal Government Services Agency for a Flint field office location that needs expansion. This entails that an archaeologist be on site if there are any remains or significant finds as this is being done on what was then an Ottawa Village. Richard Lewis and Chairman Powers have met and agreed on the scope of work that is going to take place. Putting our ancestors first is of utmost importance.

Quinn Buchwald approached the Council with the possible Scholarship Fund for our Tribal Youth. The Council voted unanimously for this. Council member Buchwald is the first to donate and the Tribe has also given 500.00 for the Scholarship. Your help would be greatly appreciated. When the logistics of the fund are more concrete, we will post that to the website.

Open membership meetings have been complicated in this past year. We have people who want to attend and then on the day of do not, it would be nice to have member participation and input personally and for our members to not rely on social media to find out what is going on in your tribe but to hear it from the council for yourselves.

Meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We have done virtual through zoom for meetings since the onset of COVID. Through a pandemic we were able to keep our tribe moving forward in many areas and especially our recognition efforts. The programs that we sponsor have not had much attendance because of the pandemic and the ever-growing new illnesses that came along with COVID 19. We are planning a Fall Gathering but we need the help of the members who are in the near vicinity to help. If there are no volunteers, then we will not be able to have one this year.

You will find the Genealogy chart with this newsletter, please fill it out and send it in as soon as possible. This determines whether a person is or is possible to be enrolled with another tribe. The Chart is put into the system to help show relationships of people to other Tribes. The chart is necessary to show quantum and relationships to other members.

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tribal Council meetings are on the second Thursday of every month. All Tribal Council meetings are held on Zoom and are open to the public.

Please register at: [Information@MackinacBand.com](mailto:Information@MackinacBand.com)



## TRIBAL ID CARD RENEWALS

Please check the date on your tribal ID card and make sure it has not expired (this is very important). Do not forget to send in your new address, phone number, email or any other information that changes. At this time we are asking that you mail your information to our address along with a cashier's check or money order of \$25. If you want or need a new photo on your card, please send that in as well. For any further questions contact Lisa Powers at (906) 984-2202.

REMINDER: Don't forget to send in your new address, phone number, email or any other information that changes.



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Please complete the entire form to the best of your ability (including non-native descendants) you can only belong to one Tribe.



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**Key to Abbreviations**

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 DOM Date of Marriage  
 Plc Married Place Married  
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 POD Place of Death

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**HOW TO USE THIS FORM:** Begin by entering the information about yourself at No. 1, your father at No. 2, his father at No. 4, and so on. If you need to trace your ancestry farther back than this form allows, simply enter the name of your relative which appears in the column numbered 8 through 15 in blank No. 1 on another chart and continue. Documentary evidence must be furnished. If you are filling out this form for another person, then enter their information at No. 1.

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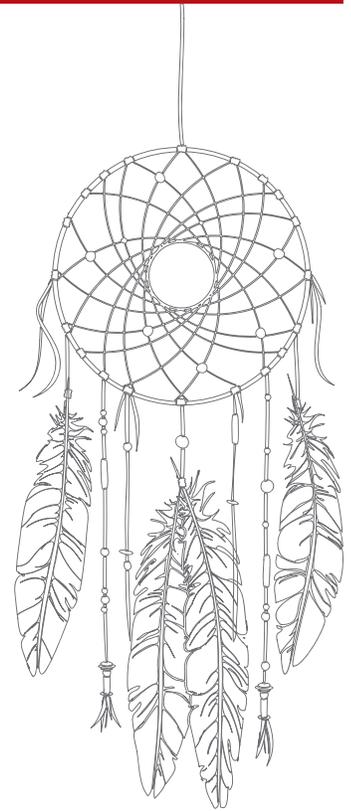
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your continuous help is needed in the following areas:

- **Fall Gathering - September 2022 (date tba)**
  - **Cultural Learning and History sessions: donations of materials and volunteers**
  - **Christmas Programs December 2023 (Monetary and toy donations)**
- All Donations are appreciated of any kind to help us continue to provide help where it is needed to the members and to keep our Tribal Legal Efforts to continue to move forward in an expedited effort.
- Anyone who has donated in anyway and would like a letter for tax purposes please send request by mail to: P.O. Box 250, St. Ignace, MI 49781
- We need your help once again to raise funds for our legal efforts. We are in the final stages and our attorney's tell us that we will see this "considerably before the years end". That is very exciting to hear these words.



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## MACKINAC BANDS OF CHIPPEWA AND OTTAWA INDIANS NITAAWIGI SCHOLARSHIP

The Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians tribal council is proud and happy to announce our new student scholarship. It is called the Nitaawigi Scholarship, as "nitaawigi" in Anishinaabe means growth/to grow. This scholarship is intended to support our Mackinac people with their continued education and help with their personal and professional growth. Any tribal member who is attending or will be attending a university, college, community college, tribal college, or trade school is eligible to apply for the scholarship. There is no age limit for the scholarship.

The scholarship application will be posted on our website ([www.mackinacband.com](http://www.mackinacband.com)) by April 2023, with a submission deadline of July 2023. All Mackinac students are encouraged to apply. The council will review the applications and decide who and how to award the scholarship(s). The amount of the scholarship(s) will be up to the discretion of council, however it will most likely be within \$250 to \$1000.

For more information contact council member Quinn Buchwald at [qbuchwald@mackinacband.com](mailto:qbuchwald@mackinacband.com)

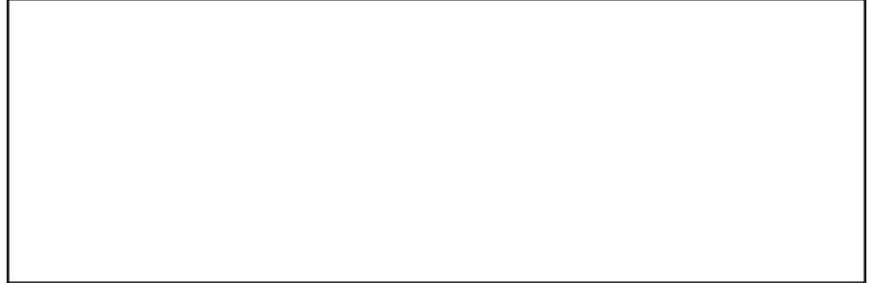


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**NOTICE:**

Please make sure you either call or send in your current email address so you will be added to the Shout Out list. This will allow you to receive important information right to your inbox.

**Moving?** Please contact us with your new address and phone number!  
906-984-2202 or  
information@mackinacband.com



## **SPRING GATHERING AND SUNRISE 2022**

These pictures are tribal members who traveled from Ohio, Manistique, Cheboygan, Grand Rapids and Tennessee to attend this years Spring Gathering. The top picture is 15-year-old Micayla Picard helping Chairwoman Powers distribute items to the attendees. The picture on the bottom are tribal members socializing and having a brief meeting that was scheduled for this day.



Chii Miigwetch to everyone that donated items and monetary to make this years Spring Gathering a success.

Jana Harper, who attended with her Uncle John Bourisseau and Aunt Virginia (Ginna) Bourisseau from Ohio, contributed 50 copies of the names on the Durant Roll that she then made a circled map of our Mackinac people. Jana had created a necklace 14 feet long. She wrote every name on a small piece of paper and read them all at sacred places on Mackinac Island. She then rolled them up and made the necklace, strewn over different places she took pictures and created an exhibit that was first virtual because of COVID and now she is able to do those exhibits in person. She then made a map of the names and had that “map” printed on hard stock paper and if anyone would like to purchase one, there will be a picture on the website and an order form.



Jana also was a part of a short film which included 3 women from different cultures; Jana represented the Indigenous. Jana wore the necklace she made in her part of the film. This film was to be presented for the presidential inauguration but because of COVID it was virtual, until this year when they performed together at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC.

Jana is currently traveling the Migration route that our people had to endure, and we will have more on that when she returns in the fall. Jana and her husband have taken a year off from work to do this.