



Elder John Pete gets his medals



LRBOI Tribal Elder and Warrior John Pete was honored in June with a presentation of his medals from World War II. Congressman Dan Benishek made the presentation at the Manistee VFW. See page 28 for details



Coming up at LRBOI:

Elders Meal
Aki
Community Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

2016 Membership Meetings
April 9, 2016 &
October 8, 2016

2017 Membership Meetings
April 8, 2017 &
October 9, 2017

Call Little River Resort Hotel in US Toll-Free: 1-888-568-2244
Local 231-723-1535

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Jiingtamok 2015



The 2015 Tribal Jiingtamok was held at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee on the 4th and 5th of July. See the photos on page 12-13.

New Chief (Police) comes to Little River



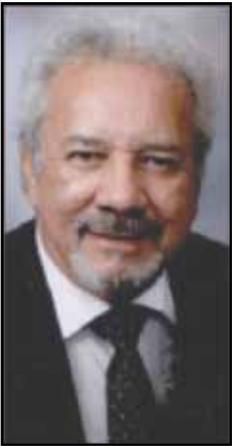
One of our own has come back to the tribal government to take the reins of the Tribal Public Safety Department. Rob Medacco took over on June 22nd. See the interview with our new Police Chief on page 15

AGM Honored by National Media

The Little River Casino Resort Assistant General Manager Connie Waitner has been honored as "One of the Great Women of Gaming". See the full write-up on page 4 and join us in congratulating Connie for this recognition.



New LRBOI Government Structure



*An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward.
When life is dragging you back with difficulties,
it means it's going to launch you into something great.
So just focus, and keep aiming.*

At an all-employee meeting in the Three Fires Conference Center, newly re-elected Ogema Larry Romanelli revealed his new government structure plan.

Over the years, one of the challenges for all of the tribal Ogemak has been the complexity of running a governmental organization with almost 30 different departments or key areas. As a Native Sovereign Nation, Little River is involved in many aspects of both national and other government relations as well as being fully organized to bring many different services to the tribal members.

As the tribe has been organized, all of those departments and programs answer at some point to the Ogema and as the tribe has grown, this has become a very complex undertaking.

Having served two full terms, Ogema Romanelli was determined to address this difficult situation with a new approach. The organizational structure that was announced at the Friday meeting on May 29th groups the various services and departments into four different areas. Each area will have a 'Lead Facilitator' who will work with their group to help improve communication both from the group up to the Ogema and from the Ogema down to the groups. These 'Leads' were expected to be officially appointed by the early part of June.

Following the meeting, Romanelli said this in an email:

All:

I want to thank everyone for attending the May 29th employee meeting and for sending in the requested informational responses. As usual we received some very good ideas and I am already working to see how we can incorporate them into our way of doing business.

As stated at the meeting there, we have an organizational chart approved by Tribal Council; the purpose of the changes is to ultimately give better service to our membership while easing the stress on our employees. It will hopefully work to provide better communication for our staff as well.

I want to thank everyone for their input on how best to create the four lead positions. We have worked out most of the bugs which will hopefully make the change as smooth as possible. I have asked others to help with the selection process and thank all who participated.

For everyone who submitted their name for consideration I really appreciate you stepping up to offer your assistance. We've made our selections and much consideration went into the selection of the four persons. I believe we had many people who could do the job; we gave consideration to having what we believe is a well-rounded group; how much time do the individuals have to devote to the additional duties; availability to meet on regular basis. Please know that people we didn't select does not mean they were less qualified; it means that all things considered, at this time we needed to put those people in place that we chose.

(reprinted from June e-Currents)

"I believe much trouble and blood would be saved if we opened our hearts more." Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

We are as sick as our secrets. Our ego takes over control of our lives and when that happens our minds get very sick. Then we hurt people and our minds will always justify our actions. Our minds will give us rationalization and excuses that were justified in doing what we are doing.

My Creator, Let me live today with an open heart. Let me realize to be vulnerable is a strength, not a weakness. Let me realize the power of an open heart. Let me be available to truth. If I get into trouble, let me hear the whisper of your guidance.

Let me make heart decisions and let my head catch up to that decision."

Worksession Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jessica Burger	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Total
06/01	Honorariums Ordinance	F	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	7
06/01	Elected Officials Ethics Ord.	F	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	7
06/01	Agenda Review	F	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	7
06/01	Jim McClurken	F	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	7
06/02	Board of Directors Act	F	x	*	x	x	V	x	x	x	6
06/02	LRCR Financials	F	x	*	x	x	V	x	x	x	6
06/02	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x	*	x	x	V	x	x	x	7
06/04	Tax Dept Annual Report	F	x	*		x	x	x	x	x	6
06/04	Audit	F	x	*		x	x	x	x	x	6
06/04	Youth Council	F	x	*		x	x	x	x	x	6
06/05	Elders Insurance	F	x	x		V	x	x	x	x	6
06/05	Constitutional Amendments	F	x	x		V	x	x	x	x	6
06/08	Burial Assistance Ord	F	x	V	x	V	x	V	x	x	5
06/08	Natural Resource Bud Mod	F	x	V	x	V	x	V	x	x	5
06/08	Agenda Review	F	x	V	x	V	x	V	x	x	5
06/08	BIA Forest Mgmt Plan	F	x	V	x	V	x	V	x	x	5
06/09	2015 Goals	F	x	x	x	V		V	x	x	5
06/09	HIPPA	F	x		x	V		V	x	x	4
06/15	Constitutional Amendments	F	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
06/15	Agenda Review	F	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
6/16	Round Table w/ Ogema	F	V		x	x	x	x	x	x	6
06/18	Saturday Meetings	x	*	*	x	x		x	*	x	5
06/18	Event Passes	x	x	*	x	x		x	x	x	7
06/19	Youth Council	F	x	*	x	x	x	x	V	x	6
06/22	Feast at Jingtamok	F	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	6
06/22	Disposal of Unused Assets	F	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	6
06/22	Agenda Review	F	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	6
06/22	Fishing	F	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	6
06/23	Purchase of parcels	F	x		x	*	x	x	*	x	5
06/29	West Shore Medical Center	B	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
06/29	Disposal of Unused Assets	B	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
06/29	Gov. Financial Statements	B	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
06/30	Round Table w/ Ogema	B	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
06/30	MOU Client Services	B	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
	Total number of Work Sessions - 34	3	32	18	26	21	23	28	27	34	

* - Business Related V - Vacation B - Bereavement F - Family illness

Casino Enterprise Management Announces Winners of the 2014

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July 2015 Volume 7 Issue 14

Great Women of Gaming Awards
Thirteen Gaming Industry Executives
Honored for Outstanding Professional-
ism, Perseverance, Drive, Commitment
and Mentorship

FARGO, N.D. (Jun. 29, 2015) - Casino
Enterprise Management magazine, the
official publication of the Association
of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers
(AGEM), is pleased to announce the
winners of its 2014 Great Women of
Gaming Awards competition.

The awards are presented in two catego-
ries-Proven Leader and Rising Star.

"Every year our judges face the daunt-
ing task of choosing their top selections
from a field of incredibly accomplished
professionals," CEM Managing Editor
Marian Green said Monday. "This year's
slate of candidates was so competitive
that after tallying our judges' selections
we determined there were several ties."

Because of this outcome, CEM is
pleased to honor not 10, but 13 Great
Women of Gaming, Green said. "These
ties underscore not only the wealth of
talented, accomplished women in the
gaming industry, but also the impor-
tance our industry places upon ensur-
ing significant opportunities for women
to grow and excel in their professional
lives," she said.

This year's judging committee included Dona Cassese, owner, The Marketing Group; Tracy Cohen, director of Europe, Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM), and marketing manager, TCSJOHNHUXLEY; Christie Eickelman, vice president of marketing, Gaming Laboratories International; Valerie Red-Horse Mohl, president, Red-Horse Financial Group; Sheila Morago, executive director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association; Laura Olson-Reyes, executive director, Community and Corporate Relations, Scientific Games; and Kelly Shaw, vice president, Systems and Games Sales, Aristocrat Technologies.

Green also praised the judges for their work combing through the nominations to determine their selections. "As always, they did an excellent job."

Casino Enterprise Management applauds all of the women nominated for the awards. "Each has a unique story to tell of merit and dedication to the gaming industry," Green said, "and all are worthy of our kudos and respect for their accomplishments."

An in-depth article featuring profiles of this year's award winners will be featured in an upcoming issue of Casino Enterprise Management. The winners will also receive a Great Women of Gaming Award and the chance to be featured on a CEM Audio Edge talk radio show. For more information about the Great Women of Gaming Awards, visit www.greatwomenofgaming.com.



The 2014 Great Women of Gaming Proven Leader Award Winners are:



Connie Waitner-
Director of Compliance, Little River Casino Resort

Jill Alexander-- Senior Director, Corporate Communications, Isle
of Capri Corp.

•Gail Beloff-- Senior Director of Client Services, Scientific Games

•Simone Harrison-- Senior Vice President, Lottery Group, Scien-
tific Games

•Michelle Pena-- Director of Gaming, Caesars Entertainment

•Ginny Shanks-- Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, \
Pinnacle Entertainment

•Stephany Tuttle-- Slot Director, Snohomish Casino

The 2014 Great Women of Gaming Rising Star Award Winners are:

•Tamara Goff-- Principal, Director of Marketing, Hnedak Bobo Group

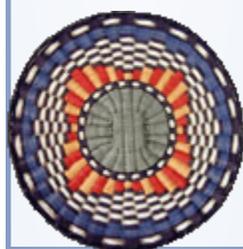
•Joanna Hadley-- General Manager, Grand Lake Casino

•Marie Hagerman-- Senior Manager, Interactive Compliance, Scientific Games

•Harper Ko-- Deputy General Counsel, Gaming, Scientific Games

•Megan McGuinness-- Owner, McGuinness Media & Marketing

•Meagan Miller-- Controller, Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo



America More Diverse: Population Figures Show American Indian and Alaska Native Population Grew by 1.4 Percent in a Year

WASHINGTON — The American Indian and Alaska Native population grew by 1.4 percent during the year between July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. These numbers were released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

Other shifts in the population of the United States include:

Millennials, or America's youth born between 1982 and 2000, now number 83.1 million and represent more than one quarter of the nation's population. Their size exceeds that of the 75.4 million baby boomers, according to new U.S. Census Bureau estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Overall, millennials are more diverse than the generations that preceded them, with 44.2 percent being part of a minority race or ethnic group (that is, a group other than non-Hispanic, single-race white).

These latest population estimates examine changes among groups by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin nationally, as well as in all states and counties, between April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2014.

Even more diverse than millennials are the youngest Americans: those younger than 5 years old. In 2014, this group became majority-minority for the first time, with 50.2 percent being part of a minority race or ethnic group.

Reflecting these younger age groups, the population as a whole has become more racially and ethnically diverse in just the last decade, with the percentage minority climbing from 32.9 percent in 2004 to 37.9 percent in 2014.

Five states or equivalents were majority-minority: Hawaii (77.0 percent), the District of Columbia (64.2 percent), California (61.5 percent), New Mexico (61.1 percent) and Texas (56.5 percent). Among the remaining states, Nevada is the closest to crossing this threshold, with a population 48.5 percent minority. More than 11 percent (364) of the nation's 3,142 counties were majority-minority in 2014. Five reached this milestone during the year beginning July 1, 2013: Russell, Ala.; Newton, Ga.; Eddy, N.M.; Brazoria, Texas; and Suffolk city, Va.

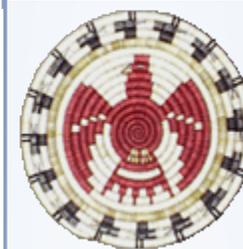
American Indians and Alaska Natives

- The nation's American Indian and Alaska Native population totaled 6.5 million as of July 1, 2014, up by 93,000, or 1.4 percent, since July 1, 2013.
- California had the largest American Indian and Alaska Native population of any state in 2014 (1.1 million) and the largest numeric increase since 2013 (13,000). Alaska had the highest percentage (19.4 percent).
- Los Angeles had the largest American Indian and Alaska Native population of any county in 2014 (235,000), and Maricopa, Ariz., the largest numeric increase (4,700) since 2013. Shannon, South Dakota — on the Nebraska border and located entirely within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation — had the highest percentage (93.4 percent).

Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders

- The nation's Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population totaled 1.5 million as of July 1, 2014, up by 33,000, or 2.3 percent, since July 1, 2013.
- Hawaii had the largest population of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders of any state (370,000) in 2014 and the highest percentage (26.0 percent). California had the largest numeric increase since 2013 (7,000).
- Honolulu had the largest population of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders of any county (239,000) in 2014, and Hawaii County had the highest percentage (34.4 percent). Clark, Nevada, had the largest numeric increase since 2013 (1,100).

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Is my water safe?

The Little River Band Utility Department would like to report that last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. The LRB Utility vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and we are proud to report to you that we have not violated a maximum contaminant level. The Source Water Protection Plan has been completed and is available for review the plan will be implemented to protect the areas around our source water from inadvertent contamination.

We are currently EPA certified for testing of Total Coli-form / E-coli of which we sample for three times a month for a total of 9 samples per month. We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. Our water system is classified as a "Community System" based on the population served which has been established in accordance with the U.S. EPA guidelines which is 8,189 customers served daily.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The Water Distribution is supplied by two source wells located in Aki Madiziwiin with a 250,000 gallon spheroid storage tower, adjacent to the Justice Center, on M-22. These wells can supply over 700,000 gallons of water a day! An estimated average daily use is currently 131,030 gallons per day. The distribution system consists of PVC, HDPE and Ductile Iron piping

in various sizes. The level of water in the storage tower, which supplies the needed water pressure to your household or business, is controlled by radio telemetry. The Water Storage Tower is monitored by our staff for needed level changes due to seasonal, fire related emergencies and/or maintenance concerns.

Source water assessment and its availability

A source water assessment was completed by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Environmental Services Division, 3601 Mackinaw Trail Sault Ste. Marie Mi. in October of 2002. An updated source water protection plan has been completed by the I.T.C. and the LRB Natural Resources Department as previously mentioned and is available for review. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe

Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be

naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health.

Monitoring and reporting violations

The Utility Department has tested for various contaminants since the previous CCR from July 1st 2014 to the present. Contaminants detected along with their detection level are in this report. Samples tested for other contaminants were "not detected" in your drinking water!

Educational Statement for Lead Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible

that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of plumbing materials used in your homes. You may wish to have your water tested if you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home. You may also flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using your tap water. Additional information concerning Lead levels is available from the Safe Drinking Water, Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA and the Tribe requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.



Sampling Results for Past 12 Months

Contaminants (units)	Mg/L MCLG	mg/L MCL	Our Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source / Health Effect
DBPR Disinfection by-product rule								
TTHM; (Total Trihalomethanes)	0.0005	0.080	0.0267mg/L			8-4-2014	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection using chlorination
Results are in mg/L								
Bromodichloromethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0024mg/L			8-4-2014		Some disinfectants and disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) have been shown to cause cancer and reproductive effects in lab animals and suggested bladder cancer and reproductive effects in humans.
Bromoform	0.0005	0.080	0.0005			8-4-2014		
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0019mg/L			8-4-2014		
Chloroform	0.0005	0.080	0.0111mg/L			8-4-2014		

Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	AL	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Nitrate (well #1)		10 ppm	1.3 ppm	7-16-2013	No	Run off from fertilizer use; Leaching from Septic tanks, sewage; Erosion from natural deposits.
Nitrate (well # 2)		10 ppm	1.4 ppm	7-16-2013	No	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Barium	2 mg/L	2 mg/L	0.02	4-7-2015	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from Metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits. Some people who drink water containing Barium in excess of the MCL over many

Units Description:

NA: Not applicable

ND: Not detected

NR: Not reported-p

MNR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) is a unit for measuring radioactive concentrations. The curie (Ci) unit is the activity of 1 gram of pure radium 226. Pico is a scientific notation term which means 1×10^{-12}

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close

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to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

For more information

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attn: Utility Supervisor
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: 231-398-2299
Fax: 231-723-2321

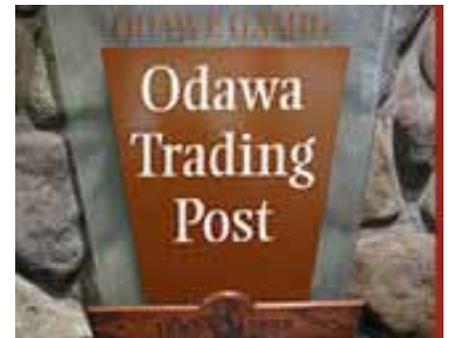
Congratulations Greg!



Congratulations goes out to, Greg Walters not only for passing the MDEQ S-4 & D-4 Water Distribution and Limited Treatment exams.

Greg has also passed the exam for becoming a licensed operator in waste water by passing his MDEQ Class D Waste Water exam!

Calling all Little River Tribal Artists



The Little River Casino Gift Shop would love to proudly display and sell your hand made art. Whether you bead, weave, or draw, all forms of arts and crafts are being sought to sell in the Gift Shop. Beginning the second week in July, (14th), between 9:00 am and 12:00pm, you may schedule an appointment to show off your wares.

If chosen, items can be consigned immediately.

Please call Sarah Brown or Andrea Krause at 231-398-3903 to schedule an appointment.

**Exciting things are happening
here at LRCR Gift Shop!**

DIRECTOR NAMED FOR THE MIDWEST AREA TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD



The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC), a program of Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC), is pleased to announce that Kara Schurman has been selected as the Director of the Midwest Area Tribal Health Board (MATHB). Though the new area wide Health Board was launched through the efforts of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) about two years ago, a Health Board Director and administrative home was needed. Bemidji Area Tribal leaders have long recognized that other Indian Health Service Areas across the country have benefitted from their Health Boards in numerous ways to address long standing health issues.

GLITEC sought to identify the Health Board as the Advisory Council to oversee a new CDC grant award, "Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change (BALAC)." Ms. Schurman will support MATH Board members to: engage in strategic planning; provide advisement to the program; engage in leadership development opportunities and partner with Tribal leaders across the region to lead and support local efforts to implement policy, systems and environmental changes to improve health.

Kara is Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe and Eastern Shawnee of Oklahoma, from Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminology & Law Studies and Political Science from

Marquette University and a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice from UW-Milwaukee. Since 2012, Kara has served as the Project Director for the Increasing Cultural Congruence Among Nurses in Wisconsin grant housed at GLITC. Kara was also recently nominated for appointment to the Northern Highland Area Health Education Center Board of Directors. Kara currently serves on the Board of Directors for End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and as a member of the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse. She also has over 10 years of experience in coordinated community response and cultural collaboration and has given numerous presentations and trainings on cultural congruence and violence against women.

"GLITEC staff are thrilled to have Kara join the BALAC team," says GLITEC Director Kristin Hill. "This grant opportunity springs Tribal leadership into action in support of policy, systems and environmental changes to improve the health and well-being of area Tribal communities. Kara brings knowledge, experience and leadership skills to support the efforts of the emerging Health Board, a group of dedicated Tribal representatives who are striving for better health in their communities".

Kara adds, "I am very excited to join a team of such motivated individuals and be a part of the solution to promoting health and wellness in Indian country. I look forward to helping an idea take shape and promote the Health Board as a leader among Tribal communities."

Great Lakes Inter-tribal Council, Inc. is a consortium of twelve federally recognized tribes located in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, with offices on the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa reservation.

For more information: Kristin Hill, GLITEC Director, 715-588-1093

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

USDA Income
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards
September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015

Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,128.00
2.	\$ 1,466.00
3.	\$ 1,805.00
4.	\$ 2,153.00
5.	\$ 2,519.00
6.	\$ 2,886.00
7.	\$ 3,224.00
8.	\$ 3,562.00

For each additional member add \$ 339.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

Across the world, many people are looking to the future of tribal or indigenous nations and asking serious questions about our survival. As an example, the United Nations is working on Indigenous Peoples issues to protect tribal lifestyles around the world and even the US Congress has taken up issues regarding protection of tribal sovereignty and life. One of the key issues though is the diminishing number of tribal members due to an imposed system for measuring just who is and who isn't "tribal."

Among many of the tribal nations, membership (enrollment) in a 'recognized' tribe is the benchmark of tribal-ness. If you are enrolled, then you are really an Indian. While the outside world doesn't understand just how offensive that statement is, it is still the benchmark that they use.

The LRBOI Enrollment and Public Affairs departments teamed up to take a look at the enrollment issue here at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to help everyone get a handle on just where we are going. Here is what we found:

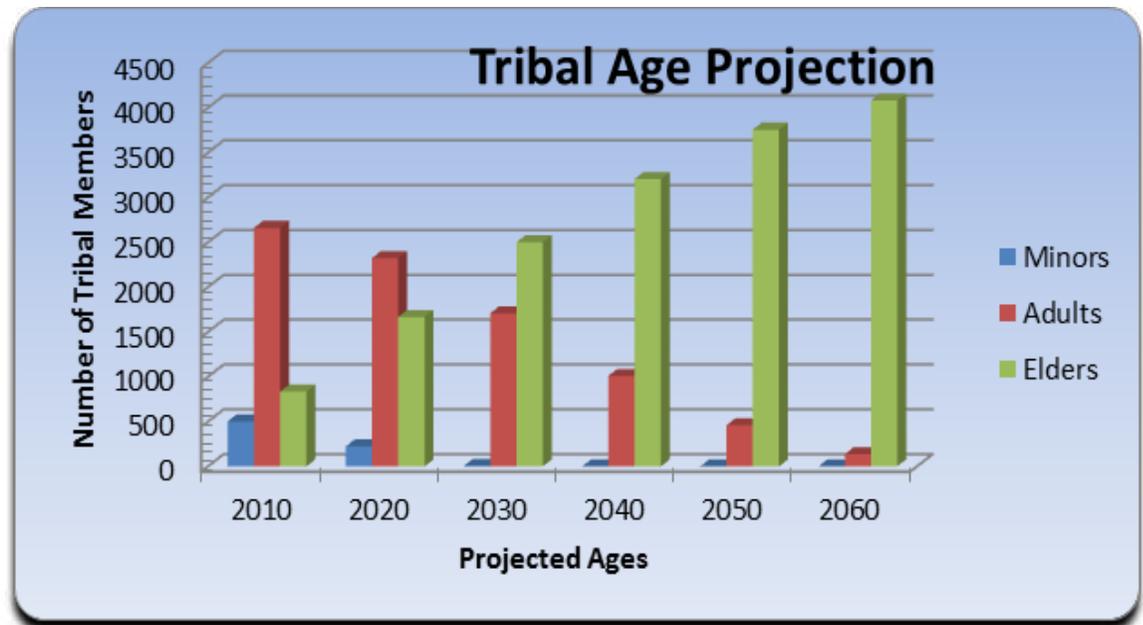
The Enrollment Department has heard many rumors about how our Tribal Council wants to close enrollment in the future. Let us show you the true facts from the statics we have pulled from Little River Band's Tribal Enrollment Data Base. At this time (June 22nd, 2015) we have 4,227 members.

<u>Full Bloods of the Tribe 4/4</u>	<u>One Half Bloods 1/2</u>
Elders 111	Elders 441
Adults 16	Adults 439
Minors 0	Minors 19
TOTAL - 127	TOTAL - 899

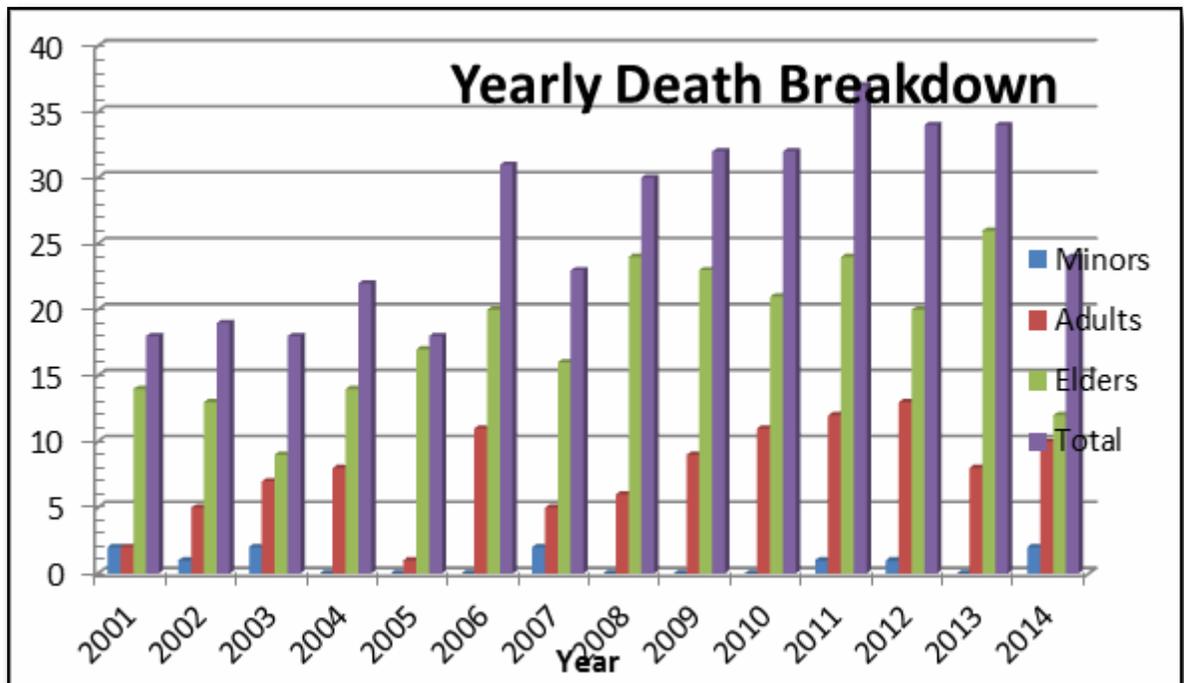
<u>One Fourth Bloods ¼</u>
Elders 442
Adults 1,738
Minors 311
TOTAL - 2,491

As an example, there are 710 Tribal Members who have 1/8 Ottawa and 1/8 of another blood, or 3/16 Ottawa and other blood. As you can see at this time the majority of our tribe are 1/4 bloods and they are either adults or Elders.

We have projected with graphs what the next fifty (50) years is going to look like for our tribe. The first graph shows how our tribal population will age. In 2010 and 2020 Adults and Elders increase, while minors decrease. Starting in 2030 Elders take over and are the largest amount with adults following and minors just about are none. Elders increase from 2040 forward. The second graph shows the yearly death breakdown, with Elders and Adults deaths increasing, this is still continuing in 2015, as of May we have had over 30 deaths, last year we had a total of 32 deaths for the entire year.



If Enrollment is closed the tribe will die out eventually... and there will be no future for our tribe. One suggestion to continue our tribe, would be to open enrollment to 1/8 Grand River Ottawa only and have parents or a parent that are enrolled members of the tribe now and still meet the other two requirements set by constitution. That is just one approach.



These true facts about our tribal population are presented to help you address the future of our tribe from a factual basis. The information is brought to you by the LRBOI Tribal Enrollment Department and the LRBOI Office of Public Affairs.



Sturgeon Release

Now would be a good time to mark your calendars for September 12th for the Annual Sturgeon Release Ceremony. The 2015 Nmé (sturgeon) program is looking forward to the coming field season and the Ceremony. The off season has been filled with preparations to get into the spring water efficiently and effectively to collect Nmé from the Manistee River and then rear in the streamside facility. The natural resource department (NRD) will be looking to get the Streamside Rearing Facility out to the Rainbow Bend site when spring breaks allowing for setup. It will take a few days to complete the setup and allow for the system to be fully operational before the rearing of eggs or larvae begins.

We will be collecting eggs and larvae similar to how we have in the past. Egg mats will be used to collect fertilized eggs from naturally spawning lake sturgeon at old bridge pool and larval drift at Sawdust Hole access. Typically larval Nmé collection occurs from May through June from dusk until midnight.

We invite anyone that is in the area to setup up a time to view the sturgeon and see their progression by contacting the NRD or stopping and talking with staff at the site. We are at the site typically at least twice a day to complete the required care and maintenance with some days requiring more time allotment than others.

If you would like more information on the Nmé (sturgeon) program please contact Corey Jerome at the Natural Resource Department at 866-723-1594.

Hilt's Landing Sponsors Event

At the end of June, the Lakeshore Museum/Hilt's Landing staff held a special 'Sponsors Event' at the park. Major sponsors, including the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians were invited to come down for a tour and special presentation by the Museum Director John McGarry, Muskegon Community Foundation Executive Director Chris McGuigan and a representative of the Hilt family, Mr. John Hilt. Representing the tribe were Ogema Larry Romanelli and Council members Ron Wittenberg and Marty Wabindato.

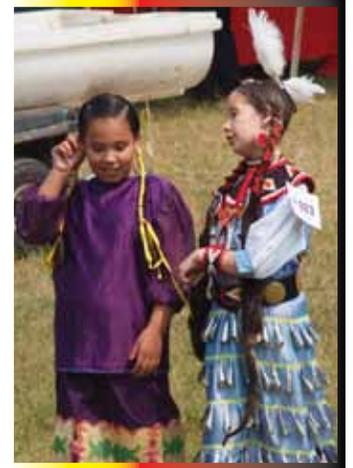


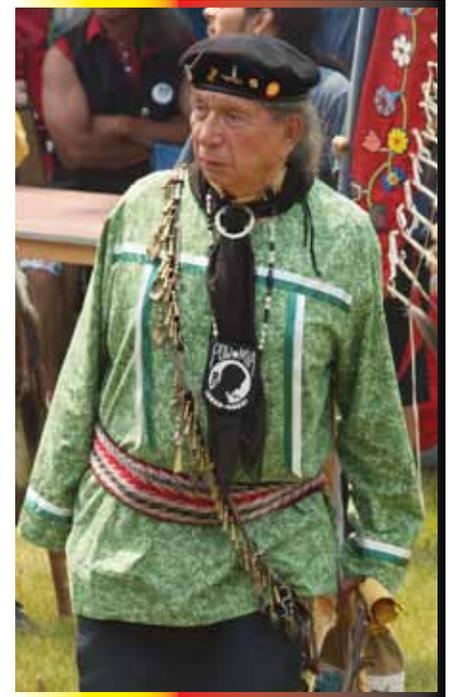
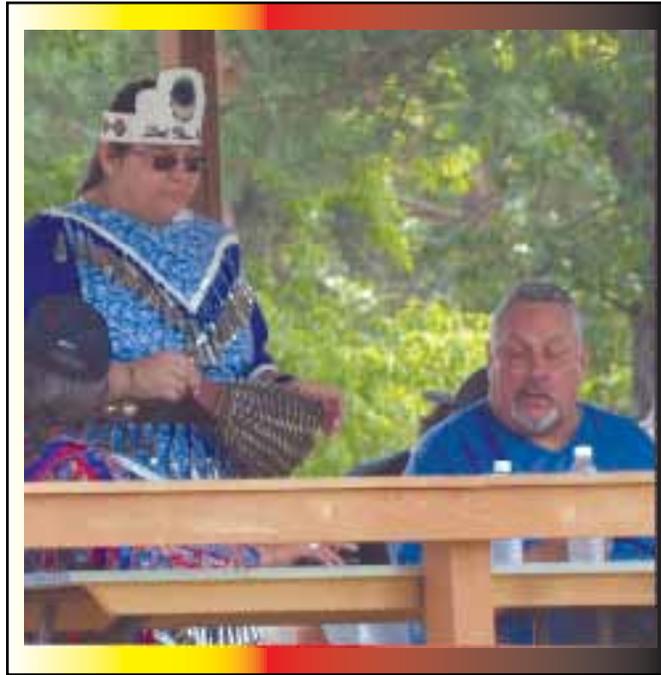
The large crowd started with a walking tour of the park and visited each of the exhibits with the first being the Ottawa Village. Both Council members had fun greeting visitors and talking about the exhibit while sharing the culture of the Anishinaabek peoples.

While there, Ron and Marty talked with the Museum Assistant Director Annoesjka Steinman about possible exhibits in the future including an exhibition Pow Wow, drumming and dancing and even a special presentation regarding NAGPRO to help people learn about the importance of returning native remains to their tribal lands. All of the ideas were met with a lot of enthusiasm as the staff at Hilt's Landing are looking to be a great source of true information on the history of the tribe in the area.



Jiingtamok 2015







2015 Miss Little River

When people think of who they want to be in five years and what they used to be in five years, they realize that big changes happened in the past five years and will happen again throughout the next five years. And when they think about how they stayed grounded or wished they would have stayed grounded throughout this time is one simple word. In this simple word is a variety of complex meanings and levels of understanding. That one word happens to be goals.

Goals vary depending upon the person but they all mean something to us because our goals define what person we want to become and that defines who we are. My goals are: go to college at University of Southern California, graduate medical school, and become a neurologist or a psychiatrist.

I want to be a psychiatrist because I have seen so many of my loved ones suffer because of their losses. One day I want to be able to help them work through it and not just hug them and say, "It will be okay."

In order to do this though, I need to have good, thorough knowledge. For elementary school I went to: St. Stan's, St. Stephen's, and Our Lady of the Lake. I have been to three different types of schools for middle school: a catholic school (SPMS), a charter school (OPS), and a public school (AMS).

I think I have learned something at each school besides curriculum. At the catholic school I learned to be respectful and to have control. At the charter school I learned to manage my time and thoughts. At the public school, I learned to be outgoing and easygoing.

These traits are also practiced at my house with my family. I live with my mom, Liz, and sister, Viddy, on the Bad River reservation in northern Wisconsin. My dad, Jim, lives in Minnesota, and comes to visit us on the weekends and during holidays. I have four cats: Pumpkin, Chloe, Mary Kateri, and Nutmeg. And I have two dogs: Watson and Wuggles. Watson is an "Amish Mix" which includes which ever breeds they had on the Amish farm where she was born. My family thinks she is Border Collie, Australian Shepard, Rat Terrier, and a Labrador retriever. My little sister's dog, Wuggles, is a Puggle, which is a cross of pug and beagle. Some of my hobbies are: playing with my dogs, volleyball, theater, going to powwows, writing, and basketball managing. I want to be LRBOI Princess because I want the honor of learning more about my tribe by experiencing it firsthand. I know it is a big responsibility, but I believe that what life has thrown at me has made me strong enough to handle it.

The Legend of Sleeping Bear

A mother bear and her two cubs roamed the great forests of Wisconsin and shores of Lake Michigan. One day there was a great fire. Fleeing the fire, Mother Bear & her cubs ran to the shoreline. Making the choice to swim, Mother Bear & her cubs began to swim across the lake. They swam & swam. Mother Bear encouraged her young to keep swimming and would often look back to make sure they were following. As Mother Bear grew tired, she looked back one more time but did not see her cubs. Finally making it to shore, Mother Bear watched for her cubs. She waited and waited but the cubs never made it shore. Mother Bear died of sorrow over the loss of her cubs. The sands blew over her body where she had lay waiting. The Gzhemido (Great Spirit) seen her love for her cubs and brought the cubs near shore to be with their mother in the form of two islands. These islands are the North and South Manitou Islands located off the shores of what is now Sleeping Bear Dunes in Leelanau County Michigan.



LRBOI tribal member Robert Medacco
Director Public Safety

Late in June, the Directors' seat the Tribal Public Safety Department was once again occupied...this time by LRBOI tribal member Robert Medacco. Director Medacco has returned to the Tribal Police after a brief stint with the Manistee (City) Police. Prior to that, he had served with the LRBOI Tribal Public Safety department for a number of years and in several positions.

The *Currents* caught up with Director Medacco before the 4th of July holiday for an interview. Here's some of what he had to say:

Professional Background: "I was originally a recruit for the Tribal Police Department and back in 2005, attended FLETC (the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center) in Artesia, NM. From there I was a road patrol officer until 2013 and maintained part-time work with the Manistee City Police and the Lake County Sheriff's Department. From there, I was promoted to Sergeant in 2013. I also went to NW University's Police School of Staff and Command (2013 graduate)

Qualifications: I've been an instructor in just anything you can imagine from Taser instructor to FTO (Field Training Officer) and a Firearms Instructor in Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun.

Vision for department: "I want to bring the department back to a consistent level of competency so that we can work with all other area departments. We want to have their full support and we want to provide that same support whenever possible."

'Issues with other departments': I want to address problem areas with transparency. I want to develop a good working relationship through honesty and to demonstrate our professionalism. I believe that doing so will cause them to respond in a similar fashion."

Role of Tribal Police with Members: "Our primary goal is to create a safe environment for our tribal members. Mainly we want to be there, not just for law enforcement action

but we want to be there to show that we support them as a community. Our duties as a police department extend beyond just writing tickets and making arrests!"

Muskegon: "It's pretty early yet but we will hopefully have a full force to support that entity down there as well when it opens."

Natural Resource/Law Enforcement: "Both areas will continue to be part of the Tribal Public Safety Department organization but we will be going to all wearing the same uniform to demonstrate that no matter what duty they will be pulling, they will be looked at as Law Enforcement Officers! By the way, we are looking to expand both the Road Patrol and Conservation Officer staff in the near future."

Hunter Safety! "Within the first weekend that I was here as Director, I've communicated to our officers that we want to continue the popular classes in the future."

Message to Tribal Members: "As a department, we're going to be more of an open door policy department for them. I encourage them to contact us for anything. Don't wait, we're here to help in any way possible. We are going to be more open and provide better communication as we move into the future."

JULY 2015 Docket

(Subject to additions or deletions)

Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation
CS Child Support
CT Civil Ticket
DM Divorce with children
DO Divorce w/o children
EA Enrollment Appeal
EB Election Board Appeal
EM Emancipation of Minor
FJ Foreign Judgment
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment
GA Gaming Appeal
GC General Civil

GM Guardianship of Minor
GR Employment Matter
JC Judicial Complaint
JV Juvenile
LT Landlord Tenant
NA Neglect Abuse
NC Name Change
PF Probate
PPO Personal Protection Order
TA Trust Access
TM Tribal Misdemeanor
WC Workmen's Compensation

COURT OFFICES CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON JULY 10, 2015.
STAFF VOLUNTEERING FOR CHARITY GOLF OUTING.

Monday, July 13, 2015

09:30 a.m. Housing v. Reel
11:00 a.m. Captain v. Avelar
02:00 p.m.

Judge Bailey

15071GC Pretrial
15074DM Pretrial
Budget Meeting for Tribal Court

Friday, July 17, 2015

10:00 a.m. Juvenile Case
11:00 a.m. LRB v. LaPine
11:30 a.m. Bailey v. Gauthier
01:30 p.m. DNR – Champagne

Judge Sherigan

14101JV Review
15073TM Pretrial
15072CS-S Motion Hrg.
15054CT Formal Hrg.

Monday, July 20, 2015

09:30 a.m. Hamilton v. Moore
10:00 a.m. LRB v. Metzger, R.
01:15 p.m. Doe v. Lakso

Judge Bailey

07015DM Motion Hrg.
15077TM Plea
14217GC Trial (Continuation)

Friday, July 24, 2015

10:00 a.m. Rivers v. Cudzilo

Judge Sherigan

12180DP Motion Hrg.

What's going to happen with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Legacy Medigap Plans?

Counselors from the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program continue to get questions from Medicare beneficiaries concerning the Blue Cross Blue Shield Legacy Medigap plans. BCBSM has been offering the Legacy "A" plan and the more popular "C" plan to Michigan residents for a number of years. The Legacy "C" plan pays for the deductibles and co-pay expenses not covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. The Legacy "C" plan has been attractive to beneficiaries because of the excellent benefits and the lower premium costs as a result of a subsidy that will be ending August of 2016.

In early 2013, the Michigan Legislature passed two bills that would reorganize BCBSM into a mutual insurance company. One of the bills contained language requiring BCBSM to continue with their subsidy of the Legacy Medigap plans through July of 2016. When the bills were being heard in the House Insurance Committee it was reported that there were over 200,000 Michigan Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in these Legacy products. Since then, several thousand more individuals have signed up for one of these popular plans.

So, what's in store for Legacy policy holders when August 2016 arrives? At this point there are more questions than answers. While we wait on BCBSM to announce the details of what they have planned, we do know one thing. The subsidy will be ending, so Legacy subscribers will pay more in premium costs to keep the same level of coverage. This is true whether a Medigap plan of their choice is with BCBSM or some other insurance company. The costs will vary depending on underwriting and pricing variables used by companies that offer these plans. It has been estimated that beneficiaries can expect an increase in the amount of \$50 to \$100, or more, in monthly premiums for a typical "C" Medigap plan, once the subsidy ends.

Medicare has a rule that provides a guaranteed issue right that can pertain to subscribers of Medigap plans. The right guarantees, in specific situations, that insurance companies must sell certain Medigap plans to you; they must cover your pre-existing conditions; and they can't charge you more based on past or present health problems.

BCBSM Legacy plan subscribers can be eligible for this important right based on a specific provision in Medicare rules. The provision reads, "if your Medigap policy coverage ends through no fault of your own", you are eligible for the right. It would appear that BCBSM would need to terminate their Legacy products in August of 2016 for subscribers to be eligible for this special provision. For those folks who want to continue with a Medigap plan, this right is extremely important. They would be able to purchase a Medigap policy from another company although the premium could be significantly higher.

Those who can't afford to pay the higher prices for a Medigap plan can consider a Medicare Advantage Plan or simply have only Medicare Part A and B and then be responsible for the associated deductibles and co-pays out of their pocket.

There are still a lot of questions as far as how Legacy policy holders will be impacted in August of 2016. Many of them will be answered once BCBSM announces their plans regarding the Legacy products.

Beneficiaries can obtain local help regarding this topic or any other item associated with Medicare and Medicaid insurance programs by contacting a trained and certified counselor with the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Simply call our toll free number at 800-803-7174 and leave a message.

By: Jim Verville, Region 10 Coordinator
Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Area Agency on Aging,
Traverse City, Michigan

Monarch Rearing project

It has been a while, but the Education Department is planning to re-introduce the Monarch Rearing project. Sometime in mid-August we will be getting Monarch butterfly caterpillars. We are hoping that we will have a lot of volunteer Monarch foster parents this summer to help us raise tiny baby caterpillars so that they can make a chrysalis and metamorphose into beautiful Monarch butterflies.

Monarch butterflies are one of the most interesting creatures! These beautiful orange and black butterflies take part in one of the most mysterious and amazing migrations known in the animal world. Each year Monarch butterflies who emerge in the northern part of North America take part in migration flying all the way from here to Mexico, where they land by the thousands in specific trees in northern Mexico. They spend the winter in those trees, and in the early spring they begin flying back north. Along the way they stop and lay eggs. They don't survive to travel further, but their eggs hatch, caterpillars grow, become butterflies, and then those butterflies continue flying north. When those Monarchs return, they lay eggs and then they too die. There are a couple more generations of butterflies during the summer. The last generation, those which emerge in late August, are the generation who undertake this long migration once again. They leave here and fly all the way to Mexico, following the same route their great grandparents did the year before. Nobody completely understands how they know how to get back, often to the same trees!

To help scientists understand this migration, they track Monarch butterflies as they migrate, and organizations like Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas help. And Monarch Watch gets help too by recruiting citizen scientists to help. That would be you if you are interested in helping! Here's what you do. You adopt a baby caterpillar and raise him or her by taking good care of it and feeding it milkweed, the only plant it eats. You take care of your caterpillar until he or she makes a chrysalis, which, if you are really lucky, you get to see happen. Then a few weeks later a butterfly emerges. This is when your scientific help comes into play. You need to determine if your butterfly is a male or a female, weigh it, measure it, and place a tiny mylar tag on its wing. We record the tag number and all information about your butterfly, and then you release it to begin its migration to Mexico. Along the way, if people spot your Monarch and get the number from the tag on its wing, they report it to the University of Kansas, which notifies us. Sometimes we can actually find out where your butterfly went and how long it took! With thousands of tagged Monarchs, scientists are able to do a fairly good job of tracking and mapping this migration!

This is not just a neat project and a fun way to spend time with a cute caterpillar and watch it become a pretty butterfly. Monarch butterfly populations are decreasing dramatically. Because of loss of habitat for the caterpillar's only food source, milkweed, they have fewer places to lay eggs. Our little part in this big story is to help raise the caterpillars and try to help track their migration, and also to do our best to make sure that there is always milkweed for them to eat. We hope you will help in this project.

If you are interested call Yvonne, Deb or Santana in the Education Department and we can add your name and phone number to the list of caterpillar foster parents. We will have caterpillars here in Manistee, and also in Muskegon- but numbers will be limited. So we need you to give us a call to let us know you would like to raise a caterpillar!

Commission Openings!

Even though most committee positions have been filled, the tribe continues to seek applications from qualified members interested in serving upon the Commerce, Gaming, Housing, Binojeeuk, Enrollment, Health and Natural Resources Commissions.

Ogema Romanelli is building a pool of tribal members who are interested in sitting on a Commission. Members are invited to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact our office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

The Tribal Public Safety Department

wanted to remind you that they take back the prescription drugs program year 'round out at the Tribal Police Department offices on M22.

Tribal police have a secured location for these drugs and regularly arranges for their disposal.

Bring these drugs into the department. Leaving them in the medicine cabinet or somewhere in the home poses a danger to youngsters and other family members. Properly disposing of these drugs protects our young, our families and our environment.

Casino Employment

Check out the new Employment Opportunities tab on the tribal website at

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/resources/employment>

Our new preference ordinance is there along with links to website and job opportunities. All in one place for your convenience! Check out the exciting opportunities that await you at the Little River Casino Resort There are many ways to apply. Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530 Stop by our Human Resources Department located at 2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI

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Available job openings can also be found at all LRBOI Tribal Government buildings, in LRBOI Tribal Newsletters and at Michigan Works!

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI- Indian Preference in Employment (Ordinance #11-600-02)

Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (Sept. 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288. Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.

Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities.

It's always a good idea to call first.

LRBOI Warriors Society

The Committee consist of the following:



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Secretary - Virgil Johnson

Treasure - Vacant

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The Warrior Society is ever looking For Tribal Member Warriors to honor and support If you or someone you know would like to attend any meetings, events, or join, please contact allWarriorSociety@lrboi.com

State Police, Attorney General: Scam Artists Seek Out Disaster Survivors

The Michigan State Police and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette today urged residents affected by Monday's severe storms to be alert for scam artists using new and old tricks to obtain vital information or take advantage of disaster-weary survivors.

Residents should be cautious of door-to-door solicitors who hand out flyers and promise to speed up the insurance or contracting process and those who ask for large cash deposits or advance payments in full. Scam artists are often transients who will move quickly into a troubled area, target those perceived as vulnerable or in need of assistance and leave town without fulfilling services.

"Sadly, bad actors use times of tragedy and difficulty to prey on victims," Schuette said. "It's important for those in the areas affected by yesterday's storms to keep a watchful eye out for less than honest individuals attempting to take advantage of those in need of assistance."

Consider the following when hiring a contractor after a disaster:

- Ask to see state or local permits or licenses. Go to www.michigan.gov/bccllicense and www.michigan.gov/statelicensesearch to verify state license information.
- Hire known and recommended repair companies.
- Get at least three estimates from different companies.
- Get all agreements in writing that state exactly what work will be done.
- Make a full payment only when terms of the contract are met.

Individuals are also encouraged to be careful when being solicited for services by phone or email. If the deal being offered is too good to be true, it is probably fraudulent.

"When contracting services after an emergency or disaster, you need to be cautious not to be taken advantage of by scam artists," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, Deputy State Director of

Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD). "Unfortunately, natural disasters often bring out con artists, scammers and those looking to make a quick buck by taking advantage of disaster survivors and others willing to help."

Price Gouging

Under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act, a retailer may not charge a price that is "grossly in excess of the price at which similar property or services are sold." Consumers should be aware of prices and report any business that appears to be charging grossly excessive prices for necessary supplies, such as water, ice, plywood, gas and generators.

If consumers are concerned that a retailer may be engaging in behavior that violates the Consumer Protection Act, they are encouraged to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-877-765-8388 or file an online complaint at www.michigan.gov/ag-complaints.

Charity Scams

Charities often form to help those affected after a disaster. While the public is encouraged to donate to charities, be sure that the charity is worthy. In response to a disaster, bogus charities are often created in an attempt to profit from the generosity of the public.

Consider the following before donating:

- DO NOT give cash.
- Make out a check or money order to the organization, not the individual collecting for the organization.
- Be wary of excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations.
- DO NOT hesitate to ask for written information about the charity and be wary of charities that play on emotions towards the victims and fail to provide information concerning what they do.

- DO NOT respond to unsolicited (spam) email containing information about charities and donations.
- Research the organization and their purpose using the Internet.
- DO NOT provide personal or financial information to anyone soliciting contributions.
- Call the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section at (517) 373-1152 to inquire about a charity or check out information that a charity has provided to you.
- Check on an organization's license and learn more about charities and the laws they must follow by visiting www.michigan.gov/agcharitysearch.

For more information and tips to help you give wisely, go to the Michigan Attorney General's website at www.michigan.gov/agcharities. Individuals needing assistance or guidance should contact their local emergency management agency or call 2-1-1.

Personnel with the MSP/EMHSD will continue to monitor the situation and take prudent action should conditions warrant. For the latest updates, follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @MichEMHS.

To learn more about being prepared before, during and after severe weather, go to www.michigan.gov/beprepared.

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The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is responsible for coordinating state and federal resources to assist local government in response and relief activities in the event of an emergency or disaster, as well as coordinating homeland security initiatives and various federal grants.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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Indian Village Camp 2015

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July 2015 Volume 7 Issue 14



July 10-12 and August 7-9

Three Days and Two Nights: "Cultural Teachings and Wilderness Living Immersion Camp"

All Tribes are Welcome!

Between meals are organized activities. There are hardly ever any down times when there is not a scheduled activity. Scheduled activities are secondary to group dynamics and the situational need for talking circles, conflict resolution or personal human situations that always occur without planning. Talking Circle Communication takes precedent over the need to present crafts or disseminate educational information. All activities have several layers of importance, the skill itself, the networking of the group through peer interaction, the philosophy of the activity, and how it applies to the real world and to their real lives.

ELIGIBILITY: Male and Female: Ages 12-17

Parent or Guardian must apply for the youth participant to be approved to attend the camp. Application forms are available from the Peacemaking Probation Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This is a rustic wilderness camp. Youth must be physically able to participate in normal camping type activities and be in good health. Exceptions for disabilities or injuries can be made with approval. Violent or sex offender youth are prohibited from attending this camp for the safety of other participants.

The camp is designed for: Tribal Member Youth, Tribal Descendants and Traditionally Recognized Non-Members (Members of the family who are directly related to tribal member/s, such as by marriage, adoption, or other justifiable circumstance, or are a recognized part of a tribal community even if not by blood, etc.) We also extend the eligibility to include descendants and members from other tribes.

ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PRESENTED INCLUDE

FIRE: Bow Drill Fire-making, Demonstrations of alternate methods of Fire-making such as flint and steel and using magnesium shavings, using a lens to make fire, piston fire, fire tinder like birch bark and cedar bark, collecting proper kinds of wood, how to maintain a fire, different uses of a fire such as utility fire and sacred fire. All participants are asked to collect firewood and at different times to be a fire-keeper.



CLAY: Different clay projects include pinch and coil pottery, animal fetishes, beads, amulets or wall hangings, Traditional pottery projects are pit fired to harden clay.

BEADWORK: Different types of beadwork projects are presented, lazy stitch and appliqué. Sometimes beadwork is used to decorate other projects.

LEATHERWORK: Personal medicine bundles or larger medicine carrying pouches are made and sewn together, sometimes with necklace or fringe attachments.

BIRCH BARK: Numerous birch bark projects are made including baskets, decorative rings, scratching winter bark designs, and tubular containers, making birch oil and how to collect birch materials.

RUNDOWN OF A BASIC INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP SESSION BY ACTIVITY

Participants are dropped off at Indian Village, a rustic and remote recreation of an Indian encampment with longhouses, round houses and individual sleeping wigwams for participants. Spring water is brought in for drinking and an onsite hand pump well is used for additional water. Food is stored on ice in coolers. Equipment is stored in two pull behind trailers. Male and Female trained staff are onsite at all times. Upon arrival participants are assigned a personal wigwam and necessary camping equipment; Staff receives medications from parent/guardian and lock in secure area; paperwork and release forms for each participant are stored; at this time there is notification to staff of any special needs- allergies disabilities- diet- potential behavior problems; The first organized event is a lunch followed by a welcoming Pipe Ceremony; We have an Introduction Circle with a name memorizing game; We go over camp rules and expectations of behavior; We explain Talking Circle guidelines and how to address conflicts or problems with staff and peers; We discuss personal hygiene requirements, fire rules and fire safety and give an overview of some of the cultural and craft activities; Each participant is expected to cook, to clean, and to offer a food blessing at some point during the camp session; We explain about cooking and cleaning – which is done by youth participants with guidance of adult staff; Explain that other camp work duties will be expected as the need arises. Youth participants must sleep in individual wigwams, cook meals over a fire as a group, participate in camp chores and meal clean-up and maintain personal hygiene using solar showers. Bathroom facilities are porta-johns. No electronic devices are allowed. Trained Staff, including Tribal Elders and Tribal Government Employees, Male and Female at all times, are onsite to supervise all camp activities. Night Watch Staff watch the camp all night for safety.

Sponsored by the LRBOI Tribal Court, Peacemaking Department and Donations from the 2015 Little River Casino Resort Charity Golf Outing.

CONTACT: Patrick D. Wilson 231-398-2239,
Email: pwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

New Tribal Website

The Tribal Government is working to create a new tribal website. As part of that process, we are looking for your input. Here is a link which will take you to a survey. Please follow it and give us your thoughts about our tribal website. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LittleRiverWebsite>.

We will be reviewing your responses over the next month and considering them as we design our new website.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Vendors Indian Preference

The Tribe's Purchasing Office maintains a vendor resource database that enables the Tribe to identify vendors who can supply products and services for the Tribe's needs. The database is organized by service and product categories, so it is important that vendors describe their products and services.

Company	Name	Business Type	Website
<u>Native American Outfitters, Inc.</u>	<u>Sandra Templeton</u>	<u>Custom</u>	
<u>Moon Bear Pottery & Indian Arts</u>	<u>Shirley Brauker</u>	<u>Craft</u>	<u>http://moonbearpottery.com/</u>
<u>Seven Generations Archetecture and Engerneering</u>	<u>Troland Clay</u>	<u>Architect</u>	<u>https://www.linkedin.com/company/seven-generations-architecture-and-engineering-llc</u>
<u>Stony Point Studios-Architecture</u>	<u>Steven Feringa</u>	<u>Architect</u>	<u>http://www.houzz.com/professionals/architect/c/Stony-Point--NC</u>
<u>Todds One Call Does It All</u>	<u>Todd Thomas</u>	<u>Construction</u>	
<u>GK Insurance Consulting</u>	<u>George Karl</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	
<u>Blue Stone Strategy Group</u>	<u>Jamie Fullmer</u>	<u>Advisory</u>	
<u>Casual Tees Inc.</u>	<u>David Johnson</u>	<u>T-Shirts</u>	

The Tribe gives preference to Native American owned and operated businesses. Indian preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of preference status to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Purchasing Office. For complete information on how you can receive certification for your business and have your business listed in the Tribe's vendor database, please contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Purchasing Office.

Summer Safety

Summer is finally here! What better ways to enjoy the sun and warm weather than with a dip in the pool, a baseball game, or neighborhood BBQ! And while summer is a great time to sit back and enjoy the weather, heat hazards can turn a picnic into panic. Heat can be harmful because it pushes the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. It's important to always be prepared, so that the only heat you're feeling is off the grill!

Vehicle Temperature

Outside	Inside	Time to Reach
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes

According to Ready.gov, here are a few simple things you can do inside and outside of your home to beat the heat:

Build an emergency supply kit:

Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation;

Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes or awnings; Never leave children or pets, older adults or disabled persons alone in closed vehicles; even for a minute, because it could be deadly; and Drink plenty of water, even if you aren't feeling thirsty.

Local weather forecasts are a great way to stay aware of upcoming temperature changes. Learn how to get tuned into local alerts and warnings with American's PrepareAthon! Be Smart-Know Your Alerts and Warnings guide. For more information on keeping it cool this summer, visit the National Weather Service's Beat the Heat website and check out these videos from Heat Awareness Day!



Heat Safety: Children, Pets and Cars



Already this year, **15** children have died from heatstroke after being left in a car.

Effects of heat are **more severe** on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults.



Did you know??

In just **2 minutes**, a car can rise from a safe **80°** to an unsafe **94°!**

Elapsed Time	Feels Like
0 min	80°
10 min	99°
30 min	114°
60 min	123°

For more information regarding heat risk:

www.weather.gov/denver/heat
www.weather.gov/denver/heat
www.weather.gov/denver/heat

Safety Tips

- **NEVER** leave your child or pet unattended in a car (even with the windows down).
- **ALWAYS** make sure all children (and pets) have left the car. Never leave a sleeping infant in the car.
- Make sure safety restraints aren't too hot before securing your child.

National Weather Service
Denver/Boulder



Dispose of unused, unwanted, outdated cleaners, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, electronics and more ..

FOR FREE!

August 15, 2015 9am - 2 pm

Collection Site: Manistee Road Commission 8946 Chippewa Highway
(US-31 & 9 Mile Road) Bear lake, MI

Thank you for disposing of household hazardous waste during scheduled hours on the 3rd Saturday of August each year. This concerted effort keeps our water, soils and landfills free from contamination.

Leftover household products containing corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are all considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). Paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides contain potentially hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them. Improper disposal of toxic household waste (pouring them down drains, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash) has long-term consequences. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of toxic wastes pollutes the environment and poses a threat to human health.

Benefits of Proper HHW Management

- Reduction and recycling conserves resources and energy that would be expended in the production of more products.

- Collection of toxic household chemicals keeps them out of landfills and prevents their leaking into groundwater.

- Proper disposal prevents pollution that endangers the health of human beings, pets, wildlife, and the environment.

- Involves the entire community in a cooperative commitment to protect the soil, land, and water of Manistee County.

Volunteers Appreciated

This free Household Hazardous Waste/Clean Sweep Collection takes many volunteers giving their time before and during the event. To ensure this program continues, we are looking for dedicated people to participate. If you would like to become involved, please contact the Manistee Conservation District at 231-889-9666, ext. 3 Many thanks go out to our dedicated volunteers!

Acceptable Materials

From Your House

Aerosols
Batteries
Bug sprays
Cell phones
Chlorine bleach
Dry-cleaning solvents
Dyes
Electronics:
computers/TV's/radios
Fire Extinguishers
Floor care products
Fluorescent light bulbs

From Your Garage

Antifreeze
Brake fluid
Car batteries
earwax
Engine cleaners
Grease
Oil filters

From Your Workshop

Alcohols
Creosote
Glues/adhesives
Epoxies
Paint brush cleaners
Polyurethane
Turpentine
Varnish/sealers
Wood stain

Medicines
Mercury
Metal polish
Muriatic acid
Oven cleaners
Rust removers
Sharps
Silver polish
Large Appliances-
refrigerators, etc.
Small appliances
Ink cartridges
lighter fluid

Gasoline
Motor oil
Diesel fuel
Kerosene
Oil/gas mixes
Fuel oil
Transmission fluid

Paint Products:
• Oil-based paint
• latex paint (\$1
charge per can)
• Car paint
• Artist's paint
• Paint thinners
• Paint strippers
• Primer

From Your Farm, Yard & Garden

Insect killers & repellants	Agriculticides
Mouse/rat poison	Fertilizers
Pesticides	Fungicides
Pool chemicals	Herbicides
Weed killers	Insecticides

Unacceptable Materials

Ammunition	Radioactive materials
Explosives	Tires
Ordinary household trash	Waste from spills
Asbestos	Fiberglass
Styrofoam	Construction material & debris
	Infection medical waste

Tips for Safe Transport of Hazardous Materials:

- Keep items in their original and labeled containers.
- Do not mix contents of unknown or unlabeled containers.
- Make sure that the containers are not leaking prior to bringing them to a collection facility.
- Do not transport containers with open lids.
- Place chemicals in vehicle away from passengers.
- Secure all containers so they cannot slide, tip or spill contents.
- 55 gallon drums must be removed from premises by producer,

NOTE: All fluids must be in closed containers

How we use the language

Historic Preservation, the LRBOI Language Instructor and Team Currents are looking to involve more usage of our language in the newspaper. Here's some for this month



ANISHINAABE WORD SEARCH

Find and the word

Up, Down, Across & Diagonally

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A	Z	K	N	R	G	A	S	C	I	G	N	W	K	M	K	N	X	J
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H	B	X	A	D	E	M	I	N	W	C	C	R	Z	T	N	K	E	Y
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W	T	M	V	B	V	N	J	T	N	I	M	I	I	H	S	P	Z	D

MIIJIM (food)

ADEMIN	(Heart berry)	PAKWEZHIGAANHS	(cookie)
BIJIZAGAN	(Bread)	PIN	(potato)
JIISENHS	(carrot)	PSHIMIN	(apple)
KWASMAAN	(pumpkin)	WASAAGANG	(pepper)
MANDAAMIN	(corn)	WAWAAN	(egg)
MINOMIN	(rice)	WIIGWASMIN	(cherry)
MNIJIMIN	(pea)	ZAAZIGIKWADENHS	(fry bread)
MSKWADIISMIN	(bean)	ZIISIBAAKWAT	(sugar)
MSKWAMIN	(raspberry)	ZIITAAGAN	(salt)
OZAAWEMIDE	(butter)	ZIWAAGIMIDE	(syrup)

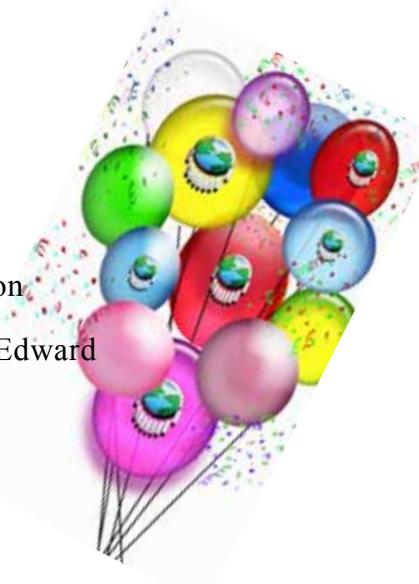
Happy Birthday



Albring Maseline Theodora
Christner ,Mary Joan
Curtis [Delores Kaye
Dickman Gerald Walter
Elenbaas Verna Jean
Furman Raymond G.
Hendrix Ernest Roger
Holland Nancy Ann

Hoover Linda Lee
McNeill Lawrence wayne
Medawis Anna Marie
Modjeski John Walter
Norwood Judith Natelle
Olson Alfred Charles Jr.
Osawabine Celia Ann
Prentice Carolyn May

Rinard Edna May
Shano John Gordon
Sikorski John
Sikorski Roland Edward
Stone James
Taylor Janice Ann



Members Assistance Department Elder Assistance

Elder Chore Assistance Program

This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to Elders age 55 or older who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance. Elder must be a permanent member of the household and has a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary or Permanent disability shall be verified by a qualified medical professional.

Services available:

- Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- Gutter cleaning
- General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
- Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Level of assistance is based on household resources and the Assistance Matrix. Assistance amount is no less than 50% of the amount available.

LIHEAP Cooling Assistance - Available to Tribal Elders May 1st -Sept 30th

Cooling Assistance is available to elders residing in the 9 County Service Areas that are experiencing a medical condition that requires air conditioning during the hot summer temperatures. Medical need must be verified by proof from a medical professional. This program is income based on 60% of the state median income as follows:

Household Size	Monthly Income not to exceed:
1	\$1909.27
2	\$2496.77
3	\$3084.20
4	\$3671.67

If you are in need of assistance in accessing these services or have others needs please contact the Members Assistance Department

Congrats Chase McKay!



*Chase McKay Childrey,
graduated from St. Johns High School*

Enrollment “Thanks”

Tuesday, the 23rd the Enrollment staff was in the Muskegon Tribal Office creating new Tribal I.D.s, helping members filling out Change of Address, Bereavements and other documents. They wanted to tell everyone that they enjoyed chatting with all who came through. Plus, the Director, Diane Lonn, and her Assistant Jessica Wissner wanted to personally thank Santana (Aker) of the Muskegon Office for his wonderful assistance.

Fred Carl Burger-Ba

Burger, Fred 1 Corinthians 15:55; "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" On June 26, 2015, Fred Carl Burger placed his trust in the Lord and was released from his struggle with prostate cancer, dying at home surrounded by love. Fred was born in Bay City, Michigan on August 18, 1942 to Isabell (DeLorge) and Floyd Carl Burger. Growing up in the Saginaw Bay area, Fred was an avid hunter and fisherman, taking special pleasure fishing for "jumbo perch" in the waters surrounding the lighthouse in Port Austin, Michigan. Fred was also a proud member of the Boilermakers Local 169, working construction projects all across Michigan. Fred could identify a powerhouse by its stack and had thousands of stories about the work he loved and the people he met along the way. After retirement in 1998, Fred pursued his love of hunting and fishing, eventually turning his interests to playing golf and blackjack with his wife. A student of the basic blackjack strategy, Fred loved being at "third base" waiting for the shoe to turn in his favor, teaching many and making several friends along the way. Fred is survived by his wife, who he described as the "love of his life for the past 25 years," Jessica. Fred often spoke of his family as "his, hers and ours," finding joy in the many accomplishments of his children; David Burger of Rose City, MI, Cheryl and son-in-law Richard Jazar of Norman, Oklahoma, Chelsea Bromley of Marquette, MI, Olivia of New York City, NY and Isabel, his youngest still living at home in Manistee, MI. He also held a special love in his heart for grandchildren Angelica, Eric, Carmen and Julian. Fred is also survived by his sister Mildred and brother-in-law Bud Londo of Bay City, MI, step-brother and sister-in-law George and Joyce Boler of Linwood, MI and step-sister and brother-in-law Nancy and Rick Shafer of Bay City, MI. He is also survived by a special Uncle and Aunt, Roy and Yvonne 'Nonnie' DeLorge of Kawkawlin, MI and numerous nieces and nephews. Services to celebrate Fred's life was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Herbert Funeral Home, 706 Kosciusko Street, Manistee, MI at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Bill Willis presiding. Visitation for family and friends was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at the same location from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Corfu Cemetery, River Road in Brethren, MI the day of the funeral, followed by a luncheon at Little River Band of Ottawa Indians AkiMaadiziwin Community Center, Dontz Road, Manistee, MI.

Megwa Ezhiweback

Currents

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Tribal Members Submissions

As in any community, mutual respect and cooperation are key elements to success.

Our community consists of people from different places, cultures, and beliefs.

Please write your submissions in a respectful manner. Be straightforward and sincere, and assume good faith.

Avoid personal insults, verbal attacks, and generally disrespectful, offensive,

or abusive messages as these will be edited or deleted.

Your Name: Date:

Category:

Tribal members!

If you would like to submit articles, photos or notices of events, please go to the website at www.lrboi.com and use the interactive form. This will give you room to write up your announcement and include a photograph!

We would love to share photos and these memories with our tribal community. If you would like to share please click on the e-mail submit button.

Submitted by Email

Coming up at LRBOI:

Elders Meal
Aki
Community Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

2016 Membership
Meetings
April 9, 2016 &
October 8, 2016

2017 Membership
Meetings
April 8, 2017 &
October 9, 2017

Call Little River
Resort Hotel in

US Toll-Free:
1-888-568-2244
or
Local 231-723-1535



Departments	Location	Director or main phone numbers
Accounting	government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
Commodities	aki maadiziwin -community center	231.398. 6715
Education	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	government center-lower level	231.398.6636
Family Services	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	government center -north end	231.398.6600
Historic Preservation	government center-lower level	231.398.6893
Housing	aki maadiziwin -gommunity center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th street offices manistee	231.398.2191
Peacemaking/Probation	justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Tribal Court	justice center on M22	231-398-3406

John Pete Honored



Tribal Member John Pete was honored at a special presentation at the end of June when Representative Dan Benishek presented Mr. Pete with medals that he never received after serving in World War II.

On May 14th, 1945, when he was just 18 years old, Pete went off to fight as part of a US Navy that included 6,768 ships.

He served in the Pacific Theatre and was there during the Japanese surrender to the Allied Forces.

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During a ceremony at the Manistee VFW Walsh Post No. 4499, Representative Benishek presented the following medals to John; World War II Victory Medal; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal; Discharge Button and the US Navy Honorable Service Lapel Pin.



Warrior John Pete with his son and grandson

Pete commented that, "I should've had them a long time ago when I got out of the service. I'm proud of them. I earned them."

Representative Benishek (R – Iron River) said that a debt of gratitude was owed to John Pete for his service. He commented that, "Sometimes I look at veterans like Mr. Pete and I realize that when he went off to way, he was a young kid."



Also at the ceremony, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians had an honor song for Mr. Pete and the Congressman and Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson presented gifts to the Congressman including a copy of 'Our People, Our Journey' as well as a specially decorated 'Naan'igidoo Aatig (Talking Stick). Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli also addressed the large audience which included many tribal members, members of the Tribal Warrior Society and Tribal Council.