



Progress on Muskegon Project



On February 24th, it was announced that the tribal government had submitted the application to take land into trust in Muskegon for a proposed casino and economic development project at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack. Ogema Larry Romanelli and Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson hand-delivered the extensive paperwork packet to the BIA in Minnesota! See the full story on page 2

#1 Elder

Katie Glocheski walks on

This last month, a very special Elder walked on. The proud holder of Tribal Membership Card #1, Katie Glocheski passed away. 'Aunt Katie' as many called her was one of the team that fought for and succeeded in gaining federal recognition for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in 1994. Her obituary appears on page 23.

Candidates for Tribal Office



Candidates for the 2015 Election have moved onto the General Election. Candidates are running for the Office of the Ogema, Tribal Council 9-County, Tribal Council At-Large, Election Board, Chief Judge and Office of the Appellate Judge. See articles from the candidates beginning on page 4

Elders Candidate Forum



LRBOI Tribal Elders hosted a Candidate Forum on March 7th in the Lodge Room (Council meeting room) at the Government Center in Manistee. The well attended meeting was televised and is available for viewing on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com at the Tribal Historic Preservation tab. It is being delivered via UStream.

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Emergency Management protocols will be available upon request and per authorization by the Office of the Ogema as they constitute secure information designed to protect the lives and investments of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, their members, employees and property.

These notices are required under Resolution #13-0411-069

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Muskegon Casino Project Moves Forward, Band submits application to BIA

Muskegon, Mich. — The approval process for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) to develop an Indian gaming facility in Muskegon County is advancing to the next step. The LRBOI late yesterday filed its application at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regional office to take land into trust for a proposed casino and economic development project to be located on 60 acres of the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack site in Fruitport Township.

“This marks another step forward for the Band and the Muskegon region,” said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the LRBOI. “For the past seven years, we have worked with the Muskegon region to bring viable economic development to both of our communities. This project would jumpstart the local economy and help provide support for expanded tribal government services for our tribal members.”

LRBOI will invest \$180 million to build the new casino and economic development project. The project is expected to generate more than 1,200 new jobs in Muskegon County.

The Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport opened in 1999 and closed in 2007. LRBOI purchased the property in 2008 with plans to build a casino and economic development project. As proposed, the economic development project would include:

- Approximately 69,000 square feet of gaming floor space
- 1,700 slot machines
- 35 table games
- 220-room hotel
- Conference and meeting room space
- Dining and entertainment options

LRBOI opened the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee as a tool for economic development and self-sufficiency. The income from the casino has enabled the Tribe to fund numerous important programs for tribal members and to provide employment opportunities for those members residing near the Tribe’s Manistee reservation. But over time, as Michigan tribes have expanded their gaming operations, with half of Michigan tribes operating more than one casino, competition has eroded LRBOI’s income.

“The Band acknowledges this is a long-term investment and we plan to continue to work with the community, state and federal officials to pursue the casino and economic development project to provide much needed jobs and investment in the Muskegon region along with providing revenues to service the needs of our members,” said Tribal Council Speaker Virgil Johnson.

“Our proposed Muskegon casino would provide revenues to help our Tribe meet the unmet needs of its members by providing services that are either lacking or have been diminished over the past 15 years,” added Speaker Johnson. “This project would provide the Tribe the ability to better the lives of tribal members through enhanced tribal government operations and infrastructure, including housing, education, and social services.”

For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660. Office phone: 231-398-6872. E-mail: gzaring@lrboi-nsn.gov



Council News

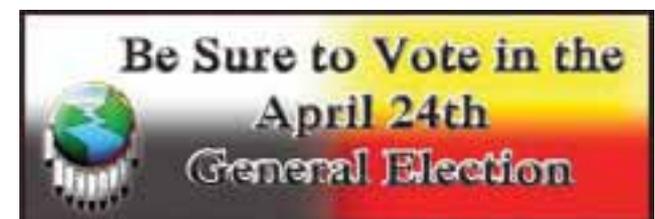
Worksession Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Marty Wabindato	Total
02/02/15	Accounting Practices	x	x	V	x		x	x	x	x	7
02/02/15	Agenda Review	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/02/15	Donation Policy	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/03/15	Contracting Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/03/15	Sugar Shack	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/03/15	2015 Goals	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/03/15	LLC Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/05/15	Housing Commission	x	x	x		*	x	x	x	x	7
02/06/15	Gaming Ordinance	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/06/15	Gaming Ordinance Review	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/09/15	Employee Relations Act	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
02/09/15	Self Governance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
02/09/15	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
02/09/15	Medicare & Clinic Certification	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
02/10/15	Intaglio	x	x	x	*	x	x		x	x	7
02/12/15	Health Care	x	x	V	x	x	x	x			6
02/16/15	Strategic Plan overview		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
02/16/15	Agenda Review		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	7
02/17/15	Commission Meetings	x	x	V		x	x	x	V	x	6
02/17/15	2015 Goals	x	x	V		x	x	x	V	x	6
02/17/15	Little Bear Deli	x	x	V		*		x	V	x	4
02/20/15	Daycare	x	x		x	x	x			x	6
02/23/15	Anishinaabemdaa website	x	x		x	*	x		x	x	6
02/23/15	Case Manager Job Description	x	x		x	*	x		x	x	6
02/23/15	Agenda Review	x	x		x	*	x		x	x	6
02/23/15	Valliant Salary Structure Adj	x	x		x	*	x		x	x	6
02/24/15	Commissions Ordinance	x	x		x	*	x		V	x	5
02/26/15	Book donation	x	x		*	x	x		x	x	6
02/27/15	Donations Ordinance	x	x		*	x	x			V	4
02/27/15	Board of Directors Meeting		x		*	x				V	2
	Total number of Work Sessions - 30	27	30	12	20	22	28	20	18	27	

* - Business Related / V- Vacation



The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will be holding their Spring Quarterly Conference April 20th, 21st and 22nd at the Little River Casino Resort in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center).
The LRBOI Elders Committee is hosting the event.



Office of the Ogema

Steve Parsons



Boozhoo,
Let me begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all who voted for me. It is not something that I take lightly, and I am most grateful for your support. In this article, I would like to share with you my background, experience and personal qualities, all of which I believe speak to the necessary qualifications to be an effective and successful Ogema.

Prior to my moving to the area and beginning my work with the Tribe fifteen years ago, I served as Executive Director for Michigan Indian Employment & Training Services for five years and later served for seven years as an Assistant Director in the Undergraduate Admissions Office at the University of Michigan. In both positions, I was required to manage a number of staff and administer programs of various sizes and complexities.

Later, in 2001, I was fortunate to be elected to Tribal Council where I served for twelve years. My service on Tribal Council has provided me with an understanding of the broad range of issues and challenges facing our Tribe. This experience also brings me a unique insight needed to develop and maintain effective working relationships with our state and local governments, as well as a working knowledge of how the Ogema's Office and Tribal Council can best work together effectively. Many of the challenges we are currently facing (budget cuts, staff reductions, declining gaming revenues) require the best efforts of both the Executive and Legislative branches. We need to work as a team, as neither branch of government can or should seek to govern without the other.

So, with that said, what are some of the personal qualities I will bring to the position, and what can you expect from me? First, you can expect a leader who is fair, honest and addresses all situations with careful and thoughtful consideration. Second, you can expect me to clearly and consistently provide direction and leadership whenever and wherever necessary. Third, you can expect that I will continually strive to improve current systems (policies, procedures and regulations) and structures within Tribal Government in order to better meet the needs of our Tribal citizens and their families.

In closing, I pledge to you that I will make every effort to represent and lead our Tribe in a good way that will foster and promote responsible government. I would be honored to receive your vote.

Kchi Miigwetch

Office of the Ogema

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli



Aanii,
Again, I would like to thank everyone for placing their trust in me to serve two terms of office and for their continued support. Miigwech!

I do believe we have provided stability with the office of the Ogema which has been very important for eight years. I don't believe that it is necessary to continue as we have proven our point and you have two candidates to choose from.

I believe most you know Michele and I have married for almost 48 years and have had five children and eight grandchildren. During my terms of office I am proud to say that we've made some significant

progress. I say we because it truly is teamwork that helps us progress.

- In housing, we have increased from approximately 15 units to about 70 housing units
- For putting land into trust, in eight years we have nearly doubled the number of acres (over 1,000) of all the previous years
- For communication, I initiated the 'Ogema Meet-and-Greets' which happen two times a year and have been very successful in providing meaningful dialog between the Ogema and the membership
- With IT and HP staff I worked to create the ability videotaping and at times, livestreaming of Membership Meetings, Tribal Council Meetings and even Tribal elections
- For accountability, I did have installed a computer time clock for elected officials to utilize and have used it since 2009
- I'm proud to say I've steadily put in an average of 50-60 hours a week
- I've served two full terms as President of the United Tribes of Michigan and currently serve as its' Treasurer
- I've had the honor to speak before the U.S. Congress on the deficiencies in healthcare to tribal citizens
- I'm proud to say we have maintained clean audits throughout my eight years in office

Frustrations have been the inability to enact changes to the Constitution, realizing the limitations within my position.

The future? I would like to see the education, training to employment circle completed. We should not only assist with schooling but with also helping the education lead to employment through experience.

Complete our Muskegon Project as soon as possible, proving additional income to expand services and service areas.

Add other sources of revenue beyond gaming such as our sewer projects, market rentals and additional businesses. Again, Miigwech!

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Candace M. Chapman



Thank you for your support. I would be honored to serve as your representative and show myself capable of performing the duties of office. My previous service provided valuable experience with legislative research, community outreach,

group participation/collaboration, crafting legislation and constitutional amendments, and analyzing financial data. Allow me to put this experience to work for you and together we can strengthen our Nation.

Legislative Goals:

Financial Threshold. Threshold for financial stability necessary for government to acquire new debt. Ownership Rights for Tribal Members ages 18 and up. Secure Membership rights to access information; financial, procedural or otherwise.

Communication and Transparency. Immediate disclosure of all matters impacting the Tribe w/processes to collect and measure public opinion before action is taken.

Tribal Council Minimum Reporting Requirements. Transparency through systematic publication of detailed reports for all work sessions, conferences and other meetings attended.

Executive Collaboration. Increased financial assistance to all Tribal households without taxable penalties.

Comprehensive Law Review. Fortify accuracy, update internal controls and install policies/procedures for accountability

Conflict of Interest. Include the appearance of impropriety.

Ombudsman Office. Independent resource for dispute/conflict resolution.

Questions, comments or concerns?

Contact me

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Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Jamie Friedel



Boozhoo, I am Jamie Friedel (Ishkaabewisnini – Helping Spirit Man). Many of you may know me as General Manager of Little River Trading Post, GM since the Opening in May of 2008. Under my leadership we have achieved considerable profit margins and BP Helios scores of 100% for 6 years running. Hiring preference candidates has always been my first priority. I have 23 years of combined business management experience starting in the Food Industry, building business from the ground up and expanding into franchising.

I am an upstanding citizen of our community, attending most community functions and gatherings. I enjoy cooking for events and communicating with other citizens about important issues involving our nation. I have a clean background record and previously held a gaming license, and passed all drug screen testing. I'm currently seated on the Housing Commission helping to draft Ordinances that will positively impact residents.

I'm interested in expanding commerce and diversifying Tribal Enterprises by asking questions and imploring the other leaders think outside the box for the long-term benefits to the Tribe.

My proven record of accountability, reliability, and responsibility will remain as I work for the issues that are significant to all citizens.

Miigwetch,
Jamie Friedel

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Jessica Lynn Burger



Boozhoo! I am seeking a 9-County seat on Tribal Council. Here's some info about me for your consideration. I am married to Fred (20+ years), the Mom of two Tribal member LRBOI Princesses, Chelsea Bromley and Isabel Burger. My family participates in cultural events; I'm a language student. I grew up in Manistee, coming 'home' in 2000 to serve as LRBOI Health Director. I have an Associate's Degree in Nursing. I resigned from LRBOI in good standing (2009) to work in Washington, DC with the National Indian Health Board serving as Director of Legislative Affairs, promoted to Deputy Director in 2010. At NIHIB I worked on Capitol Hill and across Indian Country advocating for Indian legislation, policy and increased funding to Tribes. I returned 'home' in 2011 to serve as LRBOI's Tribal Manager. I would like to take the next step and represent our people as a member of Tribal Council. LRBOI has challenges; jurisdiction and sovereignty/rights protections, economic diversity/job creation, sustainable services with reduced funding and creating collaborative governance between the Ogema and Tribal Council-understanding separation of power and respecting roles for the benefit of Tribal members. I humbly ask your support to work on these issues. Miigwetch. Please remember to vote!

Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District
01/05/15

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Pat Ruiter



Hi! My name is Pat Ruiter. I've been on Council for a few years. I've always put the tribe and tribal members first, when I cast my vote. A Council member only has 1 vote. I do not promise anything other than I will work hard and give the tribe and tribal members 110%. I vote with my heart and will not let people tell me how I need to vote. I have lived in Michigan all my life. I grew up in Muskegon and Brethern. My spouse and I have lived in Baldwin for many years. We love it here. Out pastime is hunting and fishing and just being together. My father and mother were Jim and Rosalie Hardenburgh. My grandparents were Herman and Rose (Medacco) Hardenburgh. I have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. My spouse and I have been married for many years.

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

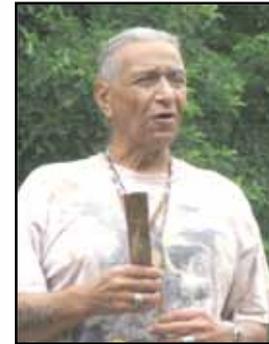
Rita Annette Gale



Boozhoo!
My name is Rita Annette Gale I have 25 years of business experience and I worked as a caregiver for several elders in their homes. I provided catering services in the past for the Elders Committee dinners at the old community center; and am currently on the Elders Committee Board. My heart has always been with my elders and for this reason they will be priority on my list of reasons to have the job on the Council seat. As sad as it is; life expectancy of our people is shorter than other races. Here are changes I believe in:
To respect and give power back to the Ogema
Higher per capita payments for tribal Elders 62 and older
I believe in the rule that one person equals one job
Make mandatory all elected officials be at our Spring Membership Meeting and the Fall Elders Conference including the Board of Directors, the General Manager and Judges (not only to answer questions but so that the people will know who is running our government and casino)
You may contact me anytime: Home phone (231) 788-4566, personal cell (231) 750-5581.
Please vote – Rita Annette Gale – Tribal Council – 9 County
Megwetch!

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Ronald Wittenberg



I would like to thank all of those who voted for me in the primary election. It is a great honor to have your support on this path to serve our people. In my heart, all I want to do is make things better for our tribe and each and every tribal member. It is said in our traditions that we need to think about how every decision we make today will affect the future of our people for seven generations to come. I do not take this responsibility lightly, and will make sure that my every word and my every action follows this teaching. We are told to behave in a way that honors our ancestors, as if they were here watching us. I believe that they are always with us and I will conduct myself in an honorable manner that they will be proud of. It is easy to say words and make promises, but the truth of a person's character is told in the way they walk their walk. I hope I have proven to you that my heart is filled with love for the people, and that when I walk, you are all walking with me.

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Sandra "Peanut" Lewis Indizhnakahz.



Aanii,
Sandra "Peanut" Lewis Indizhnakahz Miigwetch Indawaymaagun, Thank you all my relations, for your support in the 2015 campaign. As an Anishnaabequa, I understand the responsibilities that I have for my people. I have always advocated on their behalf, my voice is for the people. Since 1999, I have worked as Administrative Assistant to the Health Director at the LRBOI Clinic. This experience has provided me with unique insight into a plethora of knowledge about the inner-workings of Tribal Government, including the glitches in the system and how we can make improvements for all members. I commit to working in unison with the other Tribal Councilors as well as the Office of the Ogema to find viable solutions to our problems, to seek new opportunities. I will work diligently and harmoniously to meet the needs of tribal citizens. My door has always and will be open for anyone who needs assistance both at home and at work. It is with great respect for our ancestors, Grandfathers and Grandmothers, the struggles they endured, the strength they had to persevere, that I hold myself up to move forward in a good way, with our future generations in mind, including each of you.

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Sandy Mezeske



Aanii Tribal membership,
First, Thank you to all who voted for me in the primary, now is time to get serious and think about what we all want for the tribe going into the next seven generations. If elected my vision for the tribe is to provide a stable tribal economy that provides services where needed and opportunities where wanted. As we look to the future, we must realize that we need to empower our tribe and our tribal members to provide for a tribal future in an uncertain world. That can be achieved by electing representatives that do more than just promise 'change' or more 'free' stuff. Our representatives must understand how to govern; what our laws are and what are the limitations of our power. These points I understand and have worked with during my time in office.

My promise is to:

- *Complete the Muskegon project
- *Support development of more tribal businesses
- *Improve communication to our people

I am asking for your vote, a vote for a stable functioning tribal government. A government that can set the course for the next Seven Generations at Little River.
Sandy Mezeske

Office of Tribal Council 9 County

Steven E. Kequom



Aanii my name is Steven E. Kequom. I am college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration of Accounting from Baker's College of Muskegon. Plus, I received two other college degrees with an Associate's Degree in Business and Arts & Science. Also I am a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom for the United States Marine Corps and received an Honorable Discharge. Member of the Little River's Warrior Society and has been active in my community coaching various levels in Whitehall and Montague School District. My goals and intentions for getting elected to 9 County Seat of Tribal Council is not be like a politician and lie to the people. I am not going to make promises that I can't keep. But the honesty and integrity to be instilled my leadership. To work hard for the people and make a positive impact on the board. We have forgotten what really matters and that's taking care of elders and making sure younger generation has a future. If given this opportunity, I will not let you down and will be there to fight for everything. For once let's have education lead us. Miigwich for reading this.

Office of At Large Representative

Joseph Riley II



Aanii,

My name is Joseph Riley II. I was born in Muskegon the grandson of Phyllis Riley (Micko) and great grandson of John and Elizabeth Micko. I have 3 beautiful children; Bailey Riley, age 15; Mckenzie Riley, age 11 and Zoey Riley, age 4. I attended Muskegon High School and went on to college at Muskegon Community College and also Westshore Community

College. I moved to Manistee 10 years ago when offered a job working for beautiful LRCR here I worked up from the hotel front desk to the position of concierge. I continue working for the Tribe in Enrollment while serving on the Gaming Commission as Secretary. I am passionate about learning. I don't shy from hard work and have the ability to commit nearly everything I read to memory. My experience on the Gaming Commission has

made me familiar with drafting legislation and regulations, budgets and handling confidential information. Kchi Miigwetch for all of your support in the primary. I ask for your continued support in the general election and if elected I will always hear concerns from Tribal Citizens and not let the office change who I am or my commitment to you, the people.

Miigwetch,
Joseph Riley II
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Office of At Large Representative

Sally Bell



Thank-you to all who voted for me in the in the Primary Election!

I am descended from Pay-Nay-Skung (Amos Wakefield) and Bau-mau-qua. I have 10 children, 31 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

I was born Lansing. I attended Lansing Community College where I attained a Certificate of Nursing Assistant. I moved to Free Soil in 1988 where I had the privilege of raising 5 buffalo. I attended West Shore Community College starting my Hospitality degree. In 2005 at the age of 50 years I drove myself to Albuquerque New Mexico and attended Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute achieving an AA in Hospitality Management. While at SIPI I was on the Women's Council and Deans list with a 4.0 grade point. In 1998 I obtained my first job with the Tribe taking a Justice Census survey. I helped to open both casinos first as the Food and Beverage Manager, taking the small café to substantial profit and then as the Promotions Supervisor. For the last eight years I have been employed in the Utility Department helping to expand and increase revenue to enable the department to become self-sufficient.

I would greatly appreciate your support to be your voice on Tribal Council.

Office of Chief Judge

Austen J. Brauker



I humbly ask: "How would our ancestors conduct a Court today?" Maybe, something like this:

Participants will have an intake to determine if their case is best fit for Peacemaking, or for the Court. If they choose to continue to Court, cases will be accompanied with tobacco from all involved parties. Everyone will cleanse with sage smoke. A Sacred Pipe will be connected for the duration of each Court session. The tobacco offering will be smoked upon conclusion. An Eagle Feather will be used as a talking piece. The primary rules of the Court will be the Seven Grandfather Teachings, and the traditional values of our tribe. The secondary rules will be that of a "formal" courtroom. To practice law in our Tribal Court, a "lawyer" must read and sign our Seven Grandfathers court guidelines.

Three community member circles will be formed for guidance in offering sentencing recommendations, advising and servicing participants, and consultation for the Chief Judge. These three circles will be: Elder's Circle, Women's Circle, and Men's Circle. The focus of the Court will be: healing people and strengthening families, building relationships, and solving problems.

Our tools will be traditional stories, sacred medicines, and the wisdom of elders.

Office of Chief Judge

Daniel T. Bailey



My name is Daniel Bailey. I am a full-blooded Little River Band Tribal Member and Elder. I have been the Chief Judge for the tribe for almost 16 years. During my tenure, I have heard hundreds of different kinds of cases. I feel I have been objective and fair in the matters before the Court. Each one is unique and each party is shown respect and understanding.

If the parties are in agreement, we encourage them to utilize our Peacemaking Department to help them mediate a solution together. This empowers the litigants and relieves the Court from making a decision that may not be satisfying to one or both of the parties.

There are times when I spend sleepless nights worrying about some of the cases I've been assigned. There is a silver lining though, when I get to perform wedding ceremonies. I am amazed and grateful to be able to share in such a momentous and sacred occasion.

I appreciate your confidence in all the experience I have from my many years in the Court room. Together we can make 2015 and beyond the best for our members and their families.

Respectfully
Daniel T. Bailey, Chief Judge

Sharron Cogswell Detz



My name is Sharron Cogswell Detz and I am running to serve tribal members as Chief Judge.

I have 35 years of experience working with Native People; experiences include Enrollment Officer for the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians, Director of Native American Ministry for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and Director of Human Resources for our Tribe.

I have received degrees in Liberal Arts, Theology and Human Resource Specialist from Grand Rapids Community College, Aquinas College and Michigan State University. I have certification in Employee Investigation and Adjudication. I served as Secretary for the Michigan Anishnabek Graves Protection and Repatriation Board and 2 terms on the Citizens Appeal Board for the Grand Rapids Police Department.

By voting in this election, you choose who will serve you as Chief Judge. Before making that critical choice, I want to share what you should be looking for.

You want a judge who knows tribal law, who listens to all parties impartially, who will apply the law without favoritism or prejudice, and who will reach a fair and just decision in a timely manner.

Your vote will impact the Tribe for years to come.

Vote Sharron
Cogswell Detz for Chief Judge.

Office of Appellate Court Judge

Joseph J. LaPorte



Joe LaPorte – Candidate for Appellate Court Judge. As a tribal elder, I have a strong connection to our community, as well as a deep sense of personal responsibility and obligation to our tribe. Cultural connections aside, the strength in my candidacy lies in my educational and professional experiences. I earned a B.S. in Behavioral Psychology (with a minor in Justice Studies) from Northern Michigan University, and also have graduate level coursework from Michigan State University. In addition to my educational background, I have a deep understanding of the law. With over 30 years of law enforcement experience, I have seen the manner in which the law is applied to various individuals in many situations, particularly to Native Americans. Because of this, I am sensitive to how the law affects us in our day to day lives. I comprehend fully the necessity of a fair trial and vow as a candidate to apply the laws of our people without prejudice or personal bias. I have extensive experience with Indian Country, at a federal, state, and tribal level. I look forward to bringing impartiality, intelligence, and integrity to the bench.
Miigwech,
Joe LaPorte

Office of Election Board

Tammy Bowen



My name is Tammy Bowen. I am the daughter of John Koon and the late Theresa (Rybicki) Koon and the granddaughter of the late James & Beatrice Koon. I am a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central and West Shore Community College. I have two daughters Angela and Autumn Carter. Angela will be graduating from WMU in May with a Bachelor Degree in Behavioral Science and Autumn is a Sophomore at Manistee High School.

I have worked for the Little River Band Tribal Government since 1995 and have held various positions within the Tribe. Currently, I am working in the Accounting Department as the Grants Management Administrator. Working for the Tribe has not only helped me make a better life for my family but has been the most fulfilling experience and I couldn't imagine working anywhere else then for my people.

I am currently serving a four year term on the Election Board which has been a great learning experience that has taught me many things and I really enjoy being part of this Board.

I have many hobbies that I enjoy such as: cross country skiing, reading, walking, camping, spending time with family and friends, crafting and just being outside.

Office of Election Board

Brandi Blamer



My name is Brandi Blamer and I am running for the Office of Election Board. I was born in Muskegon Michigan where I resided until my family relocated to Manistee to become actively involved in the Tribe.

I am currently employed at the Little River Casino Resort as a lead food and beverage supervisor.

I have had a desire for many years to do more to serve our tribe in a greater capacity. I feel the election board is a great place to start. It is my belief that this is an integral part of our government. I feel that our elections need to be run in a fair and impartial manner. Our citizens should decide who is elected into office not cumbersome procedures and processes that discourage participation in our election process.

I'm asking for your support in this election. If I am successful in securing the seat, I will work diligently with the other seated members to create regulations that streamline the election process and encourage participation of our citizens in the electoral process.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions at brandi06blamer@hotmail.com.

Respectfully,
Brandi Blamer

Office of Election Board

Karen Love



My name is Karen Love. I am seeking a seat on the Election Board.

I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. I have worked full-time, went to college full-time, and raised two exceptional daughters all at the same time. I can honestly say that my diligence to time management will make me a viable asset on the Election Board.

I am retired from state service with 28 plus years as a unit manager. My career has given me the skills to be a problem solver and the ability to meet deadlines. I currently serve on the Housing Commission and attend Council meetings whenever I am able. Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs that the future can be better than the present and the vision to make it happen. It would be an honor to serve on the Election Board and help to make a better plan for the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Office of Appellate Court Judge
Attorney

Damian Fisher



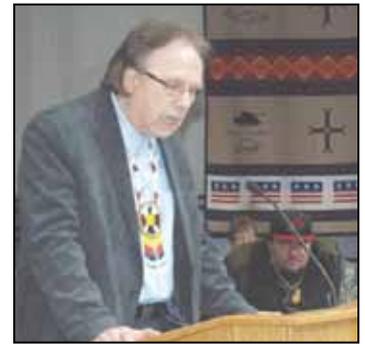
Please vote me in for Court of Appeals Justice. I'm the only candidate with a ten-year history at Little River as lawyer for the Tribal Ogema and The Tribal Council. On the Court I can settle the questions that have kept the Council and Ogema fighting forever. Because I've stood shoulder to shoulder with LRBOI citizens I know that the Court must provide practical solutions to problems and not abstract discussions about fine points of law. I firmly believe that separation of powers is the segregation of duties between the branches of government to share governance in a good way. Each branch has distinct responsibilities and must be held accountable, but the Court's indecision hasn't stopped the constant fighting that slows down government and hurts Tribal Citizens. Ultimately, the Constitution is a document that limits the powers of government, so if it's not in there, then that power is reserved for the people. Finally, many citizens know me and whether they say they are friend or not and whether I have helped or hurt them, all would say that I listen, I understand, and that I am fair whether I can help you at that moment or not. Vote for Damian Fisher!



Ogema Romanelli



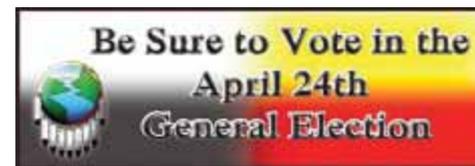
Sally Bell



Steve Parsons

Available for viewing on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com at the Tribal Historic Preservation tab. It is being delivered via UStream.

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Pat Ruitter

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

What it means for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs)

Q. What are the benefits of Enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace for AI/AN?

*A visit to a Tribal clinic or hospital can be billed to insurance and in turn there will be more resources for your clinic to assist more tribal members.

*Insurance will pay instead of Contract Health Services (CHS) or Extended Health Assistance Program (EHAP)

*Health care needs can be met.

*Tribal families will have the security and peace of mind knowing they have health coverage.

Q. When can I enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace?

A. Members of federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native shareholders can enroll in Marketplace coverage any time of year. There is no limited enrollment period for these groups, and they can change plans as often as once a month.

Q. I'm an American Indian/Alaska Native. What do I need to know about the Health Insurance Marketplace?

A. The Health Insurance Marketplace will benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) by providing opportunities for enrolling in affordable health coverage. You might be eligible to enroll in a private health plan in the new Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace). Or, you might be eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). There will be one application to determine whether you are eligible for a Marketplace health

plan, Medicaid, or CHIP. (Note* Michigan will participate in the Medicaid Expansion on April 1st)

Q. Why do I need health insurance coverage if I receive services from the Indian Health Service, a tribal program, or an urban Indian health program?

A. The Affordable Care Act does not change your eligibility to get health care through the Indian Health Service, or tribal or urban Indian health programs (I/T/Us). AI/ANs who enroll in a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP, can continue to receive services from their I/T/U the same way they do now. But by enrolling in a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP, AI/ANs benefit by having greater access to services that may not be provided by their local I/T/U, and the tribal communities benefit through increased resources to their I/T/U programs.

Q. What if I already have insurance through my job or am already on Medicaid?

A. If you have health insurance through your employer or have health care through a government sponsored program such as Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Veterans Affairs or TRICARE, there is nothing you need to do—you are covered.

Q. As an AI/AN, am I required to have health care insurance?

A. Members of federally recognized tribes, other AI/ANs, and other people (like the spouse or child of an eligible Indian) who are eligible for or get services through an I/T/U will be exempt from (don't have to pay) the shared responsibility payment. So, you do not have to apply for health insurance, but you must apply for this exemption

by submitting: Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider.

(*Note –No Minimum Essential Coverage Requirement: AI/ANs eligible for Indian Health Service, tribal health service, or urban Indian health care do not have to have health insurance. However, the benefit of participating in the Marketplace will provide improved health status by reducing the money spend in contract health that the exchange will pay for and utilizing these dollars to provide services to more Tribal Members.)

Q. How can I apply for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment?

A. To get an exemption, members of federally recognized tribes may apply through the Marketplace or provide the appropriate information when they file their federal income tax return or follow instructions on the Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider form. AI/ANs who aren't members of federally recognized tribes, but who are eligible for or get services from an I/T/U, must apply through the Marketplace and will need to verify their AI/AN status or eligibility for services through an I/T/U.

Q. Where can I get the Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider form?

A. This form is available at Healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596 or call your Tribal Health Clinic 888-382-8299.

Q. Will I be able to enroll in the Marketplace, Medicaid, or CHIP even if I qualify for an exemption?

A. An exemption from the shared responsibility payment won't prevent AI/ANs from enrolling in a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP and they might qualify for certain protections under Medicaid or CHIP, or might qualify for tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. In addition to financial documents, you might need your tribal documents to qualify for some of these special protections.

Q. Will I be able to get assistance with paying the cost of my premium if I enroll in a Marketplace health plan?

A. While AI/ANs are NOT exempt from paying premiums, they may be able to get lower costs on monthly premiums through a new tax credit that is paid to insurance plans each month to reduce an individual's premium. Eligibility for the tax credit depends on income, family size, and access to other coverage. Members of federally recognized tribes can use tax credits to pay for premiums for certain plans and still receive cost-sharing reductions as well. The type of cost-sharing reduction depends on income and whether an individual is enrolled in a zero cost-sharing plan or limited cost-sharing plan. (Note*- Tax credits are effective immediately, you do not have to lower costs on monthly premiums.)

Q. Are there special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in Medicaid?

A. AI/ANs who are eligible for or get services from an I/T/U, including Contract Health Services, are exempt from Medic-

aid premiums and enrollment fees and, if they have ever used one of these programs, they are also exempt from other cost sharing, such as copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. Certain Indian resources and payments are not counted for Medicaid eligibility. AI/ANs can continue to get services through an I/T/U even if the I/T/U is not a provider in a managed care network. (Note* April 1st Michigan will participate in the Medicaid Expansion)

Q. Are there special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in CHIP?

A. AI/ANs are exempt from all cost sharing, and certain Indian resources and payments are not counted for CHIP eligibility. AI/ANs can continue to get services through an I/T/U even if the I/T/U is not a provider in a managed care network.

Q. What are the special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in the Marketplace?

*Members of federally recognized tribes with a household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (roughly \$71,550 for a family of 4 or \$89,460 for the same family in Alaska) who are also eligible for the tax credit won't have any out-of-pocket costs like co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles for services covered by their Marketplace health plan.

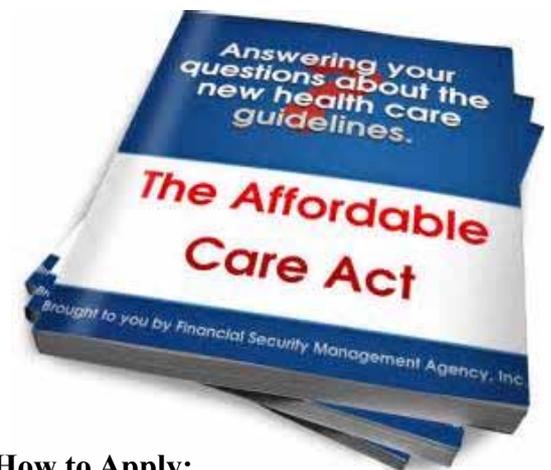
Members of federally recognized tribes are eligible for monthly special enrollment periods. (Note federally recognized tribal members can enroll in the Marketplace after the March 31st deadline.)

*Regardless of income, tribal members who enroll in a Marketplace health plan will not have any out-of-pocket costs such as co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles for items or services furnished directly by an I/T/U or through referral under Contract Health Services.

(You must coordinate your care with an I/T/U to receive this protection.)

Q. Can I change my plan?

A. A member of a federally recognized Tribe can change their enrollment status in any plan through the Marketplace once a month. The drawback is that if a plan is changed it does not go into effect until the following month.



How to Apply:

You can apply for the Marketplace

and Medicaid/CHIP coverage three ways:

Online at www.healthcare.gov

By mail, or in person with the help of a Navigator or other enrollment assister.

Telephone help and online chat will be available 24/7 to help you complete your application.

Call 1-800-318-2596 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY: 1-855-889-4325)

For more information, contact: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Health Clinic 888-382-8299

This information is provided by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and The Department of Health and Human Services

Lake sturgeon have a low reproductive rate and may not begin to spawn until they are 15-25 years old.

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.

Lake sturgeon prefer large shallow lakes and rivers and near shore habitats in the Great Lakes

Lake sturgeon can grow to over 8 feet and weigh up to 300 pounds. Lake sturgeon have no scales but are covered by five rows of bony scutes on the back and sides.

Lake sturgeon can attain ages up to 100 years. They feed by using their protruding mouth to suction up bottom dwelling organisms like crayfish, crustaceans, and insect larvae.



Unveiling of New Safer Choice Logo

The EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the new Safer Choice Label to help people find cleaning and other products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment! Look for the new Safer Choice label on products in stores beginning this spring and summer!

Please help us by sharing the message about the new logo through social media, listserv and other ways:

View EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's Video:
<http://youtu.be/Pc4DWqFlqMo>

Read her blog:
<https://blog.epa.gov/epaconnect/2015/03/this-spring-look-for-the-safer-choice-label/>

See our new website:
www.epa.gov/saferchoice

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The hashtag is [#SaferChoice](https://twitter.com/GinaEPA/status/573198771682734080).

This follows more than a year of stakeholder and public engagement to help us with the design of a new label that better conveys the scientific rigor of EPA's product evaluation and the benefits to people and the environment. Thanks for all your help.

Finding products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment should be easy—that's why EPA created the Safer Choice label. The Safer Choice label helps you identify products with safer chemical ingredients, without sacrificing quality or performance. When you see a product with the Safer Choice label, it means that every ingredient in the product has been evaluated by EPA scientists against our stringent health and safety standards. Only the safest ingredients are allowed in products with the Safer Choice label.

The Safer Choice family of labels includes a consumer facing version, with a house, and an optional version for industrial & institutional products. We are also announcing a label that is available to partners as a means to substantiate fragrance-free claims on Safer Choice products. The fragrance-free label is for consumers and purchasers that prefer or require fragrance-free products.

Director of Tribal Development at the Little River Casino Resort, Israel Stone was honored at a recent Board of Directors meeting as he was recognized by GGB Magazine for its 2015 Class of 40 Under 40. General Manager Wendell Long presented Israel with an award plaque.

Global Gaming Business Magazine (GGB) last announced the 2015 class of 40 Under 40, the future of the gaming industry at the Global Gaming Expo trade show and conference. Produced in conjunction with the Innovation Group and G2E's Emerging Leaders program, the 40 Under 40 group represents the best of the next generation of leaders in the casino and gaming industry.

Israel Stone receives award



“We’re very pleased to recognize this diverse group of individuals for their accomplishments as young leaders in the industry,” says Roger Gros, the publisher of GGB. “When we initiated this program last year, we were hoping to encourage young people to enter the industry and help them advance in their careers. We’ve been very gratified by the response.”

GGB’s 40 Under 40 are chosen by the magazine’s advisory board from nominees to the G2E Emerging Leader program. The 40 Under 40 feature will appear in the November 2014 issue of the magazine and will feature 10 profiles. Each month hereafter, more profiles will be published until the 2016 class of 40 Under 40 is announced at G2E 2015, September 29-October 1, 2015.

Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu



Nutrition Tips:
Eat three meals a day.
Start with a healthy breakfast.
Drink fluids with and between meals – up to 8 glasses a day.
Select at least 3 servings of milk or milk products.
Select at least 6 servings of whole grain cereals and breads.
Select at least 3 servings or more of vegetables and 2 servings of fruit.
Select at least 2 servings of meat, fish or poultry.

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions Phone: 231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com
Volunteers are needed to help with meals if interested please contact Noelle.

Meals served at 12 o'clock

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.
- Guests Meals are \$5.00

 Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Savory Roasted Chicken Parsley Rice Beans & Sweet Peppers & Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	2. Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dessert	3.	4. Elder's Monthly Meeting
5 	6. Salisbury Steak Roasted Potato Corn Fruit Language Class 12:30	7. Ruben Sandwich Potato Wedges Peas Dessert	8. Pork Roast Sweet Potato Mixed Vegetables Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	9. Lasagna Garlic Bread Broccoli Sherbet Activity: BINGO	10.	11. Spring Membership Meeting
12.	13. Angus Dog's Sweet Potato Fries Macaroni Salad Dessert Language Class 12:30	14. White Chili Green Beans Peach Cobbler	15. Pot Roast Red Potato's Carrots Sherbet Activity: Wii Bowling	16. Hamburger Sweet Tatar Tots Bake Beans Corn Jell-O	17. Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231-398-6886	18
19.	20 French Dip Potato Wedges Peas Dessert Language Class 12:30	21 Roasted Turkey Baked Potato Green Beans Pie	22 Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Corn Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	23 Chicken Salad Sandwich Soup Dessert	24	25.
26. 	27 Spaghetti Veggies, Garlic Bread Dessert Language Class 12:30	28 Pot Pie Dessert	29 Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	30	Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	Coffee ,milk and water are available at every meal.



In February, the security staff at the Little River Casino Resort hosted a training session presented by Critical Incident Management (CIM). The training was designed to educate security personnel on threat identification and management and to ultimately help keep our enterprise safe for employees and guests.

Thomas R. Mynsberge, owner of CIM in Bay City, Michigan came to the Three Fires Conference Center and ran two well-attended training sessions which included security personnel, management and Public Safety from Little River.

For some time now, both public and private facilities have been aware of increasing security concerns and have been taking steps to learn how to properly protect their areas of responsibility. This training built upon other training and preparation plans and helped attendees to focus upon real world threats and the various options available to them in their work.

LRCR Security Director, Tom Guenthardt and LRCR Security Managers Melissa Alexander and Jerry Ramsey organized this critical training.

Spring Membership Meeting



Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) at LRCR

Friday April 10, 2015

**'Meet-n-Greet' night
at 7 p.m. in the
Three Fires
Conference Center**

Saturday April 11th, 2015

**Booths and unofficial meeting
open at 9 a.m.
Presentation of Flags at 10 a.m.
Formal meeting begins at 1 p.m.**

Lunch will be provided

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, Binojueuk, 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.

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
Monday – Friday 7am-5pm

Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:
Little River Casino Resort Attn: Recruiting P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: (231) 723-4530 · Fax: (231) 723-1589

Email: recruiting@lrcr.com

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)

LRBOI Warriors Society



Warriors Society: Wanted... Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets

the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commander Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.

Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

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.



Spring is almost here!!!! It is already time to tap maple trees again. This year we are planning to start tapping trees on Wednesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 12th. We will be at the site of the new Ziisibaakwadake Gamig (Sugar Shack) on Shoedel Rd from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Julie will be picking up kids at local schools so if you would like transportation for your kids from Manistee schools, call Julie at 231-398-6740 to sign up. You will need to pick them up at the Schoedel Rd site by 5:30pm. It is supposed to be sunny and warm, but please make sure that if your kids are attending that they wear some warm, appropriate clothing- if last year was any indication, they are likely to get muddy and their feet will probably be soaked- so warm clothes and good boots or shoes for stomping through snow and ice and mud are a necessity!



To get to the Ziisibaakwadake Gamig, take M22 north from the casino about 2 miles to Shoedel Rd. Turn left on Shoedel and as you drop down the hill, the drive is on the left. Parking along the road should not be a problem. We hope to see lots of people there.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 W Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441
Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 from 10am to 3pm

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources

Human Resource representatives will be available to answer your questions.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center
Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 from 8am to 6pm

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources

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Renovation Celebration at Little River Casino Resort

Saturday, April 11, 9:00-11:00 am
Little River Casino Resort,
Three Fires Conference Center

A special presentation by LRCR Management is going to be held on Saturday, April 11th for tribal members and families to celebrate the newly-announced major renovation at Little River Casino Resort. The upcoming \$18 million expansion and renovation will enable the Casino Resort to become more competitive and provide gaming revenues to support expanded tribal government services, jobs and per capita payments. This event will be fun, informative and family oriented.

Come see expansion and renovation plans for your casino:

Designs will be displayed to show renovations that include the addition of a spa and pool.

Little River Casino Resort directors will be on hand to talk about jobs and upgrades at the casino and hotel.



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Understanding the Medicare Guaranteed Issue Right

Medicare has a special rule that applies specifically to Medigap plans. These insurance products are also referred to as supplemental plans. Medicare has authorized companies to sell up to 10 different Medigap plans, each of which are identified by a letter. The plan names can be a bit confusing because of a similar letter designation given to Medicare Part A (hospital), Part B (medical services & equipment), Part C (advantage plans), and Part D (prescription plans).

Medigap plans work with Medicare parts A and B and pay for all or a portion of the remaining balance after Medicare pays 80% of the amount they approve for medical expenses. The monthly premium costs vary for each of the 10 plans, and generally the better the coverage, the higher the premium. The available plans are A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N. The C and F plans pay for all of Medicare deductible amounts and the remaining 20% and have the highest monthly premiums. Medigap plans do not offer prescription coverage, so subscribers need to enroll in a stand-alone Part D drug plan.

The guaranteed issue right can be a valuable benefit when applying for a Medigap plan. These rights (also called "Medigap protections") are provisions that apply in certain situations and require insurance companies to offer certain Medigap policies to applicants. If a Medicare beneficiary is fortunate to have this right, then an insurance company is required by Medicare to do all of the following:

- Must sell you a Medigap policy
 - Must cover all your pre-existing health conditions
 - Can't charge you more for a Medigap policy because of past or present health problems
- These rights can be valuable because it ensures that a beneficiary is able enroll in one of the 6 Medigap plans that have a guaranteed issue provision, and they will not be denied coverage because of past or present health issues.

There are several possibilities that can give result in a guaranteed issue right. Any of the options that follow can apply:

- You're in a Medicare Advantage Plan, and your plan is leaving Medicare or stops giving care in your area, or you move out of the plan's service area.
- You have Original Medicare and an employer group health plan (including retiree or COBRA coverage) or union coverage that pays after Medicare pays and that plan is ending.
- You have Original Medicare and a Medicare SELECT policy. You move out of the Medicare SELECT policy's service area.

- You joined a Medicare Advantage Plan or Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) when you were first eligible for Medicare Part A at 65, and within the first year of joining, you decide you want to switch to Original Medicare. (Trial Right)

- You dropped a Medigap policy to join a Medicare Advantage Plan (or to switch to a Medicare SELECT policy) for the first time, you've been in the plan less than a year, and you want to switch back. (Trial Right)

- Your Medigap insurance company goes bankrupt and you lose your coverage, or your Medigap policy coverage otherwise ends through no fault of your own.

- You leave a Medicare Advantage Plan or drop a Medigap policy because the company hasn't followed the rules, or it

misled you.

If a Medicare beneficiary loses their current health care coverage and they want to claim a guaranteed issue, they will need to retain various documents to show proof of eligibility. Items such as letters, notices, emails, and/or claim denials that have their name on them demonstrating proof that their coverage is being terminated.

Assistance is available from trained counselors through the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174. Representatives can provide help with all aspects of Medicare and Medicaid benefits, along with guidance regarding fraud and abuse, billing issues, and many other areas pertaining to senior health care programs.

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



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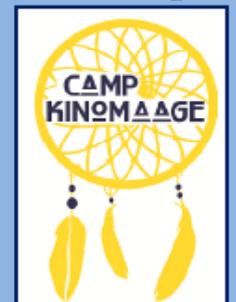
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Camp Kinomaage is a week long summer camp for middle school students located at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston, MI. During the week, campers do hands-on science alongside University staff, learn about their Anishinaabe culture from elders, and have loads of fun with other campers and their University of Michigan student mentors.



June 21-26, 2015

Full scholarships are available for ALL participants!



Indian Village Camp Plans Program Expansions for 2015



The Indian Village Camp program has been offering traditional culture and wilderness immersion experiences for youth since we received a TYP grant from the Department of Justice in 2009. Since then, the grant has long run out, but last year we were able to keep the camp running with Community supported fundraisers, including funds donated from the LRCCR Charity Golf Outing, and half of our budget matched from Tribal Council. This year, the Tribal Court plans to shift the program a bit, and partner with the LRBOI Natural Resources Department. The camp will remain the same, but we will be adding partnerships and programs for the general community, including programs for adults. We hope to receive a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to continue our good work. We have also developed partnerships with Historic Preservation Dept. and the Education Dept.

We are hoping in 2015 to extend the programs we have offered to our youth in the past, and also add special programs to invite **ADULT PARTICIPATION!!**

The regular Indian Village Camp sessions for the youth (4 days and 3 nights in wigwams) are going to continue to take place, as they have in the past, exclusive for youth, tribal and descendants, ages 12-17, male and female.

BUT...IN ADDITION: We plan to add about 25 more "Day Long" programs, which will also be open to parents and guardians, and even for individual adults who might not

have participating children. "Day Long" program means anything from several hours, happening all in one day, to day sessions that occur over a series of days, depending on the particular activity. (EXAMPLE: Snowshoes or Hide Tanning takes several days in a row) Adult participants will be encouraged to attend with their families. Individual adults will still be allowed to attend these programs, but they will be encouraged to offer back some volunteer services, in return for their participation, on an honor system. In this way they can give back to the community for their participation, by helping to prepare the camp area, set up and take down camps, and help with various other camp needs. This will be a good faith agreement for them to return some volunteer work for their participation in the programs. This will not be required, but encouraged. Our funding is limited in offering these programs, but we would like to open up participation for the general community, wherever possible. Many adults have asked over the years "What about offering some of this cultural stuff for us grown-ups too?" and now, we may have found a way to do just that.



Here are the scheduled activities for the "Day Long" programs which will also be available for adults (pending BIA grant approval):



LEATHER PROJECTS, BOWDRILL FIRE-MAKING, NATURAL CORDAGE, GATHERING MUSHROOMS, COPPER BOWLS, LODGE BUILDING, HERBAL SALVE, WOODEN SPOONS, JEWELRY CRAFTS, GREAT LAKES FIELD TRIP, DREAM CATCHERS, WILD RICE FIELD TRIP, RIVER CANOE TRIP, SALMON SPEARING FIELD TRIP, STURGEON FIELD TRIP, CARVED WALKING STICKS, BRAIN TANNING DEER HIDES, ATLATL MAKING, ATLATL PRACTICE, ATLATL HUNT, SUGAR BUSH, MAKING TRADITIONAL RAWHIDE SNOWSHOES, VARIOUS BEADWORK, BIRCH PROJECTS and WINTER BARK...

These projects are meant to be **INCLUSIVE** and bring the community **TOGETHER**. Certain projects will have specific guidelines for participation but for the most part, they will be open for **ALL** to attend, wherever possible. **YAY!** For **INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP!**

Chi-Miigwetch!
Austen Brauker
Peacemaker/Probation Officer
LRBOI Tribal Court

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Workforce Development Programs are operated through the tribe's Commerce Department. The Workforce Development Programs links job placement and skill development into a system of lifelong learning and opportunity. Through resources and services created for employers, employees, the unemployed and the underemployed, Tribal Citizens utilizing Workforce Development Program services can take control of their economic future and the security of their families. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Workforce Development Programs contributes to the economic security of LRBOI, its' businesses and communities through a comprehensive program of skill-building and educational components.

These components include:

- 1) Internship Program for the college student designed to provide the Tribal Citizen with the opportunity to gain supervised experience in a work setting for which academic credit is earned;
- 2) Internship Hosting to assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens who are in the Internship component by providing them with a low or no-cost lodging opportunity so they may fulfill their Internship requirements in a safe and friendly environment;
- 3) Development & Training providing various training and services as needed for LRBOI Tribal Citizens;
- 4) Career Assistance Voucher to be used for supplies, tools, clothes, transportation, or anything that reasonably assists the individual in advancing their career;
- 5) GED/Adult Education Voucher to help cover costs associated with the completion of a high school diploma or GED;
- 6) Adult (18+ years) and Youth (16-17) Work Experience Employment Programs are designed to provide the Tribal Citizen not in higher education supervised experience in an entry level work setting without having to achieve an academic requirement. Mandatory Job Readiness Training is required to complete the program;
- 7) Need based Vocational Assistance Award available to the Tribal Citizen attending a post-secondary state or accredited vocational/technical program who has applied for all other available financial aid and shows unmet need;
- 8) Summer College Book Stipend for Tribal Citizens attending a non-profit accredited college or university may receive assistance in purchasing college textbooks and supplies for Summer Semester only. For additional details, please follow this link:
<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/membership-services/commerce>
or contact the Workforce Development Program at LRBOI.

LRBOI Natural Resources Fisheries/ Aquatic Internships (paid)

This summer the LRBOI Natural Resources Department will be hiring college interns to assist with fisheries and aquatic monitoring. Many exciting projects are in store including working with sturgeon, stream fish, wild rice, bugs and water sampling. Many weekends and nights will be worked throughout the summer. If wading in fast water, seeing fish and picking bugs seems like a good summer job and you are enrolled in a BS degree program in biology (or related field) please submit an application to the Human Resources Department by March 6th.

Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired at a new employer and within 30 days of your hire date, you may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov.

LRBOI Tribal Government Jobs

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found online, and on bulletin boards at government buildings. Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Tribal Government Buildings

Global E-Mail

Michigan Works Offices or Website

By Calling the H.R. Department

What about Temporary work?

Send in or drop off your "temporary" or pace "temp pool" on the position of interest line.

Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

L.R.B.O.I. Human Resources

2608 Government Center Road

Manistee, Michigan 49660



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Norma Jane Meichert

Katherine Glocheski- Ba



(L-R) June Sam-Ba, Katie Glocheski-Ba, Michele Romanelli and Loretta Beccaria at a tribal event.

Katie was an Elder and member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. She was extremely beneficial in getting the tribe "Federally" recognized, having testified before congress on several occasions. Most recently she was the community center coordinator for the tribe. She was also a member of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the VFW Walsh Post No. 4499 of Manistee Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Larry Beccaria-Lindeman and Millicent and Frank Biers, all of Manistee; one son and daughter-in-law, Tony "Sonny" and Becky Skocelas, of Manistee; her stepson, Kenneth Glocheski, of Seattle, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Lisa, Tina, Heidi, Mark, Tara, Stacey and Christy; six stepgrandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her son, Stanley Skocelas; one great-grandson, Alexander Beccaria; her sister and brother-in-law, Lavern and Max Oren and her stepdaughter, Sharon (Glocheski) Joseph. Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015, at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Catholic Church of Manistee with the Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will take place in the spring at Corfu Cemetery. A vigil service from The Order of Christian Funerals was prayed at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. Memorials have been established in Katie's name for the Ronald McDonald House and Toys for Tots. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Jean Mamie Waite-Ba

Jean Mamie Waite of Muskegon age 62, was born on February 29, 1952 and passed away on February 21, 2015. She is survived by two children, Michael Crampton and Kellie Leutscher; four grandchildren, Monte Leutscher, Xavier Morin, Cesar Morin, Jr. and Lee Frelick; three brothers, Frank Crampton, Edward Crampton, Steven Kequom; four sisters, Emogene Crampton, Yvonne Salisbury, Bernadene Crampton and Darlene Loney, along with many nieces and nephews. Jean was preceded in death by her husband Randy, parents, Frank Crampton and Mamie Kequom and three sisters, Arlene Wabindato, Karolene Frees, and Kathleen Franklin. Jean was a very active member and Elder of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and had worked at Brookhaven Medical Care Facility. According to her wishes cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at the Oak Crest Church of God, 1540 Leonard Ave. in Muskegon, on Saturday, February 28, 2015 starting at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to Harbor Hospice Poppen Residence

Happy Easter



Kateri Easter Gathering
Johnson Hall 1509 Holton Rd
Muskegon MI 49445 (next to
Steak 'n' Egger)

Sunday March 29th, 2015
11am-4pm
Please bring a dish to pass
BINGO, RAFFLES and 50/50

Any questions please
contact Brenda
231.760.6366



Happy St. Patrick's Day
My Darling's
Hannah and Mathew
I Love you so very much!
Love Mommy Eagle

Jordan H. Ross- Ba



In Loving Memory
of
Jordan H. Ross
April 7, 1983-
February 21, 2015

Submitted by
Tribal Councilor
Shannon Crampton

Every year on this date, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' tribal offices are closed due to a "holiday", but what does this holiday really mean? Does it have any real significance to our people and our Tribe?

March 28th is indeed an official Tribal Holiday that we call Treaty Recognition Day. As you may surmise, it's a day in which a historical treaty is recognized, but what treaty does it involve and why is it important to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians?

In 1836, the bands that became the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians signed a treaty with the President of the United States known as the Treaty of Washington, or the 1836 Treaty. The treaty was ratified on March 28th; thus, the date for Treaty Recognition Day.

There are several reasons for the Treaty of 1836 to be of importance to the Little River Band citizens. Our rights to fish in the Great Lakes are based on the 13th article. The right to hunt and fish within the ceded territory is stipulated here as well. So, when you hear someone talk about our hunting and fishing rights within the Great Lakes, it comes from this document.

Little River Band's "home" in Manistee County can be found in the second article. This article reserved 70,000 acres of land from the Pere Marquette River north. This land is the Manistee Reservation, the historic reservation of the bands that are now identified as Little River. Public Law 103-324, Section 2, Paragraph 4 states, in part: "The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians consists of at least 500 members who continue to reside close to their ancestral homeland as recognized in the Manistee Reservation in the 1836 Treaty of Washington..."

So, as you may now guess and even recognize the Public Law noted, the federal reaffirmation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians can be traced to the Treaty of 1836. Public Law 103-324, Section 2, Paragraph 1 states: "The Little Tra-

verse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are descendants of, and political successors to, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit."

So why make Treaty Recognition Day an official Tribal Holiday? The long history of our Tribe's government-to-government relationship with the United States "began" with the Treaty of Washington, March 28, 1836. The reaffirmation of our Tribe's status as a Federal Tribe is due to our ancestors' signing of the Treaty. To honor our ancestors, and to remember our heritage and history, we remember and recognize this date.



Campus Kinomaage

is a Brand-New 3 day program for Native American High-School students who want to learn more about the University of Michigan and about Anishinaabe culture on campus.

Spaces are limited- Apply TODAY!

What will we do?

- ❖ Tour the campus
- ❖ Live in dorms
- ❖ Learn about preparing for college
- ❖ Explore some career options
- ❖ Participate in Anishinaabe cultural activities
- ❖ Meet students from the Native American Student Association (NASA)
- ❖ Have fun with students from other high schools across the state

When and Where?

Friday, May 15th - Sunday, May 17th
On the main campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

How much does it cost?

How will I get there?

Through generous funding from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and the Center for Educational Outreach all participants receive a FULL scholarship and transportation is provided from several pick-up locations!



Apply on-line
<http://www.ceo.umich.edu/ceoadmin.html>
For more information or to get an application sent to you contact Jeannaf@umich.edu

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We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and that we'll see you again at the tournament next year!

Although the weather conditions were not ideal, the LRBOI Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament took place on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center. Thirty-nine competitors and many spectators braved the wind and light snow of the cold winter's day for the annual Tournament.

Prior to the event we wondered if Mother Nature would cooperate this year and sure enough, the week ahead gave us enough snow to finish the track the day before the event. The Housing Commission Maintenance Staff provided a snow pile base and Dave Corey provided his expertise and assistance in making the groove in the track.

The competition was "serious" and the throws were made, measured and occasionally commented on by other competitors. Thanks to our volunteers who assisted in measuring distances and running snakes back to the starting line. There were a few "newbies" who threw a snake for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed the competition alongside the seasoned champions. Some friendly ribbing was exchanged between competitors and more experienced throwers offered advice as well.

After the competition, everyone gathered inside for a hot lunch featuring goulash, chili, vegetable soup, tossed salad, rolls, and cake for dessert. The coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice were much appreciated after being out in the cold.

Each winner received a placement medal; the 2015 Goonignebig Tournament winners and participants were:

Ages 1 -4 Boys:

No competitors

Ages 1 -4 Girls:

1st: Mikayla Sanders – 7 ft. 6 in.
2nd: Gracie Colt – 5 ft. 1 in.
3rd: No competitor

Ages 5 -11 Boys:

1st: Brenden Orcutt – 78 ft. 6 in.
2nd: Nate Corey – 74 ft. 6 in.
3rd: Ben Ceplina – 57 ft.
Jesse Cabarrubia – 41 ft. 5 in.

Ages 5 -11 Girls:

1st: Grace Gibson – 39ft.
2nd: Jasmine Cabarrubia – 36 ft.
3rd: Kateri Ceplina – 34 ft. 8 in.
Shenoah Collier – 30 ft. 6 in.
Jacqueline Cabarrubia – 25 ft. 9 in.

Ages 12-17 Boys:

1st: Sam Corey – 72 ft.
2nd: No competitor
3rd: No competitor

Ages 12-17 Girls:



No competitors

Ages 18 – 54 Men:

1st: Patrick Wilson – 196 ft. 9 in.
2nd: Dave Corey – 188 ft. 4 in.
3rd: Clatus Clyne – 162 ft. 2 in.
Jim Medacco – 151 ft. 1 in.
Brian Gibson – 110 ft. 8 in.
Randy Gunderson – 88 ft. 7 in.
James Walsh – 48 ft. 5 in.

Ages 18 – 54 Women:

1st: Elizabeth Gibson – 104 ft. 8 in.
2nd: Gina Walsh – 93 ft. 8 in.
3rd: Dominique Sanders – 83 ft. 2 in.
Rachael Walsh – 75 ft. 8 in.
Julie Wolfe – 63 ft. 2 in.
Melanie Ceplina – 61 ft.
Nichole Stratton – 56 ft. 9 in.
Martha Howell – 50 ft. 8 in.

Ages 55+ Men:

1st: Pat Wilson – 139 ft.
2nd: Mike Ceplina – 114 ft. 8 in.

3rd: Dale Chandler – 113 ft. 6 in.
Richard Bailey – 100 ft. 10 in.
Ron Wittenberg – 82 ft. 7 in.
John Shano – 64 ft. 3 in.
Jim Derouin – 53 ft. 4 in.

Ages 55+ Women:

1st: Mary Gumieny – 79 ft.
2nd: Mary Guiney – 58 ft. 2 in.
3rd: Stella Gibson – 49 ft.
Kathy Sam – 40 ft. 3 in.
Sue Shano – 34 ft. 1 in.

Congratulations to Patrick Wilson for achieving the longest throw of the day in the men's category which was recorded at 196 feet and 9 inches and to Elizabeth Gibson, for achieving the longest throw of the day in the women's category which was recorded at 104 feet and 8 inches! Congratulations to Brenden Orcutt for achieving the longest throw of the day in the youth category which was recorded at 78 feet and 6 inches! These three extraordinary competitors received a special prize for their accomplishments.

Door prizes were given and two embroidered "Distant Hugs" scarves were donated by Kenny Pheasant and used as door prizes as well. Lastly, everyone sang Happy Birthday to Brian Gibson, who came out to compete on his special day. Competitors Richard Bailey, Stella Gibson, and several persons who stood up also had a birthday and everyone sang to them as well.

The event requires that a "Miigwech" go out to those who make it all possible: to the Tribal Council and Ogema for supporting cultural events; to the Housing Department for plowing and piling the snow; to Dave Corey for cutting the track; to Valerie Chandler and Terri Tyler that made the meal; to the competitors and spectators, whom without, there would be no event; to Tribal Officer Michael Brown for his efforts in measuring distances; to other volunteers who returned snakes, helped measure and relay the distances; and to Historic Preservation department staff Mack Brushman, Valerie Chandler, Terri Tyler, and Kenny Pheasant for all of their work in making the event go smoothly.

Springtime Traditions of a Sacred Fire and Teachings

In the days leading up to each Membership meeting, both in the Spring and the Fall, the Tribal Historic Preservation Department has planned for a Sacred Fire and Anishinaabe Lifeway Teachings. The Fire is lit during a Sunrise Ceremony and continues throughout the day and night for four days. This year's Spring Fire and Anishinaabe Lifeway Teachings will take place Wednesday, April 8, 2015 and continue through Saturday, April 11, 2015. The Fire and Teachings will be held at the tribal Fire Lodge located near the Gathering Grounds pavilion.

There will be many casual discussions and teachings regarding fire keeping and responsibilities, the importance of our traditional foods and feasts, and our roles in the community, clans, and learning about sacred items such as pipes and eagle feathers. The Fire will be tended throughout the days and nights and spirit plates will be offered during the meals. Anyone can make an offering and lift up prayers for individuals, families, the membership, our leaders, and for guidance and thanks. Whether you're new to our culture and traditions and just want to learn and observe or if you've kept traditions your entire life, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend whether they are from the LRBOI community or not. If you're not familiar, don't be afraid to ask questions and it's a learning experience for everyone; the teachers we bring here are there to help teach so our traditions will continue for generations to come.

We remind you to dress accordingly to the weather since sometimes it can be a bit chilly and damp. Overall, we just want to offer these traditions and Lifeway Teachings with everyone because we believe that with a good heart and good intentions we will have a good outcome.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help tend the Sacred Fire, please contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Department at 231-723-8288 or toll-free at 1-888-723-8288 and ask for Jay Sam (ext. 6893), Valerie Chandler (ext. 6895), or Terri Tyler (ext. 6891).

We hope to see you there!

2015 Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings Agenda

Agenda is subject to change as necessary

Location for each session is at the Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge unless noted

Wednesday, April 8th

Sunrise Pwaaganak, Sunrise Ceremony and lighting of the Sacred Fire, including an (6:30) explanation of why we have Sunrise Ceremonies. Presenters: George Martin, Jack Chambers, Brian Matrious & Jimmie Mitchell (All pwaaganak are invited and welcomed to participate.) **Water Ceremony** Presenters: Michelle Reyna, Arianne Gray & Janine Sam (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate.) **Morning Honor Songs** Presenters: Philip Memberto & Mike Medawis (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums and sing.) 8:00 Breakfast (location TBA), 9:15 Introductions, 10:30 **The Sacred Fire – Why we have a Sacred Fire and the responsibilities of Fire Keepers and the community.** Presenters: All presenters/teachers and Fire Keepers available and present, 12:00 Lunch (At Aki Maadziwin Community Center with our Elders), 1:15 **Why we have the Sacred Fire and Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings** Presenters: All presenters/teachers, Fire Keepers, and attendees that would like to contribute, 2:30 Break, 2:45 **The importance of having our Traditional Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings** in our community. The importance of respecting and honoring each others' ways. Presenters: All presenters/teachers and attendees that would like to contribute, 4:30 **The importance of our Traditional foods and feasts** Presenters: Renee Diehlman & Yebishawn Oldshield, 5:30 Feast/Dinner (At Aki Maadziwin Community Center) Firekeepers: Sunrise – Sundown (Philip & Gabriel Memberto) Sundown – Sunrise (James Beard & TBA*)

Thursday, April 9th

Sunrise Pwaaganak Sunrise Ceremony Presenters: All Pwaaganak present **Water Ceremony Presenters:** Punkin Shananaquet, Michelle Reyna, and Yebishawn Oldshield (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate.) **Morning Honor Songs** Presenters: Philip Memberto & Mike Medawis (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums and sing.) 8:00 Breakfast (location TBA), 9:15 Introductions, 9:45 Clans & their Colors Presenters: Punkin & Dave Shananaquet, 12:00 Break/Lunch (At Aki Maadziwin Community Center with our Elders) 1:15 Women's and Men's Traditional roles and responsibilities in our communities. (For Adults & Youth) Presenters: All attendees present, 3:30 Break, 3:45 Anishinaabemowin – Phrases for teachings Presenter: Brian Loney, 5:15 Feast/Dinner (At Aki Maadziwin Community Center) Firekeepers: Sunrise – Sundown (Philip & Gabriel Memberto) Sundown – Sunrise (James Beard & TBA*)

Friday, April 10th

Sunrise Pwaaganak Sunrise Ceremony Presenters: All Pwaaganak present, **Water Ceremony Presenters:** Punkin Shananaquet, Michelle Reyna, and Yebishawn Oldshield (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate.) **Morning Honor Songs** Presenters: Philip Memberto & Mike Medawis (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums and sing.) 8:00 Breakfast (location TBA), 9:15 Pipes, Eagle Feathers & Sacred Items – How do those sacred items come into our possession and the responsibilities and care for those items. Presenters: All presenters/teachers and attendees that would like to contribute, 10:45 Break, 11:00 Anishinaabemowin – Phrases for teachings Presenter: Brian Loney, 12:00 Lunch (location TBA), 1:15 General Talking Circle Presenter: All attendees present, 3:30 Break, 3:45 The importance of our Traditional foods and feasts Presenters: Renee Diehlman & Yebishawn Oldshield, 5:30 Feast/Dinner (At Aki Maadziwin Community Center) Firekeepers: Sunrise – Sundown (Philip & Gabriel Memberto) Sundown – Sunrise (James Beard & TBA*)

Saturday, April 11th

Sunrise Pwaaganak Sunrise Ceremony Presenters: All Pwaaganak present, Water Ceremony Presenters: Punkin Shananaquet, Michelle Reyna, and Yebishawn Oldshield (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate.) **Morning Honor Songs** Presenters: Philip Memberto & Mike Medawis (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums and sing.) 8:00 Breakfast (location TBA) 9:00 Fellowship and offerings for the Membership Meeting 10:00 Membership Meeting Opening Ceremonies (At LRRCR Makwa Endaat) 12:00 Lunch (at LRRCR Makwa Endaat) 1:00 Fellowship (Meeting to follow lunch at LRRCR Makwa Endaat) Fire extinguished after the Membership Meeting

Kwewok Circle Presents

The History and Traditions
Of Anishnabekwe Jigoodenh
(Native Women Dresses)

Come April 6th, 15th,
22nd and 29th
to the Community Center
a different dress will be
discussed each week.

5:30-7:00pm

Learn about Women's Pow-wow
Regalia and how the different types of
dresses are made, also the traditions
the go with the wearing of that style of
dress. We will have models on hand to
show you their dress and talk about
why they chose that style of dress. We
will have the teachings that go with the
dress and about the colors we choose
for our regalia and the meanings of
those colors.

For more information call
231-510-2424 Deb Davis



Students from the Scottville Upper Elementary School, third grade class, visited the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center in late February for a special presentation from Tribal Council that was organized by Councilor Sandy Mezeske and Kathleen Bowers.

Victoria Dahringer, the 3rd grade teacher, had requested some books from the tribe to be used in the 'Social Studies' Curriculum for Michigan History. Council saw this as a wonderful opportunity to share our culture and invited the class to visit.

One of the highlights of their visit was a presentation by Champion Dancer (and Tribal Council member) Marty Wabindato. Marty wore regalia and brought in quite a bit from his private collection. He told the youngsters about the various pieces of regalia and implements and then answered a number of general questions from the young group. He also taught a number of them a dance and then gave them a song. Everyone was very pleased with his presentation and thanked him with several rounds of applause.

Following the cultural lesson (and pizza), Tribal Council presented the youngsters with sets of the books from the Birchbark series including: Chickadee, Birchbark House, The Game of Silence and the Porcupine Year.



2015 Spring Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake

The season will be similar to last year for sturgeon harvest in Black Lake with one sturgeon which may be harvested by spear or hook and line. With the cold spring weather the sturgeon harvest opportunities may be towards early- to mid-June.

Specific regulation details are as follows:

1. One fish quota. After fish is harvested, the fishery is closed and all licensed anglers will be notified by LRBOI NRD personnel. Only one fish total can be harvested regardless of the number of licensed anglers.
2. Season: Wednesday, May 1st through Sunday, June 30th (or until quota is reached after which season will be immediately closed).
3. No minimum size limit.
4. Method of harvest is openwater spearing and/ or hook and line.
5. Angler must maintain in their possession at all times a valid Lake Sturgeon Harvest Permit for Black Lake in order to fish. This permit must be acquired from the Natural Resources Department 48 hours prior to fishing. The permit will indicate specific dates for which the permit is valid. Because LRBOI Natural Resource Department or Conservation Law Enforcement staff will be present during all sturgeon fishing. Angler must call contacts designated on the permit if the permit will not be used for any of the designated days.
6. Daily Angler check-in is required. Once angler arrives at Black Lake they will call contacts designated on permit prior to fishing for the day.
7. After an angler harvests a sturgeon they must immediately contact the LRBOI NRD staff.
8. Registration of sturgeon is required immediately upon harvest with a LRBOI NRD field staff.
9. Registration of fish harvest will include an examination of the fish.
10. Tribal Law Enforcement may check anglers during each fishing day.

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