



Coming up at LRBOI:

Hilts Landing opening June 6

Housing Commission Public Info Meeting June 27

Commerce Commission Meeting July 2 5pm-6pm

Elders Meal Aki Community Center Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class Every Friday 10:30am

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

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

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2015 LRBOI Preliminary Election Results



Preliminary results are in on the 2015 election, including the recount for two races, Appellate Court Judge –Elder and the Tribal Council 9 County representatives. Vote totals are shown on page 2. The Election Board will be issuing a final report which they will present to Tribal Council. Once this has been done, swearing-in of the new officials will be scheduled.

Watch the Tribal Face Book page and website (www.lrboi.com) for announcement of the ceremony.

2015 Jiingtamok

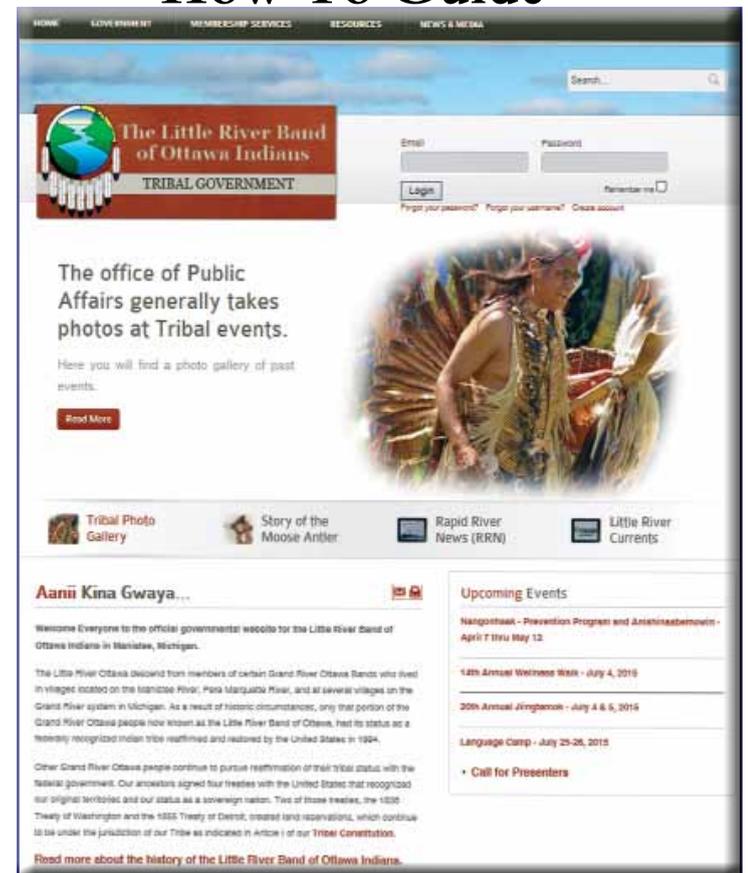


Plans have been announced for the 2015 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiingtamok (Pow Wow). The Jiingtamok will take place as usual at the Gathering Grounds behind the Trading Post at US31 and M22 in Manistee. See the flyer on page 13 and be sure to join us for the fun!

Tribal LLC formed!

Early in May, Tribal Council took a major step forward for the tribal nation when they approved the formation of the Little River Holdings, LLC. This entity provides the basis for economic development in the tribe and is the culmination of an effort that began with Robert-ba Memberto in the tribal Commerce Department.

Web Comment How-To Guide



Tribal IT Director George Levasseur heard the comments from tribal members who have trouble commenting on proposals which are posted on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com and he developed a how-to guide to assist. See pages 20-24 for the details and then be sure to comment on items presented by your government. Tell us what you think!



Aanii,

First I would like to thank everyone that put their name forward to run for an elected position within the Tribe, it is not a simple decision to put your name forward. Along with financial costs there is also the risk of putting your name out there and at times can affect the whole family. The Tribe benefits by having a wider range of people to choose from, so again, Migwetch.

I would also like to thank the outgoing elected officials for their years of service to this Tribe and wish them well in the future. To the newly elected persons, congratulations; I look forward to working with you for the betterment of our members and Tribe.

Finally, I want to give thanks for those people that have given me an unprecedented third term of office as Ogema. Migwetch for your continued support, I am always humbled. I believe once again I have been given a mandate by the people. I will be changing the way I approach my position and concerns within the Tribe.

I hope to make changes in the very near future in the way we conduct business. I have the advantage the other Ogemuk did not and that is being in office long enough to completely assess the situation. One of the first things that I believe still needs changing is the Organizational Structure of at least the Executive Branch of government. The current structure needs to be revised to one that gives better communication, accountability and direction to the various departments.

We need policies that are fair across the board and leave less room for disparate treatment of our people. I would like to see every job opening posted at least in the Rapid River News giving the job title as well as starting date and ending date of the posting from both the Resort and Government. I would like to ensure key positions are not left open for long periods of time and filling positions being done in a shorter timeframe.

I would like to see in every issue of the Currents, a list of contact names and numbers published for each department; meeting dates of key meetings especially Membership Meetings. For example, as soon as we have the Fall Membership Meeting, the next Spring and Fall Meeting dates are listed in the Currents every month and probably should include the hotel number for reservations.

I appreciated the Tribal Council being up on stage at the Spring Membership Meeting and know the membership appreciated it as well, Kchi Migwetch. I still believe that it would be helpful to have meetings of all Tribal Councilors and Ogema at two alternate locations opposite times of the Membership Meetings, such as Winter in Muskegon/Grand Rapids area and a Summer across Lake Michigan where the largest pocket of members could attend. At the Spring Meeting it was suggested to occasionally hold a Saturday meeting. I am open to any other suggestions you may have, please feel free to send them in.

Two Government Departments have been recognized for their service recently; our Historic Preservation Department with Director Jay Sam and staff are the recipients of an award in an Archaeological Data Recoveries project recognized by Governor Snyder and the State Historic Preservation Office at MSHDA.

Our Tribal Utility Department run by Waste Water Supervisor, Gary Lewis and staff have been awarded a "Certificate of Excellence" for being a "Laboratory of Excellence" by achieving 100% acceptable data in completion with 377 participating laboratories.

Last year Tribal Council sent a request to the United States Department of the Interior for a Secretarial Election to make revisions to our Tribal Constitution. The letter should be posted to the Ogema's website by the time you read this. Again, feel free to send your thoughts to your elected officials.

The Secretarial Election via the Constitution gives members the right to vote on the listed changes. More explanation will be given by the Tribe.

Again, Migwetch to all who put their names on the ballots and all who exercised their right to vote.

Ogema Larry Romanelli

Preliminary Election Results

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Winners are in Blue

Ogema :

Steve Parsons (285)
Larry Romanelli (368)

Office of Chief Judge:

Daniel T. Bailey (300)
Sharron Cogswell Detz (198)
Austen J. Brauker (139)

Appellate Court Judge – Elder:

Joseph J. LaPorte (316)
Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne (311)

Appellate Court Judge – Attorney:

Damian Fisher (235)
Melissa L. Pope (374)

Election Board:

Peggy Derouin (193)
Tammy Bowen (324)
Brandi Drake-Blamer 190)
Karen Love (282)
Valerie Robinson McDonnell (148)

Office of Tribal Council At-Large:

Joseph Riley II (285)
Sally Bell (238)
Norbert Kelsey (113)

Office of Tribal Council Nine County:

Ronald Wittenberg (158)
Jessica Lynn Burger (141)
Jamie Friedel (138)
Sandy Mezeske (109)
Candace M. Chapman (109)
Steven E. Kequom (114)
Sandra "Peanut" Lewis (177)
Pat Ruiter (64)
Rita Annette Gale (88)

Work Session Attendance

| Date | Work Session Title | Delano Peters | Michael Ceplina | Shannon Crampton | Gary DiPiazza | Virgil Johnson | Frankie Medacco | Sandy Mezeske | Pat Ruitter | Marty Wabindato | Total |
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| 04/01/15 | Budget & Appropriations Act | | V | | x | x | * | V | B | V | 2 |
| 04/01/15 | Earth Day | | V | | x | x | * | V | B | V | 2 |
| 04/02/15 | QIC-AG Grant Submission | x | V | | x | x | * | x | | V | 4 |
| 04/02/15 | LLC Ordinance | | V | | x | x | * | x | | V | 3 |
| 04/02/15 | Audit Presentation | | V | | x | x | * | x | | V | 3 |
| 04/06/15 | Land Into Trust | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | 7 |
| 04/06/15 | Audit | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | 7 |
| 04/06/15 | Agenda Review | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | 7 |
| 04/06/15 | Compensation for Elect Officials | | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | 6 |
| 04/07/15 | Property Analysis | | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 04/07/15 | Donation Request | | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 04/07/15 | Round Table w/ Ogema | | x | | x | | x | x | | x | 5 |
| 04/09/15 | Settlement vs. Buyout | x | x | x | * | x | x | x | x | x | 8 |
| 04/09/15 | Fish Research | x | x | x | * | x | x | x | x | | 7 |
| 04/13/15 | Post Discussion Mem Meet | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | V | 8 |
| 04/13/15 | Agenda Review | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | V | 8 |
| 04/13/15 | Bullying | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | V | 6 |
| 04/14/15 | Contracting Ordinance | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | 8 |
| 04/14/15 | 2015 Goals | x | x | | x | x | x | x | | x | 7 |
| 04/14/15 | Proposed Project | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | 8 |
| 04/14/15 | Chamber of Commerce | x | x | | x | x | x | | | x | 6 |
| 04/16/15 | Waste Water Treat Road | x | | | | x | x | x | x | x | 6 |
| 04/17/15 | Capital Budget Funding | V | | | | x | x | x | | | 3 |
| 04/20/15 | Youth Council | V | x | x | x | x | * | V | x | x | 6 |
| 04/20/15 | Agenda Review | V | x | x | x | x | * | V | x | x | 6 |
| 04/21/15 | Valliant Report | V | x | | x | x | * | x | x | x | 6 |
| 04/21/15 | Round Table w/ Ogema | V | x | | x | x | * | x | x | | 5 |
| 04/23/15 | Budget | V | x | | x | x | * | | x | x | 5 |
| 04/27/15 | Settlement vs. Buyout | V | B | x | * | | x | x | | x | 4 |
| 04/27/15 | Agenda Review | V | B | x | * | | x | x | | x | 4 |
| 04/28/15 | Swearing in Ceremony Planning | V | B | x | * | | x | x | | x | 4 |
| 04/28/15 | 2015 Goals | V | B | x | * | | x | x | | x | 4 |
| 04/28/15 | Constitutional Amendments | V | B | x | * | | x | x | | | 3 |
| 04/30/15 | Website Design | V | | x | * | x | x | x | | x | 5 |
| 04/30/15 | Commissions Ordinance | V | | x | * | x | | x | | | 3 |
| | Total number of Work Sessions - 35 | 14 | 21 | 18 | 24 | 29 | 24 | 28 | 14 | 18 | |

* - Business Related

V - Vacation

B - Bereavement

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is developing recreational facilities on Trust Land at the Aki maadiziwin residential development in Manistee, MI. This Notice is for a children's playground located at 2668 E. Me tay wis, Manistee, MI 49660.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department has assessed the potential environmental effects of the project and has determined that it will not have a significant effect on the human environment and does not interfere, impact or uncover anything historic, cultural and religious in nature ..

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department, 2953 Shaw be quo ung, Manistee, MI 49660. The ERR may be examined weekdays from 9:00A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1 :00P.M. to 4:00P.M. Monday through Friday, Holidays excluded.

For further information concerning this Notice, contact Chad Gehrke, Housing Department, at 231-723-8288.

Public Comments

Public Comments will be received for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. AllY individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660. All comments received by June 2, 2015 will be considered by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is planning a project to develop restrooms and a pavilion on Trust Land at the Aki maadiziwin residential development, lot 72, Manistee, MI 49660.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department has assessed the potential environmental. Effects of the proposed project and ha& determined that the proposal will riot have a significant effect on the human erivironment and does not interfere, impact or uncover anything historic, cultural and religious .ill nature .

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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department-has assesed the potential environmental effects of the projects and has detennined that they will not have a significant effect on the human environment and does not interfere, impact or uncover anything historic, cultural and religious in nature.

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Meijers



One of the largest new stores in the Meijers Chain of stores opened at the end of April in Manistee at the corner of US 31 and M55. The Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson and Council members Shannon Crampton and Marty Wabindato all attended to represent the tribal nation.

Representatives of local municipalities and agencies were in attendance for this ribbon cutting which celebrated the largest new construction project since the tribal Government Center opened in the fall of 2013.

Also at the event, the store director presented a \$25,000 donation to the Manistee County Council on Aging to help with their important work in the Manistee area.



Members Assistance Department

Assistance Programs



Mission Statement

To strengthen and secure maximum independence for individuals and family members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Vision

Meeting the needs of our community and empowering our members through accessible and responsive services to promote self-sufficiency, quality of life, health status and wellbeing.

Members Assistance Department Goals & Objectives

Goals

Meet the needs of the individual and/or family by providing programs for health and safety, continued utility service and other services requested by tribal members that are identified as a need or crisis. Maintain a quality relationship with the members of the Tribal Community. Utilize a centralized intake process for the Tribal Community to contact for program information and to receive prompt services and/or referrals

Objectives

*Promote health, safety, self sufficiency and personal growth in individuals and family members by providing confidential, consistent, effective and timely services to ensure the health and safety of eligible individuals/families in need of assistance.

*Respond to all family support advocate's and referral requests to ensure the most assistance is provided to the eligible member and/or family in crisis or in need of assistance

*Advocate and/or provide funding for Indian specific programs to fill the needs of the local and at-large communities.

*Inform membership of existing local and Tribal resources and coordinate service assistance.

*Network with tribal service departments and/or agencies to maximize utilization of services and information available to the members of the Tribal Community.

*Create and implement a centralized intake process accessible to service departments. This process will be utilized to compile information for case management, family needs assessment, referral and follow up, service tracking of funding provided to each individual.

FY2015 Members Assistance Department Programs

Programs are available in ALL STATES with the exception of the grant funded programs as noted in program listing. Programs are subject to availability of funding -

*Food Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. If household is receiving food assistance from another agency, it is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect current benefits. Submission of proof of purchase (receipts) is a requirement of this program. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household.
- Meet program eligibility
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: Level of assistance is based on household income and the Assistance Matrix.

*Low Income Energy Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: Level of assistance is based on household income and the Assistance Matrix.

*Elder Chore Assistance Program

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program.

Elder must be a permanent member of the household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

The assistance for elder chore services are identified in the categories below;

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

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

If scope of assistance is beyond what the tribe can assist with there are referrals resources such as Area Agency on Aging, Community Action Agency and other agencies. If you are in need of assistance in accessing these services please contact the Members Assistance Department.

*Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received demand for payment, eviction or foreclosure notice
- Relocation to affordable housing
- Relocation due to loss of housing due to natural disaster

-Relocation due to substandard housing as documented by an inspector
-If program has been accessed in the past, received a denial from an outside agency for assistance.
-Amount of assistance: Level of assistance is based on household income and the Assistance Matrix. Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed program maximum program amount available to prevent or resolve housing crisis.

*Emergency Transportation Assistance
The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis.
Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
-Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
-Vehicle must be insured and registered.
-Vehicle areas in need of repair meet the scope of the program.
Amount of assistance – Level of assistance is based on household income and the Assistance Matrix.

*Programs can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

~THE FOLLOWING ARE GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS ~
Elder Meal Program - Title VI
The Elder Meal Program available at the Aki Community Center.
Meals will be served for lunch at noon Monday thru Thursday at the Aki Community Center located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung Manistee, MI 49660

One very important component of keeping elders healthy in their homes and communities is providing nutrition services. Adequate nutrition is critical to health, functioning, and quality of life. The purposes of nutrition services, activities and disease prevention education are:

- To reduce hunger and food insecurity;
- To promote socialization of older individuals; and
- To promote health and well-being by assisting older individuals to gain access to

nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services to delay the onset of adverse health conditions.

Eligibility: Enrolled Tribal Elders age 55 and over. Also included in this eligibility are spouse of the eligible participant, handicapped or disabled individuals in the same household are eligible to participate when accompanying the Tribal Elder to the meal site. The meals are provided at NO CHARGE.

Guest Meals are available for individuals who would like to attend a meal with an eligible participant/Tribal Elder but do not meet eligibility guidelines. There will be a charge for the guest meal that is calculated according to the meal being served. Average cost is about \$5.00. This provision does not exclude Caregivers, In-Home Caregivers or Home Aides from paying for guest meals if they do not meet eligibility requirements. Donations are acceptable and will be used for program activities and to purchase food. At no time are contributions required however the offer to contribute must be provided per program requirements.

Home Delivered Meals – (limited services and based on availability of volunteers) Elders should only be on the home delivered meal program if they are unable to leave their homes without great difficulty. Their inability to leave home may be because of illness, disability, or general frailty. Frailty means having a physical or mental disability that restricts the ability of an individual to perform normal daily tasks. This shall be determined by a mental health professional or medical professional.

Monthly Menu – the menu will be published in the Rapid River News, the Currents, posted in tribal buildings and posted on our website. Menu is subject to change at any time.

Beneficial Activities will begin activities in September and will include fun games, educational presentations on Elder health and wellbeing and other activities of interest to our Elders. The activities portion of the program is a collaborated effort with tribal service departments and outside service agencies; we are hoping to have a well blended number of events on the September Menu Calendar. This calendar will be mailed to all Elders whom have completed their Intake Form.

Registration is required to participate in the Elder Meal Program with initial intake processes taking place at this time. If you would like to participate in this program please contact Lee Ivinson or Noelle Cross about this program. To complete the short intake process contact the Members Assistance Department or complete the form at the first meal you attend.

Volunteers Needed!! If you have the time and would like to volunteer at the Elder Meal Site please contact Noelle Cross.

The many benefits of this program will be evident with more participation by our Elders. To ensure this program continues there will be assessments conducted on participating elders. The data gathered from this process will assist us in gauging how the program is working and areas where improvements can be made.

*LIHEAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – Assist with Heating – (Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

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

NOTE** LIHEAP funds are available in all counties of Michigan, for the counties outside of the Tribal 9 county service areas the local Department of Health and Human Services in your county administers this program under their guideline rules. LIHEAP is also available in all states through their local Health and Human Services and Housing Authorities. Funding Cycle is Oct 1st thru Sept 30th – If you are in need of assistance it is important to contact the office as the need arises.

Program has nearly exhausted all funding for this grant cycle and will be reapplying for this grant in September.

Well and Septic Program –

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas. Applicant must be:

- a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- c. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- d. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
- E. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

A complete application and the supporting documents must be submitted in order to process any assistance request in a timely manner. Supporting documents are listed on the cover page of the application and are required at time of submission.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for program information and/or to request an application.

BIA Home Improvement Program – Applications being accepted at this time for the 9 County Services Areas. Please contact Lee Ivinson for more information.

Health Fair

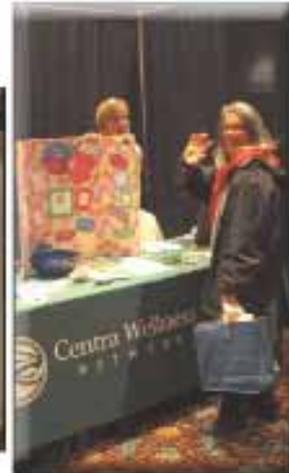
Other Services:

- Referral assistance in finding assistance organizations and/or agencies to assist with needs that are not readily available or provided through tribal programs.
- Interdepartmental Referral Services that provided interdepartmental coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments when assisting members.
- MMAP assistance to Elders in need of Medicaid/Medicare Assistance -
- Marketplace health insurance enrollment assistance -

The Makwa Endaat at the Little River Casino Resort was a healthy place in late April as the annual Health Fair was held for staff members. There was quite a bit of good advice, good programs and some good eating (LRCR booth) for attendees who came to learn healthy eating and living. Here is a quick pictorial tour of the event. Be sure and join us next year!



Kenny Pheasant's booth for 'Distant Hugs'



PROGRAM FYI'S-

Applications that will not be processed. Incomplete applications and application missing required supporting documents will not be processed until complete. In the event an application is inactive for 30 days it is closed. Please read the coversheet of application for all the required documents that must be submitted in order to process an application.

Copies of original documents should be sent with application, please do not send originals. In order to keep costs down we will NOT return original documents.

Applications are processed in the order they are received. The process is in place to be impartial to all applications received into the department. Normal processing may take up to 5 days. If household has a pending shut off notice from a utility company. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the utility to discuss the situation. Most companies will give an extension and provide services to assist.

Household Budget Skills – Promoting Self Sufficiency- Currently this service is provided upon request. Future program access will prompt an initial budget review and an informative snapshot will be provided to applicant of current resources to expenses and tools to assist household in creating a realistic household budget. Continued tips and information will be provided in the Currents as well. In the event there is enough interest, this process may broaden into a more formalized program.

Department Personnel

- Lee A. Iverson – Members Assistance Coordinator
- Linda Wissner – Program Specialist
- Krystyne Medawis – Program Specialist
- Noelle Cross – Elder Meal Program Administrator
- Susan Recob – Cafeteria Worker

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288

Office Hours Mon thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm
Closed for lunch hour 12pm – 1pm (Unless appointment is made in advance)

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Invites you to the 22nd Annual 2015 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp



Saturday, July 25:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

8:00am Breakfast

8:30am Opening Ceremony

9:15am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops

12:00pm Lunch

1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops

5:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Jimgtanok (Pow wow)

Sunday, July 26:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops

12:00pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- No Registration Fee
- All Meals are Provided
- Camping available (first come, first serve)
- On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- Location: 2596 Loom Drive, Manistee, MI
Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the
Little River Casino Resort

- "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
- For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
- We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
- Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway Gift
- The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit www.lrbol-nsn.gov or www.anishinaabemdaa.com for updates. Some presentations/workshops *may* include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



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For more information, please contact:
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2015



NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The Office of Native American Programs at Central Michigan University invite all Native American students interested in exploring life at college to apply for the week-long camp. Native American students entering 8th - 12th grades in Fall 2015 are eligible to apply.

The first 20 students who return completed applications will be accepted in to the program. Students will be housed in a residence hall and involved in activities within Central Michigan University's campus. Registration fee \$25.

Why to apply:

- Academic Understanding - proper note taking, exam preparation, using resources such as the library
- Cultural Understanding - receive lessons on Anishinaabe language, history, and current issues
- Preparing for College - attend workshops with admissions, career services and financial aid
- Critical Thinking - students will be challenged to look at issues from multiple perspectives rather than one
- Learning Community - students will work on team building skills and will understand the value of working together

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This year was the 45th Anniversary of Shkakaamik kwe Giizhgat (Earth Day), celebrated on April 22nd and here at Little River, we honored the occasion for the first time in many years with planting trees and a lot of activities. The day started off with some snow, and a shortage of key staff due to unexpected family hardships, which forced gears to change with the plans, but everyone understood and went with the flow.

The celebration kicked off with about 45 people at the Justice Center conference room; a pipe ceremony was given by Brian Matrious and a hand drum honor song for Mother Earth by Michael Medawis. Scott Hughey from the Manistee County Conservation District and Josh Shields from the Natural Resources Conservation Services provided some information about Michigan's State Tree, the White Pine. They had also secured a donation of white pine saplings to be planted on tribal lands.

Sugar maple saplings were planted at the Aki Maadiziwin homes and the white pine saplings were planted around in the same general area. The children present received hands-on experience using a planting bar and learned how to use fish remnants in planting to serve as fertilizer for the saplings. After working up an appetite, a kid-friendly lunch was provided at the Justice Center and afternoon activities continued for the 28 youth that were excused from school in order to participate in the educational celebration.

Valerie Chandler from the Historic Preservation department provided a coloring contest and prizes for the children as well as an art project in which colorful variations of the Earth were made using coffee filters, markers, water, and glue. Since the cold, snowy weather was keeping everyone indoors, the children were anxious to go outside and were sent on a scavenger hunt to find leaves, sticks, seeds, stones, and things blue, green, and shiny. After running off some energy, and showing off their unique finds from the hunt, door prizes were given away to the excited youth.

With her usual abilities of entertaining our youth, Julie Wolfe from the Be-da-bin Behav-

Following the meal, door prizes of sun catchers, wind chimes, gardening items, and reusable wares were given away to lucky winners. This was a first-time celebration that will hopefully become an annual event. It is within our traditions to honor and care for our Mother Earth. The planning and activities were a collaboration effort of Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health, Education, Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Safety, and the Natural Resources departments along with the Manistee County Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Services.

Many thanks and great appreciation goes to our workers, volunteers, and donators who stepped forward to assist with planning, food preparation, activities, and the wonderful feast.



ioral Health department kept the children busy with fun games. The children were also given kites to take home as a demonstration of natural wind power. It was planned to have a kite fly, but like the other outdoor activities, it did not happen due to the weather.

We recognize and say "kchi-miigwech" to Jamie Friedel (and his kitchen crew), Sandy Chandler, Nichole Stratton, Melanie and

Mike Ceplina, Darlene Martin, Peggy and Jim Derouin, Debra Davis, Ponce Zamborowski, and anyone else we may have missed.



After the activities, everyone then gathered at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center where a spirit plate was made and prayer was offered. A delicious traditional feast of lake trout, whitefish, turkey, corn, beans, squash, frybread, wild rice and morel mushroom soup, and berries was prepared by Jamie Friedel. Approximately 100 people attended the feast and a customized Earth Day cake was served for dessert.



Yvonne Parsons from the Education department gave a teaching about the Blue Karner Butterfly and the importance of lupine plants to the butterfly habitat. She also spoke about the Monarch Butterfly and provided butterfly pins for everyone along with lupine seeds and milk weed seed bombs for planting later this year to help both species of the butterflies. Courtesy of Melanie Ceplina, everyone also made biodegradable seed cups to start sunflowers for the growing season.



Let us continue to care and protect Mother Earth in a good way, every day.

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.

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.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 20th Annual Jiingtamok

Grand Entries

Saturday: 12pm & 7pm
Sunday: 12pm



Public Welcome
Everyone is invited
to attend!

Free Parking & No
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July 4 & 5, 2015

Tribal Gathering Grounds

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Manistee, MI

Native American Food Available
Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors

Drum Information: Call Philip Memberto at 315-925-9545

All Head Personnel and Drums are to be announced at a
later date - keep watch or visit www.lrboi-nsn.gov for updates as
they become available.

**Drum & Dancing Competition
Throughout the Weekend!**

Bleacher seating available, but feel free to bring your own chairs.
NO alcohol, drugs, weapons, and pets except service animals.

Tribal Historic Preservation honored by Governor Snyder



Photo by: Laura Rose Ashlee

The 2015 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation were announced last month and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Historic Preservation Department, led by Director Jay Sam was one of the recipients of the award for their work in Archaeological Data Recoveries project.

Governor Rick Snyder and Michigan State Housing Development Authority Acting-Executive Director Wayne Workman made the announcement. Governor Snyder said, "I applaud the great work that takes place across the state and recognize the people who preserve these places for all Michiganders." He added, "The sites contribute to Michigan's uniqueness, teach us about the people who lived here in the past, and are important to a vibrant future."



Executive Director Workman commented that, "The diversity of projects and their geographical distribution demonstrate the importance communities place on preservation and the commitment among our partners to preserve Michigan's past for the future."

Director Sam, a former Tribal Ogema and Chief Judge said regarding the recognition, "This effort of collaboration and cooperation is a model of how projects should go forth. The Tribes were consulted very early on and made recommendations that lead to testing and some significant discoveries. Continuing with the collaboration and cooperation the Tribes and MDOT are putting together education materials that can be made available to schools about the site, and others like them with inclusion of the Tribes stories and traditional knowledge. The effort included site visits, meetings to discuss materials discovered and how to proceed with the project."

The State Historic Preservation Office at MSHDA initiated the program in 2003 to recognize outstanding historic preservation achievements that reflect a commitment to the preservation of Michigan's unique character and the many archaeological sites and historic structures that document Michigan's past.

Poised for opportunity... Little River Holdings, LLC



"Tribal Leadership including Ogema Romanelli and members of Tribal Council joined with Commerce Staff to commemorate the creation of the Little River Holdings, LLC"

On May 6th, 2015 the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council, operating under Tribal Law as a Native Sovereign Nation, approved the formation of the Little River Holdings, LLC (Limited Liability Corporation), thus setting the official groundwork for economic development of unprecedented growth for the tribal nation. Culminating a process that began years ago when Robert-Ba Memberto took over as the tribal Commerce Director, The purpose of establishing the LLC is to provide alternative avenues for growth in business sectors which are not necessarily related to gaming.

The final preparatory work was completed by the tribal Commerce Department this year and was brought forward as a joint effort of the Executive and Legislative Branches. Ogema Larry Romanelli offered an excellent point during Council session when he observed that this (EDC) approach to business is strongly supported by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, and is the model used by most all tribes who are engaging in economic development activities outside of (and sometimes including) gaming. Watch for future articles regarding the Little River Holdings, LLC and economic growth for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Pre-College Leadership Program

at Michigan State University

**July
12-17,
2015**



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July 6th-10th, 2015



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- Create their own short film.
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- Interact with other Native Youth.
- Enjoy supervised recreation activities and field experiences.

There is **NO FEE** for this camp. But space is limited! Applications can be found on the NAI's website www.nai.msu.edu



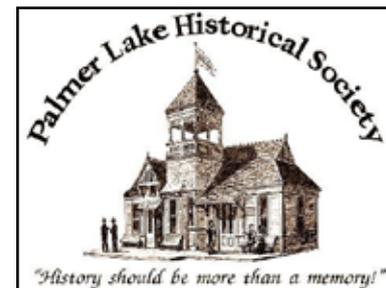
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Festival and Traditional Powwow



SAVE THE DATE
7th ANNUAL COLORADO SPRINGS NATIVE AMERICAN
INTERTRIBAL FESTIVAL & TRADITIONAL POWWOW



The Palmer Lake Historical Society (PLHS) and One Nation Walking Together (ONWT) are sponsoring a one-day Native American Indian Festival and Traditional Powwow on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at the Freedom Financial Services EXPO Center, 3650 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80907. This event is a celebration of Native history and culture and will include Native drums and dancers, Native art and artisans, live wolf and birds of prey exhibits, and plenty of Native vendors and food.

The event is a Traditional Powwow, where American Indians from all tribes join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones. About 3,000 people attended last years' event. This event will provide the opportunity for non-Natives to learn and ask questions about American Indian culture, history, dances and music. Learn the meaning and significance of drums, songs and dances in Native traditions and culture. See the different regalia worn by dancers as they demonstrate some of the various Native dances. Native artisans will demonstrate their skills and exhibit their paintings, jewelry, beadwork, and more. Sample Native food, such as Navajo tacos and fry bread.

Cash prizes for dancers. Drums by invitation only.

Admission is \$4.00. Native Americans in full regalia and children 12 and under admitted free. Bring chairs, as seating is limited. Also, please bring donations of non-perishable food to help feed the hungry. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Grand Entry at 12:00 noon. No drugs, alcohol or pets (except service animals) permitted.

For Information: visit www.palmerdividehistory.org or call Al & Rhetta Walter at 719-559-0525 or 703-798-4320 (please leave a message if no answer), email Rhettawalter@hotmail.com. Also visit www.OneNationWT.org or call 719-329-0251, email Office@OneNationWT.org

Recently Corinthian has been in the news. Corinthian is a company which owns and operates many for-profit schools. They are in the news because they are closing their campuses, including Everest, and they are closing because of findings and fines imposed upon them by the federal government for practices considered harmful to students. There are many issues that are causing people and agencies to take a close look at the for-profit colleges, and a 2012 Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee study provides some insight into the problems with for-profit schools. For-profit schools and their supporters take issue with the findings, but below are the findings from that Senate committee study.

Staggering investment of tax dollars: Taxpayers are investing more than \$30 billion a year into companies that operate for-profit colleges, including 25% of Department of Education student aid funds, 37% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, and 50% of Department of Defense Tuition Assistance funds. Among the 15 publicly traded for-profit college companies, the total of these sources accounts for 86% of revenues.

Sky-high tuition: Most for-profit colleges charge higher tuition than community colleges or flagship public universities for comparable programs: on average, B.A. programs cost 19% more than at flagship public universities, Associate programs four times more than at community colleges, and certificate programs cost four times more than at community colleges. Internal documents indicate that for-profit education companies set tuition to satisfy profit goals, and rarely set tuition below available federal student aid. Partially because of these high costs, 96% of for-profit students take out federal and/or private loans to cover the cost and more than one in five will default on those loans within three years.

Predatory recruiting: Internal documents, interviews with former employees, and GAO undercover recordings demonstrate that many companies train recruiters in tactics of emotional exploitation in order to get prospective students to enroll. Some companies have also been using tactics that mislead prospective students with regard to the cost of the program, the time to complete the program, the completion rates of other students, the success of other students at finding jobs, the transferability of the credit, or the reputation and accreditation of the school. Additionally, the 90-10 rule has made veterans and service members prime targets for these aggressive recruiting tactics.

Too many students leave with debt, but no degree: The HELP Committee analyzed student data provided by 30 for-profit higher education companies and found that for students who enrolled in 2008-09, more than half withdrew by mid-2010. For Associate degree students, that number was even higher: 64% of 2-year students left with no degree.

Billions in taxpayer dollars diverted to marketing, executive salaries, and profits: In FY2009, the 30 companies examined devoted 22.4% of all revenues, or \$4.1 billion, to marketing, advertising, recruiting and admissions staffing; 19.4%, or \$3.6 billion, to profit; and 17.7%, or \$3.2 billion, to student instruction. The average

CEO salary was \$7.3 million in 2009, more than seven times the average salary of large public university presidents, and more than twice the average at non-profit colleges and universities. The amount allocated to marketing and to profit each exceeded the 17.4 % spent on student instruction.

Gaming the regulatory system to maximize profits: Internal documents show that for-profit education companies use multiple strategies to comply with the letter of the 90/10 rule that both defy the spirit of regulations and lead to policies that are bad for students, including stopping the flow of needed federal student aid to certain campuses before the end of the fiscal year, or raising tuition above available federal aid to create a gap that must be filled by private loans or out-of-pocket cash or credit card payments. In order to keep student default rates under the acceptable threshold for access to federal financial aid, some companies pay vendors and employees to make thousands of calls to former students to "cure" students at risk of default. Documents obtained from four large for-profit schools show that on average, 75% of the students "cured" were placed in forbearance or deferment. While keeping the company eligible for taxpayer dollars, these practices distort default rates, and at least in some cases, these practices delay rather than avert default on balances that continue to accumulate interest.

Casino Employment

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

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

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

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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)

The Tribal Public Safety Department wanted to remind you that they take back the prescription drugs program year 'round out at the Tribal Police Department offices on M22. Tribal police have a secured location for these drugs and regularly arranges for their disposal.

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

Housing Commission Public Informational Meeting



AKI Community Center

June 27th, 2013

9am to 12pm



STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To interpret Native life during the 1650s in a wigwam village

at

Michigan's Heritage Park in Whitehall

For more information please email

wendy@lakeshoremuseum.org or call 231-894-0342



Hilt's Landing
Michigan's Heritage Park

Monarch Rearing project

It has been a while, but the Education Department is planning to re-introduce the Monarch Rearing project. Sometime in mid-August we will be getting Monarch butterfly caterpillars. We are hoping that we will have a lot of volunteer Monarch foster parents this summer to help us raise tiny baby caterpillars so that they can make a chrysalis and metamorphose into beautiful Monarch butterflies. Monarch butterflies are one of the most interesting creatures! These beautiful orange and black butterflies take part in one of the most mysterious and amazing migrations known in the animal world. Each year Monarch butterflies who emerge in the northern part of North America take part in migration flying all the way from here to Mexico, where they land by the thousands in specific trees in northern Mexico. They spend the winter in those trees, and in the early spring they begin flying back north. Along the way they stop and lay eggs. They don't survive to travel further, but their eggs hatch, caterpillars grow, become butterflies, and then those butterflies continue flying north. When those Monarchs return, they lay eggs and then they too die. There are a couple more generations of butterflies during the summer. The last generation, those which emerge in late August, are the generation who undertake this long migration once again. They leave here and fly all the way to Mexico, following the same route their great grandparents did the year before. Nobody completely understands how they know how to get back, often to the same trees!

To help scientists understand this migration, they track Monarch butterflies as they migrate, and organizations like Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas help. And Monarch Watch gets help too by recruiting citizen scientists to help. That would be you if you are interested in helping! Here's what you do. You adopt a baby caterpillar and raise him or her by taking good care of it and feeding it milkweed, the only plant it eats. You take care of your caterpillar until he or she makes a chrysalis, which, if you are really lucky, you get to see happen. Then a few weeks later a butterfly emerges. This is when your scientific help comes into play. You need to determine if your butterfly is a male or a female, weigh it, measure it, and place a tiny mylar tag on its wing. We record the tag number and all information about your butterfly, and then you release it to begin its migration to Mexico. Along the way, if people spot your Monarch and get the number from the tag on its wing, they report it to the University of Kansas, which notifies us. Sometimes we can actually find out where your butterfly went and how long it took! With thousands of tagged Monarchs, scientists are able to do a fairly good job of tracking and mapping this migration! This is not just a neat project and a fun way to spend time with a cute caterpillar and watch it become a pretty butterfly. Monarch butterfly populations are decreasing dramatically. Because of loss of habitat for the caterpillar's only food source, milkweed, they have fewer places to lay eggs. Our little part in this big story is to help raise the caterpillars and try to help track their migration, and also to do our best to make sure that there is always milkweed for them to eat. We hope you will help in this project.

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

Commission Openings!

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

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

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

Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288. Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first.



❖ Are you interested in Science?

❖ Would you like to learn more about Anishinaabe culture?

❖ How about a week of living in dorms and meeting kids from other tribes?



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Camp Kinomaage

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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!



LRBOI Warriors Society

The Committee consist of the following:

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Secretary - Virgil Johnson

Treasure - Vacant

Sargent of Arms -Chuck Nelson

Chaplin- Raymond Zeeryp

The Warrior Society is ever looking For Tribal Member Warriors to honor and support

If you or someone you know would like to attend any meetings, events, or join, please contact

allWarriorSociety@lrboi.com



Imagine going through 41 years of your life, not knowing who you really were; not knowing who your parents were; not knowing your family or if they even existed and not knowing your heritage. That is exactly what happened to three of our 'newest' tribal members, Steve, Mark and Brian McKinnon. They had all spent their lives living near Detroit and not quite feeling that they were in the right place.

In early 2014, the brothers had spent several days fishing up by Tip-py Dam without success but on the last day had some luck. When they came up to clean their catch, they watched a guy doing a beautiful job of cleaning the fish and asked if he could teach them how to do such a nice job. His response was something like, "Me, teach an Indian to clean fish?" Then he asked if they were part of the tribe? They said, "No" and he told them that they looked like they might be tribal members. He gave them directions to the new Government Center and that began the whole journey home for them.

It was a Sunday when they came up to the LRBOI Government Center and the offices were closed. Not to be deterred, in a few weeks, they came back and started looking into the whole situation with Diane Lonn, the Enrollment Director.

After Enrollment did research, they found that the brothers were indeed

Little River tribal members who had been adopted out and raised by a non-tribal family

This led to some amazing and beautiful experiences, which the brothers recounted in an interview with the Currents. One was where they went looking for their Mothers' grave. When they arrived at the graveyard, they were expecting that it might be overgrown and not well maintained. But, there were a number of folks there taking care of things that day.

The brothers went up to them and asked if they might know where their Mother was buried. One elder stood back and looked at them and then ended up exclaimed, "The boys are back! The boys are back!" Other family members started coming over and before too long the elder told the brothers that they remembered them because they had babysat them when they were very young. Before long, the brothers were surrounded by people and found out that they were cousins...family. Definitely a beautiful time!

One thing led to another and the brothers are now back with their tribal family here in Manistee! They both did some Workforce Development jobs and now Steve has landed a full-time job here and Brian has his eye on some opportunities with Natural Resources. In a short space of time, Steve, Brian and Mark have had a wonderful impact on everyone up here at the Government Center. As Diane Lonn, Enrollment Director said, "...they have affected the tribal members here, with (their) enthusiasm, energy and love of life. Many of us look forward to their visits, because of the love and care of their people that is projected from them."

Welcome home Brothers McKinnon, Gidinimikaagoom (You are greeted in a good way!)

Short-Term Work Experience/Employment Available

Short-term employment is available through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program for FY 2015.

If you are a LRBOI Tribal Citizen at least 18 years old, you may qualify for a paid adult work experience short-term placement. The Workforce Development Program offers the short-term adult worker 320 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour. After application materials, background investigation and drug screen determinations are complete, workers are placed in an entry level position where help is needed. In addition, a few positions are also available for youth 16-17 years old. The youth work experience is also 320 paid hours at \$8.15 per hour. Youth workers must also submit completed application materials, complete a background investigation and drug screen, and submit a Form CA-7 Combined Offer of Employment and Work Permit/Age Certificate for minors 16 and 17 years of age available from your school. Those interested should contact the Workforce Development Program toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, extension 6842, direct line 231-398-6842, or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com for additional program details and application materials. Information is also available online at lrboi.com under Membership Services/Commerce.

Paid Internships Available

A limited number of paid internships are available through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program for FY 2015. If you are a LRBOI Tribal Preference Student (Citizen or Descendant) at least 18 years old with a 2.75 or above Cumulative Grade Point Average and enrolled in a degree program at an accredited College or University and need to complete an Internship in order to graduate, you may qualify for a paid internship. The Workforce Development Program offers the intern 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour. Interns are placed based on their interest and educational field of study at LRBOI government, enterprises and business entities. Interns are specifically needed in the areas of IT and Medicine/Health. Tribal Citizens who are Class of 2015 High School Graduates at least 18 years old and enrolled in an accredited College or University in 2015 may also qualify for a paid internship. Those interested should contact the Workforce Development Program toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, extension 6842, direct line 231-398-6842, or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com for additional internship program details and application materials.

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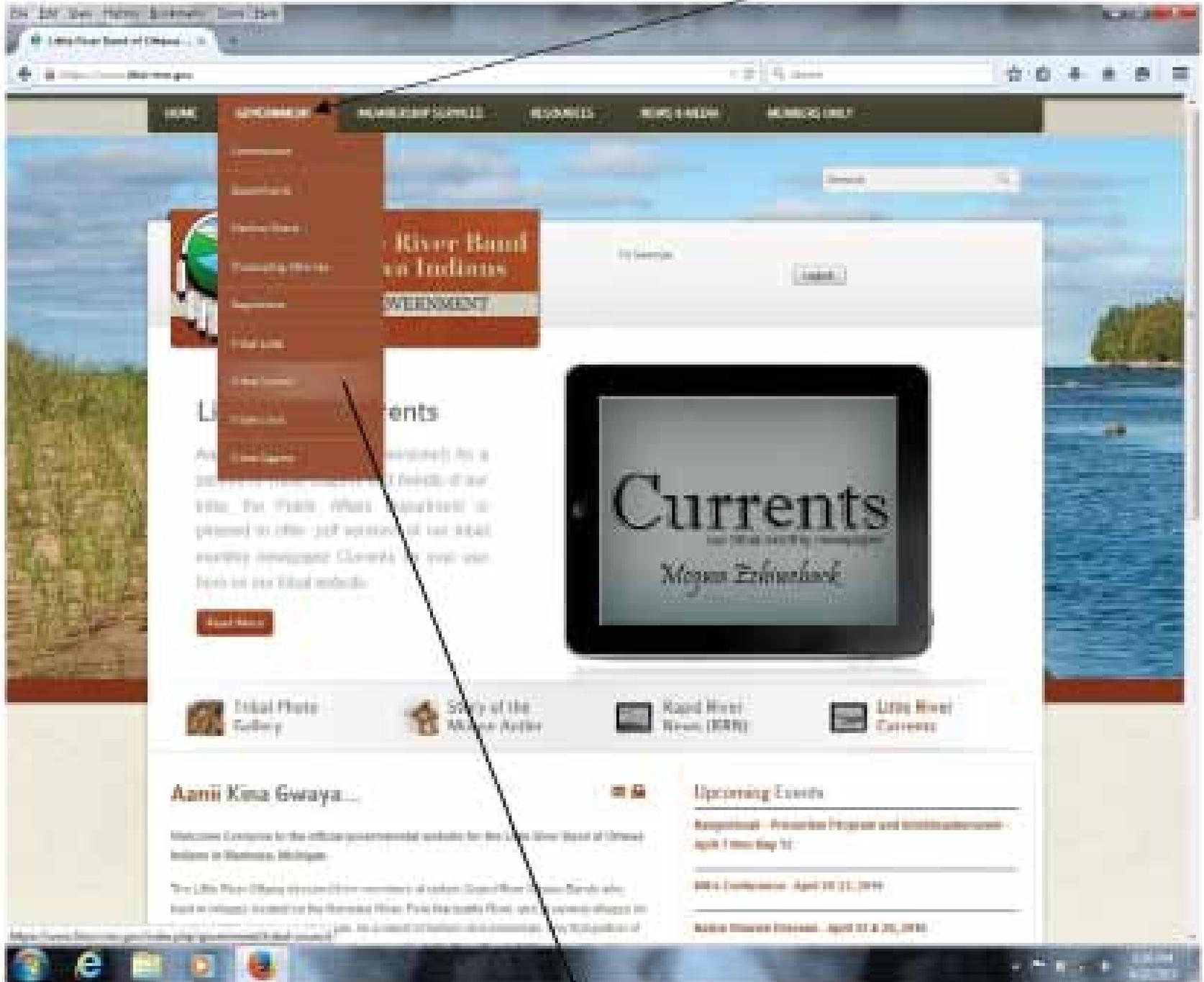
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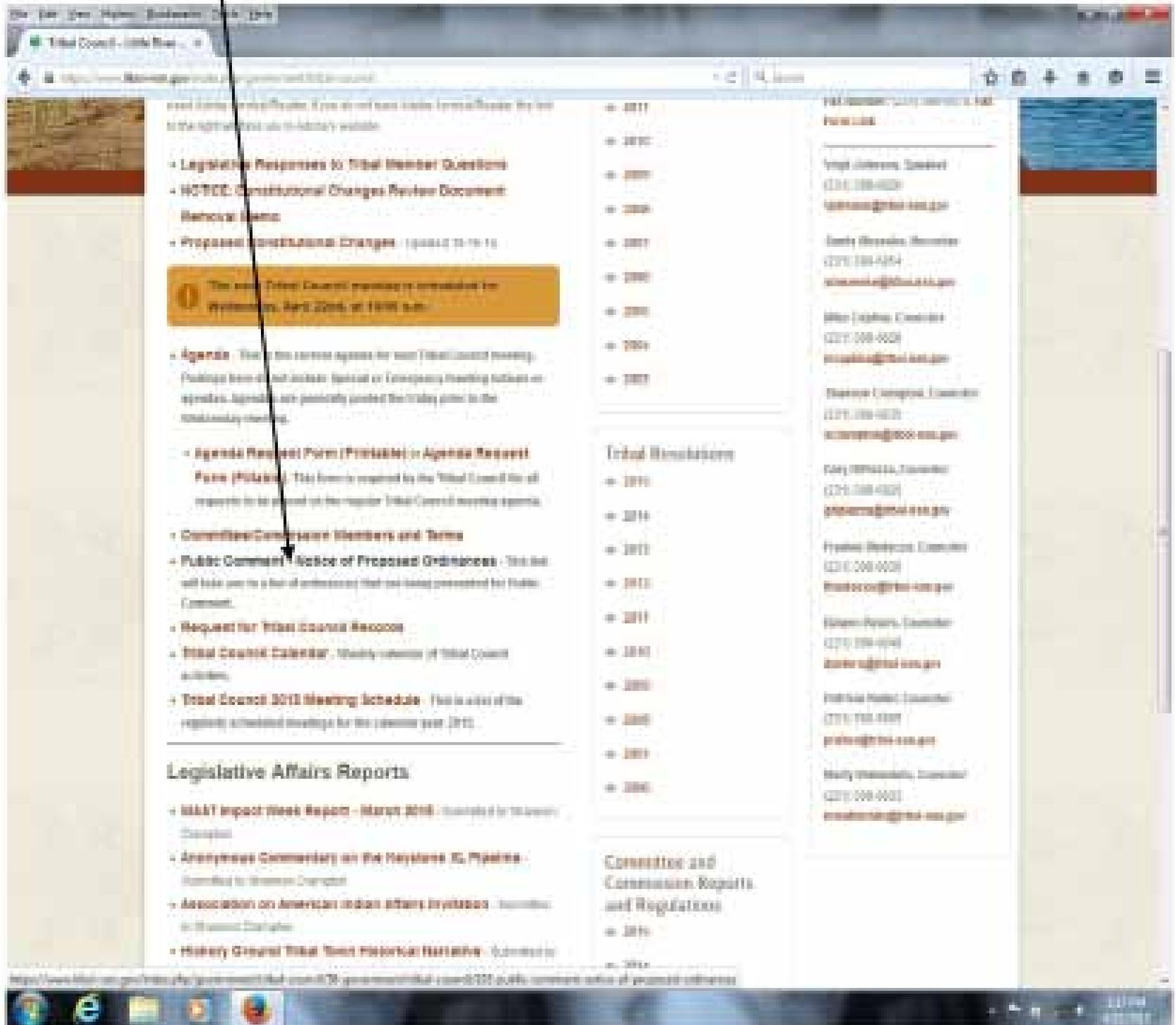
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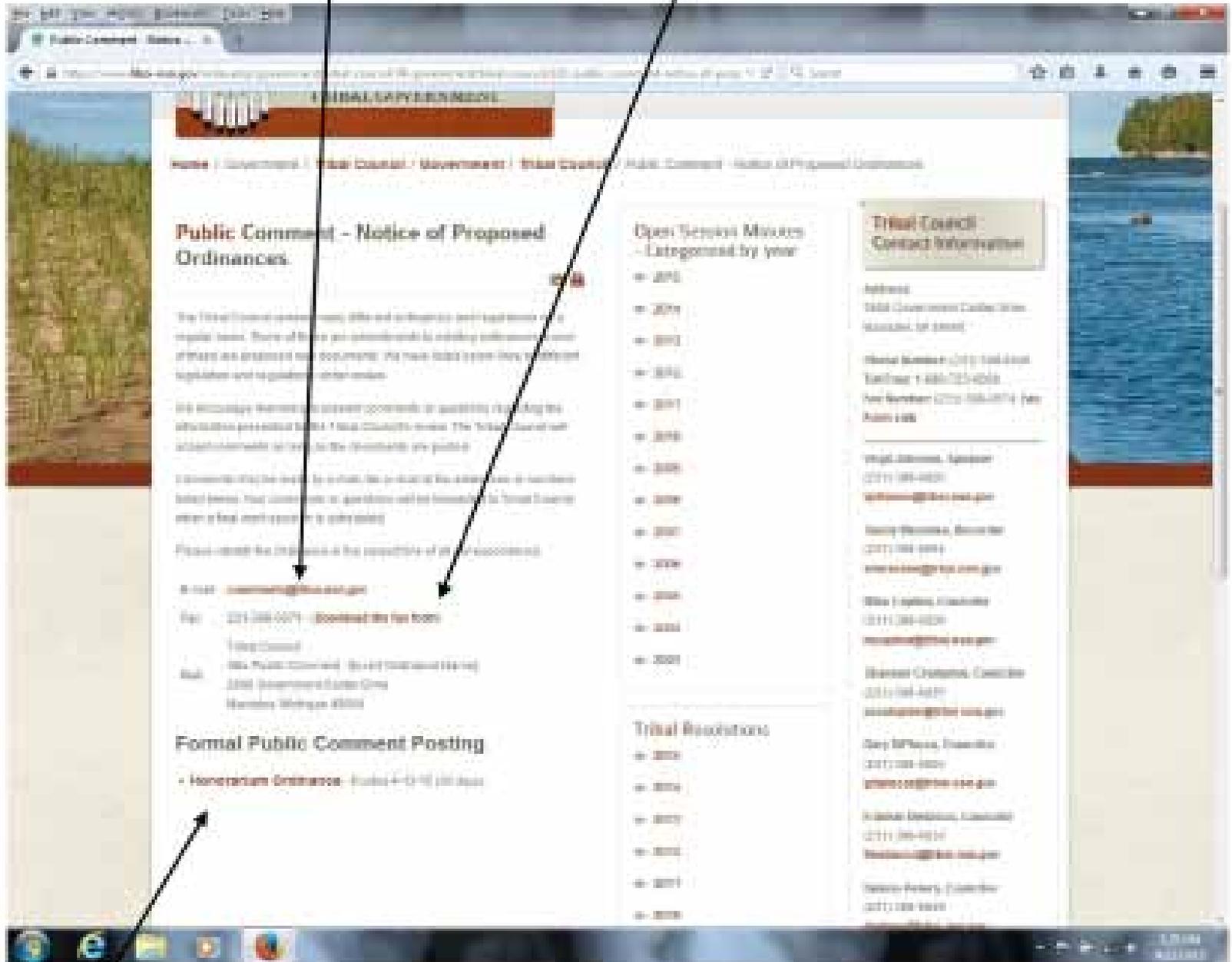
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May 15 & 16, 2015

Lake Michigan, Manistee, Michigan

Little River
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Presents

6TH ANNUAL

TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS

**Charity Fishing Tournament
for Michigan Veterans**

www.tightlinesfortroops.com

Friday, May 15 **5:00 pm** **Mandatory: Registration/Dinner** for captains and all Tight Lines participants of Boat and Pier/Shore Division. Each participant **MUST** register at this time to be assigned to a boat.
Seng's Marina 47 Lake Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660

Saturday, May 16

Tight Lines For Troops Tournament Begins

Big Lake Division: 4 participants per team - weigh your biggest fish.

Pier/Shore Division: Individual entry - weigh your biggest fish.

(Participants in both divisions are eligible for all activities and prizes)

6:30 am **Shotgun start** at the Manistee Harbor Pier heads. Participants must be ready to board boats by **5:30 am** at **Seng's Marina**, 47 Lake Street, Manistee, MI. Pier/Shore fishermen in position at 6:30 am. . Box lunch provided for each participant.

12:30 pm Boats gather outside the Pier Heads; Pier/Shore fishermen must pull lines. Proceed to Seng's Marina

Flag Welcome begins - Downtown Riverwalk

1:00 pm **Weigh-in** begins at **Seng's Marina**, 47 Lake Street, Manistee, Michigan
Dinner and Awards immediately following

5:00 pm **Raffle Prize Drawing at Seng's Marina**

For sponsorship opportunities, donations or other information contact:

Bob Guenthardt at 231.723.3282 • renegade22@att.net • www.tightlinesfortroops.com

**Priority given to WWII and Korean War Veterans, POW's, Purple Heart Recipients, and Disabled Veterans.

**Veterans pay no charter fees, entry fees or banquet fees!



Little River
CASINO RESORT

**Manistee Area
Fishing Boats**

~Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu~

~2015~



Meals served at 12:00 Noon
Monday—Thursday
No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and
Handicap/Disabled individuals who
Reside with Elders.
Donations appreciated and will be
used for program supplies.

June

Tip of the Month: Summer is here! Time for some
natural vitamin D. Vitamin D helps your body to absorb
calcium. Sunlight converts cholesterol to vitamin D in
your body. Get outside and enjoy some sunshine!

ACTIVITIES:
Mondays—Language Class
Wednesdays—Wii Bowling
Other Activities: Birthday of the Month
Prize Bingo!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
|  | 1 Chicken Wild Rice, Peas & Sherbet 1:30 Language Class | 2 BBQ Sandwich Cole Slaw & Dessert | 3 Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes Asparagus & Dessert Wii Bowling | 4 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Dessert Prize Bingo!!! | 5 | 6 Elder Committee Meal |
| 7 | 8 Beef Stew Fresh Broccoli & Dessert 1:30 Language Class | 9 Fish Fillet, Mixed Veggie, Roll & Dessert | 10 Angus Burger, Mac n Cheese, Veggies & Dessert Wii Bowling | 11 Lasagna, Veggie, Garlic Bread, Sherbet | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Flag Day!  | 15 Roast Beef, Potato & Carrots Dessert 1:30 Language Class | 16 Goulash, Carrots, Potato & Dessert | 17 Chicken Salad, Macaroni Salad, Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fruit Wii Bowling | 18 Spaghetti, Mixed Veggie, Garlic Toast & Dessert | 19 Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231-398-6086 Lunch served at noon | 20 |
| 21 Fathers Day & First Day of Summer! | 22 Taco Bar Fry Bread, Veggie & Dessert 1:30 Language Class | 23 Ruben Sandwich, Cole slaw Mixed Veggie Dessert | 24 Chef's Choice Wii Bowling | 25 Breakfast for lunch! | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Chicken Breast Mashed Potato Veggie Blend 1:30 Language Class | 30 Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich Green Beans Dessert | | Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet. | | Drink Water Sleep well Eat well to Feel Well!!! |

Everyone
Welcome!

Be-Da-Bin 14th Annual Wellness Walk

Everyone
Welcome!

Wenesh pii: Saturday July 4, 2015

Aanni pish: The Lodge

2nd floor of Government Center

Registration: opens 8:00 AM

Speaker **Debra Gutowski **

Breakfast in lunchroom 9:15am

Walk: starts 10:15 am

Lets walk for wellness

We are celebrating the 14th Annual Walk of our community, along with annual Jiingtamok. So join us for opening ceremony at 8:00am, followed by breakfast buffet. We will be walking to the gathering grounds and having a giveaway in the dance circle. T-shirts for the first 125 registered walkers.

Join in this celebration to promote sobriety and wellness within our community.

If you have any further questions, please call 1-888-723-8288 ext 6740,
Julie Wolfe, Prevention Specialist.

Dear Tribal Members,
Part of the request from the tribe was to apologize to the tribe in the newsletter or on Facebook.

I choose to put it in the newsletter due to not all tribal members read on the internet or have computers. I apologize to each and everyone of you. I apologize for dividing the tribe per Councilor Johnson in court, due to my poor decision with the gift card. Sincerely from my heart
Kimberly Alexander



Congratulations Corey Wells!

He recently got his first turkey! Also in the picture are our daughters Zoe and Charlotte. Love,
Jamie Wells

2015 Koon Family Reunion



**Saturday
July 25, 2015
12 Noon**

Tribal Community Center
“Aki Maadiwziwin”
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Please bring a dish to pass
and an auction item

Meat, Beverages, and table
service provided

Brian Medacco 1961-2015

Brian Medacco, my loving father and esteemed role model, entered lasting peace on April 13th, 2015. Brian is survived by his son, Aaron Medacco. Under his caring love and blanket of security, I (Aaron) was able to enjoy the model childhood. I wanted for nothing. His wife, and my mother, Gina Medacco, the love of his life, completed



him during his service in the armed forces. In 1989, at Niagara Falls, they forged a marriage that lasted until her death August 3rd, 2013. Brian exemplified honor, having served in the US Navy for 17 years. During his military years, he and my mother would write each other for months while he travelled the world. Brian was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. He was invested in our tribe, and served both as a Tribal Council member and as Financial Controller of its casino after his honorable discharge.

Brian retired early and enjoyed golfing, cycling, watching football, and playing video games. His favorite days were those he drank coffee with my mother in the morning watching news, only for them to nap instead of doing the chores of life’s drudgery. My father and I shared a relationship of competition, respect, humor and love. We would often play video games we were far too old for or watch immature TV shows that would have others shaking their heads. While I can never repay him for the head start his experience and support have given me, Brian will never be forgotten by me or the family and friends blessed to have known him. I would like to express thanks to the staff at Banner Baywood for their personal care and to the emergency team and deputies present during the El Tour de Mesa cycling race. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Carl T. Hayden VAMC/ Voluntary Dept (135) 650 E. Indian School Road – (602) 222-6419 Phoenix, Arizona 85012. A celebration will be held for Brian’s life in California by immediate family where he will reunite with Gina.

Family Ties
are precious threads
no matter where we roam
they draw us close
to those we Love
and pull our hearts
to home



To My Darlings,
Hannah and Mathew
Love, Mommy Eagle

**Coming up
at
LRBOI:**

**Hilts Landing
opening June 6**

**Housing
Commission
Public Info Meeting
June 27**

**Commerce
Commission
Meeting July 2
5pm-6pm**

**Jiingtamok
July 4 & 5**

**Elders Meal
Aki
Commu-
nity Center
Mon-Thur 12pm**

**Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am**

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

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

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

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Utilities goes modern!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Department has been expanding greatly and is moving out into the surrounding community in a very positive way. Right now, they are getting ready for construction to provide wastewater treatment services to Manistee Township. This expansion is a very good example of providing municipal services as part of tribal economic development.

Just a few weeks ago, the department unveiled their new departmental logo and they wanted to share it with you.

The logo will appear on the departmental vehicles, uniforms and other signage. Congratulations Utilities on your new look.



Aki Heroes!

Home fires are one of those disasters that are very personal and which can be very devastating to people. They also are opportunities to do the right thing as was demonstrated at Aki Maadiziwin in mid-April when a fire started at the home of one of our Aki residents. Two other folks, tribal member Doug Bray and Josh Rochman, saw the fire getting started and rushed over to fight it with garden hoses. Meanwhile, tribal member Rachel Rochman, an Aki resident of tribal housing headed to the home to get residents out and away from possible harm. She couldn't get the attention of the resident living in the house and ended up having to go inside to awaken the woman and then she helped her to escape the structure to safety.

The fire was contained by the time that Tribal Public Safety and the Manistee Township Fire Department arrived. TPD units remained on the scene for some time ensuring that the fire was truly out.

Our community is honored to have some real 'heroes' living among us! Miigwech, Rachel and Josh Rochman and Doug Bray!

