



## Primary Election Results

In the Primary Election the following citizens will advance to the General Election. Candidates moving on to the General Election April 24th are highlighted. Votes received by candidates are shown in front of the name in bold type:

### Office of the Ogema

- 22 Dave Corey
- 28 Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)
- 31 Jimmy Mitchell
- 240** Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli
- 95 Michael J. Ceplina
- 83 Shannon Paul Crampton
- 111** Steve Parsons

### Office of Tribal Council -At Large

- 74 Edward Tyler
- 194** Joseph Riley II
- Withdrawn** Marcella M. Leusby
- 33 Michael J. Charlow
- 103** Norbert Kelsey
- 80 Peggy J. Vriesman
- 110** Sally Bell

### Office of Tribal Council-9 County

- 49 Al Metzger Oskaabaawis
- 36 Alvin Patricio
- 15 Amy Gillies
- 52 Brian Loney
- 67** Candace M. Chapman
- 16 Corey A. Wells
- 35 Delano D. Peters
- 68** Jamie Friedel
- 29 Jeff Battice
- 84** Jessica Lynn Burger
- 47 Jim Medacco
- 29 John Pabami
- 13 Justin L. Kelsey
- 45 Lorretta Beccaria- Lindeman
- 40 Pam Medahko
- 61** Pat Ruiter
- 83** Rita Annette Gale
- 84** Ronald Wittenberg
- 72** Sandra "Peanut" Lewis
- 77** Sandy Mezeske
- 56** Steven E. Kequom

### Chief Judge

- 115** Austen J. Brauker
- 233** Daniel T. Bailey
- 105** Jonnie J. Sam II
- 38** Joshua C. Stone
- 106** Sharron Cogswell Detz

General Election Candidate articles will appear in the March edition of the Currents. Ogema candidate articles (400 words) and others (200 words) must be in to Public Affairs by 5 p.m. on March 5th to appear in the paper.

**Be Sure to Vote in the  
April 24th  
General Election**



### United Tribes tribute to Robert Memberto-ba



At the recent United Tribes of Michigan Tribal Liaison meeting in Lansing, a tribute to Robert Memberto-ba was given by numerous attendees. See the article on page 2

### Indian Village Camp expands!



The popular Indian Village Camp is expanding for 2015 due to a cooperative effort with Natural Resources and funding from the LRRCR Charity Golf Outing. See the details on page 6.





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For us in Michigan, this winter has been much more bearable than last year and hopefully for the rest of the Nation.

Heading into spring we are ready to begin the Manistee Township Sewer Project in which the Tribe is a partner to. Additionally, we are now working on a similar project with Filer Township which if successful will have their lines that connect to our Manistee Township sewer lines. We should have an update at the Spring Membership Meeting. There has been some confusion about the Spring Membership Meeting. The meeting is still scheduled for April 11th at the Event Center as usual. The only change is that it will be a pot luck luncheon. The Tribe will supply the meat and beverages but will be asking members to bring a dish to pass if they would like. Please keep in mind some dishes need to be kept hot or cold. Changes in the way charges for food costs from the Resort to the Government, is the reason for the potluck style lunch. We continue to work on remedies.

We also have partnered up with the Muskegon Bike Time Festival which continues to expand, drawing over 100,000 people to Muskegon in July. It has become a major attraction for Muskegon County. I am happy to be a part of their success and working to provide needed economic development to the area.

We continue to move forward on our Muskegon Casino Project and will provide updates at the Spring Membership Meeting. Much hard work has been put into the project. By the time you read this, I will have held an informational meeting on February 7th in the Three Fires Rooms of the LRCR Conference Center to explain the Resort's chain of command and the Ogema's abilities for veto actions. The meeting was recorded and should be on the Ogema's website. This meeting was a result of much discussion about the Resort's proposed \$18 million dollar renovation project. The Resort has information further in this edition of the Currents.

Again, by the time you read this, the Tribe's Primary Elections should've been held and those who will be going into the General Election has been determined. Good luck to all. Thanks to all who put their names forward to run for an office, it is a big decision!

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## United Tribes of Michigan

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The United Tribes of Michigan met in the state capitol of Lansing the second week in February. During the Tribal Liaison Meeting on the 10th, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was recognized several times.

Terri Fitzpatrick (from the MEDC office of Tom Durkee) started an important panel discussion on 'Working Together on Economic Development' with a tribute to the Former Director of Commerce for Little River, Robert-Ba Memberto, who walked on in July of 2014. Terri and many others reminisced about his work with the United Tribes and with the State Government where he was a fierce, but respected Warrior for his tribe and for the tribal nations. A number of side conversations highlighted specific stories of his time in Lansing as a registered lobbyist. As Terri said, "He is sorely missed!"

That panel then led with a review of projects involving Michigan Tribal nations and the first one lauded was the LRBOI Sewer Agreement with Manistee Township for the extension of services from our new sewer treatment plant. This was one of the first in the state (and possibly one of the first in the nation) bringing together multiple governments to work together for the benefit of all. James R. Goodheart, Senior Policy Advisor from the State Executive Division told Ogema Romanelli that the agreement is being studied many places across the nation because of its innovative approach and collaborative success.

Representing LRBOI at this meeting was Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council member Gary DiPiazza, Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring and two representatives from the tribal Natural Resources Department, Stephanie Ogren, Senior Aquatic Biologist and Frank Beaver, Environmental Coordinator.

### **CIVIL RIGHTS** Department of Civil Rights

#### **Wesaw named to Civil Rights Committee**

Michigan Department of Civil Rights Director Matt Wesaw (Pokagon) is now serving on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Michigan Advisory Committee. Wesaw has been the MDCR Director since November 23 after having served as a tribal council member, vice chairman and chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Southwest Michigan.

The 51 State Advisory Committees to the USCCR are made up of volunteers who are appointed to help with investigations, fact-finding and information sharing. The committees represent all 50 states along with the District of Columbia. Wesaw's two-year appointment was effective January 29.

Upon hearing of Matt's appointment, LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli had this to say, "Yes, I think it's great that Matt will now have influence on the Federal level. I also like the fact that a Native American, and especially one from Michigan, will be a part of that very important committee."

Wesaw has also been active in the United Tribes of Michigan for a number of years.





“This is a tremendous opportunity for Filer Township that resulted from a process we began over a year ago,” said Filer Township Supervisor and DDA member Terry Walker. “We could not be more pleased to be partnering with the Little River Band in a way that is a win-win for all parties, including the residents of Filer Township.”



This Press Release from Filer Charter Township announced the proposed project.

**FILER TOWNSHIP AND LITTLE RIVER BAND TO PARTNER ON SEWER PROJECT**  
FILER CHARTER TOWNSHIP – Filer Charter Township, the Filer Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians have agreed to partner toward establishing wastewater treatment capacity in Filer Township’s DDA district, primarily along the US 31 corridor. Pending completion of agreements required for the project, the system will be built under the direction of Filer Township and will ultimately connect with LRBOI’s wastewater treatment facility located on Tribal property near the intersection of US 31 and M-22. LRBOI recently doubled the capacity of the facility to treat wastes.

Walker said that the DDA and Township started a deliberative effort in 2014 that involved selecting the firm Wade-Trim through a competitive process to complete several methodical steps to confirm and assess the location, need and options for establishing sewer capacity to serve their commercial district. The steps included: re-examining the potential sewer service area; confirming the need for wastewater treatment based on conservative economic development projections; assessing the pros and cons of options, including a Township-owned and operated facility and connecting with the City of Manistee to provide wastewater treatment capacity. The Township determined that the option to connect with the City was not financially viable.

“We are satisfied that this objective, deliberative process led us to the best option in all respects,” Walker said, “including the affordability of the option for the DDA and residents.” Walker said that work is underway with Wade-Trim and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to secure a grant that could cover up to 45 percent of the total cost of project. “We are pleased that Filer Township originally approached us as a neighbor to determine our interest and ability to assist them,” said LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli. “With our recent expansion of treatment capacity and our experience working through the required agreements with Manistee Township, the timing was right for us to seriously look at this partnership. The project will also enhance the marketability and development of the US 31 corridor and that is good for all of us with a business interest in this area.”

The partnership resulted from more than a year of work involving a Filer Township Ad Hoc Sewer Committee to examine the need, service area and treatment and financing options for creating wastewater treatment capacity. On February 3, 2015, the DDA agreed with and recommended that the Township Board support findings of the Ad Hoc Sewer Committee to proceed to work out an agreement with LRBOI to achieve the wastewater treatment goals of the Township and to hire two attorneys, one to work on the agreement with LRBOI, the other to work on required bonding for the project. On the same day, the Township Board received and supported the recommendations from the DDA, including continuing the work of the firm Wade Trim in the project which will involve assistance in gaining project financing through USDA Rural Development.



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](mailto: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](http://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

## Four Tribal Citizens needed for upcoming Spring forestry projects at Natural Resources

### Project #1 – White Pine Pruning Project

Trimming of white pine, all the branches need to be cut off up to approximately 12 feet with the use of hand equipment such as pole saws. On tribal property in Mason County referred to as Custer Parcel.

Starts March 16, 2015 (weather permitting) with June 1, 2015 finish date.

Requirements: Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license, pass background and drug screen, have own transportation to and from Tribal building known as Big Blue or job site. Supervised by LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

### Project #2 – Tree Planting Project

The site needs to be cleaned up of any and all large debris. Planting of 5000 bare root trees with hand equipment. Each tree will then have a tree guard placed on it anchored by a stake. On tribal property in Mason County referred to as Custer Parcel.

Two weeks in April 2015 as soon as frost is out of ground.

Requirements: Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license, pass background and drug screen, have own transportation to and from Tribal building known as Big Blue or job site. Supervised by LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

### Project #3 – Native Grass and Wildflower Planting Project

The site needs to be cleaned up of any and all large debris. Planting of native grass and wildflower seed. On tribal property in Mason County referred to as Custer Parcel.

First of May 2015

Requirements: Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license, pass background and drug screen, have own transportation to and from Tribal building known as Big Blue or job site. Supervised by LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

If interested in this short-term employment opportunity, contact the Workforce Development Program Specialist, David Hawley, at the Tribal Government Center for application information. Pay is \$10.00 per hour for a maximum of 320 hours. Four positions need to be filled.

## TEEN DATING VIOLENCE MONTH

TeenDVmonth.org, hosted by Break the Cycle, is the online hub for all national activities and promotion of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. The website offers resources for youth, adults and communities that want to plan awareness-raising activities in February.

The repercussions of teen dating violence are impossible to ignore – they hurt not just the young people victimized but also their families, friends, schools and communities. Throughout February, organizations and individuals nationwide are coming together to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.

TeenDVmonth, also known as the National Resource Center for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, is sponsored by Break the Cycle and loveisrespect as a collaborative effort to promote February as "teenDVmonth." Now in its fourth year as a full awareness month, Break the Cycle recently folded their "Let Your Heart Rule" public campaign for teens into the overall teenDVmonth 2104 campaign.

Break the Cycle is a leading national voice for the prevention of dating violence among teens and young adults. With partners ranging from MTV to the White House, Break the Cycle creates innovative programming to educate and engage youth to take a direct role in ending violence while simultaneously building the tools and resources for adults to lead youth on that journey. An official technical assis-

tance provider for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Break the Cycle's teenDVmonth efforts reach more than one million youth and adults annually.

Loveisrespect is the most comprehensive online destination for healthy relationships. A project of Break the Cycle and the National Dating Abuse Helpline, loveisrespect provides information, tips and action strategies for young people to prevent and end dating abuse, along with 24/7 confidential peer-led support available by phone, text or chat.

## Indian Village Camp Plans Program Expansions for 2015



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 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

## MSU

### Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions



Name: Shelbie Shedler  
Major: Nutritional Sciences with a specialization in Epidemiology  
Year: Junior

Shelbie Shedler arrived to MSU by way of Muskegon, MI and is a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. She is the current president for AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) and served last year as their Secretary. She is a Charles Drew Science Scholar, part of the Honor's College and has been on the Dean's List every semester at MSU. Last spring she was awarded the "Future Leaders Mentoring" scholarship provided by the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. She is an active member in the Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) and the American Public Health Association (APHA). Her volunteer experience includes: outreach to Native American kids in Michigan's Upper Peninsula with Ojibwe charter schools, coaching 3rd-5th grade girls on the importance of proper nutrition and training for a 5K through a program called, "Girls on the Run," and as a Student Ambassador at an MSU career fair. During her Freshman year, she participated in the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) offered through MSU's Graduate School. Last year she worked as an Undergraduate Research Assistant offered by the Epidemiology Department on the Pregnancy Outcomes and Community Health (POUCH) study. Last summer she held a week-long internship in Texas with the Summer Intern-

ship Native Americans in Genomics (SING). Currently she holds an internship with the Michigan Department of Community Health for PRAMS or Native American Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System. During High School she was the Vice President of her National Honor Society, Treasurer of her Senior Class Council and participated in Track and Cross Country. She still enjoys distance running and finished first in a half marathon during her sophomore year. She also works at Playmakers.

What have you gained from staying connected to OCCAT?

SS: I have gained a strong network of friends that have supported and guided me through my struggles at MSU. I also have learned a lot about my culture and others as well. OCCAT has exposed me to extraordinary opportunities and student organizations. I have grown to deeply appreciate OCCAT and everything they do for MSU students. I would not be the person I am today without the opportunities OCCAT offers.

What are the lessons you have learned from being an MSU student?

SS: Michigan State has taught me to look at situations with an open mind. Everyone has a story and your experiences reflect the decisions you make in college. I have found this campus to have a lot of diverse students who have taught me a lot about other cultures. MSU has taught me to embrace my cultural differences and take a stand if needed. Most importantly, this university has shown me that opportunity is out there for people who work extremely hard to reach their goals. Your dreams can never be too big. Do what you love and pick a major that you have a deep passion for. Never pick a career for the money!

What are you most proud of?

SS: I am most proud of my perseverance and eagerness to excel in college. Higher education was a giant leap of faith for me coming

from a blue-collar family. My first year of college at MSU was quite the culture shock. There have been times in college, when I wanted to give it all up and go home. It is tough being a first generation college student at a large university. However, I am proud of my ability to turn my hardships into motivation to achieve great things in college.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

SS: My ultimate goal is to reduce health disparities among American Indian people. I chose to major in Nutritional Sciences because of my love for promoting a healthier lifestyle to American Indian communities. In five years I see myself working on my PhD in Nutritional Epidemiology. After graduate school, I would love to work as a Tribal Epidemiologist researching and implementing diabetes prevention efforts in Indian country.

#### **The Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions is a department within MSU's Division of Student Affairs and Services.**

Mission Statement: The Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCCAT) constructs supportive cultural, social and educational communities that actively involve students in learning. OCCAT supports individual students in their navigation of cross-cultural encounters, and in their own understanding, exploration and development of cultural identity. Student-to-student interaction is the key to benefiting from diversity, and OCCAT strives to bring together individuals as well as groups of students from diverse racial, ethnic, international, and domestic backgrounds for meaningful interactions. In part, OCCAT accomplishes this mission by building critical alliances with peoples, programs, and ideas throughout the university. Additionally, OCCAT helps students to better understand themselves and others through cultural, social, and academic activities.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>)

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 Market Place 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 Medicaid 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.)

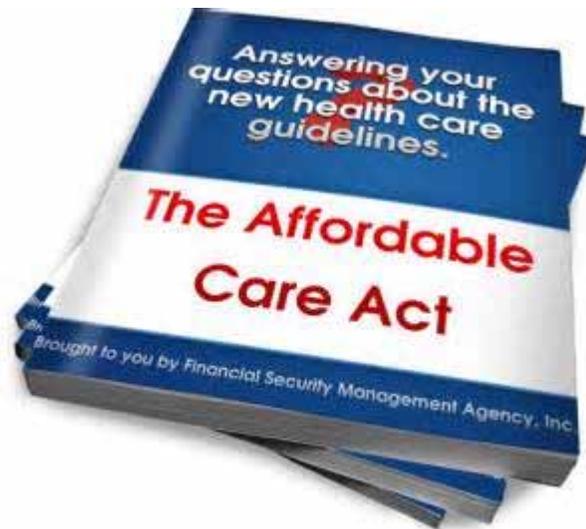
\*Regardless of income, tribal members who enroll in a Marketplace health plan

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 be 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](http://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.

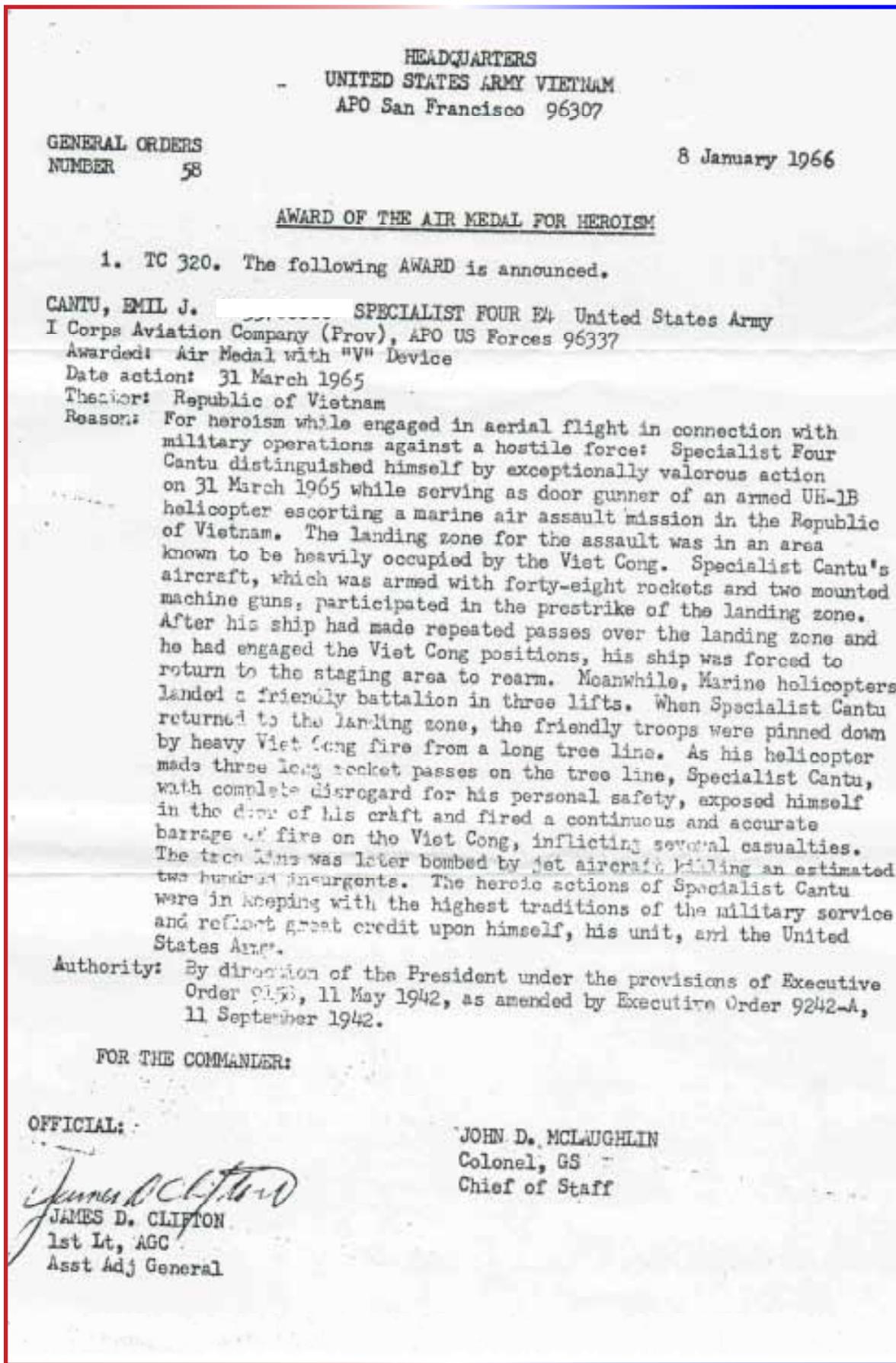
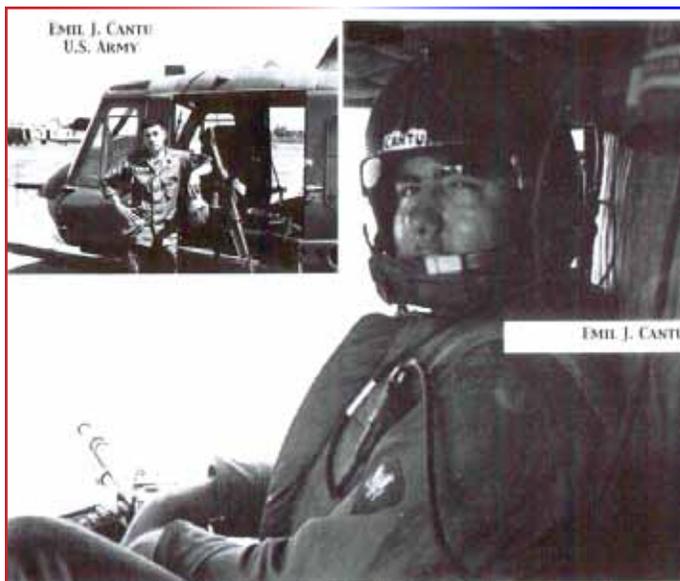
We will be collecting eggs and larvae similar to how we have in the past. Egg mats will be used to collect fertilized eggs from naturally spawning lake sturgeon at old bridge pool and larval drift at Sawdust Hole access. Typically larval Nmé collection occurs from May through June from dusk until midnight.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



LRBOI Tribal Member John Cantu of Muskegon recently contact the Currents to talk about his brother Emil and how he received the Air Medal with 'V' Device for heroism in Vietnam. In our discussion John and I talked about how our Vietnam Veterans were mistreated upon their return Stateside. We shared some tears and shared the joy of knowing heroes like Emil. Warriors who went away to an unpopular war to do their duty for their country and suffered for it accordingly.



"Silence and self-control permeate the entirety of our lives."--Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

The Creator gave us all the Red Road and on this Red Road we are required to think and act in a spiritual way. To make sure I conduct myself according to the Red Road, I must make sure I develop my self discipline. Self control works best when we pray for the courage and power to do the will of the Great Spirit. We are here on the earth to do the will of the Great Spirit. Sometimes, we must battle ourselves to do this. Great Spirit, help me to have my self- control guided by spiritual ways.

Here is Specialist 4, Emil J. Cantu's award from the United States Army for The Air Medal of Heroism. Please read it, look at the photos and come to know a true Warrior...and for some of us, remember the sound of the Huey coming in low over the horizon.  
(Glenn Zaring, Editor)



## PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Today, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council Cecilia Muñoz announced the launch of the Generation Indigenous Native Youth Challenge at the 2015 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Midyear Conference. This challenge invites Native youth and organizations across the country to become a part of the Administration's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative by joining the National Native Youth Network — a White House effort in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

President Obama launched the Gen-I Initiative at the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference to focus on improving the lives of Native youth by removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. Through new investments and increased engagement, this initiative takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to ensure all young Native people can reach their full potential.

In addition to the National Native Youth Network, the Gen-I Initiative includes a demonstration program called the Native Youth Community Projects, administered by the Department of Education, a restructuring of the Bureau of Indian Education, a Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour, and the organization of the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering.

Also announced today was the signing of an agreement between UNITY, the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the White House, to collaborate on the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering that will take place this summer.

We encourage everyone to take the Gen-I Native Youth Challenge and become a part of the National Native Youth Network today!

### Gen-I Native Youth Challenge

As part of the process of establishing the National Native Youth Network, we invite Native youth and all young people across the country to take part in the Gen-I Challenge. This call to action is the first step in engaging a broad network of people interested in addressing the issues facing Native youth and creating a platform through which Native youth can access information about opportunities and resources, and have their voices and positive contributions highlighted and elevated.

Here's how it works: Youth 14-24, non-profits, and educational institutions are invited to join the National Native Youth Network by accepting the Gen-I Challenge.

Who: Individuals, youth councils, and youth groups can participate as Challenge Acceptors. Non-profit organizations, Colleges, Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) can become acceptors by helping their youth and students complete the Gen-I Challenge!

Youth and others can accept the challenge by following this link and committing to take the following steps.

**Step 1: ACT.** Within 30 days of taking the challenge, youth should work with other youth in their community or at their school to do something positive of their choosing (for example: completing a volunteer project with a local organization or charity, hosting a meeting with other youth to brainstorm how to address an issue of concern in their community, or becoming a mentor to a younger person). The youth can use toolkits from the National Native Youth Network and their partners to help them achieve their goal. Their local tribal youth council, urban tribal youth group, or Native youth organization can also be a resource.

**Step 2: CAPTURE.** Youth should document their community efforts and projects through a short summary (3-4 sentences) with photos and video!

**Step 3: SHARE.** Youth should send the National Native Youth Network their story through [www.cnay.org/Challenge.html](http://www.cnay.org/Challenge.html). The National Native Youth Network or the White House may even feature their story.

**Step 4: PARTICIPATE.** By participating in the National Native Youth Network, youth may be invited to apply to send a representative to the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2015.

Organizations, colleges, universities, and TCUs can take the Gen-I Challenge too by committing to help their youth and students complete the Gen-I Challenge! They just follow this link to get signed up.

The following organizations have already committed to take the Gen-I Challenge and get their youth onboard.

Gen-I Native Youth Challenge Early Acceptors

- American Indian College Fund
- American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute
- National Indian Education Association
- National Congress of American Indians
- National Indian Child Welfare Association
- National Indian Health Board
- United National Indian Tribal Youth

Jodi Gillette is Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs in the White House Domestic Policy Council. Raina Thiele is Associate Director in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

## Good health through Love and Family Connection

Take some time to help give an understanding of who you have been, am, and always will be. Share with family your hopes and dreams. Share with some secrets you have learned about life and love, Faith and friendship, family beliefs, and experiences.

Inside every human being is a need to dance. We dance to music. Have you even wondered why people are moved when they hear an Indian Drum? The drum is the heartbeat of the Mother Earth. Every Indian dance is for a purpose and a reason. Every Song is for a reason. The beat of the drum makes our bodies, minds, and spirits join together in harmony. It allows us to connect to Mother Earth and to each other. The dance aligns our minds to think spiritual thoughts. Dancing to the drum is healthy.

### Elder Meal Menu

#### AKI Maadiziwin Community Center



#### General Information

Meals served at Noon  
There is a cost for Guest Meals  
Questions? Noelle Cross Phone: 231-398-6886  
E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com  
Volunteers are needed to help with meals, if interested please contact Noelle.

**Tip of the Month—Practice Portion Control**  
1 hamburger (without bun) = a deck of cards  
1 cup fries = about 10 fries  
4 oz nachos = about 7 chips  
3 oz meatloaf = deck of cards  
1 cup chili = baseball  
1 sub sandwich = about 6 inches



#### Activities:

Wednesdays -Wii Bowling Day  
Bingo Thursday the 5th  
An indoor picnic the 26th  
Language Class every Monday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Sausage and Pepper Pasta Sherbet	3 Split Pea Soup with ham Garlic toast	4 Chili Cornbread	5 Lasagna Broccoli	6	7 Elder Committee Meeting Lunch at Aki, Then to the Lodge for the election forum
8 Day light saving time! Spring Forward!!!	9 Baked Chicken Sweet Potato Green Beans	10 Chili Dogs Macaroni salad	11 Baked Cod Mac N Chees Broccoli	12 Roast Red Potato Corn	13	14
15	16 Spanish Rice Casse- role Cauliflower	17 Corned Beef Cabbage & Carrots 	18 Tuna Casserole Peas	19 Breakfast for Lunch Eggs, Bacon, Toast	20 Muskegon Lunch!!! First day of Spring!	21
22	23 BBQ Chicken Rice Mixed Veggie	24 Hot Beef Mashed Potato Green Been	25 Chicken Pot Pie	26 Lets Have a Picnic for Lunch	27 Tribal Holiday - Offices Closed for Treaty Recognition Day	28
29	30 Stew Bread Bowl Veggies	31 Pork Roast Potato Corn		Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.	Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	

## Patient Assistance Programs Another option for expensive medications

Some Medicare beneficiaries are faced with huge bills for their medications even though they may have Medicare prescription drug insurance. In some cases, they simply can't afford to purchase some of their drugs, so they stop taking them. The co-pays for some medications can be very high for several brand name drugs, especially if they land in the donut hole. There may be help for people in this situation through a service called the Patient Assistance Program (PAP). PAP is sponsored by pharmaceutical companies, and other organizations as a means to help lower income families with their prescriptions. If approved, participants can obtain certain medications either free or nearly free. Some programs will send patients a pharmacy card to be used to obtain their medicines at a local pharmacy. Other PAP's will mail the medications direct to the patient's home, or in some cases, to their physician.

Each patient assistance program has its own eligibility criteria, but it is generally based on family income relative to a specific level of poverty. The poverty levels are set by the Federal government and can change each year.

There are several websites where you can find out if there is help available for a specific medication. Just enter the drug name and, if there is help available, a list will be of participating organizations will be displayed along with their contact information. Often these same websites will have application that can be downloaded and printed.

A couple of websites where this information is available are [www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org) or [www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org).

Once it appears that an individual may be eligible, they can complete the application, obtain the necessary proofs of income, and forward the documents to their physician. The prescribing physician is required by the PAP to complete the medical portion of the application. Many doctors will also mail or fax the application back to the PAP on behalf of the patient. The response time is generally quick. Once approved, participants must re-apply each year.

Also, there are several organizations that can help with the PAP application process for a fee. Generally they charge a set amount each month for each prescription.

Medicare beneficiaries can also receive assistance by contacting the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174. Trained counselors are available to 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

**The Spring Membership Meeting is  
April 11th in the  
Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center)  
at The Little River Casino Resort.**

*This meeting is going  
to be a potluck affair.*

**Watch for future  
announcements  
for more details.**

## February 2015 News Letter

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

### USDA Income

### Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

### Monthly Income Standards

September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015

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

For each additional member add \$ 339.00

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

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

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

(Information provided by Robert L. Sanders, Wildlife Biologist with LRBOI)

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department has reported on a great opportunity for Native college students, who are working on their undergraduate degrees, to gain summer research experience.

Dr. Timothy Nuttle is looking to recruit students, particularly American Indians or Alaska Natives, to participate in his research project. His research explores food-webs in stream/riparian systems in montane streams in Pennsylvania. Specifically, the project involves the interactions between nesting birds in the riparian zone and invertebrates and fish that reside in the streams that have different impacts from land use or abandoned mine drainage.

Additionally, students will develop an individualized research project to be presented at the Duquesne University Undergraduate Research Symposium in July 2015. Student research interests may include fields such as, fisheries and wildlife conservation, stream ecology, forest ecology, community ecology, among others.

Students interested in applying must have a GPA of 3.0 and above, must be an undergraduate majoring in ecology/natural resources (or related field) and come from a background that is underrepresented in ecology fields (American Indians, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, African American, and Hispanic/Latino).

This is a paid internship where students will receive a \$400/week stipend. The start and end dates are somewhat flexible but tentatively planned to start on May 15, 2015 and end on July 31, 2015. The research site is located in Rector, Pennsylvania at the Powdermill Nature Reserve, where housing will be provided in a shared cabin setting. Students will be responsible for providing their own meals.

For more information and to apply for positions go to <http://esa.org/seeds/fellowship/> The primary contact/mentor for these positions is Dr. Timothy Nuttle (see contact information below):

Timothy J. Nuttle, PhD / Principal  
Certified Senior Ecologist – Ecological Society of America; Certified Wildlife Biologist ®  
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## 2015 Hydrolab



Seasonal staff members prep the Hydrolab for taking measurements at Hamlin Lake for the wild rice project

In December the fisheries and aquatics staff had a visit from our local Hydrolab representative to talk about the new and improved products that our coming out in the next year. We were excited to hear about the updates and changes in the new models including increase of memory from 125KB to 4 GB. Hydrolab has also revamped the cords used to a Kevlar reinforced cord that will make everyone feel more secure when it is used in deep sets for Great Lakes sampling. So many might be thinking what is a Hydrolab and why are the fisheries and aquatics staff so excited about hearing about new features? Well a Hydrolab is a multi-parameter sampling instrument we use as part of water quality, inland fisheries, aquatics, and great lakes programs. It allows us to easily sample the water for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen (how much oxygen is in the water), turbidity (how clear the water is) and conductivity (ions in the water that allow it to conduct electricity). We were excited to talk to our local representative before we start February water quality sampling and preform a test run with our equipment with an expert present.



## NOTICE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Little River Band Housing Department has prepared their 2014 Annual Performance Report (APR) for HUD to meet our Annual Reporting Requirements.

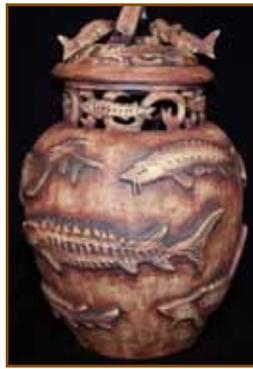
If you would like to review and/or comment on this report it will be available at the Housing Department office for 30 days starting on February 3, 2015, Monday – Friday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department

Mailing Address: 2608 Government Center Drive  
Physical Address: 2953 Shaw Be Quong  
Manistee, Michigan 49660  
(231) 723-8288

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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 LRRCR 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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## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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)*

## Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

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

## LRBOI Warriors Society

The Committee consist of the following:

Commander- John Shano

Vice Commander- Vacant

Secretary - Virgil Johnson

Treasure - Vacant

Sargent of Arms -Chuck Nelson

Chaplin- Raymond Zeeryp

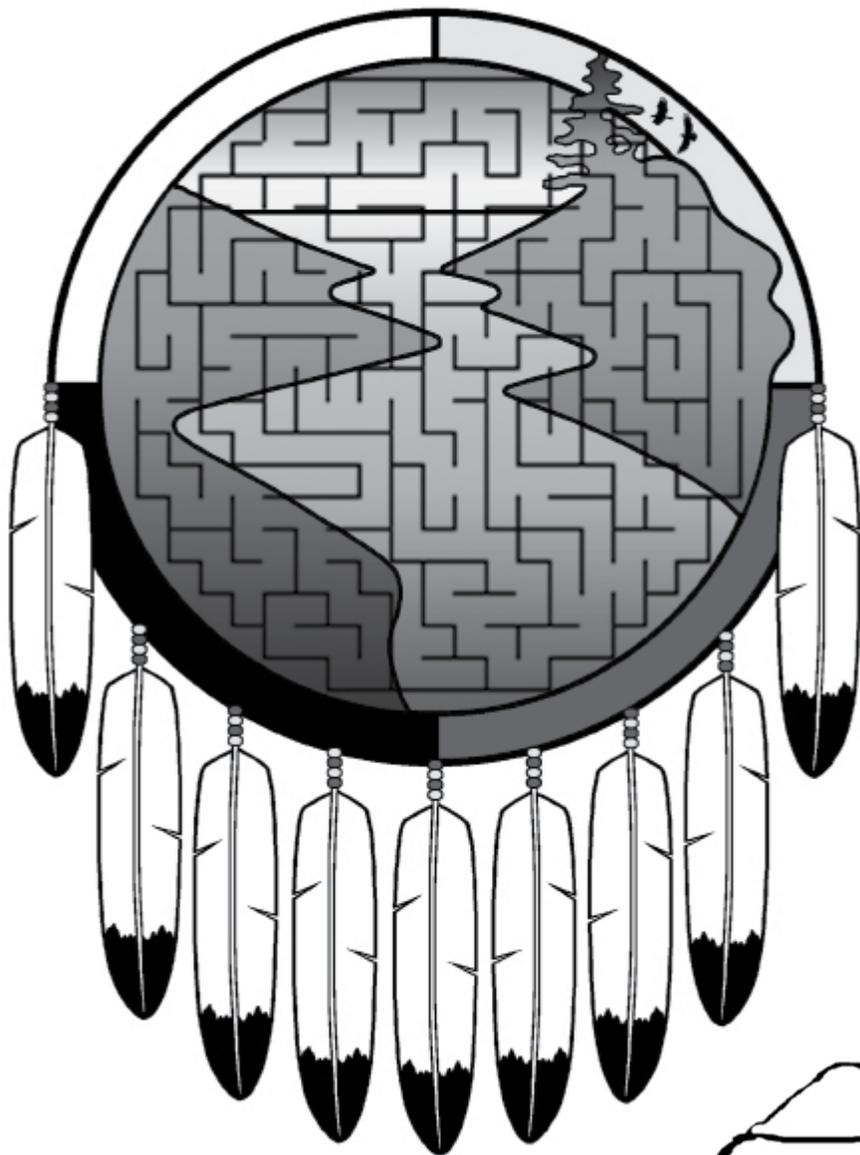


The Tribal Public Safety Department

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.

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](mailto:allWarriorSociety@lrboi.com)



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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| BASEBALL | ARM         | OVERHAND  | SHINER      |
| MUDCATS  | HOLE        | SIDE      | TIP         |
| PITCH    | OILED SNAKE | UNDERHAND | LONG SNAKES |
| SPIKES   |             |           |             |

## The Game of Snowsnake



The game of Snowsnake is a traditional Woodland First Nation winter sport. The Snowsnake, when thrown along a track, can travel up to a mile if conditions are ideal. Years ago, the snakes were thrown along roadways, or over frozen rivers, along fence rows or wherever there was an accumulation of snow. The track was introduced to the game about the turn of the century.

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The skill of the Snowsnake maker, who is called a shiner, is extremely important in producing a winning Snowsnake. Equally important is how the Snowsnake is selected and prepared for each game once it is made. Each process taken to prepare the snake for competition may be repeated as many times as desired, depending on the requirements of the individual. There are two types of snakes: the short snakes are called Mudcats and are approximately three feet long, and the Longsnakes are approximately seven feet long.

## Selecting the Wood

The maker selects a young hickory, ironwood, hard maple or juneberry tree because these types of hardwood are more adaptable to the manufacturing of a Snowsnake. Other kinds of fine grain hardwood can also be used. The type of Snowsnake and the amount produced are determined by the size of the tree and the straightness of grain.

The diameter of the tree can be from 8 to 10 inches. Depending on each maker's personal technique, the wood may either be left whole for one year with the ends greased, or split into sections to dry, or soaked in linseed oil for a period of six months to a year. However, snakes are not always soaked in oil. It may not be soaked until the snake has been completed. If the snake has not run satisfactorily under a variety of snow conditions, then the snake may then be soaked in oil and is referred to as oiled snake. It is then water repellent and heavier than usual. This snake would then be used for wet snow conditions, and could also be used under other weather conditions depending upon the ability of the individual shiner.

## Building the Track

In order to build a Snowsnake track, there must be sufficient snow on the ground so that the start of the track, or pitch hole, can

be made. This is accomplished by piling and packing the snow until it reaches a height of approximately thirty inches. Snow is piled in a straight line and gradually decreased until it is just above ground level. Snow is cleared away from the pitch hole so it is easier for the Snowsnake thrower to run before throwing the snake down the track. When there is enough snow piled and packed, a log of approximately four inches in diameter and twenty feet long is placed on the snow pile, trunk first. The log is slid back and forth until the track reaches a depth of five to six inches. A wire and a small stick are attached to the log so that it may be pulled up and dropped to make the track more firm whenever it is necessary. While the men are dragging the log, others are piling the snow along the track as a means of assurance against any unexpected warm temperature. Then the log is drawn back towards the pitch hole, making the track firmer and smoother. The track is now ready for the game to begin.

## How the Snowsnake is Thrown

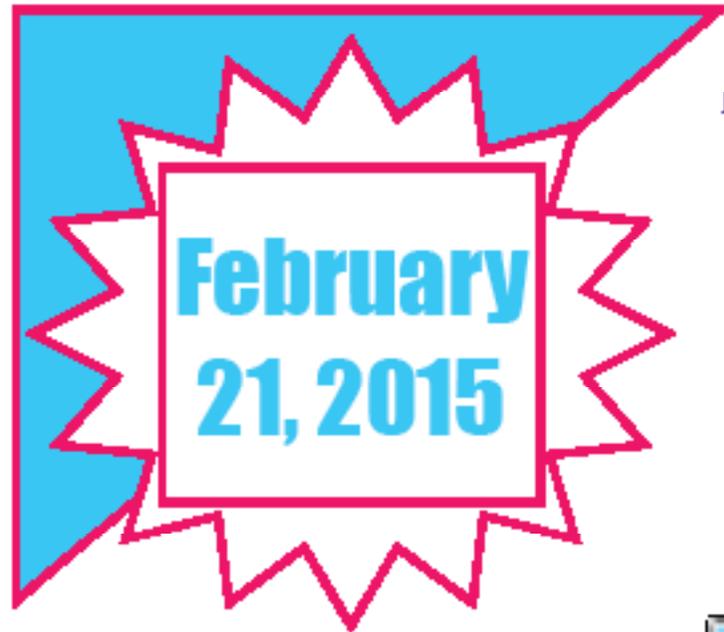
Throwers vary in their styles of throwing a Snowsnake. The snake may be thrown overhand, underhand, or with a side-arm pitch. The thrower proceeds to the pitch hole at his chosen rate of speed. The thrower must be well balanced when he throws. As he is running to the track his free arm maintains the proper balance. A player will usually wear baseball spikes for traction on the snow and leather gloves for a solid grip on the snake. Just before he hears the track, he raises the snake slightly so that it will be high enough for release. The thrower must then follow through with his shot, otherwise, the snake may only travel a short distance or the thrower may injure himself by holding back. Steel wool or a piece of glass is used to polish the snake, giving it a smooth surface. The snake is then washed in clear water and because wood is porous, it expands when wet, forcing the splinters to stand out. The snake is then dried and sanded again with fine steel wool or sandpaper. As this process is repeated, the snake will expand less and less, making it more water resistant each time. The most important aspect of the Snowsnake is the balance. The weight or balance at either the tip or end is a major factor when choosing a snake for varying

weather conditions. When the desired shape of the Snowsnake is obtained, a melted lead solution is poured through a paper funnel into a carved area on the tip. This is allowed to set and harden, then carved and sanded smooth to form an arrow-like point. The lead tip serves as added weight and protects the point from splitting. At the opposite end, a u-shaped finger groove is carved which gives the player a firm grip when throwing. After this process, shellac is applied to the snake. Since the shellac also keeps out moisture which slows the snake down, more is applied on dry, cold days or when there is fresh snow. For certain weather conditions and to increase speed, wax may be rubbed on sparingly but evenly over the shellac.

Once the Snowsnake goes through the time-consuming process of preparation, it may be used repeatedly for small, local games. When an important game or tournament comes up, the shellac and wax can be scraped off with a knife or steel wool and prepared over again. One shiner might take twenty or thirty Snowsnakes to a competition since the track conditions can change within minutes, requiring a differently prepared snake.

## How the Game is Played

There is no limit to the number of teams that may enter a game, but each team is allowed only four throws each. The shiner, standing at the end of the track, marks the distance where the lead tip comes to a stop. To win the game a team must acquire four points. One point is awarded to the Snowsnake that travels the farthest; two points if the second farthest Snowsnake is from the same team. A game out is called if all four of one team's Snowsnakes are first, second, third and fourth, respectively. If a thrower misses the track or the Snowsnake jumps the track, the Snowsnake cannot be thrown again and the player misses this turn. At each game the participants decide on certain guidelines; these may change with each tournament. To make the tournament more interesting, each team might put in a certain amount of money and the winning team takes all.



## Age Categories

1-4

12-17

5-11

18-54

55+

Girls/Boys and Women/Men will each be separate for each age category

- Competitors **MUST** be registered
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Competitors **MUST** be on site and ready when their name is called

**Everyone** is invited to attend and participate! Come enjoy the fun!



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of Ottawa Indians  
Historic  
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Department**

# Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament

**Location:** LRBOI Aki Maadziwin Community Center  
located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI



**Competition starts  
at 10:00 am**



**Lunch will be provided**

**NO all metal snakes are allowed.**

**Two throws per competitor, longest score counts.  
Throws that jump the track will be counted/scored.**

**Sharing of snakes is allowed.**

**Open to everyone!**

**Tournament is dependent upon the weather—  
prior to event, check for cancellation/delay**

**Registration the day of the  
event will be from 9-10 am or  
you may pre-register by calling  
1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or  
email [vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

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center's White Cedar Room Library. Serving as a template, the community could potentially use this pilot program to structure future American Indian language workshop series. So far, over 25 participants of the American Indian community have signed up including families and individuals from all age ranges. While this course is catered towards Ojibways, it is not limited to and does incorporate various tribal affiliations such as Odawa, Potawatomi, Navajo, Lakota and Cree. During the first class, a short video was shown of an Ojibway boy who receives a magical cape to fly between communities to spread Anishinaabemowin. Each student then decorated his or her own cape as a reminder to the importance of this program.

"They are all heroes that will go back and share what they've learned here," says Roy. Classes will continue to meet every Wednesday evening for the next several months in the hopes of keeping the Ojibway language alive and give it room to thrive here in Chicago.

Ojibwa Anthony Roy keeping Native language alive in Chicago

CHICAGO — Language is one of the most defining elements of culture. It binds people together and reminds us that there is more than just English to be learned and spoken. Many American Indians lost this part of their culture by force or fear of family being shipped off to boarding schools, where languages and cultures were literally beaten out of students. With the advancement of technology and new ways of implementing these learning tools, tribes have been able to make great strides in restoring and preserving their languages.

Recently, the St. Kateri Center of Chicago and the Chicago Title VII American Indian Education Program are cosponsoring Ojibway language classes entitled Nin Kiidiwin (I Speak/My Words). The Ojibway language is a part of Anishinaabemowin, which also includes Odawa and Potawatomi tribes. Following the Manitoulin dialect, sister instructors Georgina Roy, Director of the St. Kateri Center, and Dorothy Roy (M'chigeeng First Nations—Ojibway) began conducting a 12-week course on January 14, 2015.

Both women have lived in Chicago for over 40 years, been active members of the community and continue to speak their first language despite their early years spent in boarding school.

"My first voice was in the Ojibway language," says Georgina Roy. "I'm so grateful for this

gift, more so today."

Nin Kiidiwin is a grant-funded language program that is free of charge and works to strengthen the Chicago urban Indian community. The end of the course will lead to the development of individualized Ojibway children's books that will be accessible in the

## Court Docket

### Monday, February 16, 2015

10:00 a.m. Guardianship Hrg.  
11:00 a.m. Gregory v. Gregory  
01:30 p.m. Mitchell

### Judge Bailey

14257GM Closed Hrg.  
14281DM Pretrial  
15010GC Motion Hearing

### Friday, February 20, 2015

10:30 a.m. Sprau v. Casino

### Judge Sherigan

14232GC Motion Hrg.

### Monday, February 23, 2015

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse

### Judge Bailey

11223NA Review Hrg.

### Friday, February 27, 2015

01:30 p.m.  
11:30 a.m.

### Judge Sherigan

Neglect/Abuse 09053NA Review Hrg.  
Chick v. LRB Casino 15001GC Pretrial

(subject to deletions or additions)

#### Key:

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

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

## R. Carlos Nakai's Canyon Trilogy Is Certified Platinum By The RIAA; Marking 1,000,000 in Sales



In 1983, Nakai signed with the Arizona-based independent label, Canyon Records and released his debut recording, *Changes*. To date, Nakai has released a total of more than 50 albums in his career, 40 of them with Canyon, and sold more than 4.3 million albums. His *Earth Spirit* recording, released in 1987, was certified Gold in 2001 and the *Canyon Trilogy* recording, released in 1989, was certified Gold in 1998 by the RIAA. Produced by Robert Doyle, president of Canyon Records, *Canyon Trilogy* features 17 music tracks of the cedar flute with three tracks of an overdubbed second flute. By using the Roland SDE 3000 Digital Delay system, Nakai was able to play duets with his own echo.

The RIAA award programs are the longest-running objective measure of achievement for sound recordings in the United States, and provide an unmatched historical perspective on the success of countless recording artists.

Although the RIAA does not track recordings by genre or ethnicity, it appears that no other Native American recording artist has achieved 1,000,000 in sales with RIAA certification for a traditional-based Native American music recording. Other commercial recordings, whether Native American inspired, or by contemporary artists of Native American heritage, have been certified for Gold and Platinum, but none for sales of a traditional work.

Originally released in 1971, the all American rock group, Paul Revere & The Raiders were certified Platinum by the RIAA for their classic #1 single, *Indian Reservation (The Lament of the Cherokee Reservation Indian)* in 1996. But no one in the group was Native American and the single contained no traditional instrumentation.

The Native American Pop group, Redbone, and NAMA Hall of Fame Inductees, which featured brothers Pat and Lolly Vegas (Yaqui and Shoshone) and Tony Bellamy (Yaqui) were certified Gold in 1974 for their hit single, *Come And Get Your Love*. The song was also featured on the *Guardians of the Galaxy 70's* inspired soundtrack which was just certified Platinum on January 7, 2015.

NAMA Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Rita Coolidge (Cherokee), received several Gold and Platinum awards. Her singles, *Higher and Higher*, *Were All Alone*, and *Anytime, Anywhere* and her album *Love Me Again* all went Gold in 1977 and 1978. The album *Anytime, Anywhere* was also certified Platinum in 1977. In more recent years, Rita has recorded traditionally-based Native American music with her late sister and niece

Nakai has stated that most of his inspiration comes from the expressions of native communities and his desire to preserve his own Native American heritage. He has explored many genres with the traditional Native American flute including world, classical, jazz and new age music. He has also collaborated with a Japanese folk ensemble and the Philadelphia Orchestra's Israeli cellist Udi Bar-David. He has worked with American composer Philip Glass, Tibetan flutist Nawang Khechog, flutist Paul Horn, and Hawaiian slack key guitar master Keola Beamer.

The RIAA is the country's music trade association whose member companies are responsible for creating, manufacturing, or distributing approximately 85 percent of all music sold in the United States. The RIAA® Gold® and Platinum® Awards program was launched in 1958 to honor artists and create a standard by which to measure national sales of a sound recording. The Gold album award is for the sale of 500,000 copies. The Platinum award, which was created in 1976 with the advent of the compact disc is for 1,000,000 in sales. Certifications are undertaken when the label or artist has requested certification after certain sales thresholds have been met nationally.

NAMA News Release  
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Plus A Look At Nielsen Music's Biggest Selling Native American Artists To Date

New York, NY - The Native American Music Association (NAMA) is proud to announce that multi-award winner and Lifetime Achievement recipient, R. Carlos Nakai has achieved 1,000,000 units in sales of his 1989 Canyon Records release entitled, *Canyon Trilogy*, and has been certified Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). NAMA extends its sincerest congratulations to R. Carlos Nakai and the Canyon Records label.

R. Carlos Nakai has received numerous nominations and awards from the Native American Music Awards including; Best Flutist in 1998, Best Male Artist in 1998, Best Instrumental Recording in 2000, Best Flutist in 2001, Best New Age Recording in 2003, and Best World Music Recording in 2006 with the R. Carlos Nakai Quartet. In 2001, the Native American Music Association presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

as Walela, who have received multiple Native American Music Awards and are in the top 10 of the highest selling Native American albums in Nielsen Music's sales data.

NAMA Hall of Famer, Janice Marie Johnson (Stockbridge-Munsee-Mohican) was certified Gold for her penned singles with her group, A Taste of Honey, for Boogie Oogie Oogie and Sukiyaki in 1978 and 1981. The international Pop hit, Boogie Oogie Oogie was also certified Platinum in 1978.

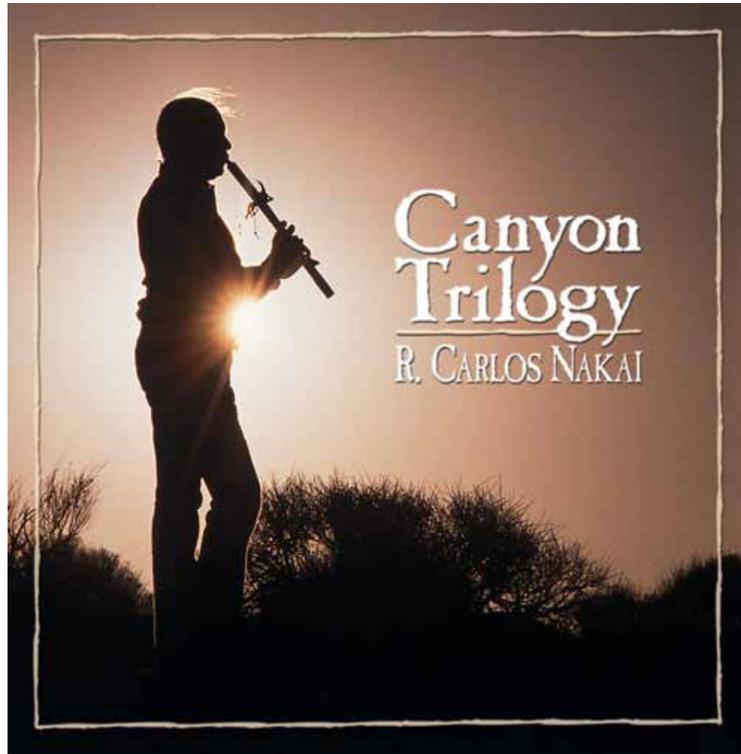
Robbie Robertson (Mohawk), and NAMA Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, was certified Gold for his self-titled recording, Robbie Robertson in 1988. He has also released two Native American recordings featuring himself and various other traditional Native American artists entitled, Music For The Native Americans in 1994, and Contact From the Underworld of Red Boy in 1998. Music For the Native Americans is the #1 best-selling Native American album reported by Nielsen Music with over 233,000 albums.

The 1994 international release of Sacred Spirit: Chants and Dances of Native America featuring an ambient, electronic, new age compilation of sampled Native American chants is reported to have sold over seven million copies worldwide, but has never been Gold or Platinum in the United States. The first single by Navajo elder, Kee Chee Jake from Chinle, Arizona, entitled, Yeha-Noha (Wishes of Happiness and Prosperity) is said to have catapulted the recording into Billboard's Hot 100 and leveraged its international appeal in such countries as France, Italy and the UK.

Other soundtracks from the motion picture films; Dances With Wolves and Last of the Mohicans which took on the perspective of Native Americans, have both been certified Gold and Platinum by 1993 and 1995, but are void of any traditional or contemporary Native American music.

Nielsen Music is another music industry measuring standard using SoundScan, a sales

tracking system. For more than two decades, Nielsen Music has been a trusted and vital resource for companies that want a full picture of music sales, overall market performance and artist activity. Nielsen's SoundScan has been a source for the Billboard music charts and radio play. Their data is collected from 14,000 retail, mass merchant, and non-tradi-



tional outlets (on-line stores, venues, digital music services, etc.) not only in the United States, but also in Canada, UK and Japan. According to Nielsen Music, the top three largest selling Native American recordings are; Music For the Native Americans by Robbie Robertson, Things We Do by Indigenous and R. Carlos Nakai's Canyon Trilogy. Nakai's Emergence and Earth Spirit recordings follow suit along with Walela's debut recording, Walela and Music From A Painted Cave by Robert Mirabal. Collectively, Sacred Spirit's three releases in 1995, 2007, and 2011 total 219,000, Buffy Sainte-Marie has sold a total of 104,000 and Joanne Shenandoah has sold 89,000 albums exclusively at SoundScan retail outlets.

RIAA numbers may effectively represent sales at a wholesale level and Nielsen Music's Soundscan represents the retail level. An album may easily be certified Gold or Platinum

before it's retail sales numbers actually reflect it on Soundscan. RIAA also treats physical and digital sales separately, while Soundscan counts only by UPC code. Additionally, many Native American music recordings are released through small and independent labels using various distributors and may escape conventional retail outlets. However, Native American music recordings remain strong among both measuring systems.

As the world's foremost performer of the Native American flute, Nakai celebrated his first Platinum Record with a commemorative concert at the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) Theater in Phoenix, Arizona on Friday, January 23, 2015. He presented his Platinum Record to the Museum for inclusion in his exhibit in their Artist Gallery. Joining Nakai at the MIM were his long time collaborators, William Eaton (harp guitar) and Will Clipman (world ethnic percussion/drums). Both Eaton and Clipman have performed and recorded with Nakai for more than 25 years. Nakai also invited Tony Duncan, labelmate and a leading Native American flute player and world championship hoop dancer to share the stage. Classical composer/pianist James DeMars was also invited to perform, "Lake That Speaks," the second movement on the Two World Concerto recording along with collaborator, composer and pianist Peter Kater whose latest joint release, Ritual (Mysterium Records), has been nominated for Best New Age Album in this year's Grammys.

Founded and incorporated in 1998, The Native American Music Association and annual Awards program, the Native American Music Awards (NAMA), are the world's first and only professional membership-based organization dedicated to American Indigenous music initiatives by Native North Americans. NAMA members are responsible for creating, producing, manufacturing and distributing traditional and contemporary Native American music.

Rita Coolidge presenting R. Carlos Nakai with a NAMA Lifetime Achievement Award



Aki Community Center receives a nice update from Little River Casino Resort. The community center was open to the community in 2009 and is used for many community functions such as weddings, birthdays, baby showers and funeral memorials. The Elder Meal Program serves its congregate meals at Aki Monday thru Thursday and also serves the meal for the monthly Elder Committee Meetings. The capacity of the building is 200 people however the furnishings did not support events this large. The center will now have sufficient chairs and tables for larger functions and have sufficient tables for serving meals. A very special Kchi-miigwech goes out to Little River Casino Resort management for the use of the chairs, tables and podium. Their continued support of the community is greatly appreciated. We also want to thank LRBOI maintenance staff for transporting and setting up the furnishings and making sure the center would be ready for the Elder Committee meeting held Saturday February 7th 2015.

Lee Ivinson  
Members Assistance Coordinator



## Sugar Shack



As this article is being written there is a gray sky in Manistee, with falling snow and a temperature not higher than 10 degrees outside. It seems like spring is a long way off. But it isn't, and LRBOI is getting ready for a sure sign of spring- the running of maple sap! The time for tapping trees, hanging buckets, and collecting sap is almost upon us!

Last year you may recall that we were able to collect sap and cook it down to syrup thanks to the greatly appreciated offer from, and assistance of, Tim and Wanda Joseph, who allowed us to use their trees and their sugar shack to make syrup last year. But this year, thanks to approval from the Ogema and Tribal Council, and through the efforts and work of, and funding from many departments, Little River Band will be able to start the season much closer to home.

If you drive along M22 just past the Justice Center, turn left on Shoedel Rd, and watch the rolling hills and pasture on your left, you will see the site of LRBOI's Ziisibaakwedake Gamig-Sugar Shack. The site is perfect, providing a nice location for the shack, with access to maple trees, and plenty of space for kids to play in snow and mud while the sap is cooking and they await the fruits of their labor.

While there is no way to say ahead of time when the sap will start flowing, it isn't far off, and when it starts, we hope that many tribal members who weren't able to participate in making maple syrup last year, will be able to do so this spring! It's a sure bet that everyone who worked



on it last year will be there this year, happy to see that clear, sweet sap come rushing out of the trees and plunking into the buckets, soon to become tasty golden syrup. Much thanks to the efforts of the tribe's Maintenance Department, especially Dave Corey and Brian Gibson! They have been building the shack over this winter, inside Big Blue. Last week they began the process of moving it to its new home, where they are assembling it now. They will be working hard the next couple of weeks to prepare the shack- installing a wood-fired stove/evaporator and setting up a container to gravity feed sap into the evaporator pan. When the sap starts running, everything should be ready. All we need is the LRBOI community to come and enjoy the process. It's a lot of work, but it is very fun and well worth the efforts!

Yvonne Parsons

## Lillian V. Theodore- Ba June 4, 1924 - January 13, 2015



Theodore, Lillian V. 6/4/1924 - 1/13/2015  
Lillian V. Theodore, age 90, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2015. Lillian was born on June 4, 1924 in Muskegon. She attended St. Thomas Catholic Church for several years. Lillian enjoyed cleaning out her car something she took much pride in. She also enjoyed gardening, doing yard work, and family gatherings. Lillian will be lovingly remembered by her children: Mitch Theodore, Judy Theodore, and Dan Theodore; 16 grandchildren; many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents, three children: Jim Theodore, Joyce Theodore, and Dennis Theodore; sister, Vivian Whar. A funeral service was held at 11:00am on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Ever Rest Funeral Home & Chapel (1783 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon)

## June Ann Sam-Ba June 8, 1934- January 22, 2015



June married Jonnie J. Sam on Oct. 7, 1950, in Manistee. Jonnie preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 2001. June dedicated her life to the service of others, beginning by being the record keeper for the Thornapple Band of Ottawa Indians. Her record keeping was instrumental in the federal recognition of the current Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. June also served as the Stronach Township clerk for three terms. As a

public official she was open to helping the people whenever they needed her, serving selflessly throughout her terms. June eventually returned to serving the people she loved, her family and friends of the Little River Band, as the elders' co-coordinator. She retired from this position after 14 years, but continued to touch the lives of those around her until she passed, surrounded by her loving family. June is survived by two daughters and sons in-law; Jessica and Fred Burger, and Janine Sam and Brian Bower; and by two sons, Jonnie Sam and Jeffrey Sam all of Manistee; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her. She was preceded in death by an infant son; Joseph Sam; and by two sisters, Zella Staff and Virginia Bishop; and by two brothers, Gilbert Forshee and William Forshee. Funeral services was held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2015 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Pastor Bill Willis officiating. Burial will take place in the spring of 2015 at the Corfu Cemetery in Dickson Township.

## 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

## 15 Years old!



Adrian  
Torres



Happy Birthday  
March 12th, to my  
loving, wonderful hus-  
band Ted Theodore III  
from you wife Sunny!

With Love  
Mom and Dad  
Grandma Deb and Grandpa Kenny

## Tribal Elders

Stella Gibson  
Mary Hammond  
Dennis Johnson  
Celia Kohls

Henery McDawis  
Patsy Mc-Pherson  
Lone Nida  
Robert Petts  
Frank Rhodes  
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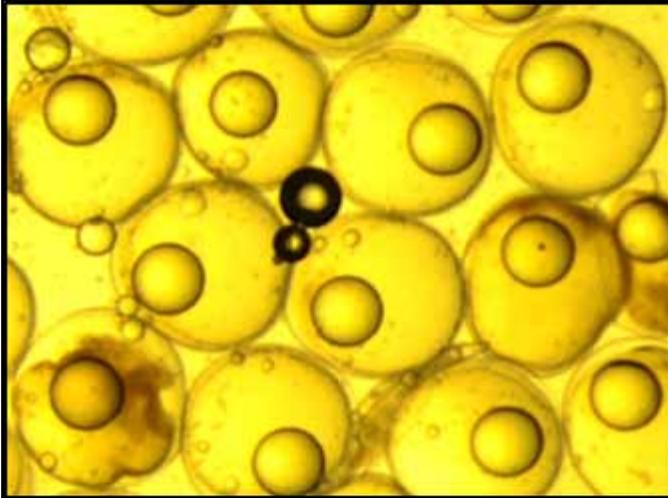
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Therese Skinkle  
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Loretta Thomas  
Marva Tyrell  
Sherron VanSlyke  
Douglas Crawford  
Kenneth Dean  
Caroline Gardner



I love you my Darlings  
Hannah and Mathew  
Love Mommy Eagle

LRBOI's Natural Resources Department deployed traps right after Christmas break in the Manistee River and tributaries in attempts to capture adult spawning burbot (mizay) running up the river. On January 12th we caught our first one of the year and since then we have captured ten more. The exciting part is these burbot were dropping eggs.



*Burbot eggs under a microscope at 10X zoom.*



*Manistee River frozen and flooded. A coyote made his way across shortly before I got the camera out.*

## 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. To obtain a permit or for more information please contact Marty Holtgren at the Natural Resources Department at (231)398-2193 or [mholtgren@lrboi.com](mailto:mholtgren@lrboi.com).

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.



## Great Lakes Biological Team



## Winter Update

The Great Lakes Biological Team for LRBOI continues to analyze and process the bio data collected over the course of the spring, summer, and fall in 2014. Ken LaHaye and Mike Snyder are busy reviewing over 600 scale samples collected from Lake Trout and Lake Whitefish. They first isolate a handful of scales in each sample, place them onto a microscope slide, take a picture of the microscopic image of the scales on the slide, and then save them into a special computer file. After all of the scale images are saved, they go back into the file and put each image onto their computer screens and, using a special program, count the number of growth rings (annuli) they see on the scale to age that particular fish. Each fish is aged so that LRBOI, in a collective effort with other Michigan tribes, federal agencies (USFWS), and state agencies (MDNR), can accurately assess the current fish population structures that are present in Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, and Lake Superior. All the agencies compile and share their data so that when management plans are made, all parties (including LRBOI) can make informed decisions on what to do in the future in regards to harvest levels, stocking levels, and other various management decisions. Ken and Mike play an integral role in the data preparation and analysis during this process so that LRBOI can make decisions that best support the interests of the membership and the future health and sustainability of our fisheries. The Great Lakes team will also soon be setting their spring, summer, and fall assessment schedules, order necessary equipment for the upcoming assessment season, and be busy attending to net repairs and net preparation for the year ahead.



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Save the date for an **Educators Conference** that will inspire, instruct and connect.

With support of several local Indigenous Educational Organizations, the Michigan Tribal Education Directors (MTED) hope to foster relationships that provide direct contact with decision makers from all areas of education. Our goal is to strengthen the web of opportunity, both educationally and culturally, for all students currently being served in Michigan schools.

We strongly encourage both Native and non-Native stakeholders to **Come, Learn, and Participate:** Superintendents, Program Directors, Principals, Teachers, Counselors and Social Workers, Tribal Councils, Tribal Education Directors, Native Parents, Native Student Organizations and Tribal Colleges.

We hope to include you as we continue to strengthen partnerships in the new era of Native Education for all.

Breakout sessions include implementing the most effective methodologies for teaching Native students included such topics as historical trauma and tribal sovereignty curriculum.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi is honored to invite you and your education colleagues to hear from presenters who include artist and activist Louie Gong, and comedian and actor Vaughn Eaglebear.

Whether you teach Native students, are a Native educator or work for a government or non-profit education agency, you'll leave the Educators Conference having fostered relationships and strengthened the web of opportunity—educational and cultural—for all students.

**2015 USFS  
Huron and  
Manistee  
passes are  
here!!!**



**Positive Indian Parenting  
Honoring Children by Honoring Our Traditions**

**EVERY TUESDAY EVENING  
April 21,2015 to June 09, 2015  
5:30 TO 7:30  
AKI COMMUNITY CENTER  
2953 Shaw Be QuoUng Dontz Road  
Manistee**

**Traditional Parenting Lessons of the Storyteller  
Lessons of the Cradleboard Harmony in Childrearing  
Traditional Behavior Management  
Lessons of Mother Nature Praise in Traditional Parenting  
Choices in Parenting  
TRADITIONAL ANISHINABE WAYS  
TO PARENT IN A MODERN WORLD**

**Presented by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Family Services Department  
Facilitators: Shelly Kequam 398-6707**

**Call for Childcare  
231-398-6707 or  
231-398-3705**

Please see information below where Tribal Citizens may use the pass.

Manistee National Forest Service Cadillac/Manistee Ranger Station  
USFS Passes-(Stickers) Fishing Access Sites

## Manistee River

### River Access

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Rainbow Bend     | Elm flats       |
| Bear Creek       | Dobson Bridge   |
| Blacksmith Bayou | Peterson Bridge |
| High Bridge      | Low Bridge      |
| Sawdust Hole     |                 |
| Pine River:      |                 |

### Trailheads

- Big M (summer only)
- Marilla - North Country Trail
- Udell - North Country Trail
- Free Soil- North Country Trail
- Nurnberg - Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Lake
- Michigan Recreation Area -Nordhouse Dunes

### Campgrounds & Picnic Area

- Lake Michigan Recreation Area (day use area)
- Ravine Campground
- River Access
- Trailheads
- Hoag's Lake (day use area)



**Passes may be picked up at the Natural Resource Department now located at 319 9th St., Manistee**

Baldwin/white Cloud  
Ranger Station

### River Access

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Bowman Bridge     | Rainbow Rapids      |
| Claybank          | Upper Branch        |
| Gleason's Landing | <u>White River:</u> |
| Green Cottage     | Diamond Point       |
| Indian Bridge     |                     |

### Trailheads

- Bowman
- Lake Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary (M-20)

### Campgrounds & Picnic Area

- |                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Brush Lake      | Nichol's Lake Beach       |
| Hungerford Lake | (boat launch)             |
| Indian Lake     | Shelley Lake              |
| Little Muskegon | Timber Creek Walk-up Lake |
| Minnie Pond     |                           |

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings



April 8-11, 2015

L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Gathering Grounds  
(Fire Lodge Behind Trading Post Gas Station)

**Everyone welcomed to attend!**



Each day will start with a Sunrise ceremony and teachings  
will be held throughout the day  
At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday,  
the Fire will be kept throughout the night

For information please call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6891,6893,6895

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