

Rapid River News

January 12th, 2015

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information. Please note that: *Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them for more info!*

Primary Election 2015! The 2015 Primary Election will be held February 13th. Ballots were mailed out January 9th and Candidate articles are in the January **Currents** that comes out on January 15th (electronically) and in the mail a few days later. The slate of candidates is shown on page 3.

Appoints to Boards! Tribal Council last week appointed Elaine Porter as the Chairperson to the Board of Directors for the Little River Casino Resort. They also appointed Merri Medawis was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Election Board. The seat had been held previously by Ed Tyler.

New Interactive Submission Forms! Public Affairs has created several new interactive forms for you to use to send in information for the newspaper. See page 6 for details and links.

Elder Committee Monthly Meeting: The next Elders Meeting was this past Saturday, January 10th.

December Currents is online at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2014/December%202014%20Currents.pdf>

January Currents will be posted by the 15th! This issue is scheduled to have candidate articles for the upcoming 2015 election for Ogema; Tribal Council (At Large and 9 County); Election Board; Chief Judge and two Appellate Judge seats.

Facebook reach! Thanks to everyone for following our page. The latest week shows a reach of 963 and 1,184 'Likes'. Watch the page in 2015 for more immediate news from Little River

Goonignebig 2015! The 2015 Snowsnake at LRBOI has been announced for this February 21st! Please go to page 8 for full details.

The '**Inspire**' pre-College program for 2015 has been announced. Tribal High School Juniors and Seniors have a unique opportunity. Please see the flyer for full details on page 9.

Blood Drive tomorrow! There is a Blood Drive tomorrow at Kennedy Elementary School from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

This Tuesday, January 13, Michigan Blood will be conducting a Summer Step-Up blood drive in the Kennedy Elementary School library from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

This unique service will not only save lives, it will boost the community blood supply at a time when blood needs are constantly increasing. Anyone age 17 (and 16 with parental permission) and older who weighs at least 110 pounds is eligible to give.

Every time a person donates blood, it could save as many as 3 lives! Here's your chance to step up to the plate and be a hero! Appointments are preferred but not necessary.

To make an appointment, contact Matt Phillips at mphillips@manistee.org, or just come to the Kennedy Elementary School library in Manistee on Tuesday, January 13, between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

You can also sign up by calling 1-866-MIBLOOD, or on line at www.miblood.org.

Please consider being a donor. You can be a life saver!

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(Family Services)

January is Stalking Awareness Month:

6.6 million people are stalked every year in the United States with American Indian women being stalked at a rate twice that of any other race.

The lapel pin for this cause is a reflective colorless surface that illustrates the invisibility of the crime (to everyone except the victim). But it also mirrors what stalking victims often report they experience- a constant need to check over their shoulder for the stalker.

Family Services has put out fact sheets flyers in the cafeteria and provided some for the Muskegon office. This is very good information to spread among our community. We encourage all to look at them and share with the special people in your life.

(Cultural & Government related items)

Zoongaadiziwin "Strong Life". Family Services & Members Assistance would like to introduce a new self-sufficiency program that takes a holistic approach to independence. The Zoongaadiziwin program assists Tribal Citizens in creating a path to their future dreams and goals. If you want to take command of your life, we can give you the tools. Space is limited. Please contact the Members Assistance department for more details.

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

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Wawiinge maadaadiziwin". "Beginning a journey with wellness" Talking Circle 12-Step meeting. Wenesh pii: Every Wednesday @ 3:30pm Aanni pish: BeDaBin Conference Room. We meet weekly to support healing thru a holistic approach to wellness including recovery of all forms utilizing Anishnaabe values and teachings to encourage the adoption of a healthy, balanced lifeway by reclaiming our place in the circle of life

For more information:

Dottie 231-398-6741 or Julie 231-398-6740

Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Commission Openings! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various 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 Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to

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2015 LRBOI Election Candidates (candidate names are listed in random order as provided by the Election Board)

Office of the Ogema

TRIBAL OGEMA

Steve Parsons

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli

Jimmie Mitchell

Michael J. Ceplina

Shannon Paul Crampton

Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)

Dave Corey

Office of Tribal Council-At Large

Joseph Riley II

Marcella M. Leusby-withdrew

Sally Bell

Edward Tyler

Norbert Kelsey

Peggy J. Vriesman

Michael J. Charlow

Office of Tribal Council-9 County

9-COUNTY

Alvin Patricio

Ronald Wittenberg

Jim Medacco

Jessica Lynn Burger

Jamie Friedel

Sandy Mezeske

Amy Gilles

Al Metzger Oskaabaawis

Delano D. Peters

Candace M. Chapman

Steven E. Kequom

Sandra "Peanut" Lewis

Pat Ruiter

Justin L. Kelsey

Loretta Beccaria-Lindeman

Brian Loney

Jeff Battice

Pamela Medahko

John Pabami

Corey A. Wells

Rita Annette Gale

CHIEF JUDGE

Daniel T. Bailey

Joshua C. Stone

Sharron Cogswell Detz

Jonnie Jay Sam II

Austen J. Brauker

ELECTION BOARD

Peggy Derouin

Tammy Bowen

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ELDER

Joseph J. LaPorte

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

Damian S. Fisher

Melissa L. Pope

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NEEDED – ONE GOOD IDEA

At this time, there is an open grant funding opportunity through the Administration for Native Americans for projects directly related to “Sustainable Employment and Economic Development”. The Little River Band has elected to survey the membership for business/employment ideas that fit into one of ANA’s four priority areas: 1) creation of sustainable employment opportunities; 2) professional training and skill development that increases participants’ employability and earning potential; 3) creation and development of small businesses and entrepreneurial activities; 4) a demonstrated strategy and commitment to keeping the jobs and revenues generated by project activities within the Native American community being served. All tribal member suggestions will be reviewed by a committee and therefore must be made in writing – one tribal member suggestion will determine the direction of a grant application for a tribal program to the above noted funding agency -

CRITERIA

(In 2-3 pages, tribal member respondents are asked to provide the following):

Clear identification of the basic idea – and the expected outcome -

Brief description of how the idea would work – (basically a plan for success) -

Brief outline of how the idea would be implemented (must be able to be implemented within 1 year) -

Please include basic budget indicating estimation of major costs – budget cannot exceed \$500,000.00 although \$300,000.00 is the average size of ANA grant awards -

Suggestions will not be accepted after January 16, 2015 -

Respondents and other tribal members will find results of the review LRBOI’s Rapid River News following the review of the responses received –

Additional information and Notice of Funding Availability is available upon request -

PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS AND/OR INQUIRIES TO:

Charles Fisher
Grants Writer
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Ph: 231-398-6843
Or: 231-723-8288
Email: cfisher@lrboi.com

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December 2014 Docket (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

Monday, January 12, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. Council v Ogema

1127GC Motion Hearing

11:00 a.m. Martin v LRBOI

14258GR Grievance Hrg.

01:30 p.m. Wilson, Kathryn

14257GM Closed

02:00 p.m. Szynski v LRBOI

14260GR Grievance Hrg.

03:00 p.m. DeForest v LRBOI

14262GR Grievance Hrg

Monday, January 26, 2015

Judge Bailey

02:00 p.m. McKinnon v McKinnon

14236DO Final Divorce

Members Assistance Department update

Please note that the FY2015 budget was approved and if assistance is needed, tribal members should contact the Members Assistance department at the Government Center in Manistee.

"From Wakan Tanka, the Great Spirit, there came a great unifying life force that flowed in and through all things: the flowers of the plains, blowing winds, rocks, trees, birds, animals, and was the same force that had been breathed into the first man. Thus all things were kindred, and were brought together by the same Great Mystery."

-- Chief Luther Standing Bear, SIOUX

The Great Spirit has six things that make up this life force. They are life, love, intelligence, soul, principle, and truth. These are the reasons the life cycle continues. None of this can be altered by man, but we can have access to these powers any time we wish. Just think about it - anytime I have a need I can access one or more of these powers.

"Oh Great Mystery, let me know how to use these powers. Today, let me love life, let me know truth, let me live by principle, and let me follow Your intelligence.

New Interactive Forms

Tribal Membership Submission Forms and included the 3 forms.

Election forms for Ogema:

Election forms for all other offices:

Hunting Submissions: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI_Hunters_Submissions.pdf

Membership Submission for Currents: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/Members_Submissions_1.pdf

Elder's Conference Submissions: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/elders_conference_memory2014_.pdf

Letters to Santa: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/letters%20to%>

REGISTER TO VOTE IN OUR ELECTION!

**Voter Registration forms are
available Monday through Friday from
the Enrollment Department at the
Government Center in Manistee.**

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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 on-line, in tribal newsletters, 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

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Tribal Government Buildings

Global E-mail

Michigan Works Offices or Website

By calling the HR Department

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "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

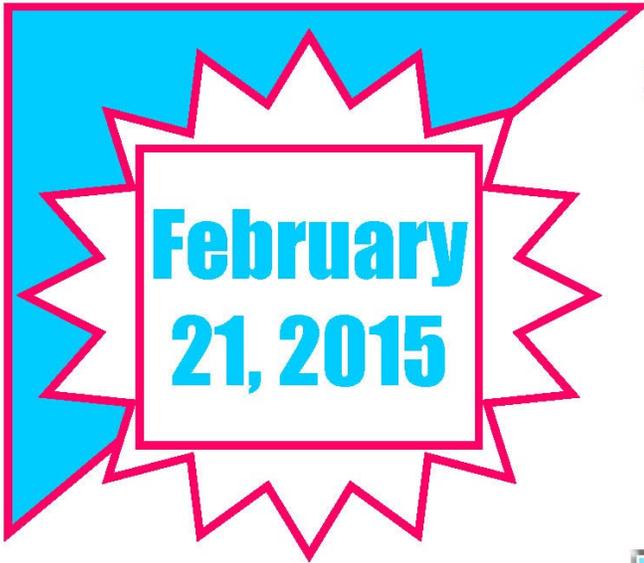
Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

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Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament

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

Age Categories

1-4

12-17

5-11

18-54

55+

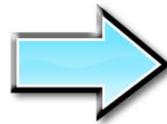
Girls/Boys and Women/Men will each be
separate for each age category

- 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!



**Sponsored by the
Little River Band
of Ottawa Indians
Historic
Preservation
Department**



**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

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title, and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.

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INSPIRE Pre-College Program

2015

The **INSPIRE Pre-College Program** is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, including 2015 anticipated graduates, who want to spend 3-weeks on the George Washington University (GW) campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government.

The program centers on a full-day, experiential undergraduate course taught by GW faculty, Native Politics and the American Political System, which will offer opportunities for students to meet and interview influential Native advocates who work in Washington, D.C.

As an added bonus, INSPIRE students live on campus and participate in recreational programs with the community of high school students enrolled in GW Pre-College programs.

What does the INSPIRE scholarship cover?

- One course in Native Politics and the American Political System (3 undergraduate credit hours)
- Room and board at GW
- Airfare to and from Washington, DC (one round-trip ticket)
- All required textbooks
- Required local travel related to the course

The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is made possible by a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation.

PROGRAM DATES: July 5 - 25, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2015



Native American
Political Leadership Program

Apply @ INSPIRE.NAPLP.GWU.EDU

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