



Rapid River News

October 12th, 2015

2015 Fall Membership Meeting was this last weekend and the Ogema would like to thank all tribal members, tribal elected leaders and tribal staff that came out for the event. The event started with the **Ogema's' Meet-n-Greet on Friday night (right after Phil's wedding) and took off on Saturday at the event center.** There will be pictures in the November *Currents*. Unfortunately, the October deadline has passed.

Fall Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeway teachings! Four days of wonderful teachings and sharing of our tribal culture took place last week, primarily at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. A big K'chi Miigwech to everyone for bringing this important cultural opportunity to the tribe. An especially big 'Miigwech' to Phil Member-to who was the organizer and leader for the event.

Public meeting on Muskegon Project! The BIA has announced a public scoping hearing to be held on October 15th, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Fruitport Middle School auditorium, located at 3113 E. Pontaluna Road. This will be for the agency to hear from the public regarding the proposed casino on tribal property at the old racetrack. Be sure to attend so you can share your thoughts!

Beading Workshop in October! Here is a chance to learn beading! Check out the info on page 4

Nangonhsak Is Back! The BeDaBin and THP Prevention Program is back for the youngsters. See page 6 for the details on the program that starts October 20th.

BeDaBin Workshops! BeDaBin has several new workshops coming in November. See pages 7 & 8

LRRC Board announcement: The Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors and executive team will be available in the Grand River Room to receive comments and concerns from Tribal Members. They will be there at 6 p.m. the following dates: **October 22...November 20...December 17**

Elder Committee Elections! The Elder Committee will be holding elections for a vacant seat at their 2015 Elder Conference. Darleen Martin (Committee Secretary) will be taking nominations for the seat. Elders who would like to nominate an elder can contact Darleen Martin at 231-887-4051. Last day the Elder Committee will accept nominations is Friday Oct 30th.

Take Back the Night! The event has been scheduled and there are some changes this year. See the flyer on page 5.

Children's Christmas Party! Check out page 5 for details on the Children's Christmas Party December 13th. Be sure and register your young ones so they can receive gifts.

Office Holiday Closure! Please note that the tribal government offices will be closed from Christmas through the New Years holiday. Make plans to schedule your prescriptions and other needs ahead of time! Offices will close on December 24th at noon and will reopen on January 4th at 8 a.m.

Government Mail Addresses! To ensure incoming mail reaches its intended destination, please include the department name as part of the address. Incoming mail that does not specify a department or employee name shall be opened to identify its proper destination.

Code Talkers Memorial! The LRBOI Code Talkers Memorial was dedicated a week ago in Manistee. Warriors Society and local veterans joined in the dedication. See details in the next *Currents*.

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 or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



From the Office of Public Affairs

Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or *Currents* issues)

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the night before the meeting!**
 - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Beading Class the 12th, 19th and 26th!** (See page 3)
- **Public Scoping Hearing October 15th!** 6 p.m. Fruitport Middle School, 3113 E. Pontaluna Rd
- **Take Back the Night!** The Domestic Violence Awareness annual event is October 15th at the Senior Center in Manistee on River Street from 6-8 p.m. (see page 5)
- **Nangonhsak!** The Prevention Program and Anishinaabemowin begins on October 20th. See page 6 for details.
- **October Currents!** The October *Currents* will be online on the website at www.lrboi.com this week! There is no printed version this month.
- **GVSU Urban Native Exhibit** begins on November 3rd. See page 9 for details.
- **Annual Elders Conference** is November 7th & 8th in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center).
- **Elders Christmas Party is December 6th.** The party will be in the Three Fires Conference Center.
- **Children's' Christmas Party December 13th.** It will be in the LRRCR Event Center! Check out page 5 for the details!
- **Employee Christmas Party December 19th.** Odawa/Ojibwe rooms at Three Fires!
- **Offices Closed Christmas to New Years!** Remember that the Tribal Government Offices are closed from noon on December 24th (Christmas Eve) until 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4th! Make plans accordingly!



Membership Meeting



The Commerce Corner is brought to you by the Commerce Commission

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Starting a Business Workshop

AMERICA'S SBDC MICHIGAN *Offered in Manistee*



Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Alliance for Economic Success Office
395 Third Street, Manistee

Call for more information and to register!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
The Starting a Business Workshop is intended for individuals in the beginning stages of starting a business, in need of accessing capital, or simply considering self-employment.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:
Delivered in a workshop format, this introductory session helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Start-up costs, financing options, and business planning are introduced, along with additional necessary steps to getting started. The workshop features instruction by a Certified Small Business Consultant. This workshop is a pre-requisite to meeting with a consultant one-on-one.

LOCATION:
This workshop is being held at the Alliance for Economic Success office, 395 Third Street, Manistee, MI 49860.

FEES AND REGISTRATION:
There is no charge to attend the workshop, but pre-registration is required. Contact Tricia Stevens, Intake Specialist, at sbdc@networksnorthwest.org or 231.922.3780.

SBDCNorthwest.org

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

   

Find it here.



Beading Workshop

In October

Monday 12, 19 and 26th , 5:30 – 7:00pm

If you need some help on a project or some helpful hints we will help.

Is there a type of beading you would like to learn, we will help.

Bring your beads, thread and needles,

And we will help.

Come to the Community Center on Dontz Rd.

For more information call

Deb Davis 231-398-6724



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Take Back the Night



When

☆ Thursday

10/15/2015
6pm-8pm



*You are not alone
7 Generations We are all in
this together!*

Where

Senior Center

457 River St.
Manistee, Mi. 49660

Domestic Violence
Awareness Event

LRBOI CHRISTMAS PARTY



When: Sunday December 13, 2015

Where: L.R.C.R. Event Center

Time: 11a.m. ~ 3p.m.

**To register please call: 231-723-8288
or toll free 888-723-8288 ask for
Mary Thomas ext. 6824**

**Registration is required for children
to participate in the event as we need
an accurate count of who will attend.**

The party is open to Tribal and descendent children.

**Mark your calendar and register
your children for this special event!**

Children must be present to receive a gift.

Failure to register will result in your child not receiving a gift.



Nangonhsak

Wegnesh (what) Prevention Program and Anishinaabemo,

Wenesh (who) K-3rd Students

Aanii piish (where) Aki Madaziwiin Community Center

Wenesh pii (when) 3:45 pm till 5:00 pm

on Tuesdays, Oct 20 thru Nov 24

*Pick up
after school
available*

Snacks and Smiles provided

*Weekly
Attendance
Prizes*

**To Register contact Julie Wolfe
Youth Prevention Counselor**

1-888-723-8288 ext 6740

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Department and Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health



safeTALK Training

Suicide Alertness for Everyone

Upcoming workshops opportunities :

Register or inquire with: BeDaBin Behavioral Health Staff (231)723-8299

November 2, 2015 8:30-12 p.m.

November 3, 2015 9:00-12:30 p.m.

LRBOI Government Center

Centra Wellness Administration

“The Lodge”

“Conference Room”

2608 Government Center Dr.

310 N. Glocheski Dr.

Manistee, MI

Manistee, MI

Registration: FREE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE.

THE REGISTRATION DUE : October 28th, 2015.

**Anyone 15 years or older are encouraged to
attend a training to improve your helping skills**

safeTALK, about three hours in duration, is a training that prepares you to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide invite help to stay safe. Alert helpers know how to use these opportunities to support that desire for safety. As a safeTALK-trained suicide alert helper, you will be better able to:

- move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide;
- identify people who have thoughts of suicide;
- apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) to connect a person who has suicidal thoughts to suicide first aid/intervention caregivers.



SuicideTALK

“Should we talk about suicide?”

*Who should attend? Parents, Youth, Teachers, Counselors,
Prevention Coalitions, Medical Personnel, Social Workers,
Business & Community Members, Faith Community, Law Enforcement...*

suicideTALK invites all participants—regardless of prior training or experience—
To become more aware of suicide prevention opportunities in our community, Deal
openly with the stigma around suicide, and discover some of the beliefs and ideas about
suicide in our community —and in themselves.

suicideTALK participants learn...

How suicide is a serious community health problem that is often misunderstood
How personal and community beliefs about suicide affect suicide stigma and safety
How the steps taught in LivingWorks' safeTALK program can be used to help prevent suicide
How to get involved in life protection, preservation, and promotion activities in the community

Join Us November 2, 2015 5:30—7:30 p.m.
Centra Wellness Administration Conference Room
310 N. Glocheski Dr. Manistee, MI
~ Refreshments will be provide to participants ~
RSVP: BeDaBin Behavioral Health Staff
~ (231)723-8299 by October 28th ~
Imagine... a suicide-safer community



Grand Rapids Native American Community Exhibition Part of GVSU during Native American Heritage Month

ALLENDALE, MICHIGAN — Grand Valley State University's Kutsche Office of Local History will host an exhibition, *"Walking beyond Our Ancestors' Footsteps: An Urban Native Experience,"* beginning November 3 at the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons on the Allendale Campus.

"Walking beyond Our Ancestors' Footsteps: An Urban Native Experience" will be part of several events planned to celebrate Native American Heritage Month during November at Grand Valley. The exhibition will conclude with a campus dialogue on November 18.

The new exhibition is beginning of a series that will highlight Native Americans living in the Grand Rapids area during the last half-century. It is a small portion of the work completed in conjunction with the *"Gi-gikinomaage-min (We are all teachers): Defend Our History, Unlock Your Spirit"* project that kicked off last fall by the Kutsche Office of Local History.

Melanie Shell-Weiss, director of the Kutsche Office, said the oral history project gives voice to the experience of urban Native Americans.

Levi Rickert, a tribal citizen of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, was among the planners of the exhibition.

"The exhibit is truly a collaborative effort of the whole community that Grand Rapids can take considerable pride" Rickert said, "The exhibition shows the strength and resiliency of our local Native community that can trace our ancestry back hundreds of years to where Grand Valley's Allendale campus is today."

The exhibition contains historic documents and objects made by local Native Americans during the past several decades.

After the exhibition ends at Grand Valley, it will travel to the Grand Rapids Public Library in January.

The exhibition collaborators are the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids Public Library, and Grand Valley's Kutsche Office of Local History, Native American Advisory Board, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Special Collections & Archives.



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 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

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi.com

For the latest postings!

Please see page 11 for a special posting!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

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 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Accountant/Tax Officer - (1) Full Time

Summary: Under general supervision, serves as coordinator and administrator to ensure the full implementation of the tax agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan ("tax agreement"). Primarily responsible for establishing operating procedures to enforce the Tribe/State tax agreement and the Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance.

Employment Qualifications:

- An Associate's Degree in Accounting or Business; and
- a work experience of five (5) or more years in tax preparation or government operations; and
- a work experience of three (3) or more years in sales and use tax, including administration, enforcement and compliance; and
- the technical skills of an intermediate use of MS office software; and
- a non-restricted Michigan Operator's License with the ability to be insured under the company's policy.

Indian Preference applies in accordance with Ordinance #15-600-02

Pay Grade: E3

Hiring Wage: \$37,559 – 49,808

Status: Exempt/Bi-weekly Pay

Conditions of employment with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government includes, passing a pre-employment drug test, a background investigation, and successfully completing a 90-day introductory period, due to the complexity of this position, the probationary period may be extended an additional 90 days.



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(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: **Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society.** Please email:

BigKahunnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

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



Commission Openings! **Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** 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 submit both in order to be considered.**

“Don't be afraid to cry. It will free your mind of sorrowful thoughts.”

Don Talayesva, HOPI

Human beings function from choice. We can choose to stuff things, or we can choose to let go of things. If we choose to stuff things, then we will feel a heaviness, or sorrow, self pity or fear. Sometimes we feel the need to cry. Sometimes we are taught it is not okay to cry. The creator designed the human being to cry. Crying is a release. This release allows us to let go of thoughts that are not helping us so we can open to new thoughts that will help. Crying is natural for women and men.

Grandfather, if I need to cry, let me realize its' a natural process and help me to let go.

Kateri prayer

Tribal Court

Key:				JV	Juvenile
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	EM	Emancipation of Minor	LT	Landlord Tenant
CS	Child Support	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NA	Neglect Abuse
CT	Civil Ticket	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	NC	Name Change
DM	Divorce with children	GA	Gaming Appeal	PF	Probate
DP	Paternity	GC	General Civil	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DO	Divorce w/o children	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TA	Trust Access
EA	Enrollment Appeal	GR	Employment Matter	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
EB	Election Board Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint	WC	Workmen's Compensation

Court Docket

<u>Monday, October 12, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Bailey</u>
10:00 a.m.	Housing v. Connor	15156LT LT Hearing
<u>Monday, October 19, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Bailey</u>
10:00 a.m.	Moore v. Moore	15146DO Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	LRB v. Ali	14067TM Arraignment
01:15 p.m.	McCaslin v. McCaslin	15135DO Pretrial
02:00 p.m.	LRB v. Compeau	14264TM Show Cause
<u>Friday, October 23, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Sherigan</u>
10:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	07188NA Review Hrg.
<u>Friday, October 23, 2015</u>		<u>Appellate Justice Pope</u>
01:00 p.m.	Rivers v. Cudzilo	15158AP Appellate Schd. Conf.
<u>Monday, October 26, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Bailey</u>
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Wilson	15141TM Sentencing.
10:30 a.m.	Grocholski v. Tribe/Ogema	15134GC Cont. Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	Irish v. Cass	15151DP Motion Hrg.
01:15 p.m.	LRB v. Metzger, R.	15077TM Bench Trial
<u>Thursday, November 5, 2015</u>		
US Attorney/LRBOI annual tribal meeting 10 a.m. until noon		



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<u>Departments</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Director or main phone numbers</u>
<u>Accounting</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6868</u>
<u>Be-Da-Bin</u>	<u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6741</u>
<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Government Center — Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6866</u>
<u>Commodities</u>	<u>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</u>	<u>231.398. 6715</u>
<u>Courts</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.3406</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6735</u>
<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6712</u>
<u>Fitness Center</u>	<u>Government Center—Lower Level</u>	<u>231.398.6636</u>
<u>Family Services</u>	<u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6734</u>
<u>Grants Department</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6843</u>
<u>Gaming Commission</u>	<u>Old Casino Building</u>	<u>231-723-7755</u>
<u>Health Clinic</u>	<u>Government Center—North End</u>	<u>231.398.6600</u>
<u>Historic Preservation</u>	<u>Government Center- Lower Level</u>	<u>231.398.6891</u>
<u>Housing</u>	<u>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</u>	<u>231.398.6879</u>
<u>Human Resources</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6859</u>
<u>Members Legal Asst.</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2234</u>
<u>Members Assistance</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6718</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>9th Street Offices—Manistee</u>	<u>231.723.1594</u>
<u>Peacemaking/Probation</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2239</u>
<u>Planning Department</u>	<u>Government Center —Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6810</u>
<u>Prosecutor</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2242</u>
<u>Public Affairs</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6872</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2225</u>
<u>Tax Office</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6874</u>
<u>Utilities/Waste Water</u>	<u>Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)</u>	<u>231.398.2285</u>
<u>Work Force Development</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6842</u>