



**Coming up at
LRBOI:**

**Elders Meal
Aki
Community Center
Mon-Thur 12pm**

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

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

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

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The Natural Resource Department runs a number of interesting projects dealing with our environment and our fellow travelers, the creatures who fly over, swim through and walk upon our lands. This fall, the tribal Marten program even made it onto television. See the article inside!

Tribal Child & Family Center

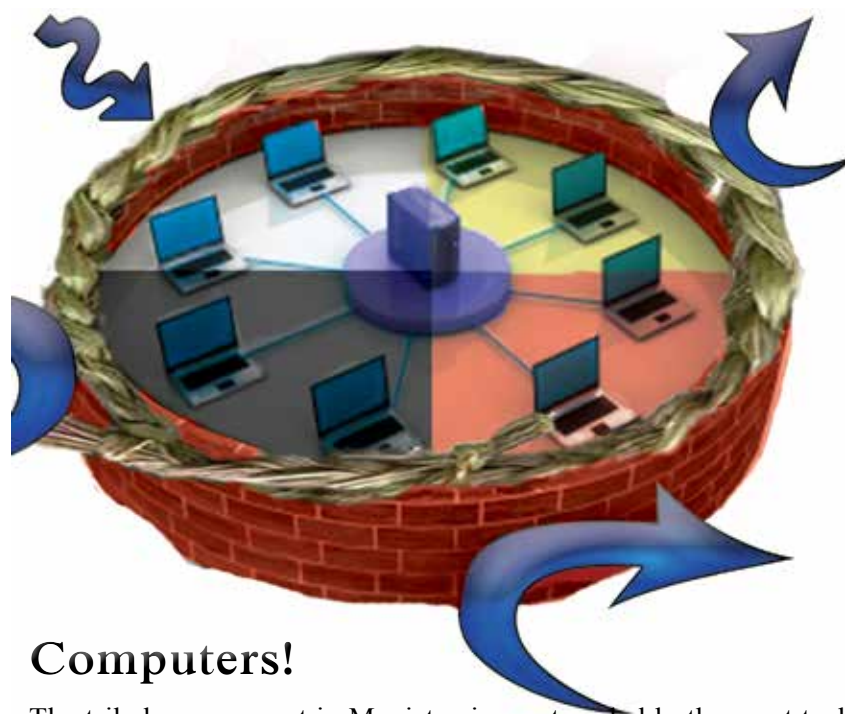


An ambitious project has been brought forward to transform the Interim Casino building into a Child Care center. Family Services and other departments are involved in the planning along with outside agencies dealing with Child Advocacy. Even the US Attorney's office is interested as the center would offer an excellent facility and help families throughout Manistee. See the article on page 10.

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings



The last few months of the year have been extremely busy with meetings for our elected leaders and key staff. From meetings between Ogema Romanelli and President Obama to visits by the US Attorney Patrick Miles to ongoing negotiations regarding our Muskegon project there is a lot going on. See details on some of the meetings inside this issue of the Currents.



Computers!

The tribal government in Manistee is most probably the most technologically advanced unit of government or commerce in the area. With a top notch technology department, the tribal government has been instituting new protocols and security this fall, all designed to secure your information and your government. A new website will be unveiled soon as well. One challenge that came up was that the Public Affairs publishing system had some major issues and has delayed the Currents. Apologies from everyone but it couldn't be avoided.



President Barack Obama and LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli at a recent White House meeting.

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It has been a very busy time here at LRBOI. Fall ended on a very good note. The Annual Fall Membership Meeting and Ogema's Meet and Greet started the month of October off; the two biggest topics at the meeting were, the possible changes to the Casino Board of Directors and the return of the membership discounts at the Resort.

The much talked about Manistee Township Sewer Project is well on its way to being completed which is good for the Tribe, Manistee Township and all of the Manistee area. The project should be completed next spring. The Annual Bike Time event which happened in July brought the Tribe over \$24,000 in revenue and the event is looking at ways to improve for next year.

The Grand Opening of Hilt's Landing went off without a hitch and on its way to becoming a West Michigan tourist attraction as well as an educational experience for West Michigan as schools who will be taking class trips through the trails documenting West Michigan's history.

In September Councilors Jessica Burger, Joe Riley Jr. and I had the opportunity to meet with President Obama in Washington DC for over an hour to discuss sovereignty as it relates to Native American Tribes with regards to the NLRB. The meeting was held at the St Regis Hotel in Washington DC. Several other tribes were present as well.

In recent months Muskegon County turned over to the Tribe the section of Ellis Road from Harvey Street to Quarterline Road which divided two of our parcels of Fruitport property. The one lone farm house on Ellis Rd was purchased by the Tribe in October.

The Muskegon Casino Project received a big boost from the October Scoping Hearing held by the Department of Interior. The crowd was estimated at over capacity in the 500 seat venue. Fruitport Schools allowed the hearing to take place in its Middle School auditorium which worked out very well for the event. Our thanks go out to Fruitport Schools Superintendent Bob Schmoniak and the entire staff of Fruitport School along with our own Mary Thomas and Jeanie Gibson who made sure the meeting place was comfortable even supplying refreshments.

TV stations from the three major networks were there to assess the crowd's responses which were 7 to 1 in favor of the proposed casino which sends a strong message to the DOI. While we still have a ways to go, the project continues to move forward.

At the end of October, I returned to Washington DC to attend the Annual Summit between President Obama and the US Tribal Nations.

We have made several changes here at the Tribal government to assist us with providing services and customer services to our membership. Employee schedules have been realigned to keep the best possible office coverage. Our 2016 budget takes into consideration the staffing and equipment needed to provide our services.

We have been having some problems with IT issues which hopefully will be resolved shortly. In the meantime, please keep in mind that we will make every attempt possible to return phone calls as soon as possible, hopefully within an hour.

Many times, employees may be in meetings or have appointments with someone, but in all cases we try to return calls with 24 hours at the latest. If you leave a message please remember to state your name and phone number at the beginning of the message; it makes for easier return of calls. We do occasionally get calls where the person does not leave a name or return number.

Our staff are also instructed that if they feel they are being treated harassing or threatening they may discontinue the conversation. Please be courteous. Miigwetch

I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. Until next year...

Presidential Proclamation National Native American Heritage Month, 2015

American Indians and Alaska Natives enrich every aspect of our country.

As the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired -- and continue to inspire -- the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our Nation. This month, we recognize the contributions made by Native Americans since long before our founding, and we resolve to continue the work of strengthening government-to-government ties with tribal nations and expanding possibility for all.

Native Americans have helped make America what it is today. As we reflect on our history, we must acknowledge the unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, and deprivation that went on for far too long, as well as the effects of injustices that continue to be felt. While we cannot undo the pain and tragedy of the past, we can set out together to forge a brighter future of progress and hope across Indian Country and the entire American landscape.

Since I took office, I have worked with tribal leaders to write a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship. Ensuring young people have every opportunity to succeed is a critical aspect of our work together, and this year my Administration hosted the inaugural White House Tribal Youth Gathering following the launch of Generation Indigenous -- an initiative aimed at improving the lives of Native youth and empowering the next generation of Native leaders. We will also host the seventh White House Tribal Nations Conference later this year, bringing together leaders of 567 tribes to explore opportunities for progress, with a particular focus on young people. As part of our agenda for providing Native youth the chance to realize their fullest potential, I have engaged tribal communities in a range of critical areas, and we have worked together to boost high school graduation rates and afford young people more chances to pursue higher education, employment, and professional development opportunities. We're also working to expand access to health and counseling services essential to ensuring youth feel safe and heard.

My Administration has continued to partner with tribes to address vital gaps in resources for Indian Country, including equipping communities with broadband, rebuilding infrastructure, spurring economic growth, and increasing renewable energy. To confront the peril of a changing climate, we are also working with tribal leaders across America to develop effective approaches to protecting our communities from this grave threat. And because we know that fostering pride in the languages, traditions, and practices that make up the extraordinary richness of Native American culture is central to our shared progress, my Administration remains committed to ensuring every community feels connected to the extraordinary legacies they are a part of.

This month, let us reaffirm our responsibility to ensure each generation is defined by a greater sense of opportunity than the last, and let us pledge to maintain our strong relationship with tribal nations across America. By keeping this commitment, and by endeavoring to shape a future in which every citizen has the chance to build a life worthy of their hopes and dreams, we can ensure that ours is a country that is true to our spirit and to our enduring promise as a land where all things are possible for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2015, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

BARACK OBAMA

Council News

Worksession Attendance



Date	Work Session Title	Jessica Burger	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Ttl.
10/01	TTIP		x		x	x	x	x	V	x	6
10/01	LRCR Financials	x	x		x	x		x	V		5
10/02	Constitutional Amendments	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
10/02	Council 2016 Budget Review		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
10/05	US Chamber	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		6
10/05	Procurement Regulation	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		6
10/05	Elders Insurance	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		6
10/05	Agenda Review	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		6
10/05	401k audit	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		6
10/06	SORNA Ordinance	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/06	Board of Directors Act	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/06	Round Table w/ Ogema	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/06	Varnum	*	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
10/08	Tribal Wage - ICDBG	*	V	x		*	*	x	x	x	4
10/08	Constitutional Amendments	*	V	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	5
10/09	Financial Report		V		x	x	x		x		4
10/09	Comptroller General	x	V			x	x		x		4
10/09	Constitutional Amendments	x	V			x	x		x		4
10/12	Elected Officials - Valliant	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
10/12	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
10/12	401(k)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
10/13	Board of Directors Act	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/13	2016 Proposed Budget Rev	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/15	County/City/Tribal Joint Meet		x	x	x	x	x		x		6
10/16	US Chamber		x		x	x	x	x	x		6
10/16	MDOT - Transportation Plan	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
10/19	Bull House	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/19	2-1-1 Adopt a Day	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/19	Agenda Review	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/19	Elected Officials - Valliant	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/20	Interview McCaslin - Enroll		x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	6
10/20	Interview Fisher - Enroll	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/20	Interview Medawis - Enroll		x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	6
10/20	Interview Chandler - Enroll	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/20	2015 Goals	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/20	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/22	Wells Fargo	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
10/22	Township - Sewer Rates	x	x		x	x	V	x	x		6
10/23	Board of Directors	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x		7
10/26	Board of Directors Act	x	x	x	x		x	x	V		6
10/26	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x		x	x	V		6
10/26	TWR	x	x	x	x		x	x	V		6
10/29	US Chamber	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/29	Change Order	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/29	PNC Bank	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/30	Human Resource Discussion			B	x	x					2
	Total #of Work Sessions - 46	27	40	32	33	41	40	31	35	22	

* - Business Related

B - Bereavement

V = Vacation

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11/02	Budget & Appropriations Act		x			x	x	x	V	x	5
11/03	Loan Rates		x			x	x	x		x	5
11/03	Township	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	7
11/03	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x			x	x		x	x	6
11/04	Prosecutor Travel	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	7
11/04	Board of Directors Act	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	7
11/04	PNC Bank	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	7
11/05	Attorney General Meeting	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	7
11/05	Agenda Review	x	x		*	x	x	*		x	5
11/06	Supplemental Benefits	x	x		x	V		x		x	5
11/09	Signage for Tribal Roads	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
11/09	Valliant	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
11/09	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
11/09	Township regarding sewer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
11/10	Purchase		x		x	x	x				4
11/10	Strategic Planning	x	x		x	x	x	x			6
11/10	Goals	x	x		x	x		x			5
11/13	Gov Budget 2016 Review	V	x		x	x	x	V			4
11/16	Constitutional Amendments	V	x		x	V	x	x		x	5
11/16	Agenda Review	V	x		x	V	x	x	x	x	6
11/17	Land & Property Use		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	7
11/17	Chi Ishobak	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
11/17	Board of Directors Act	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
11/20	Commissions Ordinance	V		x	*	x		*		x	3
11/23	Enrollment	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		x	7
11/23	TWR	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		x	7
11/23	Health & Comm Services	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		x	7
11/23	Education & Children Serv	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		x	7
11/24	Housing Opportunities		x	x	V	x	x		x	x	6
11/24	Natural Resources	x	x	x	V	x	x		x	x	7
11/30	Agenda Review		x	x	x	V	x	x	x		6
	Total number of Work Sessions - 31	21	30	18	16	27	28	23	11	22	
	* - Business Related										
	V - Vacation										

***Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.**

Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments Collected for the Fiscal Year in Accordance with Resolution #03-0813-248

1. Commissions are created to regulate and manage within a subject matter or activity.

a. Membership. A commission has at least three commissioners who shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.

b. Authority. A commission shall be granted sufficient legislative authority to allow the commission to create regulations to govern in the subject matter jurisdiction.

Commissions are created by adoption of an Ordinance which sets forth the legislative requirements, direction, limitations, restrictions or other directions regarding a subject matter. Upon adoption of an Ordinance, the commissioners shall be identified and directed to develop and present by-laws.

The Tribal Council shall establish Tribal Committees, as needed, in areas of governance and development. The Committees shall be composed of Tribal members and other interested persons who shall meet and discuss specific issues in order to provide information to the Tribal Council so that the Council can make better informed decisions that affect the Tribal community. In furtherance of this purpose, this Policy will provide rules for the organization, functions, responsibilities, and requirements of Tribal Committees.

2. Commission/Committee Schedules:

Commissions:

Binojeuk Commission: 1:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays
 Family Services Department

Commerce Commission: 4:00p.m., 1st Thursday
 Big Manistee Room at LRRCR

Enrollment Commission: 5:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday
 Enrollment Department

Gaming Commission: 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays
 Gaming Commission Office

Health Commission: 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday
 Health Clinic

Housing Commission: 9:00 a.m., 3rd Thursday
 Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Natural Resource Commission: 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday
 Council Chambers of Government Center

Committees:

Elders – 12:00 noon, 1st Saturday of each month – Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

3. The Binojeuk Commissioners and Gaming Commissioners receive \$125.00 per meeting and the rest of the Commissions and/or Committees receive \$100.00 per meeting.

**Commission/Committee Stipends Paid
 May 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015**

Elders Committee

Ron Pete – Chair \$ 600
 Darleen Martin \$ 800
 Connie Waitner \$ 800
 Rita Gale \$ 700
Liaisons
 V. Johnson 3 out of 8 attended
 R. Wittenberg 3 out of 7 attended

Binojeuk Commission

Margery Lutz \$1,125
 Sandy Deverney \$ 825
 Vacant
 Vacant
 Vacant
Liaisons
 F. Medacco 2 out of 9 attended

M. Wabindato 0 out of 8 attended

M. Wabindato 2 out of 9 attended

Commerce Commission

Connie Waitner \$ 200
 Keith Sensabaugh \$ 200
 Ron Pete \$ 100
 Peggy Vriesman \$ 600
 Karen Lewis \$ 600
 Jason Cross \$ 400

Enrollment Commission

Peggy Derouin \$ 200
 Diana O'Neal \$ 500
 Charmaine Stone \$ 500
 Vacant
 Vacant
Liaisons

Gaming Commission

J. Riley \$ 375
 Lee Ivinson \$2,625
 Dave Corey \$3,000
 Deb Davis \$3,125
 Vacant
 Vacant
Liaisons
 J. Riley 9 out of 22 attended
 F. Medacco 1 out of 25 attended

Health Commission

Pamela Johnson \$ 400
 Al Patricio \$ 400
 Vacant
Liaisons
 J. Burger 1 out of 4 attended
 S. Lewis 1 out of 4 attended

Natural Resource Commission

Tom Guenthardt \$ 200
 Mike Burmeister \$ 500
 John Koon \$ 600
 Connie Eno \$ 500
 David Schultz \$ 600
 Martha Howell \$ 100
 Boo Bear Battice \$ 100
Liaisons
 J. Burger 1 out of 5 attended
 G. DiPiazza 4 out of 6 attended

Housing Commission

Karen Love \$ 800
 Judy Hardenburgh \$ 800
 Julia Chapman
 \$ 800 Marcella Leusby – Attended
 8 - no stipend paid
 Jamie Friedel \$ 800
Liaisons
 S. Lewis 3 out of 7 attended
 R. Wittenberg 3 out of 7 attended
 S. Crampton 1 out of 8 attended



The US Attorney for Western Michigan, Patrick J. Miles and Assistant US Attorney Jeff Davis led the delegation from their offices to Manistee for their annual visit to the tribal government and in particular to our judiciary and law enforcement offices.

Each year, the two teams meet to discuss subjects such as Sexual Predator policies and Child Welfare issues. The meetings help to avoid misunderstandings in the future but also keep everyone up on the latest policies and rulings which could possibly get in the way of effective law enforcement and protection of our citizens. Leading the LRBOI group was Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson. Ogema Romanelli was in Washington DC for a meeting with tribal leaders and President Barack Hussein Obama.



Washtenaw Circuit Judge Tim Connors Honored with Judicial Excellence Award

Judge Connors is a regular presenter at the LRBOI Peacemaking Conference



Posted on October 29, 2015 by Matthew L.M. Fletcher

GRAND RAPIDS, MI, October 28, 2015 – The Michigan Judges Association has announced that Washtenaw County Circuit Court Judge Timothy P. Connors is the 2015 winner of the Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award. Judge Connors has served on the bench since 1991, serving as chief judge for more than a decade, and also serving by appointment as Judge Pro Tem for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

“Judge Connors has led groundbreaking efforts to strengthen the juvenile court in Washtenaw County and he has been an instrumental collaborator in developing strong state-tribal court relations,” said Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack. “Because of his efforts, Washtenaw’s juvenile court system looks dramatically different in the six short months he has presided over this docket.”

“His impact on child welfare cases transcends the systemic reform efforts he has undertaken,” Justice McCormack said. “On each individual case, he carefully listens to each family’s story. According to the lawyers who regularly appear before him, no matter the result in the particular hearing or case, the parties all leave feeling that they have been heard. The community’s respect for the juvenile court has grown because of his approach.”

This award is named after the late Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Hilda Gage and recognizes Circuit and Court of Appeals judges who have excelled in trial and docket management, legal scholarship, and contributions to the profession and the community. The award honors current or former judges who serve their profession and their communities with integrity, skill, and courage every day.

Mnaadendmowin – Respect

Communicating with each other can be a challenge, but one thing helps tremendously. Speak to each other in the spirit of the Seven Grandfathers – with Mnaadendmowin - Respect. Whether you are calling into the tribal offices or are receiving the calls, please think about these communication tips below so that you can make every call a productive one! Respect the person on the other end of the call and they will respect you!

Whether at work, at home, or on your mobile phone, here are 8 solid telephone etiquette tips everyone should be displaying at all times.

1. Always identify yourself at the beginning of all calls.

A) When in the office, always answer a telephone by saying: “Hello/Good Morning, Accounting Department, Syndi Seid speaking.”

B) From a cell phone, either simply say Hello, or state your name, Hello, Syndi Seid here. Do not answer by using words such as “yeah” or “yes.”

C) When placing a call, always state your name along with the name of the person you are calling. Example: “Hello, my name is John Doe from XYZ Corporation. May I please speak with Ms. Jane Smith?”

2. Be sensitive to the tone of your voice. Do not sound overly anxious, aggressive or pushy. It is important your tone conveys authority and confidence. Do not lean back in your chair when speaking on the telephone.

Tip: Sit up in your chair or stand during the conversation. When at home, use a personal tape recorder to privately record your own conversations. You will then hear how your sound to others.

3. Think through exactly what you plan to say and discuss BEFORE you place a call.

Tip: Jot down the items you want to discuss and questions you want answered. In other words, anticipate and expect you will be placed into a voicemail system; plan your message to be as direct and specific as possible, asking the person to respond to specific alternatives or questions. Do not say, “Hello, it’s Syndi, call me back.” At least state the subject about which you want the person to call you back about.

4. Do not allow interruptions to occur during conversations. Do not carry on side conversations with other people around you. The person on the telephone takes precedence over someone who happens to walk in your office or passes by while you are on the phone.

Tip: If you must interrupt the conversation, say to the person, “Please excuse me for a moment I’ll be right back.” And when you return, say, “Thank you for holding.”

5. Especially when leaving messages, speak clearly and slowly. Do not use broken phrases, slang or idioms. Always, always leave your return telephone number as part of your message, including the area code . . . and S-L-O-W-L-Y, including REPEATING your telephone number at the end of your message. **Tip:** Practice leaving your number, by saying it aloud to yourself as slow as you have heard an informational operator say it.

6. Build the habit of always turning off your cell phone ringer when entering a meeting, restaurant, theater, training class, or other place where the purpose of your visit would be interrupted or others would be disturbed by hearing your cell phone ring.

Tip: If you are expecting an important call, inform the caller you will be in a meeting during certain times and state you will monitor your message indicator for when it illuminates you will excuse yourself to leave the meeting and return the call.

7. Always speak into the telephone receiver with an even and low tone of voice. Especially when speaking on a cell phone out in public, be sure to monitor how loud you may be.

Tip: Move the phone ear piece just slightly away from your ear and listen to yourself speaking. Discover whether you are speaking too loudly or too quietly for the other person to hear you.

8. Do not allow yourself to be distracted by other activities while speaking on the telephone, such as rustling papers, chewing and eating, working on the computer, or speaking with someone else. Most importantly, do not use a hand held cell phone while driving. Get a headset or speaker phone for the car.

Tip: Always treat every caller with the utmost courtesy and respect by giving him/her your undivided attention.



Legal Internship in D.C. for Native Students
Posted on November 17, 2015 by Sarah M Donnelly

The Udall Foundation offers exceptional opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students, and we would love for you to forward this information to students involved with your club or organization.

Native American Congressional Internship: This ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., is for American Indian and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program. View the application and sign up for free webinars. You may also visit udall.gov to see what some of our alumni are up to now.

Please share this information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We’d also love to see you on Facebook, where we share application tips and alumni share job announcements: Native Education @ Udall Foundation.

Thank you,

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HEALTH CLINIC AND CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Health Services staff would like to announce the following reminders to ensure that our patients needs are addressed prior to the Government Center Office Closure during the Christmas/New Year Holiday beginning at Noon on Thursday, December 24th and returning on Monday, January 4th.

1. Check your prescription bottles!! If you will require refills, please call the clinic to request your refills no later than Monday, December 21st as this will allow the physician and staff adequate time to process your request prior to Noon on December 24th. This will ensure that you do not run out of your medications during the office closure. Health Services phone number is 1-888-382-8299 or 231-723-8299.
2. Please call your CHS/EHAP worker NO LATER than Tuesday, December 22nd to allow adequate time for the fax authorization to arrive at your pharmacy. CHS/EHAP phone number is 1-888-382-8299 or 231-723-8299.
3. If you feel the need to use the Emergency Room or a walk-in clinic during the office closure, you can report this on Monday, January 4th when the office opens at 8:00 am. Please make sure you have the date, where you went, and why you went.

Enrollment Department Undeliverable Addresses

Listed below are Tribal Members who have undeliverable addresses on file with the Enrollment Department. Please contact the Enrollment Department to update your address by calling (888) 723-8288 and ask for Diane at ext. 6712, Jessica at ext. 6713 or Merri at ext. 6720.

Adamczak	Jeffrey	Thomas	Giskaas	Eileen	Elizabeth	Stone	Rebecca	Ann
Anderson	MiaKoda	Maxine	Giskaas	Ryan	Michael	Taylor	Allan	Forrest
Antoine	Brittani	Marie	Gonzalez	Arlan	Blackwolf	Tyler	Bert	William
Audette	Robert	Lewis	Green	Michael	James	Tyler	Jerry	Scott
Bailey	Kaytlyn	Danielle	Groh	Rebecca	Jean	Wabindato	Pauline	Marie
Battice	Alleah	Rose	Guy	Sky'Veion	Isaiah	Wabsis-Lewis	Blake	James Ogima
Battice	Dakota	Scott	Heine	Paul	Wesley	Webster	Michelle	Dawn
Battice	Robert	Justin Michael	Hewitt	Wesley	Ray	Whitee	Angelique	Charity
Boyer	Derek	Anthony	Johnson	Thomas	Dawayne	Wilson	Douglas	Andrew
Brown	Jeweli	Marie	Kuchynka	Jason	Alan	Wilson	Jeremy	Lynn
Cabarrubia	Jalissa	Leigh	Martell	Roger	Allen	Wilson	Roger	Jr.
Carranco	Donovan	Jose	Michalski	Laurie	Ann	Wolfe	Emilie	Denise
Carranco	Remelio	Juan	Micko	Dominyc	Nimkiibneshiinh	Wood	Melaine	Rae
Champagne	Brett	Michael	Micko	Gerald	John			
Chivis	Joshua	LeRoy	Minaker	John	Charles			
Clark	Bria	Brooklyn Nichole	Moore	Mary	Imelda			
Cogswell	Randall	Charles	Moore	Randall	Keith			
Compeau	Allan	Raymond	Nickerson	Charles				
Cryderman	Jessica	Lynn	Pamame	Leila	Marie			
Davis	Misty	Eve	Peshaba	Mark	Charles			
de Bres	Arthur	Leonard	Redner	Alan	Robert			
DeBoer	Ben		Renner	Sandra	Rae			
DeYoung	Lloyd	John	Rivers	David	Matthew			
Fleury	Micah	Jeremiah	Rivers	Jacob	Louis			
Fox	Amy	Marie	Rivers	Joshua	Jacob			
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Closing Enrollment – Analysis by Enrollment Director

Tribal Members, let us be conscientious and ask questions about the proposed changes to this most important document – OUR TRIBAL CONSTITUTION! The Tribal Council is proposing to change parts of the Constitution. Before you vote for the changes or vote to keep them the same, take time to read and understand how this will affect our Tribe.

This will not affect just a few members, but it will affect all of us.

The Enrollment Department has some thoughts about the proposal to close enrollment.

Under Article II – MEMBERSHIP – NOW HOW IT IS

The Constitution now states; Eligibility for Membership. An individual is eligible for membership in the Tribe, if he/she possesses at least one-fourth degree Indian Blood, of which at least 1/8 degree must be Grand River Ottawa or Michigan Ottawa blood and meets (1) Is a lineal descendant of a member of the historic GRB who resided in four counties or (2) Is a lineal descendant of Individuals listed on 1870 Annuity Payrolls of Chippewa and Ottawa of Michigan under 9 Ottawa Chiefs.

The council wants to add a new Section 1. – Closing Enrollment. This is what it reads.

“Adult enrollment in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall be closed to new applicants on the date this amended Constitution is approved by the majority vote of eligible voters as described in Article XIV. Enrollment shall remain open to individuals aged 18 years and younger who meet the other requirements set forth in this Article.”

This seems very straight forward and supposedly, the change would not have a big impact on the Tribe. That is incorrect. A few months ago Enrollment ran an article in the Currents (July, page 19 www.lrboi.com) about how closing enrollment would affect us. Let me refresh your memory. Remember these are facts, not someone’s opinion. This information was pulled directly from the Enrollment Data Base.

There are the facts, not rumors or others opinions:

Total Membership is	4,232
Elders who are 55 and over	
Elders	1,189
Full blood Elders	111
One Half Blood Elders	441
One Fourth Blood Elders	442
Adults who are 18 to 54	
Adults Full Blood	16
One Half Blood Adults	435
One Fourth Blood Adults	1,738
Children who are 17 and under	
Full Blood Minors	0
One Half Blood Minors	19
One Fourth Blood Elders	311
Total Full Bloods including Elders, Adults and Minors	127
Total One Half Bloods including Elders, Adults and Minors	899
Total One Fourth Bloods including Elders, Adults and Minors	2,491

This year alone we have had over 40 individuals pass away and it is only October.

If we continue at this rate, our tribe will slowly become extinct in the next 10 years.

WHAT ABOUT THE 7 GENERATIONS, OUR CHILDREN?

We all hear about the new people getting the Per Cap. **Come on, look at the facts!** The Baby Boomers are now hitting the Elders category. That means at least 10 to 30 become elders each quarter, and we know elders get twice as much as the adults.

That is what is making the Per Cap smaller, not increasing population.

The Enrollment has leveled out. Rumors say we are getting Sag Chip Members etc. **That is not the truth!**

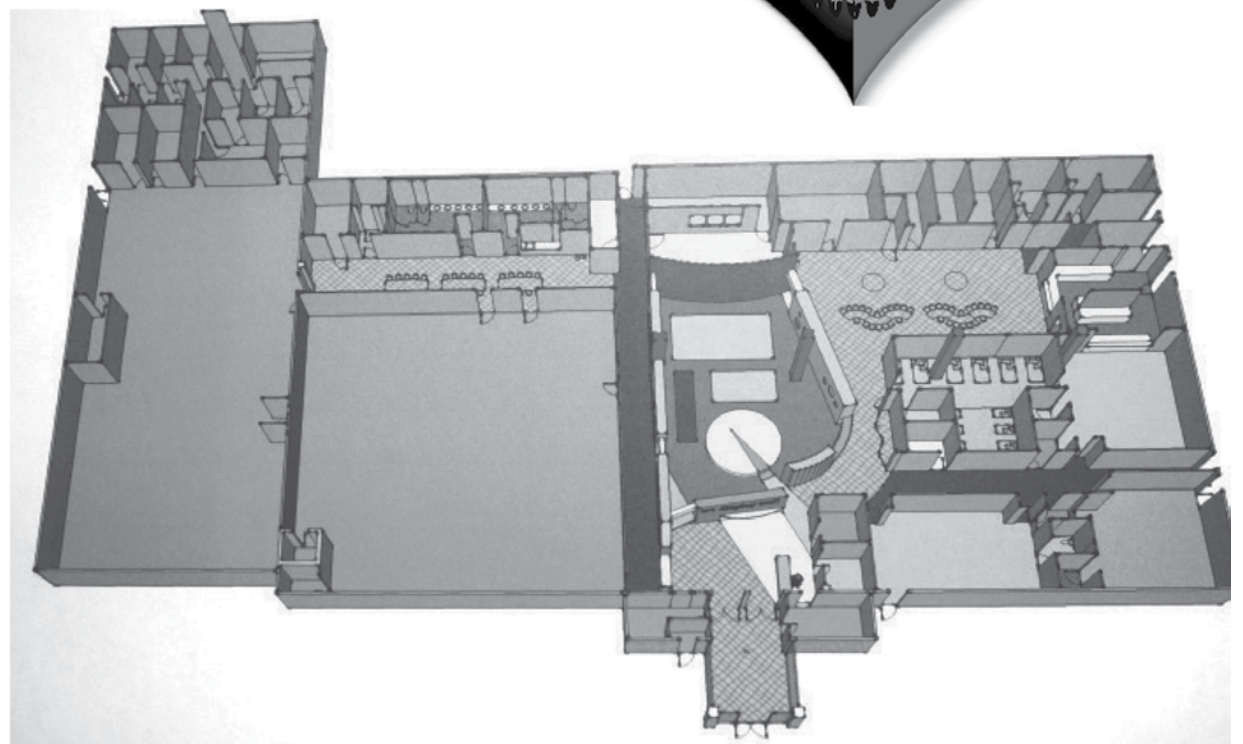
If we close enrollment the adults that were taken away from Native Families would never be able to be part of their tribe. It is not their fault that they were adopted out. They were punished by being taken away from their parents, now we are again punishing them for wanting to join the tribe to be part of their true family.

If you want more facts about our Enrollment, please call Diane Lonn at 231-398-6712. Her email is dlonn@lrboi-nsn.gov.

On Wednesday, November 18th, LRBOI hosted a portion of the Manistee Chamber of Commerce "Education Day" at the Little River Casino Resort with the prime purpose of showcasing plans for the planned LRBOI Child & Family Development Center.

Approximately a dozen professionals who are new to the area participated in this event. Patti Borucki, Co-Coordinator of Manistee Great Start Collaborative presented on the impact of quality early childhood care & education. Jason Cross (LRBOI Family Services Director) and Lisa Morley (LRBOI Early Childhood Consultant) delivered a presentation on the proposed LRBOI Child & Family Development Center.

The vision of the center is to offer a quality early childhood educational experience to all children of Manistee County and provide tools for parents of those children. LRBOI is expecting to partner with at least one college or university on the project. This partnership will allow the center to be used as a teaching location for students in the early childhood education field. It is hoped that the center will open in the fall of 2016.





Ryan Szpliet Accepts Diploma

Ryan Szpliet, a tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, graduated from the FLETC Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico on October 26th, 2015. He endured a 17-week training program which helped him develop skills necessary to a law enforcement officer. Some of those skills include: firearms (duty firearm, shotgun and patrol rifle), driving (basic and emergent), physical fitness, and officer safety and survival. In addition, Ryan was required to excel in the classroom. He was tested in classes that include: constitutional law, 4th amendment/search and seizure, domestic violence, use of force, and CPR, to name a few. Ryan made it through all phases and walked proudly with his fellow classmates.



Taking oath

His graduation took place on the campus of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Approximately 100 people of different tribes from across the United States attended the graduation to witness 18 more cadets become full fledge tribal police officers. Ryan is one of just five LRBOI tribal members to complete the police officer training program at FLETC, three of which are working as police officers. In addition, we also have another tribal member that has completed the state academy working for our department. We as a tribe should be very proud of Ryan as he became part of a select few to make it through the rigorous training



Ryan's wife pins on his badge

Now the real work begins for Ryan, as he will have complete the Field Training Officer program which introduces him to the specifics of policing the LRBOI community. If and when you see Ryan, please welcome him and congratulate him for a job well done. Congratulations!



Ryan Szpliet Accepts a congratulations



Job well done!

Honoring a Warrior

ALL LRBOI MILITARY VETERANS



The Enrollment Department would like to have copies of your DD214 or Discharge papers to add to your personal file. We as a Tribe would like to Honor you!

Send them to the LRBOI Enrollment Department in Manistee. If you have any questions, please call Diane in the Enrollment Department at 231-398-6712.

If you are currently a member of our military forces, please let us know what branch you are in and if possible, where you are stationed.

Thank you all your service to this country and to our tribe!

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Peacemaking/ Probation Department

TALKING CIRCLE



- Do you enjoy helping people?**
- Would you like to share your cultural knowledge with others?**
- Would you like to see Healing in our community?**
- Would you like to help strengthen community relationships?**
- Do you believe in conflict resolution over punishment?**

Did you answer YES to any of these questions? Then becoming a part of the talking circle is for you. The Peacemaking/ Probation Department is looking for people that wish to pass on their wisdom and life experiences to give our at-risk community members guidance and help them understand that their actions affect us all.

This restorative practices program seeks to promote positive solutions that result in rebuilding damaged relationships, repairing harm caused, and reorganizing participant's community connections and involvement.

Would You Like to become involved in the Talking Circle?

Peacemakers will conduct the talking circles. The Talking Circle group will work with participants to develop an "Agreement" to change behavior problems and to resolve conflicts in a traditional way.

If you would like to be part of the Talking Circle or would like more information please contact:

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E-mail: pwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

Martha Howell 231-389-2249,

E-mail: mhowell@lrboi-nsn.gov
 (available M,T,F)

Family Services partners with the Salvation Army to assist Tribal families



The LRBOI Family Services department in collaboration with the Manistee Salvation Army is proud to offer clothing and household item assistance for those meeting program income guidelines. Upon completion of an initial intake and assessment by Family Services staff, Tribal families may be eligible for punch cards which can be redeemed at the Manistee Salvation Army thrift store. In an effort to further the

collaboration between organizations, two red donation barrels have been provided by the Salvation Army to collect gently used clothing from the community to replenish the thrift store. One of the barrels is located in the lobby of the Family Services department and the other location will be determined soon.

On one of the last nice days before the holiday, the LRBOI Education Ladies (Yvonne Parsons and Debra Davis) took the remaining Milkweed Pod gathered by government workers and friends out to the field behind the Government Center in Manistee. They didn't want the Milkweed to go to waste so they, and Debra's granddaughter Daydreana, opened the pods and scattered the seeds across the field.

It was a slightly breezy day and was a perfect day to set the seeds free to grow into Monarch Butterfly food for the next year.

They and the employees watching from inside the Government Center enjoyed the whole activity!

Thanks to our wonderful Education Staff and LRBOI family and friends our world will go from this....



To this....



Congratulations Linda Wissner winner of the smoker.



Did you know that it takes 29 milkweed plants just to raise 1 adult monarch from start to finish?



Monarch butterflies are known for their long migration. Every year monarch butterflies will travel a great distance (sometimes over 4000 km), females will lay eggs and a new generation of monarchs will travel back, completing the cycle.

What we are trying to do is save the Monarch butterfly and any pollinator that feast on milkweed plants and flowers. The monarch population is down by 90% and some of the is because of the milkweed being destroyed by chemicals. So we hope to make a Monarch Way Station out back for the Monarchs that travel through here.

With the seeds we have collected we hope to seed the back space with milkweed. And if we have any left, we want to share them with our tribes here in Michigan.

This is just part of what we hope to do with the milkweed pods we collected.

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.

Tribal Members from Outside the 9 county area are also invited to apply.

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.

Casino Employment

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

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

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

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Manistee, MI 49660

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

Email: recruiting@lrcr.com

Available job openings can also be found at all LRBOI Tribal Government buildings, in LRBOI Tribal Newsletters and at Michigan Works!

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI- Indian Preference in Employment (Ordinance #11-600-02)

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- Bill Willis

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

Little River

CASINO RESORT

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I call you all my family because I believe in my heart that we really are all family, our tribal family, our work family, and all the families that make up our community. I care about each and every one of you and want the best possible future for all of us. Together we are strong and together is how we will achieve our goals. This is a time of year when we need to express to one another how important we are to each other. We do that with our kind words and our generous actions, with our hearts filled with love. I would like to thank all of you for making good things happen for the tribe and for our successful year here at LRCR and LRBOI. We are truly WINNING AT WORK!

We have been winning in a gaming market that is has been down for our competition. How are we doing this? What makes us able to thrive under these conditions? I will tell you. It is our family. It is you. We are a team and we work together in unison to make this success happen. Without each and every one of you, all working together toward the same goal, it could not be done, but together, as a family, we are reaching our goals. The incorporation of our "Winning at Work" company culture at LRCR is at the heart of this endeavor. Winning at Work, together, is how we are crossing this goal line, together, as a team. It's you who deserve the credit for making this happen.

I would like to let you all know how happy it makes me to be able to share, not only with our team here at LRCR, but by reaching across the road and including our brothers and sisters working at the LRBOI governmental center. We were fortunate enough this holiday season to be able to give a special gift to all the employees of LRCR and LRBOI in the form of a giant Thanksgiving turkey. I watched the smiling faces of our LRBOI government employees as they came to load up their turkeys, and my heart was filled with joy that we could all share in something like this, something where it didn't matter what side of the road we worked on, but that we were all acting together as one big family, which I believe we are. Part of our Anishinaabe culture is to give gifts of gratitude, to share food together as a family, and these turkeys went out to do their jobs at bringing families together around the dinner table.

I would like to continue sharing our gratitude by offering another gift that will include all of our team members who work so hard for us. This gift comes in the form of a food voucher that will be given to every employee of both LRBOI and LRCR. This voucher will not only be good for the person whom it is issued, but it will also include a plus one guest. In this way we can all share in the excitement of our new venues at LRCR. The vouchers will be redeemable at any of our new food outlets here at LRCR as soon as they begin to open across property. This is just another way to share our gratitude and treat our people in the way they should be treated, like family, which is what we are.
Thank you again, my family!

Ron Pete, General Manager LRCR
Connie Waitner, Asst. General Manager LRCR

Lighting the Way to LRCR



Two LRCR employees, Doug Carson, A/V Administrator, IT Department and Steven Bednarczyk, Graphic Artist, Marketing Department, worked closely with the manufacturer Yesco to complete the hardware and software work on the beautiful road sign.

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Doug: LRCR's Marketing Department. The content is fed to the sign via our Castnet System

LRCR: What else do you think we would like to know?

Doug: The sign has an ambient light sensor, which adjusts the display brightness according to outside light conditions.

MANISTEE — A team of biologists and technicians dedicated to restoring pine martens in Michigan will be featured on a television program this weekend.

“Wildlife Docs,” which airs on ABC, will feature an episode on the Little River Band’s efforts to monitor and help pine marten populations.

The show’s crew has been up to Michigan three times throughout the past year to film the marten team in action. A camera crew braved last year’s harsh winter to get good footage.

The program will feature Little River employees

Jay Sam, Ari Cornman, and Bob Sanders. It also features staff from many of the partners they work with, including Grand Valley State University and Busch Gardens. The Wildlife Docs episode featuring Little River and the marten project will air on Saturday, Oct. 31 and will re-air on Nov. 28; check your local listings for the time. A secretive inhabitant of the forests around Manistee, the American marten, has had a rough time in Michigan throughout the years, but a noted wildlife program for kids will highlight the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians efforts to conserve them. Marten are small carnivores that feed on mice and other small mammals. They spend most of their time in forests that have abundant cover and are often found in trees, resting and raising their young.

American marten, often commonly referred to as the “pine marten”, previously ranged throughout Michigan, but due to habitat loss and overharvesting disappeared from the Lower Peninsula in 1911. It remained that way until the 1980s, when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources teamed up with the U.S. Forest Service to reintroduce marten, including 19 males and 17 females to the Manistee area, taken from Ontario, Canada. Due to budget and time constraints, little systematic monitoring took place thereafter, and the status of the fledgling marten population became a mystery. Little River biologists and tribal citizens never stopped wondering and caring about the marten. Culturally it is

an important clan species and ecologically marten can help scientists track the health of the forest. In 2010, Little River’s Natural Resources Department took an interest in learning more about the marten population to see if it was still present and if the population was increasing, stable, or decreasing. Also, they wanted to learn whether any other threats such as disease or genetic inbreeding loomed.

Bob Sanders, LRBOI wildlife biologist, took on a Master’s project to better characterize the habitat the marten in the Manistee were using. His study has refined the understanding of how marten use the forest and habitat components such as larger diameter trees and tree cavities for their resting and denning sites. This has helped the tribe

and the Forest Service cooperate in learning how to best manage the forest to protect the marten and the many other wildlife species that depend on healthy forests.

Work on the marten and its status continues. Current initiatives include mapping potential marten habitat across the Manistee watershed, trying to understand marten kit dispersal, and characterizing diseases in the Manistee population. The tribe’s assessments have discovered, among other things, that the Lower Peninsula populations have undergone genetic inbreeding due to small founding population sizes. Little River has initiated a marten working group with state, federal, tribal, and academic partners to address this and other marten concerns throughout Michigan.

In the meantime, other partners have joined the effort to restore martens, including Grand Valley State University, U.S. Forest Service, Detroit Zoo, Busch Gardens, Mesker Park Zoo, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the University of Michigan-Flint. “It’s a real collaborative initiative among many different organizations, all combining their efforts and expertise to try to make a difference to this species,” says Ari Cornman, Little River’s senior wildlife biologist. “There’s a great deal of momentum behind marten conservation and we’re excited to be at the forefront.”

From its inception the tribe worked with Dr. Maria Spriggs, a veterinarian from the Mesker Park Zoo. She taught them the techniques used to anaesthetize martens so that the research team could do medical workups and attach radio collars. When she moved to Busch Gardens in Florida, she brought along her interest in the marten. And she also interested the film crew for Wildlife Docs, the award-winning children’s television program which features Busch Gardens’ wildlife veterinarians in action.



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Feast for the Dead

November 3

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians annual Jiibenaake (Feast for the Dead or Ghost Supper) was held on November 3rd this year at AkiMaadiziwin Widookaage Gamig. The spirit plate was prepared, the spirits were welcomed and a prayer offered by Darleen Martin. As always the food was excellent, and the attendees enjoyed sharing the food, company and memories.

As always, I would like to thank those that brought dishes to share. Also those that just showed up to share. There is also those I wish to give special thanks to for their willingness to pitch in – Jamie Friedel, Clatus Clyne II, Zhaawashko Nimkee Kwe (Sometimes called Martha Howell), Sees Bak Tunse (aka Gary DiPiazza), Tammy DiPiazza, Darleen Martin, and special thanks to Valerie Chandler who made soups, arranged tables and basically coordinated the event.

Eagle Staff Gathering at Wiki



Warriors Society Commander John Shano has offered this report on an Eagle staff gathering in September of this year, north of the border. The gathering was held with our Cousins at Wikwimekong.

The Wikwimekong Unceded Indian reserve is one of the ten largest first nation communities in Canada. Situated on the eastern end of Manitoulin Island and along the pristine shores of Georgian Bay, Wikwimekong is home to an Anishinaabek community.

This gathering brought together many of our nations to stand with one another to share learning and to feast our eagle staffs to help protect and guide us. They have stood with us as witnesses to many meetings, ceremonies, agreements and treaties over the years. It is because of the sacred gifts given to us by the Creator, such as the eagle staff, that our language and culture have survived. The protection and guidance we receive through our eagle staffs allow us to continue to be strong and resilient nations. Kchi-migwech, to all peoples at eagle staff gatherings a special Kchi-migwech to Ogimaa Duke Peltier



U.S. Soldier's Life, Recreated in Army, Ends in Combat



Master Sgt. Joshua L. Wheeler, 39, of Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., was killed in action Oct. 22, while deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Jerusalem Post | Oct 25, 2015 The remains of a U.S. Special Forces soldier killed in a special operations raid this week against the Islamic State was brought home to the United States on Saturday. Master Sergeant Joshua Wheeler was killed when he rushed into a firefight to rescue captive Kurdish forces on Thursday, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said. Carter had said on Friday that Wheeler's family would be at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, to view the return of his remains.

Wheeler, 39, from Roland, Oklahoma, was part of an overnight mission to rescue hostages held by Islamic State militants in northern Iraq. He became the first American to die in combat in Iraq since 2011. Carter said in a news briefing on Friday that U.S. troops were not planning to enter the compound, and were there only to advise and assist Kurdish fighters, known as peshmerga. But when a firefight ensued, Wheeler ran to help Kurdish troops, Carter said. Wheeler was awarded the Purple Heart after his death, according to an Army statement. In a press conference on Friday Carter claimed that Wheeler's death in combat does not mean the U.S. is involved in combat operations in Iraq. Around 70 hostages were rescued in the action, which targeted an Islamic State prison around 7 km (4 miles) north of the town of Hawija.



THE NATIONAL TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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The National Tribal Amateur Radio Association (NTARA) is a National Organization comprised of licensed amateur (ham) radio operators from the 566 Tribal Nations across the United States, and other licensed operators who are interested in learning about Indian Country. The purpose of NTARA is to further the amateur radio hobby into Indian Country and to provide additional forms of communications to communities which may have limited communications already.

NTARA seeks to educate Tribal Communities through outreach programs and through the schools by demonstrating how amateur radio can lead to careers in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

NTARA will assist Tribal Nations with emergency and special communications during times of disasters, through groups such as Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) by effectively providing life-saving emergency communications.

NTARA seeks to educate the public on the uniqueness of Tribal Communities while providing information as to the culture, history and heritage of tribal nations throughout the United States. Through special events such as field day and other special events, NTARA will coordinate the operation of Amateur Radio Stations to communicate with Amateur Radio Stations from other Tribal Nations as well as other cities, counties and states.

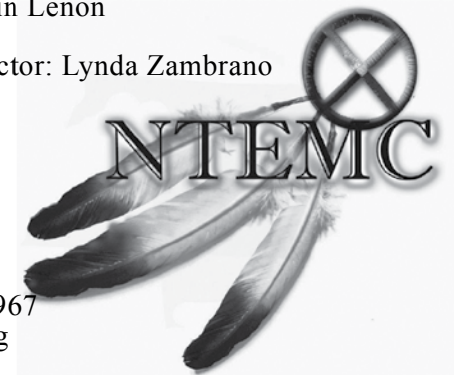
The National Tribal Amateur Radio Association works with all federally recognized Tribal Nations through the United States and Canada to promote self-reliance and interoperable communications through the use of Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio will provide additional communications mechanisms for Tribal Nations to communicate with other Tribal Nations and local, county, state and federal partners through educational programs as well as during disaster situations where providing life-saving information is crucial.

NTARA is a dues based organization which relies solely on small monetary payments each year by its members which allows NTARA to provide educational demonstrations and programs at schools in tribal communities, provides special event stations to promote Native American History and Culture and will provide equipment, technical assistance and training for Tribal first response and emergency management organizations.

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Links and lists of Tribal Resources available. If you know of any Resources that should be added, please let us know: info@ntemc.org

This Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Disaster Behavioral Health Information Series installment focuses on working with tribal organizations. It is organized into four categories: (1) Disaster Recovery for Tribal Organizations, (2) Traditional Healing in Disaster Behavioral Health Response, (3) Suicide Preparedness and Response Information, and (4) Cultural Competence When Working with Tribal Populations.

This series can be found at: http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_tribal_intro.asp

More information on SAMHSA's Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC) can be found at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/>

Domestic Violence Awareness 2015



This particular event was attended by LRBOI tribal government staff and community members. A craft station was available for attendees to build their own signs to march with during the walk and refreshments of cider and donuts were also provided. Attendees were also given goody bags with information on Domestic violence and provided a t-shirt for their participation.

The guest speaker, Marieanne Canales, who has worked towards ending domestic violence in Indian Country for many years addressed the crowd and spoke about the incidence of intimate partner violence in the tribal community and how things have change over the years. She was very proud that the work she has done over the years is now being carried on by her daughter, Shanaviah Canales, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. While

thunderstorms and rain threatened to cancel the walk portion of the event the clouds revealed a beautiful sunset just in

time and allowed those gathered a chance to show their support and march along River Street.

To learn more about the LRBOI Domestic Violence Program or if you believe you are the victim of abuse please feel free to contact the Family Service Department and ask for Shanaviah Canales at 231.398.6719 or contact your local domestic violence shelter.

On October 15th a group of individuals dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence gathered at the Senior Center in downtown Manistee. The event was in part based on, Take Back the Night, a national campaign that came to the states in the 1970s. These event usually starts out with a rally, guest speakers or community leaders, and conclude with a march through the streets at dusk symbolizing the community's unity and support for ending violence against women.



Native American
women experience domestic violence
at rates **50% higher** than other groups.

(NCS, 2004)

True North

TrueNorth Heating & Housing Assistance programs and services strive to keep residents in safe and affordable housing, while working towards the goal of self-sufficiency.

First, please note that not every TrueNorth program is available in each county we serve. To find out if a specific program is available in your county of residence, please visit our Resource Search page to see what services are available to you. A link to Resource Search is provided on the right. If we do not provide a service you need, please call 2-1-1 or visit www.call-211.org to locate services in your area.

TrueNorth helps with heat and energy assistance through our emPower program. This program helps keep low-income families and seniors warm in their homes, including assistance with heat/utility bills, and energy conservation initiatives.

IMPORTANT – The emPower Heat & Energy Assistance Program began accepting applications for the 2015/2016 season on Thursday, October 1, 2015. An application, along with guidelines, is available through the Publications & Forms link on the right.

We also strive to help low-income families remain in their current housing or to acquire safer, more affordable housing by providing Housing Assistance with rent payments to prevent homelessness, or secure housing for those in crisis.

TrueNorth provides Emergency Shelter to individuals and families on a limited basis, while a more permanent housing plan is developed and enacted.

A fire often creates a crisis situation. We provide Emergency Fire Assistance by way of shelter, rental assistance or food.

We strive to provide Landlord and Tenant Education and Awareness, which is essential for successful landlord and tenant relations. Improved relationships are accomplished through workshops and counseling. Each fall, we design and implement a Hunger & Homeless Awareness Campaign designed to educate our youth and adults about the issue of rural homelessness and food scarcity in Newaygo County and other communities on a limited basis.



CHI ISHOBAK

Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-o-bock), means "Big Cabbage" and is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak provides Tribal Citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of business start-up or expansion and individual financial development through education-based lending services.

- COMMERCIAL LOANS
- CONSUMER LOANS
- INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS
- FINANCIAL EDUCATION
- SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please contact: (269) 783-4157 www.chiishobak.org

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Restore your financial health
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has signed an MOU with Chi Ishobak, a Native Community Development Financial Institution to provide tribal citizens with access to financial education, to help bring you to a state of financial wellness.

Wednesday December 2, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Presentation & Private Appointments

1011 West Hackley, Muskegon, MI.

Presentation by Sean Winters regarding Chi Ishobak, CDFI

Entrepreneurial Support, Debt Elimination, Credit Building, Financial

Responsibility, Cultural Obligation, Wealth Building that works


Thursday December 3, 2015

Time: 8:00am -3:30pm

Presentation & Private Appointments

1011 West Hackley, Muskegon, MI.

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Attached is a list of the various tribal buildings and locations that we associate with here at Naaminitigong. Naaminitigong is the word that the fluent Elder speakers said that was used to describe this area, which means “land beneath the trees”. This project took some time and it is with great pride and honor that we, the Historic Preservation Department, present this to all of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians employees and leadership.

We encourage you to use these words; you do not have to be a language student or a tribal member.

We are also working on creating audio clips for each one of these words and will eventually have them posted on the tribal website. The various buildings are listed along with the terms on how to say “at” that building and then the translation of that word.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 231-398-6892 (Kenny) or 231-398-6893 (Jay).

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Little River Buildings	Singular	Located (at)	Translation
Administration	Ogema gamig	Ogema gamigong	Leadership bldg.
Big Blue	Nadabaanke gamig	Nadabaanke gamigong	Fix vehicle bldg.
Casino	Zhoonyaataage gamig	Zhoonyaataage gamigong	Money competition bldg.
Community Ctr.	Wiidookaage gamig	Wiidookaage gamigong	Contribution bldg.
Court house	Dabaakwanige gamig	Dabaakwanige gamigong	Judging bldg.
Clinic	Mshkikii gamig	Mshkikii gamigong	Medicine bldg.
Ceremonial lodge	Manidooke gamig	Manidooke gamigong	Spiritual bldg.
Drum arbor	Adewe gamig	Adewe gamigong	Drum bldg.
Elders pavilion	Gekaa gamig	Gekaa gamigong	Elders bldg.
Emcee pavilion	Giigadoo gamig	Giigadoo gamigong	Speaking bldg.
Kitchen	Jiibaakwe gamig	Jiibaakwe gamigong	Cooking bldg.
Resort/Motel	Gibeshii gamig	Gibeshii gamigong	Over-night stay bldg.
Natural Res.	Shkakaamik kwe gamig	Shkakaamik kwe gamigong	Mother earth bldg.
Pavilion	Maawnjidi gamig	Maawnjidi gamigong	Gathering bldg.
Restaurant	Shange gamig	Shange gamigong	Feeding bldg.
Store	Odawe gamig	Odawe gamigong	Sales bldg.
Shed	Taaso gamig	Taaso gamigong	Tools/equip. bldg.
Shower Bldg.	Giziibiigizhe gamig	Giziibiigizhe gamigong	Bathing bldg.
Sugar shack	Ziisibaakwadaake gamig	Ziisibaakwadaake gamigong	Sugar making bldg.
Tent	Ngaasmo gamig	Ngaasmo gamigong	Shelter bldg.
Warehouse	Sanjigo gamig	Sanjigo gamigong	Storage bldg.
Waste-water	Biinaagami gamig	Biinaagami gamigong	Clean water bldg.



Bi-lingual stop signs

We are going to install Bi-lingual stop signs on property.

We are also to install bathroom signs, men will read “**Niniwok**”, women will read “**Kwewok**”, unisex bathrooms will read “**Kwewok maage Niniwok**”. Miigwech

Kenny

Ngaabzan means
stop your vehicle

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDP) 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 FDP 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.	\$ 1,136.00
2.	\$ 1,483.00
3.	\$ 1,830.00
4.	\$ 2,189.00
5.	\$ 2,565.00
6.	\$ 2,941.00
7.	\$ 3,287.00
8.	\$ 3,634.00

For each additional member add \$ 347.00

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

Chi Ishobak, Inc. And The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Sign Memorandum of Understanding.

Chi Ishobak, Inc. Will Serve As the Native Community Development Financial Institution for the Economic and Financial Development for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

October 19, 2015

Dowagiac, MI – The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Chi Ishobak, Inc. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which Chi Ishobak will serve as the Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Chi Ishobak will provide access to capital for tribal citizens for small business loans and consumer loans with supplemental education-oriented services to build professional and personal financial capacity.

“This partnership is a significant milestone within Indian Country,” said Chi Ishobak Executive Director Sean Winters. “This type of program works within economically distressed communities and provides capital and credit, while empowering Native Americans to continue strengthening our tribal nations.”

Chi Ishobak has been providing its loan program, business development, and personal financial education curriculum to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians since 2009. The impact Pokagon Band citizens have recognized has been growing steadily year-by-year. Since 2012 more than \$900,000 has been disbursed to tribal entrepreneurs and consumers. Tribal businesses have generated more than \$2.7 million in local economies and created approximately 15 jobs through existing small-businesses, start-up business, and a female-owned business. Chi Ishobak clients have eliminated over \$81,000 of consumer debt, increased credit scores by an average of 41 points over a 10-month period, and helped establish an initial credit score average of 671 over a 10-month period.

Chi Ishobak and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will aggressively market this program to tribal citizens via email, newsletters, websites, and through tribal government to increase exposure to program information and details as part of the initial launch. Chi Ishobak will be on-site in both Manistee and Muskegon within the next two months to promote this partnership. Locations, dates, and times are forthcoming and will be made available in advance.

Chi Ishobak strives to establish financial responsibility and accountability for tribal citizens through cultural and traditional teachings. Combining traditional ways with modern resources has become a proven system for empowering tribal citizens to properly manage and plan for economic resources.

“Chi Ishobak would love to create this type of relationship with other Michigan Tribes,” added Winters. “We are all family and the greater number of tribal citizens we can help will accelerate the benefit across Indian Country.”

Additional information can be found through Chi Ishobak’s website at or by contacting Chi Ishobak offices at (269) 783-4157.

EMPOWERING

tribal citizens, families, and communities

Chi Ishobak supports tribal citizens residing in Michigan and Indiana to achieve self-sufficiency through a variety of programs and services designed to support entrepreneurship and individual financial development. As a certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), we offer a number of loan products to help you achieve your business and personal financial goals. But what makes us unique are the cultural and traditional practices combined with modern education, training, and personalized individual assistance. We believe this approach not only provides an avenue for tribal citizens to make better lives for themselves and their families, but it encourages our communities to sustain economic growth. We are here to help you succeed financially and strengthen our nations at the same time.



BUSINESS

Chi Ishobak helps aspiring entrepreneurs and seasoned business owners with funding for equipment, inventory, supplies, working capital, and more. Loans range from \$1,000 to over \$50,000 and are based upon project needs and details. Chi Ishobak works with each applicant either through one-on-one consultation, mentoring, or workshop instruction to evaluate business ideas and to establish a business plan to turn those ideas into reality.

CONSUMER

Increasing individual financial capacity can be a formidable task. Employment, family function, and building credit are substantial challenges faced within our communities. Chi Ishobak’s consumer loan products could be your solution. Our Automobile Loan provides capital to tribal citizens for the purchase of reliable transportation. Our Credit Builder Loan is designed for individuals seeking to establish an initial credit score or rebuild damaged credit. This is a solid first step on the path to utilizing credit as an asset.

WELLNESS

Personal financial management is crucial to achieving your financial goals. Chi Ishobak designed a culturally-based curriculum aimed to educate and equip tribal citizen with the necessary tools and resources to take control of their personal finances. Workshops and individual financial coaching sessions provide flexibility for scheduling dates and times.



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Hypothermia prevention tips:

Limit time outdoors and stay indoors on windy days.
 Go inside if you begin shivering. Wear warm, layered clothing of natural fibers. To reduce heat loss, wear a hat, gloves, warm socks and boots. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs. Keep the thermostat at a comfortable level, wear warm clothing and use enough blankets to stay warm at night.

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

Meals served at 12 o'clock

No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/ Disabled individuals who reside with Elder. Guests Meals are \$6.00 Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

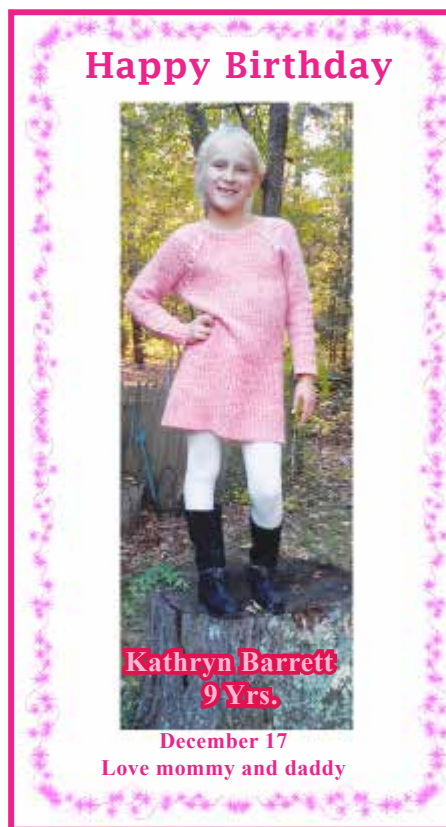
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Spaghetti Veggies Garlic Bread Dessert	2 Savory Roasted Chicken Rice & Veggie Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	3 French Dip Potato Wedges Peas Dessert Birthday Celebration	4	5
6 Elder Committee Christmas Party at LRCR.	7 Salisbury Steak Roasted Potato Creamed Corn Dessert Language Class 12:30	8 Chicken Breast Baked Potato Green Beans Dessert	9 Ruben Cole Slaw Veggies Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	10 Lasagna Garlic Bread Broccoli Dessert BINGO!!!!	11	12
13	14 Baked Fish Mac N Cheese Peas & Carrots Dessert Language Class 12:30	15 Soup and Turkey Club Sandwich Dessert Share Day!	16 Roast Beef Red Potato's Creamed Corn Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	17 Chili Corn Bread Dessert	18 Muskegon Meal !! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	19
20  about your pets when their outside! Brrrrrrr	21 Roasted Turkey Baked Potato Green Beans Dessert Language Class 12:30	22 Goulash Veggie Blend Fruit Crumble	23 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Dessert Christmas Cookie Exchange.	24 See you next year on 1/04/2016	25	26
	8	29	30	31		
	The 3rd is the day we will cele- brate December birthdays!!!		Coffee, Tea, Milk & 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	



“Happy Birthday to Dale E. Lones November 18th!
To Dale Senior, you are the best Dad!
Lametra Lones



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Elder Mitch Theodore
9 pt. Buck, 20” spread and
dressed out at over 200 lbs.



Luke Updyke 34years old
10 Pont Buck shot in Oceana
County

Susan Dansby 2/21/1957- 10/22/2015



Dansby, Susan Kay 2/21/1957 - 10/22/2015 Susan Kay Dansby, age 58 of Muskegon, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2015 in the loving arms of her family. She was born on February 21, 1957 to Donald and Mary McCauley in Muskegon. Susan was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and worked at the Lit-

tle River Casino and Resort. She enjoyed making walking sticks, hunting, and spending time at her cabin. Susan loved her dogs and cherished time with her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her brother, Robert McCauley; and her dad, Donald McCauley. She is survived by her husband, Rick Dansby; her children, April (Jacob) Reineke, and Jerry (Kim) Shelder; her stepdaughter, Shelby Dansby; her grandchildren, Chloe, Zack, Makayla, and Brayden; her sister, Peggy Douglas; her brother, Tom (Michele) McCauley; her mom, Mary McCauley; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Visitation will take place Monday, October 26, 2015 from 2 4pm and from 6 8pm at Ever Rest Funeral Home and Chapel; 1783 E. Keating Ave in Muskegon. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at Ever Rest Funeral Home and Chapel at 11am, with an hour of visitation prior to the service, beginning at 10am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mercy VNS and Hospice and the Johnson Cancer Center. - ee more at:

<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/muskegon/obituary.aspx?pid=176205179#sthash.hnssR4KE.dpuf>



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- 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
 - *Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.
 - *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.
 - Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
 - * Charge will be for meal of the highest price.
 - *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.
 - 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
 - Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees. Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.
 - *Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.
 - *Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when Checking in and occupy the room.
 - *No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.
 - In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
 - River Credits will be given to all LR-BOI Tribal Members only (no spouses). Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
 - *Spring and Fall membership meeting
 - *LRBOI Elders Conference
 - *Elders Christmas Party
 - *Tribal Members only
 - No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.\
 - Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).
- Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.



Departments	Location	Director or main phone numbers
Accounting	government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
Commodities	aki maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6715
Education	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	government center-lower level	231.398.6636
Family Services	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	interim casino	231-723-7755
Grants Department	government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	government center -north end	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	government center-lower level	231.398.6893
Housing	aki maadiziwin -gommunity center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th street offices manistee	231.398.2191
Peacemaking/Probation	justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Tribal Court	justice center on M22	231-398-3406

Some Events To look forward to



Elders Meal
Aki
Community Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

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

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

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Or Current Resident

At the Tribal Council session on October 28th, local veteran advocate Ted Ahrens and his wife Pam made a special presentation. While constructing a building in the area, they discovered a stone axe head of a style consistent with that used by the Native Americans in our reservation area.



Mr. Ahrens felt that the respectful thing to do would be to bring it back to the tribe. He did so in a special part of the Council meeting and presented the artifact to the Tribal Historic Preservation Director Jonnie J. Sam, Ogema Larry Romanelli and Tribal Council.

Mr. Ahrens is most well-known locally as a fierce advocate for Military Veterans. Most recently, he was a major supporter and organizer of the effort to erect a memorial to LRBOI Tribal Code Talkers. See the article in the October issue of the Currents at

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/October%20currents.pdf>

In another effort which culminated last year, Mr. Ahrens finally convinced the Manistee City Council to add a memorial to the USS Liberty in our Memorial Park (across from Olesons'). This makes Manistee the only city in the nation to honor the victims and memory of this US Warship that was attacked by Israeli forces at the cost of numerous lives and which seriously damaged the vessel. The whole incident was 'inconvenient' to the authorities and was ignored.

The tribe is very appreciative of Mr. Ahrens service and his respect for the Indian inhabitants of the Manistee area.

LRCR Board of Directors 2016 First Quarter Board Schedule

**Little River
CASINO RESORT**

**Open Sessions 6:00pm
Grand River Room
Tribal Members invited.**

**January 28, 2016
February 25, 2016
March 24, 2016**

**Closed Sessions
Tentative start time is 8:30am.**