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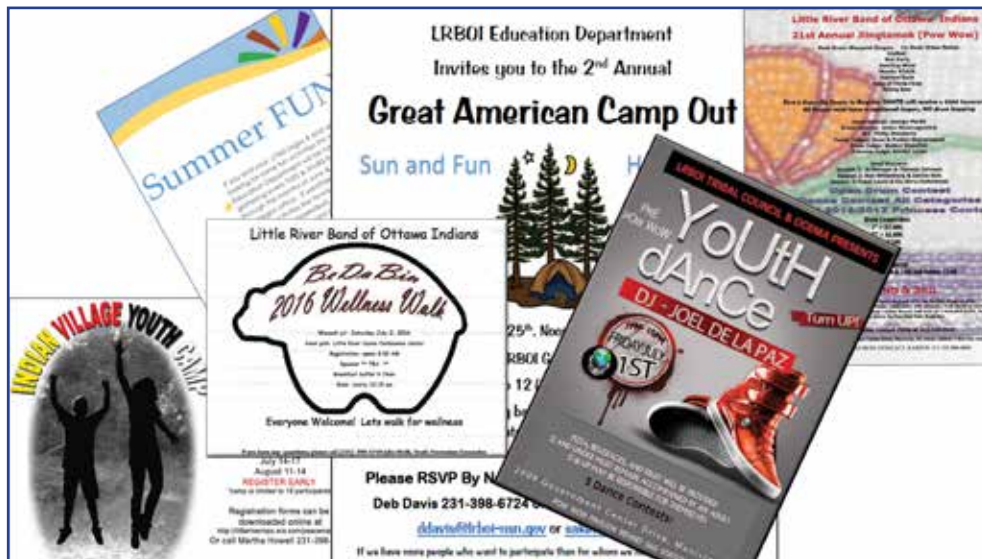
2016 Membership Meetings
October 8, 2016

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

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No Elder's meeting in July

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Contributes \$710,400 to Local Governments Contributions total more than \$30 million since casino opening

June 14, 2016 For Immediate Release

Contact: Tom Shields
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Manistee, Mich. — The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians presented a check to Manistee County Local Sharing Revenue Board (LRSB) late Monday afternoon for \$710,410. This payment brings the total amount of local revenue sharing payments to \$30,479,814 since the casino opened in 1999.

The payment represents two-percent of the slot revenues from the Tribes Little River Casino and resort over the past six months. Payments are made twice a year.

Under the gaming compact and amendment between the Tribe and the State of

Michigan, the Tribe mutually agreed to make annual distributions to the LRSB, which distributes the funds to the county, local governments and schools in the area.

“The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians developed gaming as an economic tool to strengthen government services,” said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. “Our goal has been to provide economic development and jobs not only for tribal members but to the community as well. We are proud to share with the local community and help provide services provided to our members and our neighbors.”

The Tribe has operated Little River Casino Resort as a productive and successful gaming operation for nearly 17 years. The Little River Casino Resort is the largest employer in Manistee County providing more than 1,000 jobs and millions of dollars to local vendors.

The LRSB uses the funds to reimburse local units of governments for costs due to the casino (i.e. law enforcement and emergency services) and to provide a payment in lieu of property tax revenue. Any additional funds are then divided by the local governments and have been used to provide funding for critical needs in the local community, including:

- Equipment for emergency responders in Manistee;
- Protective clothing for firefighters from local departments;
- “Jaws of Life”;
- School buses;
- Sidewalks in the City of Manistee;
- Land to expand Blacker Airport.

The three members of the LRSB include representatives from Manistee County, the City of Manistee and Manistee Township.

“The Little River Band has been a major contributor to the community and catalyst for our region’s growth,” said LRSB Chairman Dennis Bjorkquist and Supervisor of Manistee Township. “The casino has significantly boosted our tourism to businesses beyond the casino. The Tribe is a great neighbor and partner in our community.”

Seventy-five percent of casino employees are non-Tribal members. The Little River Band has more than 4,000 enrolled members and tribal responsibility for nine counties stretching from Manistee south to Muskegon.

In addition, in accordance with the state gaming compact and amendment, the Little River Band has paid the state of Michigan more than \$85 million to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.



Membership Annual Budget Meeting

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Annual Budget Meeting will take place on **August 6, 2016.**
9am-12pm
At the Aki Community Center.



Work Session Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jessica Burger	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Total
05/02/16	Education v. Experience	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	8
05/02/16	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	8
05/03/16	Wells Fargo	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/09/16	Portage Pier Channel		x	V	x	x	x		x	V	5
05/09/16	Agenda Review		x	V	x	x	x		x	V	5
05/10/16	Housing Commission Regs		x		x	x	x	x	x	V	6
05/10/16	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	V	7
05/10/16	2016 Goals	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	V	7
05/10/16	Transportation Self-Gov	x			x	x	x	x	x	V	6
05/12/16	Bike Time	x	x		x	x	V		x	x	6
05/13/16	Gould Cemetery	x	x		x	x	V	x	x	x	7
05/16/16	Gov Business & Accounting		x	x		x	x		x	x	6
05/16/16	US Attorney General Visit	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/16/16	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/17/16	Princess Contest		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/17/16	Strategic Plan Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/17/16	Round Table w/ Ogema	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/23/16	Arctic Grayling		x		x	x	x	x	x	V	6
05/23/16	Agenda Review	x	x		x	*	*	x	x	V	5
05/23/16	Gathering Grounds	x	x		x	*	*	x		V	4
05/24/16	Commerce Commission		x	x	x	x	x	*	x	V	6
05/24/16	Princess Program		x	x	x	*	x	*	x	V	5
05/24/16	Compensation Committee	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	x	V	7
05/31/16	Education v. Experience	V	x		x	x	x	x	x		6
05/31/16	Compensation Committee	V	x		x	x	x	x	x		6
	Total # of work sessions - 25	15	23	11	24	22	21	18	24	9	

* - Business Related V - Vacation B - Bereavement

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL AMENDED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2016

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Departmental Reports and Minutes of various entities of the Tribe will be accepted during the third meeting of each month.

June 22	July 6	August 3	September 14	October 5	November 2	December 7
*June 29	July 13	*August 6, Sat – 2:30 p.m	September 21	October 12	*November 5, Sat – 10:00 a.m.	December 14
	July 27	August 10	September 28	October 19	November 16	December 21
		August 17		October 26	November 30	
		August 24				

June 1st, August 3rd, September 21st and November 2nd dates were removed from the calendar
*Added to the calendar – June 29th, August 6th and November 5th



Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

June 13, 2016

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is developing two new residential units on Trust Land at the Aki maadiziwin residential development in Manistee, MI 49660. This Notice is for 2629 E. Maw gaw ne quong, Manistee, MI 49660 and 2621 E. Maw gaw ne quong, Manistee, MI 49660.

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

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

For further information concerning this Notice, please contact
Chad Gehrke, Housing Department at (231) 398-6878.

Public Notice

Public Comments will be received for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Any individual, group, or agencies may submit written comments on the ERR to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660. All comments received by July 13, 2016 will be considered by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council Issues Oath of Office to Newly-Re-elected Members and Appoints New Officers

FULTON -- On May 19, 2016, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi issued the oath of office to newly-re-elected Tribal Council Members Homer A. Mandoka and Jamie Stuck.

Upon completion of the oath of office, NHBP Tribal Council conducted its officers' appointments. Jamie Stuck was appointed Chairperson and Dorie Rios was appointed Vice-Chairperson. Christine Lanning was appointed as Secretary; Tony Day was appointed as Treasurer, and Homer A. Mandoka was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

"The combined wealth of experience and dedication of our Tribal Council will allow us to continue to provide a strong and stable government for our Tribal Members and to ensure that our actions prepare our Tribe to meet the needs of the next seven generations," Stuck said.

Stuck, of Scotts, has served on Tribal Council since 2006; Rios, of Battle Creek, has served on Tribal Council since 2010; Lanning, of Newaygo, has served on Tribal Council since 2013; Day, of Union City, has served on Tribal Council since 2012; and Mandoka, of Bronson, has served on Tribal Council since 2002.



NHBP Sergeant-At-Arms Homer A. Mandoka; Vice Chair Dorie Rios; Chair Jamie Stuck; Secretary Christine Lanning; and Treasurer Tony Day



Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Unified Legal Department
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Manistee, MI 49660
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Summer Law Intern*

Temporary part-time hours w/ flexible schedule through tribe's Work Force Development

Position: Summer Law Intern
Reporting to: **Unified Legal Department** Staff Attorneys
Summary: The intern(s) will work closely with the Unified Legal Department Attorneys in several clearly defined projects to be completed this summer. Interns will be exposed to the daily operation of the Unified Legal Department in its role as legal counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its Enterprises; and in its role as a legal resource to the various departments, commissions, and Boards of the Tribe.

About the Program:

The Internship Educational Grant Program is only open to LRBOI Tribal Members and Preference Students that meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Member or Tribal Preference Candidate and at least 18 years of age.
2. Applicant must have a 2.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) or higher.
3. Applicant must be in a degreed program at an accredited College or University.
4. Length of Internship paid by the Work Force Development Program is 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour.

Interested Applicants should reply with the following documents:

- Completed application [found at: https://lrboi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Revised-Application-for-Programs-10_2014.pdf]
- Current Resume
- College Transcripts
- Cover Letter explaining your interest in Tribal/Indian Law

Applicants must pass a drug test and background check.

Sundance Institute Selects Two Artists for Native Filmmakers Lab



Shane McSauby
Credit: Sundance Institute



2015 Native Filmmakers Lab
Credit: Babak Dowlatshahi



Willi White
Credit: Sundance Institute

Los Angeles, CA — Sundance Institute announced today the two emerging Native American storytellers who will participate in the 2016 Native Filmmakers Lab. Shane McSauby (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) and Willi White (Oglala Lakota) will attend the Lab and receive guidance from esteemed Creative Advisors. After the Lab they will receive grants to fund the production of their short films, targeted support from a supervising producer and participation in the annual Native Forum at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. The Lab, taking place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 12-17, is a highlight of the Institute's year-round work in the discovery and development of Native American and Indigenous filmmakers.

The Institute has established a rich legacy of commitment to Native film, supporting more than 300 Native and Indigenous filmmakers, including Taika Waititi (Te Whānau-ā-Apanui), Chris Eyre (Cheyenne/Arapaho), Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Muskogee), Billy Luther (Diné/Hopi/Laguna Pueblo), Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Iñupiaq), Aurora Guerrero (Xicana), Sydney Freeland (Diné), Blake Pickens (Chickasaw) and Ciara Lacy (Kanaka Maoli). The Native Filmmakers Lab, now in its second year of providing dedicated support for short film projects, allows Fellows to identify and break down challenging scenes from their scripts, rehearse with actors, shoot test scenes, edit footage and present for constructive critiques. Throughout the Lab, Fellows engage in one-on-one meetings with advisors as well as view advisors' films to spark discussions about the journeys of their stories from script to audience screenings. This is one of 24 residential Labs the Institute hosts each year to discover and foster independent artists in film, theatre, new media and episodic content.

The filmmakers serving as Creative Advisors for this year's Native Lab include: Jen Gerber (The Revival); Reinaldo Marcus Green (Stop, Stone Cars); Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Sikumi, On

the Ice); Cara Marcous (On the Ice) and Blake Pickens (The Land).

N. Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache), director of the Sundance Institute Native American and Indigenous Program, said, "Our Native Filmmakers Lab is a unique space for the next generation of Indigenous filmmakers to develop their own stories, especially amid calls for greater diversity in Hollywood. We are thrilled to support Shane and Willi on their creative journeys and look forward to ensuring that their stories reach audiences and their careers continue to develop and grow."

Since the founding of the Institute three generations of Native artists have been supported, with a strong focus on further uplifting the Indigenous voice within film and culture. The Native Program has built and sustained a unique support cycle for Indigenous artists through grants, labs, mentorships, fellowships, the platform of Sundance Film Festival, and screenings in Native communities to inspire new generations of storytellers.

Artists and projects selected for the 2016 Native Filmmakers Lab:

Mino Bimaadizwin

Shane McSauby (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)

A young Ojibwe man must choose between the comfort of city living or Mino Bimaadizwin, the path to the good life, after reconnecting with his culture through a young Ojibwe woman.

Shane McSauby is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He received a bachelor's degree in filmmaking at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan in December 2015 and currently resides in New York City. McSauby is the first Sundance Institute Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Fellow.

Miye, Unkiye

Willi White (Oglala Lakota)

On the Pine Ridge reservation, a young Oglala Lakota man has accidentally created a menacing

spirit which only he can see and which he must destroy. Willi White is a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation in South Dakota. He is a photographer, filmmaker, actor and entrepreneur.

Willi's body of work includes the performing arts, film and photography. He recently worked as a production assistant on Oscar-winning director Andrea Arnold's film, American Honey, starring Shia LeBeouf. The Sundance Institute Native American and Indigenous Program is supported by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Time Warner Foundation, Ford Foundation, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, SAGIndie, Comcast-NBCUniversal, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Embassy of Australia, Indigenous Media Initiatives, Taika Waititi, and Pacific Islanders in Communications.

Sundance Institute

Founded in 1981 by Robert Redford, Sundance Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides and preserves the space for artists in film, theatre, and new media to create and thrive. The Institute's signature Labs, granting, and mentorship programs, dedicated to developing new work, take place throughout the year in the U.S. and internationally. The Sundance Film Festival and other public programs connect audiences to artists in igniting new ideas, discovering original voices, and building a community dedicated to independent storytelling. Sundance Institute has supported such projects as Beasts of the Southern Wild, Fruitvale Station, Sin Nombre, The Invisible War, The Square, Dirty Wars, Spring Awakening, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder and Fun Home. Join Sundance Institute on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.



Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 25 packs per Tribal member.

Remember:

Tribal members are responsible for tracking their own purchases.
Do not rely on the Trading Post to track your purchases for you.

How to Become a Resident Tribal Member

To become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM), a Little River Band Tribal Member must live within the Tax Agreement Area. The Tax Office maintains a list of Resident Tribal Members based on their physical address of record. On a monthly basis, the Tax Office sends name and address changes, obtained from the Enrollment Office, on the 15th, to the Michigan Treasury Department. Resident Tribal Member status takes effect on the 1st day of the following month.

Proof of Residency for Resident Tribal Members

Proof of Residency is required for any address change to “Resident Tribal Member” status. This means that if you move, you will need to provide official documentation of your proof of residency in order to have “Resident Tribal Member” status. This applies, even if you are moving to a different address within the Tax Agreement Area.

A Proof of Residency must be on file for a Resident Tribal Member’s current address before a Certificate of Exemption can be issued for a tax-exempt purchase under the terms of § III(A)(2 &3) of the Tribe/State Tax Agreement. A Tribal member must live at the physical address within the Tax Agreement Area to benefit from the tax-exempt status.


Those members currently listed as “Resident Tribal Members” shall remain on the RTM list unless information is received by the Enrollment or Tax Department that flags a physical residence into question. In addition, RTMs using a mailing address outside of the Tax Agreement Area may be required to provide proof of physical residency for verification.

Resident Tribal Member Tax Exemption Certificates

Resident Tribal Members must apply to the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption BEFORE making a tax-exempt purchase. This includes a vehicle (including recreational) purchase or construction materials for affixation to the RTM’s personal residence. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under “Resident Tribal Member Information”. The application form must be completely filled out and signed before a Certificate will be issued. Again, RTMs must apply to the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption BEFORE making a tax-exempt purchase. Please plan ahead so that you’re not at the dealership calling and waiting for a Certificate because under occasional circumstances, the Tax Officer may be out of the office, in a meeting, or assisting another Tribal member.

Joint Purchases – A Resident Tribal Member shall qualify for a 50 percent exemption on purchases that are made by a Resident Tribal Member, or their non-Resident Tribal Member spouse, and exclusively titled in both their names.

If you have any questions about your specific location and if it falls within the Tax Agreement Area, Resident Tribal Member status, the Proof of Residency form and requirements, or the Certificate of Exemption process, please call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 or 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6874. You can also access this information on the Tax Office page of the Tribe’s website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov



The LRBOI Peacemaking Dept is accepting applications for 2016 IVYC camp.

The IVYC is the place everyone is going to be talking about, and you can be part of the excitement

Camp Sessions
July 14-17
August 11-14
REGISTER EARLY
camp is limited to 16 participants

Registration forms can be downloaded online at
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Cigarette Purchases:

Tribal members are NOT allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members (including family members) who are not eligible for the exemption. Tax-exempt purchases are for the Tribal member's personal use only.

It is against the law for Tribal members to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members. Tribal members are NOT allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for other tribal members who have already reached their monthly quota. Please see the Regulation excerpt below regarding penalties that will be assessed.

Tribal Regulation #R100-02:AC-07 Chapter 7. Tobacco Products. -6. Civil Penalties; Remedies.

b. Any person who violates Section 3-5(a) by purchasing tax-exempt tobacco products for, or selling tax-exempt tobacco products to, any person not entitled to purchase the same under the terms of the Tax Agreement shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction by a person which violates Section 3-5(b) shall be treated as a separate offense.

c. Any Retailer who knowingly violates Section 3-5(b) shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction shall be treated as a separate offense.

Also, please remember that Tribal members are NOT allowed to purchase tax-exempt purchases on behalf of another eligible Tribal member. For example, you cannot purchase tax-exempt cigarettes for your Tribal parent, sibling, cousin, other relative, or friend because they are sick at home, working late, or unable to get to the Trading Post to make their own purchase. The tax-exempt tobacco purchase MUST be for the Tribal member purchasing it at the time of sale.

All Tribal members purchasing tax-exempt cigarettes MUST show their Tribal ID to the cashier on duty and complete the appropriate purchase log at the counter. There have been multiple issues with members not signing the log, and/or not completely filling out all of the information requested.

Motor Fuel Purchases:

All Tribal members are required to be registered for the tax-exempt Motor Fuel program. Fueling a vehicle that is not registered with the Tax Office is strictly prohibited. The penalty for purchasing tax-exempt fuel for any person not entitled to purchase it is \$100 per transaction plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges for up to one year.

The rules clearly state that Tribal members must register the vehicle that they are purchasing tax-exempt fuel for. There is no provision for purchasing fuel for a non-member's vehicle unless you are a disabled Tribal member that has

registered with an "authorized purchaser". The Tax Office and the Little River Trading Post have Motor Fuel Registration forms available. If you need a Disabled Registration form, please contact the Tax Office.

Only Tribal members are entitled to buy and use tax-exempt fuel purchased under the terms of the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. The exemption does not extend to friends or family members that are not Tribal members. Enforcing this rule is difficult because it is hard to know how the fuel will be used once the vehicle leaves the station. The ultimate use of the fuel must be trusted to the integrity of the Tribal member. However, at the point of sale, the staff have been instructed to enforce the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel program rules. This includes, but is not limited to; disallowing the discount on fuel purchased for a vehicle that the Tribal member is not using at the point of sale.

Tribal members that purchase fuel for a non-member or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment. The following schedule outlines the enforcement procedure that is followed.

PROCEDURES TO BE USED WHEN PURCHASING TAX-EXEMPT FUEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Payment for all tax-exempt fuel purchases must be made inside the gas station AFTER fuel has been pumped. Tribal members SHOULD NOT pay for fuel at the pump.

After pumping the desired amount of gas, proceed inside the station and inform the attendant on duty that you are a Little River Band member and are eligible for a tax exemption on your motor fuel purchase before they ring up your sale.

Present your Little River Band picture I.D. card to the attendant for verification. They are required to verify the name, number, and picture on your I.D. card. They cannot give you the discount if you do not have your I.D. card present at the time of purchase. Plus, there may be a new attendant on duty who does not know Tribal members and their names, so it is always necessary to provide your I.D. card.

The attendant will ask you to complete the "Log of tax-exempt sales". You must enter the date, your Tribal I.D. number, signature, license plate number and number of gallons purchased. Refusal to provide this information will result in denial of your tax exemption. Also, so that your purchase does not get logged incorrectly, please write clearly so that it can be read for data entry.

Tribal members may NOT purchase fuel for a non-Tribal member's use. Doing so will result in suspension of your tax-exempt purchase privileges. Additional penalties may also be assessed as outlined in the Motor Fuel Regulations.

Keep track of your gallons so you don't go over the monthly limit. The penalties for over-limit purchases could cancel out any savings you realize on your fuel purchases.

Again, a Tribal member cannot purchase tax-exempt fuel for a vehicle that is being used by a non-Tribal member. The penalty is \$100 for each offense (per Tribal Regulation #R100-AC-08, §3-8 (b)). The fuel discount will not be given for two separate vehicles at one purchase! Do not ask for this exemption unless the second vehicle is being towed or is on a trailer pulled by the vehicle the Tribal member is using.

Your Responsibility

Tribal members are responsible for staying within their monthly limit. It is not the job of the Little River Trading Post to track your purchases and it is not their fault if you go over your limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in a tax assessment and penalty plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges until the assessed amount is paid in full.

Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

Resident Tribal Members must contact the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption BEFORE purchasing a personal use vehicle and/or construction materials for their personal residence tax-exempt. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. If you sign a contract that includes Michigan Sales or Use Tax, it will be a taxable purchase. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information".

It takes time to prepare the paperwork required by the State of Michigan before you can get your tax exemption. The certificate also requires an authorized signature, which may take additional time to obtain. Sometimes the Tribal member is eligible but only after they provide Proof of Residency to become a Resident Tribal member, which then takes more time for the complete process. On occasion, the Tax Office may be closed for a meeting, work assignments outside of the office, on vacation, or assisting another Tribal member and not be readily available. The Tax Office consists of only one staff member. The best advice is to plan ahead and contact the Tax Office once you know what you are going to buy, but before you complete the bill of sale. No refunds can be given for sales taxes paid because a Tribal Certificate of Exemption was not obtained.

To contact the Tax Office, call Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874, toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6874, or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 21st Annual Jiingtamok (Pow Wow)

Host Drum: Warpaint Singers Co-Host: Urban Nation

Invited:

War Party
Swirling Wind
Mswke Kiizhik
Painted Rock
Sons of Three Fires
Rizing Bear

**First 5 Show-Up Drums to Register ONSITE will receive a \$300 honorarium
All Drums must have 6 registered singers, NO drum hopping**

Head Veteran: George Martin
Arena Director: Andre Neebnagezhick
M.C. Philip Memberto
Dance Judges: Dave & Punkin Shananaquet
Drum Judge: Walker Stonefish
Princess Judge: Karen Lewis

Head Dancers:
Session 1: Al Metzger & Theresa Johnson
Session 2: Ron Wittenberg & Janine Sam
Session 3: Frank Lewis & De-Ahna Underwood

**Open Drum Contest
Dance Contest All Categories
LRBOI 2016/2017 Princess Contest**

Drum Competition:

1st = \$2,000.

2nd = \$1,000.

3rd = \$500.

**Tiny Tois Special
Grand Entry Saturday at 12:00 & 7:00 and Sunday 12:00**

JULY 2ND & 3RD

No Admission Fees, Native Vendors Only, Vendor Spots Available \$75. No Alcohol, Drugs or Pets
On-site Camping, some electricity hookups available, bathrooms with showers. Call ahead to reserve a room or spot at the RV Park at the Little River Casino Resort Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244, located across the street from the Pow Wow Grounds (Sorry No Pow Wow Rate Available)

For Drum Information Contact Philip at 315.925.9545

Pow Wow Located at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 Behind Tribal Gas Station

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KAREN AT 231.398.6895

Jiingtamok Gear For Sale!



The hoodie design will be the same as the T-shirts

Beanies - \$10

T-Shirts - \$20

Hoodies - \$30



Don't forget to pick up your 2016 Jiingtamok designed clothing.



1st place
Day Davis, age 9-11



2nd place
Ethan Wabindato
age 6-8



1st place
Reese Smith, age 6-8



2nd Place
Isaiah Davis age 9-11



1st Place,
Addison Wabindato, age 3-



2nd Place
Jacquelyn
Cabarrubia
age 12-15



1st place
Jasmine
Cabarrubia
age 12-15



1st Place
Poster Contest, Bishop Davis

Parents as Teachers in Manistee County

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has trained and certified staff for the Parents as Teachers program. The LRBOI Family Services Department is a certified affiliate of the parents as Teachers program. We see prenatal women and families with children up through age 5.



Parents as Teachers

For More Information on
the Parents as teachers
Program with the Little
River Band of Ottawa
Indians, please contact:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Family Services Department
2608 Government Center Dr.
Manistee, MI. 49660
231-398-6736



Parents as Teachers.
Affiliate

Notice of Employment and/or Training Opportunity

PAVILION AND RESIDENTIAL HOME CONSTRUCTION

RCA, LLC hereby announces the opportunity for employment and/or training with the construction of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's new Pavilion and Residential Homes within the Aki Maadiziwin Community.

The project is located on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Property in Manistee County, Michigan and the project is scheduled to start construction during June of 2016 construction season.

For those parties interested in interviewing with RCA, LLC for the employment and/or training opportunity listed above, please see contract below.

Kenneth Ockert, LLA ,RCA, LLC
1202 Veteran Dr.
Traverse City, MI
231-941-8505

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Tribally funded Down payment and Closing Cost Assistance program has been funded for this year, 2016. Tribal Citizens can receive up to a combined maximum of \$5,000.00. The combined maximum is based on 2.33% for the down payment assistance up to \$3,500 and 1.00% for closing cost assistance up to \$1,500. The assistance is calculated on the total purchase price and the eligibility criteria highlights are as follows.

1. Must be an enrolled member of LRBOI.
2. Must be at least 21 years old.
3. Must not currently own a home/residence.
4. Residence must be the borrower's permanent primary residence.
5. Must not have previously accessed funds under this or any other Tribal program that provides down payment and closing cost assistance.
6. Must be a single family residence.

If you are interested please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department at 231-398-6878 or cgehrke@lrboi-nsn.gov.

HONORING
NATIVE HERITAGE
TRADITIONAL

POW WOW

JULY 16TH AND 17TH, 2016
GRAND ENTRY
SATURDAY NOON & 6:30PM - SUNDAY NOON
(doors open at 10:00am)

HOST DRUM: TBA HEAD VETERAN: TBA
HEAD MALE DANCER: **MARTY WABINDATO** HEAD FEMALE DANCER: TBA
HEAD YOUTH DANCER: TBA
EMCEES: TBA
ARENA DIRECTORS: TBA

GENERAL ADMISSION TO PARK:
ADULTS AND TEENS - \$10
YOUTH (2-12) - \$5
SENIORS (65 AND OLDER) - \$8
INFANTS AND TODDLERS (0-1) FREE
DANCERS & DRUMMERS FREE!

Admission allows you to participate in the Pow Wow and all park activities.
There are no drugs, alcohol, smoking or weapons allowed on park grounds.

Michigan's Heritage Park Lakeshore Museum Center
Held at Michigan's Heritage Park at Hill's Landing in Whitehall
8637 N. Durham Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461

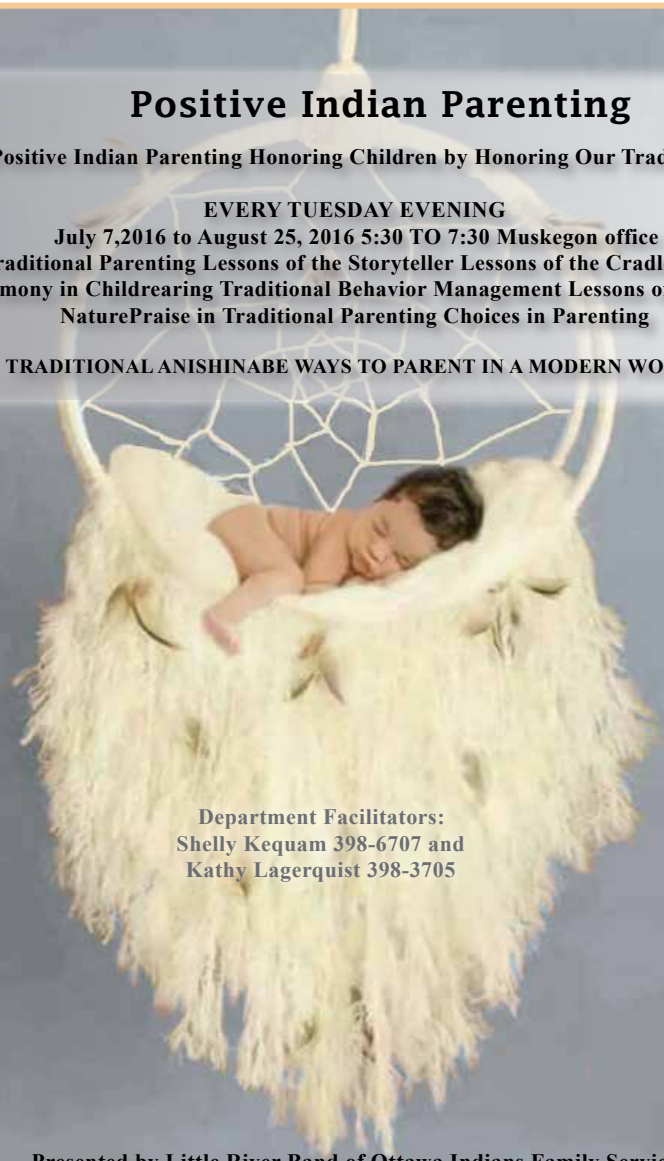
Positive Indian Parenting

Positive Indian Parenting Honoring Children by Honoring Our Traditions

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

July 7, 2016 to August 25, 2016 5:30 TO 7:30 Muskegon office
Traditional Parenting Lessons of the Storyteller Lessons of the Cradleboard
Harmony in Childrearing Traditional Behavior Management Lessons of Mother
NaturePraise in Traditional Parenting Choices in Parenting

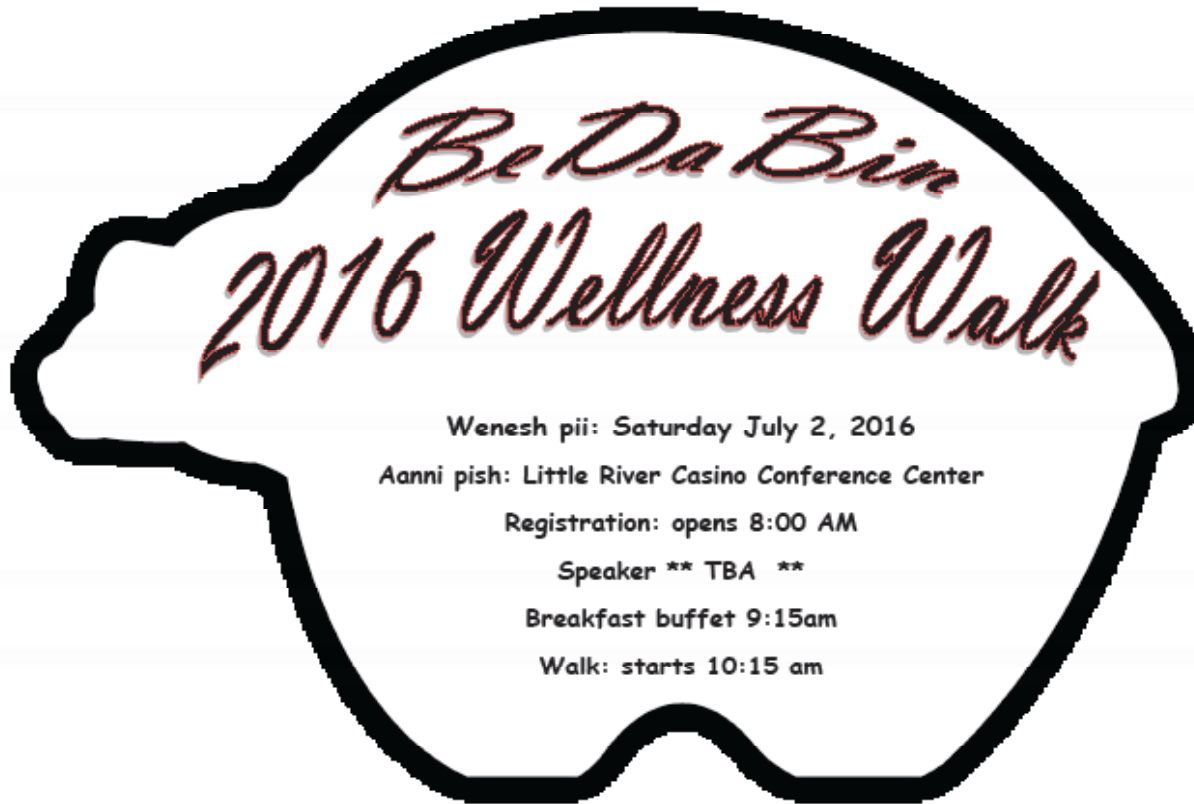
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Department Facilitators:
Shelly Kequam 398-6707 and
Kathy Lagerquist 398-3705

Presented by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Everyone Welcome! Lets walk for wellness

If you have any questions, please call (231) 398-6740 Julie Wolfe, Youth Prevention Counselor.



The Historic Preservation Department is holding a sewathon/beadathon with pizza & pop from the Little River Casino Resort.

Sunday, June 5th Aki Maadiziwin Community Center from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our focus is to create as many beautiful hand-made gifts for our 2016 Jiingtamok Giveaway.

Your efforts and generosity in making our guests feel welcomed and appreciated, is appreciated 😊

You could make any of the following items:

Ceremony skirts, vests, wrapped or peyote stitch key chains, ribbons shirts, a baby quilt/blanket, moccasins, baby moccs, or even teeny tiny moccs that would go on a keychain, or to hang from a rearview mirror. Maybe a native-print set of oven mitts and pot holders. A snow snake, lacrosse stick, painting, drawing, beaded doll, drum sticks, drum stick bags, big drum bags, regalia, shawls, baskets, wooden bowls, pillows, pillow cases, ear rings, necklace, chokers, barrettes, a knife sheath, or any other native style item you can think of.

If you don't make things, maybe you could recommend a friend or someone in your family to come and help us out.

We have already received some really nice gifts but need several more in order to be able to have a fully traditional style give-away this year.

If you have any materials that you would like to donate any cloth, leather or beads, we will put them to good use. We have 2 sewing machines and some supplies. If you have a sewing machine and any supplies you would like to donate, please bring them with you.

*All children must remain accompanied by an adult.
Miigwetch, Karen



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, Binojeek, 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

Monday – Friday 7am-5pm

Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:

Little River Casino Resort
Attn: Recruiting P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660

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

Email: recruiting@lrcr.com

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 -Leonard Rittenhous

Secretary - Virgil Johnson

Treasure - Vacant

Sargent of Arms -Chuck Nelson

Chaplin- Chuck Fisher

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

LRBOI Education Department

Invites you to the 2nd Annual

Great American Camp Out

Sun and Fun



Hot dogs

S'mores

Sleep under
the Stars

When: Saturday June 25th, Noon to Sunday, June 26th, Noon.

Where: LRBOI Gathering Grounds

Who: Kids 7 to 12 (Limit 10 girls, 10 Boys)

What to Bring: a sleeping bag/blankets and pillow, and overnight stuff. We have 2 large tents, one for boys, one for girls, or you can bring your own tent.

Please RSVP By No Later Than Monday, June 20th to:

Deb Davis 231-398-6724 or Santana Aker, 231-398-6654

ddavis@lrboi-nsn.gov or saker@lrboi-nsn.gov

If we have more people who want to participate than for whom we have space, tribal members will have preference, participants will be selected by drawing from those who RSVP by June 20th

Summer FUN!

If you and your child (ages 8 and up) are looking for some fun activities this summer, the Education Department will be having a social gathering every TUES & THURS from 2pm - 4pm through the months of June & July, at the Muskegon office. If weather permits, we will do outside activities like tennis, disk golf, fishing, biking, hiking, basketball, etc. Indoor activities include beading, card or board games, art, etc.

June 2nd — July 28th 2016
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
LRBOI—Muskegon Office
1101 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441

Want to register or have questions?
Call Santana Aker @ (231) 398-6654

Parents are encouraged to participate (chaperone forms needed).



STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

at

Michigan's Heritage Park in Whitehall

For more information please email
wendy@lakeshoremuseum.org or call 231-894-0342



Hilt's Landing
Michigan's Heritage Park

Tax-Exempt Purchases at the Little River Trading Post

Cigarette Purchases:

Tribal members are **NOT** allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members (including family members) who are not eligible for the exemption. Tax-exempt purchases are for the Tribal member's personal use only.

It is against the law for Tribal members to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members. Tribal members are **NOT** allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for other tribal members who have already reached their monthly quota. Please see the Regulation excerpt below regarding penalties that will be assessed.

Tribal Regulation #R100-02:AC-07

Chapter 7. Tobacco Products.

3-6. Civil Penalties; Remedies.

b. Any person who violates Section 3-5(a) by purchasing tax-exempt tobacco products for, or selling tax-exempt tobacco products to, any person not entitled to purchase the same under the terms of the Tax Agreement shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction by a person which violates Section 3-5(b) shall be treated as a separate offense.

c. Any Retailer who knowingly violates Section 3-5(b) shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction shall be treated as a separate offense.

Also, please remember that Tribal members are **NOT** allowed to purchase tax-exempt purchases on behalf of another eligible Tribal member. For example, you cannot purchase tax-exempt cigarettes for your Tribal parent, sibling, cousin, other relative, or friend because they are sick at home, working late, or unable to get to the Trading Post to make their own purchase. The tax-exempt tobacco purchase **MUST** be for the Tribal member purchasing it at the time of sale.

All Tribal members purchasing tax-exempt cigarettes **MUST** show their Tribal ID to the cashier on duty and complete the appropriate purchase log at the counter. There have been multiple issues with members not signing the log, and/or not completely filling out all of the information requested.

Motor Fuel Purchases:

All Tribal members are required to be registered for the tax-exempt Motor Fuel program. Fueling a vehicle that is not registered with the Tax Office is strictly prohibited. The penalty for purchasing tax-exempt fuel for any person not entitled to purchase it is \$100 per transaction plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges for up to one year.

The rules clearly state that Tribal members must register the vehicle that they are purchasing tax-exempt fuel for. There is no provision for purchasing fuel for a non-member's vehicle unless you are a disabled Tribal member that has registered with an "authorized purchaser". The Tax Office and the Little River Trading Post have Motor Fuel Registration forms available. If you

need a Disabled Registration form, please contact the Tax Office.

Only Tribal members are entitled to buy and use tax-exempt fuel purchased under the terms of the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. The exemption does not extend to friends or family members that are not Tribal members. Enforcing this rule is difficult because it is hard to know how the fuel will be used once the vehicle leaves the station. The ultimate use of the fuel must be trusted to the integrity of the Tribal member. However, at the point of sale, the staff have been instructed to enforce the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel program rules. This includes, but is not limited to; disallowing the discount on fuel purchased for a vehicle that the Tribal member is not using at the point of sale. Tribal members that purchase fuel for a non-member or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment. The following schedule outlines the enforcement procedure that is followed.

PROCEDURES TO BE USED WHEN PURCHASING TAX-EXEMPT FUEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Payment for all tax-exempt fuel purchases must be made inside the gas station **AFTER** fuel has been pumped. Tribal members **SHOULD NOT** pay for fuel at the pump.

After pumping the desired amount of gas, proceed inside the station and inform the attendant on duty that you are a Little River Band member and are eligible for a tax exemption on your motor fuel purchase before they ring up your sale.

Present your Little River Band picture I.D. card to the attendant for verification. They are required to verify the name, number, and picture on your I.D. card. They cannot give you the discount if you do not have your I.D. card present at the time of purchase. Plus, there may be a new attendant on duty who does not know Tribal members and their names, so it is always necessary to provide your I.D. card.

The attendant will ask you to complete the "Log of tax-exempt sales". You must enter the date, your Tribal I.D. number, signature, license plate number and number of gallons purchased. Refusal to provide this information will result in denial of your tax exemption. Also, so that your purchase does not get logged incorrectly, please write clearly so that it can be read for data entry.

Tribal members may **NOT** purchase fuel for a non-Tribal member's use. Doing so will result in suspension of your tax-exempt purchase privileges. Additional penalties may also be assessed as outlined in the Motor Fuel Regulations.

Keep track of your gallons so you don't go over the monthly limit. The penalties for over-limit purchases could cancel out any savings you

realize on your fuel purchases.

Again, a Tribal member cannot purchase tax-exempt fuel for a vehicle that is being used by a non-Tribal member. The penalty is \$100 for each offense (per Tribal Regulation #R100-AC-08, §3-8 (b)). The fuel discount will not be given for two separate vehicles at one purchase! Do not ask for this exemption unless the second vehicle is being towed or is on a trailer pulled by the vehicle the Tribal member is using.

Your Responsibility

Tribal members are responsible for staying within their monthly limit. It is not the job of the Little River Trading Post to track your purchases and it is not their fault if you go over your limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in a tax assessment and penalty plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges until the assessed amount is paid in full.

Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

Resident Tribal Members must contact the Tax Office for a *Tribal Certificate of Exemption* **BEFORE** purchasing a personal use vehicle and/or construction materials for their personal residence tax-exempt. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. If you sign a contract that includes Michigan Sales or Use Tax, it will be a taxable purchase. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information".

It takes time to prepare the paperwork required by the State of Michigan before you can get your tax exemption. The certificate also requires an authorized signature, which may take additional time to obtain. Sometimes the Tribal member is eligible but only after they provide Proof of Residency to become a Resident Tribal member, which then takes more time for the complete process. On occasion, the Tax Office may be closed for a meeting, work assignments outside of the office, on vacation, or assisting another Tribal member and not be readily available. The Tax Office consists of only one staff member. The best advice is to plan ahead and contact the Tax Office once you know what you are going to buy, but before you complete the bill of sale. No refunds can be given for sales taxes paid because a *Tribal Certificate of Exemption* was not obtained.

To contact the Tax Office, call Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874, toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6874, or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Sturgeon festival celebrates biggest fish in a large pond



People crowd the waterfront to get an up close look at the Great Lakes' giant fish (Bob Gross, Times Herald)

People hoping to see sturgeon had their wish fulfilled - and then some - Saturday at the Blue Water Sturgeon Festival.

The Huron Lady II dragged a diver, with an underwater camera, through at least two spawning groups, causing gasps of joy and wonder as the massive fish - some in excess of 100 pounds and nearly six feet long - swam into view on a video monitor.

Kathy Johnson, of Gregory A.D., narrated the show - and she was pumped. "We saw a lot of fish today, we did, we saw a lot of fish," Johnson said.

For those who didn't take the boat trip into Lake Huron and back under the Blue Water Bridge into the St. Clair River, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had a tank with several live sturgeon on display - including one that weighed more than 100 pounds - that people were allowed to touch.

Mike Thomas, DNR fisheries biologist at the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station in Harrison Township, said the festival lets people get up close with a fish they might not otherwise see.

"This festival in particular is really special because of the focus on the fish and the opportunity to raise awareness in the local community of the special resource that's here with this sturgeon population," he said.

Johnson said researchers think there may be as many as 42,000 sturgeon that spawn in the St. Clair River system - 29,500 in the upper St. Clair River and 12,000 in the lower river.

"They come here to spawn, which makes us special," she said.

Besides the touch tank, the festival includes numerous displays, a Chalk the Walk art feature, face painting and free birthday cake.

Sally Petrella, of Dearborn Heights, is a volunteer monitor and program manager for the Friends of the Rouge. She said she heard about the Sturgeon Festival at a national water trails symposium in Ann Arbor and decided she'd come see for herself.

"I just was interested in sturgeon," she said. "They spawn at the mouth of the Rouge, but I've never been able to see them."

"... I'd love some day to have a tour like this with the Rouge River."

Lisa Kaulfersch of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was wrangling sturgeon for visitors.

"This is my first time here," she said. "I wasn't exactly sure what to expect."

"It's a good chance to see what everyone is doing and how we're working together."

Kelly Smith, of Capac, was at the festival with her son, Kody Kurtzhals. They competed in the Run with the Sturgeon 5K early Saturday.

Smith said Kurtzhals, who is 23, finished first in his age group. She jokingly said she needed an ambulance.

"He wanted me to do the run with him, and it's the first time we've ever been here," Smith said. "We're on the boat because he loves fishing." Kurtzhals said he wants to become a conservation officer. He is finishing his education at St. Clair County Community College after studying at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. The sturgeon started showing up on the video monitors almost as soon as the camera hit the bottom. Johnson said the big fish are looking for love. "At the time of the year, they come to us because we are the right size," she said. "They're interested in anything that's the right sized. They're ready and willing." She said 500 students took the sturgeon cruises on Friday and another 300 people enjoyed the trip on Saturday. Sheri Faust, president of the sponsoring Friends of the St. Clair River, said the spawning sturgeon are worth celebrating. "We do it because sturgeon are unique to the Blue Water Area," she said. "You can't go to a sturgeon festival anywhere else in the Great Lakes and see them. "Seeing sturgeon up close like this gets people excited." She said having a healthy population of sturgeon is indicative of a healthy river.

"We call them a spotlight species," she said. "If we can manage and protect sturgeon successfully, then that means the health of the river is doing well." Contact Bob Gross at 810-989-6263 or rgross@gannett.com. Follow him on Twitter @RobertGross477.

cjerome@lrboi-nsn.gov, Phone: (231) 398-2195) and 'Lake Sturgeon Research / Activities' listing various projects and presentations."/>

Great Lakes
Lake Sturgeon Web Site

Home Researchers Resources Site Information

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians representative listed below is conducting lake sturgeon activities:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

NEW Lake Sturgeon Coordinator: Corey Jerome
E-mail: cjerome@lrboi-nsn.gov
Phone: (231) 398-2195
Office Information:
Natural Resources Department
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Lake Sturgeon Research / Activities

- [Nme' \(sturgeon\) Activities](#)
- [Nme' \(Lake Sturgeon\) Stewardship Plan for the Big Manistee River and 1836 Reservation](#)
- [Design of a portable streamside rearing facility for lake sturgeon - North American Journal of Aquaculture](#)
- [Lake sturgeon spawning habitat in the Big Manistee River, Michigan - North American Journal of Fisheries Management](#)
- [2004 Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting Presentation - Lake Michigan Rehabilitation Plan - Conservation Genetics and Rehabilitation Stocking](#)
- [2006 Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting Presentation - Rearing Assistance Using Stream Side Rearing on the Manistee River](#)
- [2004 Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting Presentation - Implementation of Streamside Rearing of Lake Sturgeon for Rehabilitation Stocking](#)

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To learn more about Greatlakes Sturgeon and our Tribes contributionloom here: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/sturgeon/lrboi.htm>

Contact Corey Jerome
E-mail: cjerome@lrboi-nsn.gov
Phone: (231) 398-2195
Natural Resources Department
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

PLEASE DO NOT RELINQUISH YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE TRIBE so that your SSI benefits are not affected. It may have serious harmful consequences. Please contact the Members Legal Assistance Attorney to discuss.

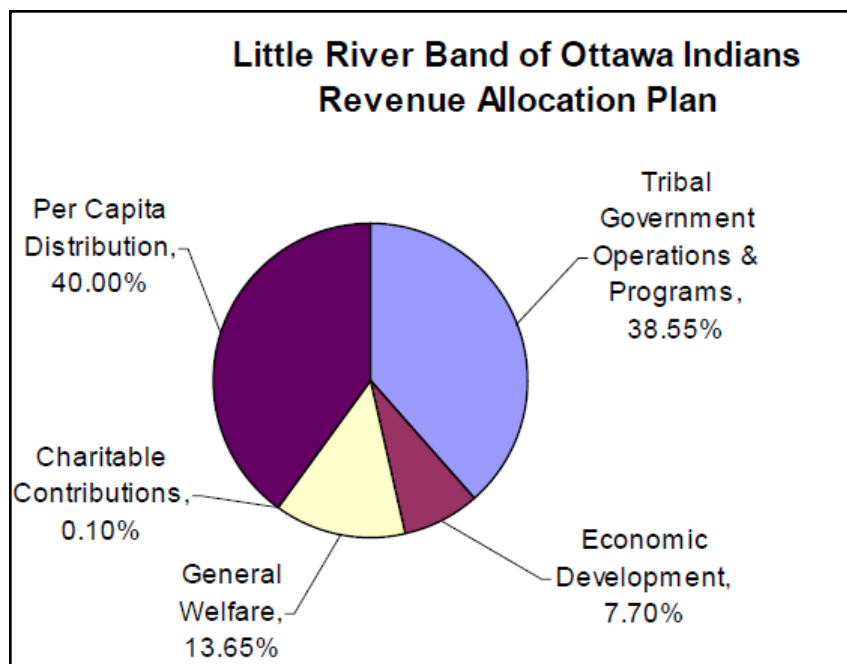
Tribal members who receive SSI benefits are affected when they receive their per capita payments. The Members Legal Assistance Attorney has been able to assist many tribal members so that they are affected as little as possible. If you receive SSI benefits and would like assistance with how to best deal with the Social Security Administration please contact the Members Legal Assistance Attorney.

Mary K. Witkop
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Members Legal Assistance Attorney
3031 Domres Road
Manistee, MI 49660
231-398-2234
mwitkop@lrboi-nsn.gov

Per Capita Question and Answers

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Revenue Allocation Plan &
Per Capita Question and Answers

The chart below illustrates the allocation percentages designated for each category per the Revenue Allocation Plan.



Per the LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN – Approved by Tribal Council Resolution 08-0123-20 Section 2. Purpose 2.02. The RAP shall allocate revenues generated by the Tribe’s gaming enterprises towards the following purposes; the funding of tribal government operations and programs, providing for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, the promotion of the Tribe’s economic development, donations to charitable organizations and per-capita distributions to tribal members.

This document will be reviewed and updated as necessary. It is recommended that you review the tribe’s website often for additions to the Q & A information. Question and Answer – Per Capita Payments Brought to you by: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Enrollment Department 7 375 River Street Manistee, MI 49660 1-888-723-8288

1. Q. Who is the contact for questions about the Per Capita payments?

A. The Enrollment Department will assist you with questions or direct you to the Department or agency who can better answer your questions. Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288.

2. Q. How will the tribe know where to mail the check or Direct Deposit vouchers.

A. The checks and Direct Deposit vouchers are mailed to the last known address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you plan to move or have moved, contact the Enrollment Department for a Change of Address Form.

3. Q. What if I have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment?

A. If you have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment you must contact the Enrollment Department for an Address Correction Form. All Address Changes need to be submitted (15) Fifteen Days before the payment date. If you have not updated your information, this could result in a delay in receiving a payment. Returned UNDELIVERABLE mail is reported to the Enrollment Department. In the event a check or Direct Deposit voucher is returned, mailings will stop until the Tribal Member turns in an updated Address Form to the Enrollment Department.

4. Q. What if I do not receive the check in the mail or it is lost?

A. Contact the Enrollment Department to assist you.

5. Q. Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?

A. Yes, The tribe is obligated to notify you that Per Capita payments are subject to federal taxation. Per Capita is taxable income and the taxes assessed depend on your income bracket and location. The Tribe will automatically deduct applicable taxes from the per capita payments if they meet the Internal Revenue Service's threshold that would require the withholding. The payments may also be subject to state tax if you do not live in the tax agreement area. All Per Capita payments will be reported on the appropriate tax form and mailed to you by Jan. 31st. We encourage you to contact a tax preparer for further tax questions.

Fiscal Quarters
(1) January thru March
(2) April thru June
(3) July thru September
(4) October thru December

6. Q. Who is eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. Per the Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (ii) be enrolled in the Tribe no later than the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, to be eligible to receive per capita distribution in the fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a qualified tribal member would need to have been enrolled with the tribe by no later than the last day of fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

7. Q. What are the age groups for Per Capita Payments?

A. Tribal Members who are eligible consist of two groups 18 to 54 and Elders 55 and up. Use the chart below to determine eligibility for each quarterly payment.

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Date that you have to be either 18 or 55</u>
December 15th	September 30th
April 1st.	December 31st
July 1st.	March 31st
October 1st.	June 30th

8. Q. Are minor Tribal Members eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. No- Tribal members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to receive per capita distributions.

9. Q. What will the tribe do with Per Capita payments that are not claimed?

A. See Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8 (b) Use of Net Gaming Revenues: Individual Per Capita Distributions- Any net gaming revenues allocated for the purpose of funding per capita distributions that have not been expended on the last date of the fiscal year shall be reallocated to tribal investments.

10. Q. How are Per Capita payments disbursed by age group? Amounts illustrated below are an EXAMPLE and should not be misinterpreted as the amount that will be disbursed. Amounts will vary depending on net gaming revenues generated.

-Example Only-							
Net Gaming Revenue	Age Group	Point Schedule	Members	Points	Allocation %	Revenue Share	Quarter Payment
\$2,500,000.00	18 to 54 Yrs	1	2499	2499	63.60%	\$1,590,099.26	\$638.29
	55 and Older	2	715	1430	36.40%	\$909,900.74	\$1,272.59
Total			3214	3929	100%	\$2,500,000.00	

A. Payment amounts are determined by a point system. Adults age 18 to 54 receive 1 point and Elders Age 55 and older receive 2 points. Example: Using the chart below the calculation for Elders is the point schedule multiplied by the number of Elders (2 x 715=1430). From this number the Allocation Percentage is calculated by using the points divided by the total of both groups points (1430 / 3929 = .3639603 OR 36.40%). From this percentage the Revenue Share is calculated by using the Net Gaming Revenue multiplied by the Allocation % (\$2,500,000 x 36.40% = \$909,900.74). The Revenue Share is then divided by the number of Elders (\$909,900.74 / 715 = \$1,272.59)

11. Q. Can Per Capita payments be garnished?

A. Yes, Per Capita distributions may be withheld to satisfy any court ordered judgment obtained by the tribe against the qualified tribal member or to satisfy court ordered child support obligations. Any amount remaining after satisfaction of the court ordered judgment or child support obligation shall be distributed to the qualified tribal member in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Plan. 12. Q. Can the payment be electronically deposited into a checking or savings account?

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A. Yes, by completing the Direct Deposit form the payment may be deposited to the qualified tribal member's bank account. Contact the Enrollment Department to request the form and instructions. NOTE* If you plan to move you must update your address with the Enrollment Department. At any time a members information on file with Enrollment Department is determined incorrect the Direct Deposit for he member will be cancelled, until information is up to date.

13. Q. Can state and/or federal assistance programs be affected by Per-Capita payments?

A. The Tribe cannot provide guidance for all the agencies that require you to report a change in income. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning your specific questions about income based assistance programs. For example if you receive S.S.I., DHS, Commodities, please contact your agency.

14. Q. Can a member refuse these payments?

A. If the Tribal member meets the eligibility requirements of the Revenue Allocation Plan they will receive per capita payments. Many agencies will count these payments as available income to you even if you refuse the payments. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning these payments.



Per Capita Question and Answers

Waabgonii giizis (Blossom moon)
June 2016 Vol.6 Issue 15

15. Q. Will Per Capita payments be the same amount each time?

A. No. The payments will vary depending on the amount of net gaming revenues generated each quarter. The Revenue Allocation Plan allocates 40% of the net gaming revenues to per capita payments. The revenue allocation plan sets forth the amount the tribe can disburse to tribal members. The payments are made quarterly from the gaming revenues generated.

16. Q. Are the Per Capita payments considered income?

A. Many agencies count per capita payments as income. For further information contact the agency office with specific questions you may have.

17. Q. When are the Per Capita Payments made?

A. Per Capita payments will be distributed to qualified tribal members on the first day of each fiscal quarter. January 1st payment will be issued December 15th.

18. Q. When will the amount of a Per Capita payment be announced?

A. The amount will be announced on the main switchboard announcement at least four (4) weeks prior to a distribution. You can reach the message announcement by calling the tribe's main number (231)723- 8288 or 888-723-8288 and listen to the directory prompt to the Per Capita Information extension. Due to end of the year close outs of accounting processes it is determined that the 2nd quarter announcements will be delayed close to the disbursement date. This announcement will be posted when it is available.

Fiscal Quarters
(1 st) January 1 st thru March 31 st
(2 nd) April 1 st thru June 30 th
(3 rd) July 1 st thru September 30 th
(4 th) October 1 st thru December 31 st

19. Q. Is there specific information on the date when I will be eligible for per capita payments?

A.

1 st Quarter - January-March (Distributed Dec. 15)	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by September 30 th .
2 nd Quarter - April - June	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by December 31 st .
3 rd Quarter - July-September	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by March 31 st .
4 th Quarter - October - December	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by June 30 th .

20. Q. Can I cancel a Direct Deposit request?

A. Yes, Direct deposit can be cancelled by submitting a Direct Deposit Cancellation form. Contact the Enrollment Department for this form to be mailed to you or download the form at www.lrboi.com. This form has to be NOTARIZED and submitted (5) five days before the payment date.

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program. USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Monthly Income Standards September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015

Office hours are
8A.M – 5P.M
Lunch hour is 12pm - 1pm
Yvonne Theodore,
Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288
ask for
Commodity Program
Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-
6715

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.

No elders meeting in July!

August 6, 2016 Elders Pot Luck Picnic/Meeting at the gathering grounds. Meat will be provided, bring a dish to pass.

Happy Birthday



Jean Aber
Carolyn Ashby
Fern Barber
Gerald Battice
Lorraine Ceplina
June Dart
Stephanie Dysard
Charles Furman

Shirley Holman
Virgina Husnick
Richard Lambert
Barbara Miller-Bressette
Marvin Nadiger
Linley Peterson
Erland Riihimaki

Martha Rohmoser
Dorothy Rozell
Linda Slater
Leroy Smith
Henry Theodore
Roger Van Brocklin
Charlotte Vega



Aki Community Center Elder Meal Menu - July 2016

Activities:

- ⇒ Mondays—Language Class
- ⇒ Wednesdays -Wii Bowling
- ⇒ July 15 - Muskegon Lunch
- ⇒ July 21— B.I.N.G.O

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions 231-398-6886




Nutrition Tips of the Month

Healthy choices go a long way!
Reduce salt intake, drink more water, drink milk, forgo fried foods and increase fruits and vegetables. These choices can lead to improved health and mental wellness.



General Information

- ⇒ 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	2 No Elder Committee Meeting
3		5 Broccoli & Cheese Soup Grilled Cheese Veggie Fruit	6 Smothered Chicken Mashed Potato Mixed Veggies & Dessert	7 Fish Baked Fries Coleslaw & Dessert	8	9
10	11 Turkey Sandwich Macaroni Salad Tropical Fruit Language Class 12:30	12 Taco Bar - Peach Cobbler	13 Salisbury Steak Red Potato's Beans & Dessert	14 Spaghetti and Meatballs! Veggie blend Garlic Bread & Dessert	15 Muskegon Meal Please RSVP Noelle @ 231-398-6886	16
17	18 French Dip Potato Salad Peas Language Class 12:30	19 Roasted Turkey Roasted Red Potato Green Beans & Dessert	20 Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potato Corn & Dessert	21 Chicken Salad Sandwich Broccoli Slaw Carrot Coin B.I.N.G.O.	22	23
24	25 Tomato Basil Soup Club Wrap Language Class 12:30	26 Grilled Chicken Veggies Garlic Bread & Dessert	27 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Dessert	28 Chef's Choice	29	30
31			Menu subject to change without notice	Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet		

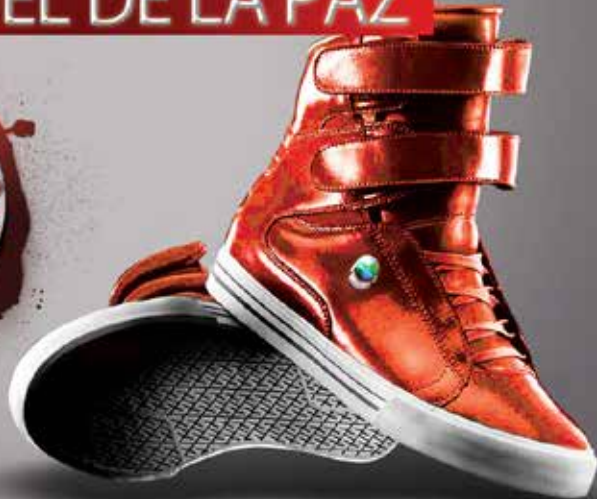
LRBOI TRIBAL COUNCIL & OGEMA PRESENTS

PRE
POW WOW

YOUTH dAnCe

Turn UP!

DJ - JOEL DE LA PAZ



PIZZA, BEVERAGES, AND FRUIT WILL BE PROVIDED
12 AND UNDER MUST REMAIN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
13 & UP MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEMSELVES

5 Dance Contests!

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI
POW WOW PAVILION BEHIND GAS STATION



1ST TRIBAL LENDING
The Nation's most experienced Section
184 Lending Team

Loan Facts you should know:

- You must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe to qualify
- Your home can be on or off the reservation (within approved areas)
- Downpayments are as low as 1.25% – 2.25%
- Gifts and tribal assistance are permitted
- Regular 30 yr fixed interest rates available
- No hidden terms or fees
- Common sense approval process
- Low Monthly Mortgage insurance
- Only a 1.5% guarantee fee to the government
- Doublewide and modular homes allowed
- Cash out refinance to 85% loan to value
- New construction and renovation allowed
- In-house loan approvals and funding

1st Tribal Lending. Here at 1st Tribal Lending we are dedicated to providing you with Section 184 Home Loans.

1st Tribal Lending
2401 – D San Pablo Dr.
Pinole, CA 94564

Toll Free: (866) 235-4033
Main phone number: (510) 856-2184
General questions or concerns:
webmaster@1tribal.com
Closing or funding issues: (510) 856-2190
Post Closing: (510) 856-2182



In our creation story the human being was the last to be put on this earth. All the plants, animals, birds, water beings and insects were created first. Before the human being was put on the earth the creator created one of the greatest mysteries in history and that is the four seasons, everything had its place and reason and to live in balance with everything and everyone.

Now look at what the humans have done to mother earth. There has been so much pollution created by us and many are not doing anything about it. Here is an opportunity for you to help mother earth heal.

Recycle, Re-use, Re-purpose!

Here is a good place to start:

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/lessonplans/earth/recycling.html>

Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

- 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
<u>Accounting</u>	government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
<u>Be-Da-Bin</u>	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
<u>Commerce</u>	government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
<u>Commodities</u>	little river casino warehouse	231.398.6716
<u>Education</u>	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
<u>Enrollment</u>	government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
<u>Fitness Center</u>	government center-lower level	231.398.6636
<u>Family Services</u>	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
<u>Gaming Commission</u>	interim casino	231.723.7755
<u>Grants Department</u>	government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
<u>Health Clinic</u>	government center -north end	231.723.8299
<u>Historic Preservation</u>	government center-lower level	231.398.6891
<u>Housing</u>	aki maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6879
<u>Human Resources</u>	government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
<u>Members Legal Asst.</u>	justice center on M22	231.398.2234
<u>Members Assistance</u>	government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
<u>Natural Resources</u>	9th street offices manistee	231.723.1594
<u>Peacemaking/Probation</u>	justice center on M22	231.398.2239
<u>Planning Department</u>	government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
<u>Prosecutor</u>	justice center on M22	231.398.2242
<u>Public Affairs</u>	government center- main entrance	231.398.6840
<u>Public Safety</u>	justice center on M22	231.398.2225
<u>Tax Office</u>	government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
<u>Utilities/Waste Water</u>	dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
<u>Work Force Development</u>	government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
<u>Tribal Court</u>	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
October 8, 2016
2017 Membership

Meetings
April 8, 2017 &
October 9, 2017

Call Little River
Resort Hotel in
US Toll-Free:
1-888-568-2244
or
Local 231-723-1535

Membership Meeting



The LRBOI Election Board adopted their new 2016 regulations at their regular meeting. The entire document is posted on the website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov.

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2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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Warriors Society



The LRBOI Warriors Society would like to invite all Tribal Members and/or Descendants of LRBOI Members serving (active duty) in the service to submit information on where they are deployed, Rank, and Branch of Service. With this information we would like to extend our appreciation by Honoring them in the Currents, River News and if they are present at LRBOI 2016 Pow Wow.



Fall Membership Meeting October 8, 2016

Friday October 7, 2016
7 pm – 9 pm

Ogema
Meet & Greet

Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Center

Saturday October 8, 2016
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Membership Meeting

Little River Casino Resort Event
Center

Meeting Agenda

8 a.m. – Registration Begins

Located in the Event Center

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Informational Booths

Hallway – Three Fires Conference

10:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations
Opening of meeting

Event Center

12 p.m.

Lunch Served
Information booths close

Event Center

1 p.m. – Official meeting begins - Quorum Call

Question and Answer Period will follow

Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home

Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~