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Hoop Dance Championships



The 2012 World Hoop Dance Championships marks the 8th year that the Mino Biimaadziwin Hoop Dance Society has had participants compete at the competition which is held yearly at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. Peshawbestown, Michigan is now the proud home to five World Hoop Dance Championship titles. See pages 13 and 14 for the article.

Questions for Members Meeting



Constitutional Petition Rules



The LRBOI Election Board has released the petition guidelines to follow when submitting proposed Constitutional changes. See pages 10 and 11 for the details.



LRBOI Fitness Center



See the updates made to the Tribal Clinic on page 25.

A number of proposals have been submitted for consideration at the Spring 2012 Membership Meeting scheduled for the 14th of April at the Little River Casino Resort. See the ones submitted so far on page 9.

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United Tribes of Michigan held its Annual Legislative Reception in Lansing on February 28th with UT Meeting held on February 29th. The reception was well attended and seems to grow more popular every year. At the meeting, among other guests, were Del Laverdure, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor and Bryan Newland, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk, both from Washington DC. I believe the United Tribes is gaining both recognition and clout across the state.

REMEMBER... I dream of a better tomorrow where a chicken can cross the road without being questioned about their motives.



At the last Elder's meeting on March 3rd, Lee Ivinson gave an update on Members Services and members assistance including the Muskegon Elder's Meal Program which is now doing very well. Melissa Waitner and Chuck Fisher gave a presentation on the grant process within the tribe. Grants are becoming more competitive and they have agreed to do a presentation at the Spring Membership Meeting, which I think will be very helpful for members. Thanks to all three for their willingness to give presentations to our Elders. Until next month...

Aanii:
Just a reminder that our Spring Membership Meeting will be held on April 14th and the Ogema's Meet and Greet will be April 13th from 7-9PM. In this issue of the Currents you will see information from the Election Board on mandated changes from the Tribal Court on handling of quorums at the meetings.

Just for your information, membership numbers at last count are at 4120 members with 963 of them being Elders. 2,784 live in Michigan; the other top two states are Wisconsin and Florida; 358 in Wisconsin; and in Florida 82 members.



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March 7, 2012

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READOUT OF SECRETARY NAPOLITANO'S REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS 2012 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WINTER



"Photograph courtesy of Jessica Burger, LRBOI Tribal Manager"

Homeland Security—from helping combat threats in our communities, to protecting our borders and critical infrastructure, and improving our resilience to disasters of all kinds," said Secretary Napolitano. "We are committed to continuing to work closely with tribal public safety, law enforcement and emergency management officials to enhance information sharing and collaboration, as well as preparedness, response and recovery." During her remarks, Secretary Napolitano announced the release of the [DHS Tribal Resource Guide](#)—a comprehensive catalog of resources within DHS available to Indian Country. This guide provides tribes with information on the Department's offices and components, available training programs, initiatives that impact tribal nations, key contact information, and more.

Napolitano announced a [tribal consultation policy](#) that promotes the direct and interactive involvement of Indian Tribes in developing regulatory policies, recommending grant procedures for tribes, and advising on key issues.

In March 2010, DHS released the [DHS Tribal Consultation and Coordination Plan](#) to streamline information sharing and foster a culture of collaboration with federally

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano today delivered remarks at the National Congress of American Indians 2012 Executive Council Winter Session, highlighting the Department's ongoing commitment to working with tribes and tribal governments to make our nation more safe, secure and resilient.

"Tribes and tribal governments play an essential role across the Department of

Secretary Napolitano underscored the importance of collaboration with tribes and tribal governments to improve our ability to protect against threats and better respond to emergencies. At the 2009 NCAI Winter Session, Secretary

"I am glad tribes are getting the recognition they deserve from the Federal government as they do play a very important part in the security of this country. The U.S. Government's willingness to collaborate with the 500+ tribes across this land can only benefit all citizens."

LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli.



FINAL LEGISLATION CHANGES ADOPTED

The Tribal Council permanently adopted changes to the Tribal Courts Ordinance, #12-300-01, in order to finalize amendments required to implement the Adam Walsh Act. The Little River Band had previously submitted the required legislative and regulatory documents to the "SMART" office, and the Tribe is in the final process of full implementation for the Sex Offenders Registration. Once the Tribe has received notice of approval, the Public Safety Department will commence with posting notices to ensure those required by the Law to register may do so. Please watch for notices from Public Safety.

The Tribal Council permanently adopted previously enacted emergency amendments to various Commissions ordinances. The substance of the changes for all existing Commissions was to reduce the number of commissioners to a total of 3 per body, with the exception of the Gaming Commission and Binojeeuk Commission. Those two commissions remain at 5 members, and there is currently a vacant seat on the Gaming Commission. Members may contact the Ogema's Office (Mary Thomas) to obtain an application to serve on the Gaming Commission. As required by Resolution, the Stipend Report is to be published in April of each year, and will be included with next month's report.

POSITION DESCRIPTION REVIEWS

During the past month, the Tribal Council spent time reviewing position descriptions for various departments within the Tribal Government. Moving forward, all job descriptions within the Tribal Government must be reauthorized, in order to bring those position descriptions into compliance with the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance. As this review continues, it coincides with the Tribal Council's effort to adopt a new Government Structure Ordinance, as reported last issue.

JANUARY FINANCIAL RESULT REVIEWED

The Tribal Council reviewed the financial performance of both the Tribal Government and the Little River Casino and Resort for the month of January. It was noted that the distribution from Casino to Tribal Government was nearly \$180,000.00 less than plan for that month. However, preliminary results (unofficial) for the month of February indicate that the Casino has recovered a substantial portion of that deficit during February, so the months may offset, leaving the distribution to the Tribe at or near expected levels. The Tribal Council continues to monitor the available revenues closely during its monthly meetings.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Tribal Council authorized an amendment to the Tribal Government Budget, to dedicate the operating reserve and unallocated funding within the General Welfare funding back to the Education department. The purpose was to restore programs within the Education Department, such as the College Book Stipend Fund, back to prior levels. This Amendment was approved, and the authorization was communicated to the Department.

The Health Department Director, via the Ogema, has also proposed a budget amendment that will be considered by Tribal Council during the month of March. As of publication of this report, final action has not yet been authorized. If the amendment moves forward, it may result in additional positions within the Health Department in effort to improve service delivery.

INFORMATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

The Tribal Council has authorized its meetings to be placed on the Tribal Website, but as of this publication, no meetings have yet been placed on the page. The Tribal Council has been assured that the IT and Historic Preservation Departments will provide those video uploads as soon as possible. The Recorder has added to the Tribal Government Facebook page weekly postings of the upcoming Work Session schedule for the following week, as well as posting the Tribal Council meeting agenda to the page. The IT Director has also volunteered a member of his staff to assist with updating information from the Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council is considering adding a weekly email update, similar to the Rapid River News issued by the Public Information Office. However, this email update would be limited in scope just to Tribal Council's activities, and those issues impacting the Membership at State and Federal levels. An example would be updating the Membership regarding the Internal Revenue Service's Rulemaking to attempt to make certain Tribal Government Benefits taxable, or updates on Federal Regulation changes that impact the Tribe and its members for Gaming or Land to Trust issues. Another example would be to provide notice regarding regulation changes of the Tribe, for such things as hunting or fishing bag limit changes. As this effort is under consideration, the Recorder is requesting that Members that would like to receive emails of this nature to please respond by sending a message to comments@lrboi-nsn.gov. If there is enough interest in this service, the Recorder will move forward with preparing the necessary database/email groups with the IT department.

COUNCIL MEMBERS HEADING TO WISCONSIN

Councilors Virgil Johnson, Kim Alexander and Lee Sprague have confirmed that they will be attending a meeting on March 10, 2012, at the Great Spirit Church in Milwaukee. The Tribal Council approved a donation of funds to support the meeting space for Members in that area to continue meeting every other month during FY 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam-Recorder



Voting Record-January 4, 2011										
Roll Call #	Description of Item	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Mike Ceplina	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Kim Alexander
1	MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2012 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADDING UNDER OLD BUSINESS A, THE OPERATIONS REPORT RECEIVED BY THE OGEMA AND REMOVE OLD BUSINESS ITEMS F AND G	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPERATIONS REPORT DATED OCTOBER 2011 FOR FILING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OPEN SESSION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #12-0104-001 AND RESOLUTION #12-0104-002 FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION WITH CORRESPONDING MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C-3*	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0104-001; APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MECHANICAL SERVICES FOR MUSKEGON OFFICE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C-4*	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0104-002; APPROVAL OF THE CLEANING CONTRACT FOR SERVICE MASTER LAKESHORE FOR THE MUSKEGON OFFICE	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	MOTION TO ADJOURN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Votes originally taken in closed session, moved to open session

EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR LRBOI TRIBAL MEMBERS



A petition to amend the Tribal Constitution so all members can vote equally for all Council members (regardless of where they live) is in the development process. The petition text was prepared by Michigan Indian Legal Services and by press time will have been submitted to the LRBOI Election Board for approval to circulate and collect signatures of registered voters. Pending approval by the Election Board, the petition should be ready for circulation before the Spring Membership meeting and tribal members can sign it there or at other locations like Grand Rapids, Milwaukee and Muskegon.

If you would like more information or can help circulate the petition in your area please contact Melissa Zelenak, cell: 231-350-1778, email at: LRBOIEVR@gmail.com or check out the Facebook group, LRBOI EVR in 2012. Miigwech for your support.”

<http://www.facebook.com/search/results.php?q=LRBOIEVR%20in%202012&init=quick&type=groups&tas=0.22476858790757098#!/groups/158128220971508/>

Voting Record-January 11, 2012										
Roll Call #	Description of Item	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Mike Ceplina	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Kim Alexander
1	MOTION TO APPROVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2012 MEETING AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADDING TO OLD BUSINESS A, BINOJEEUK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AND UNDER NEW BUSINESS E, CHANGING THE SUBMISSION TO AUTHORIZING POST FOR 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES ORDINANCE; UNDER CLOSED SESSION ITEM VII C, ADDING THE CLOSED SESSION BINOJEEUK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
2	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0111-003; APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FY2012 NATIVE AMERICAN CDFI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NACA) FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING (NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000) THAT WILL ENABLE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS (AS A SPONSORING AGENCY) TO CREATE A SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITY (501c3), IE., A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
3	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0111-004; APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR (5) FIVE FLASHBACK 2 IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM, EQUIPMENT, AND WARRANTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,54	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
4	MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 3RD AND NOVEMBER 17TH BINOJEEUK COMMISSION OPEN SESSION MINUTES FOR FILING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
5	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0111-005; AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF JUDGMENT FUND MONIES HELD IN TRUST FOR CERTAIN MINORS REACHING THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN DECEMBER 2011	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
6	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0111-006; APPROVAL OF 2012 MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CONSORTIUM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
7	MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-0111-007; APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH TELERAD INC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
8	MOTION THAT TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZE FOR A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES ORDINANCE #06-100-02 INCLUDING ARTICLE 11 REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ACCESS TO VIDEO RECORDINGS OF TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN SESSIONS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
9	MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
10	MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
11	MOTION THAT TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN THE MOTION AND CORRESPONDING ROLL CALL VOTE FROM ITEM C-5 IN CLOSED SESSION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent
C-5*	MOTION THAT TRIBAL COUNCIL PROHIBITS RELEASE, AUTHORIZATION AND/OR CONSENT FOR USE OF ANY DOCUMENTS, IMAGES, OR ANY OTHER MATTERS BELONGING TO THE LITTLE RIVER BAND FOR ANY PURPOSE TO ANY PERSON WITHOUT AN AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL EXPRESSLY CONSENTING TO ITS USE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent	Absent
12	MOTION TO ADJOURN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Absent

*Vote taken during Closed Session moved to Open Session.

Speaker Parsons noted that both Councilors Sprague and Alexander were absent due to personal family matters.

Voting Record-January 25, 2012										
Roll Call #	Description of Item	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Mike Ceplina	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Kim Alexander
1	Approve Agenda with Changes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
2	Accept Council Open Minutes 1/18/12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
3	Approve Res. #12-0125-009, Grant Application to ANA for Language Preservation, in the amount of \$250,000.00	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
4	Approve Res. #12-0125-010, Grant Application to ANA, to develop Environmental Resource Management Plan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
5	Approve Res. #12-0125-011, Grant Application to DHHS, in the amount of \$66,000.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
6	Accept Nov 2011 Housing Comm Report	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
7	APPROVE RES.#12-0125-012; RATIFYING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH US TREAM WATERSHED VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE INCLUDING AN AMENDMENT ON PAGE TWO ADDING IT IS ADDITIONAL RESOLVED THAT TRIBAL COUNCIL CONSENTS TO THE UTILIZATION OF THE SERVICE FOR MEMBERSHIP ACCESS TO BOTH TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN SESSION OR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETINGS TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS HAS ACCESS TO A BROADER GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND INFORMATION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
8	APPROVE RES. #12-0125-013; APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE TRIBAL CEMETERY PLAN LOCATED IN CUSTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN LOCATED WITHIN THE 1855 RESERVATION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
9	APPROVE RES. #12-0125-014; PERMANENT ADOPTION OF TRIBAL COURT ORDINANCE AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE#97=300-01 AND REPLACING IT WITH ORDINANCE#12-300-01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
10	Adjourn First Open Session	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent
11	Go back to Second Open Session	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Adjourn the meeting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Speaker noted K. Alexander was absnt due to Medical Reason, but expected later										

Submissions for Potential Motions and Ordinances to be considered

The following were submitted by Tribal Citizens for consideration at the April 14th, 2012 Spring Membership Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians:



“Elected Officials running for another elected position must resign from the current office unless it is the same position they currently hold.”

(Machele Gibbs Tribal #1252)



Shall the following provisions be added to Section 4.02 *Ethical Conduct of Tribal Council and Ogema Ethics Ordinance No. 06-100-10*. “Elected officials shall submit a complete application for a Gaming License within thirty (30) days of taking the oath of office. Results of the background check shall be recorded in the minutes of the first open session of the next regular meeting after receiving the results. Any elected official convicted of a crime while in office shall report the crime at the next regular open session meeting of the Tribal Council. Elected officials shall report any other paid work outside of duties associated with their position. Elected officials shall submit to a drug test with fourteen (14) days of taking office and submit to random drug tests thereafter to be administered at least once per year, initiated by the Human Resource Director. The above provisions shall be effective upon the adoption of this Initiative.”

(Larry Romanelli, Tribal #3752)



Shall the Tribal Court Ordinance #12-300-01, be amended to add the following Definitions? “Add in Article III – Definitions.

- 3.07 *Chief Judge* means the person elected as designated by the Little River Band Constitution, Art. VI, Sect. 3(a) that is not the Associate Judge.
- 3.08 *Associate Judge* means the person elected as designated by the Little River Band Constitution, Art. VI, Sect. 3(a).

(Cornelius DeVerney Tribal #847)



Shall the Tribal Court Ordinance #12-300-01, be changed to add the following Amendment? “Add in Article VIII – Action by the Tribal Courts. 8.05. *Adjudication*. All disputes heard with the Little River Tribal Court shall be resolved to a final judicial determination of a case by a finding of guilt or innocence by a trial court in a criminal case, or the giving of a judgment or a decree in a civil case. Such adjudication shall not be unduly delayed, and each Judge must exercise diligence in order to conclude proceedings. Judges shall issue their decisions in accordance with 8.01, within a prompt and reasonable time after the conclusion of proceedings of Record, for each case or controversy. Opinions must bear an original signature by the Judge issuing the judicial determination.

(Cornelius DeVerney Tribal #947)



Shall the Tribal Court Ordinance #12-300-01, be changed to add the following Amendment? “Add in Article XIII – Elected Members of Judiciary; Compensation; Oath of Office. 13.02 *Compensation*. Add new paragraphs:

- 13.02(1) The Chief Judge and/or Associate Judge shall not be engaged in outside employment, either as a self-employed or by any other third party, during their term of Office. In the event that the Chief Judge or Associate Judge are serving other employment when elected, they must tender evidence of resignation from all other positions prior to swearing their Oath of Office.
- 13.02(2) The Chief Judge and/or Associate Judge currently sworn in and holding said offices as of the date of the Spring Membership Meeting 2012 shall have 60 days from the enactment of this law by the General Membership to either: a. resign their current outside employment, and provide evidence of resignation to the Ogema, or b. tender resignation from the Court in accordance with Article VI, Section 6(a) of the Little River Band Constitution.
- 13.02(3) The Chief Judge and/or Associate Judge shall not receive any form of compensation in their capacities until such time as their compliance with severing outside employment is evidenced.

(Cornelius DeVerney #947)

The Election Board has created a new chapter to the Election Board regulations titled: "Chapter. Petitions for Constitutional Amendments."

Following is the information:

Chapter 13. Petitions for constitutional amendments

Section 1. Scope.

- a. Outline of Scope. This Chapter provides the procedures for petition drives for the calling of elections by the Secretary of Interior ("Secretary") on proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution.
- b. Authority. It is the intent of this Chapter to meet the Election Board's duties under Article IX, Section 4(e) and Article XIV of the Constitution.
- c. Timing of Application. If this Chapter is enacted while a petition drive or other aspect of the process described below in the progress, this Chapter will be applied prospectively to those steps of the process which have not occurred at the time of enactment.

Section 2. Request for Constitutional Amendment Petition.

- a. Request for Petition. An eligible Tribal voter may start a petition process by filling out and submitting a written request for an amendment petition. The request shall be on a form provided by the Election Board. The request shall:
 - i. Be legible or typewritten;
 - ii. Attach a copy of the proposed amendment, including text to be added, if applicable, and text to be deleted, if applicable, specified by Article and Section number; and
 - iii. Identify the principal sponsor(s) of the request.

Section 3. Preparation of Amendment Petition.

- a. The Election Board will prepare amendment petitions within 21 days of receiving a sufficient written request.
- b. Contents of petition form. In order to endure that the petitions are consistent with ballot requirements published by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the initiative petition forms prepared by the Election Board will include:
 - i. The proposed amendment. The phrasing of the proposed amendment on the petition will be determined by the Election Board. This determination will be at an open meeting of the Election Board, and the Principal Sponsor(s) will be notified of when the matter will be considered, and invited to participate.
 - ii. Generally, and without restricting the discretion of the Election Board, the question will be phrased as:
"Shall the amendment to Article __, Section __, titled _____, be enacted?"
 - III. More than one Article, Section, and title may be identified if more than one are to be amended as part of a single question.
 - IV. Each proposed amendment may address only a single question.
 - V. If a proposed amendment conflicts with other provisions of the Tribal Constitution, the petition shall be prepared so that the question includes all the changes in those other, directly-related provisions in order to avoid contradictions within the Constitution.
 - VI. A copy of the amendment will be printed on the back of the petition forms if possible, or if not possible, will be attached

to the petition forms. The copy of the amendment will include text to be added, if applicable; text to be deleted, if applicable; and enough of the unamended text so that the signer can understand the drift of the amendment.

VII. A place for the name, signature, Tribal enrollment number and signature date of each Tribal member who signs the petition.

VIII. A place for the name, Tribal enrollment number, residential address, and telephone number of the principal sponsor(s);

IX. A place for the name, Tribal enrollment number, residential address, and telephone number of the circulator of each petition page; and

X. A statement to be signed by the circulator of each petition with a notary block certifying that the signatures on the petition with a notary block certifying that the signatures on the petition were affixed on the dates shown and by the individuals whose names appear there, that to the best of the circulator's knowledge the signatures are eligible voters, and that the signatures were collected in compliance with these rules.

c. One amendment per petition. There will be one petition form prepared for each proposed amendment dealing with a single question.

d. Decision on petitions language. The Election Board shall notify the principal sponsor (s) of the petitions of the time and place of the meeting where Election Board will make decisions related to the form and content of the petitions.

Section 4. Amendment Petition Process.

a. Notification of principal sponsor. The Election Board will notify the principal sponsor (s) when a petition has been prepared and is available for pick-up.

b. Deadline for initiative petitions. The principal sponsor (s) of the petition shall have 140 calendar days from the date the Election Board notifies him or her that the petitions have been prepared to file completed petitions with the Election Board.

c. Extension. A principal sponsor may request a 28- day extension of the deadline for filing completed petitions. An extension is requested by delivering a written request that is delivered to the Election Board prior to the expiration of the 140-day deadline. A request that is delivered to the Election Board on time will be granted; otherwise, it will be denied. No further extensions will be granted under any circumstances.

d. List of eligible voters. The Election Board will request a list from the Enrollment Department of current eligible Tribal voters. On receiving the list, the election Board shall determine the number of verified petition signatures required for the petition to be

presented to the Tribal Council. The Election Board shall provide the principal sponsor with a copy of the list and the total number of required signatures if the principal sponsor requests it.

e. Duties of principal sponsor. The principal sponsor (s) shall be responsible to oversee the proper circulation and the collection of signatures on the petitions, and to submit the completed petitions to the Election Board.

f. Authorizing circulators. The principal sponsor (s) shall submit a list of petition circulators to the Election Board before collecting any signatures. The Election Board will notify the principal sponsor (s) which of the circulators is an eligible voter who may circulate petitions and which of the circulators, if any, is not. The principal sponsor (s) may submit the names of additional circulators to the Election Board for authorization while signatures are being collected. Any additional circulator must wait for the Election Board to confirm that he or she is an eligible voter before that circulator may begin collecting signatures.

g. A circulator may circulate more than one petition page. However, there shall only be one circulator for each petition page.

h. Petition pages. Signatures may only be collected on the petition forms prepared by the Election Board. A principal sponsor may make copies of the blank forms if needed.

i. Rules for signing petitions.

I. A Tribal member may sign a petition for a particular constitutional question only once during that particular petition drive.

II. A Tribal member who signs a petition must fill out all the information requested on that portion of the petition form.

III. A Tribal member who cannot sign his or her own name to the petition for any reason may have his or her named signed by a person with a legal power of attorney or equivalent authorization. A copy of which must be attached.

IV. Any Tribal member who signs a petition must do so in the presence of the circulator.

V. No signature may be obtained through fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

VI. A circulator may sign a petition.

VII. Certification. The circulator shall sign and date the certification statement on each petition page only after all signatures appearing on that petition page have been obtained. To aid in the acceptance of the petitions for purpose of calling the Secretarial election, the circulator must sign the certification in the presence of a notary, and have the circulator's signature notarized, as required by the petition rules of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

j. Public Information. All information on a petition shall be public and shall be available to any and all members of the Tribe. Each person signing a petition agrees to this

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Continued here is the information:

information being public.

k. Informed signing. Each Tribal member signing a petition is considered to know the purpose and reasons for the petition. No Tribal member may withdraw his or her signature from a petition after it is signed.

l. Subsequent proceedings. The petition, or copies thereof, are not valid for any subsequent proceeding.

Section 5. Filing Completed Petition.

a. Filing. A principal Sponsor shall present the completed petitions to an Election Board representative in person. The Principal Sponsor shall fill out and sign a statement on a form provided by the Election Board giving the number of signatures collected on the petitions, and certifying that the signatures were collected in compliance with these rules.

b. Receipt. The Election Board representative will provide the principal Sponsor with a copy of the petitions. The Election Board representative will note on the top of the petitions the date and time they were delivered; and the number of petition pages delivered. The copy of the petitions with these notations will serve as the principal sponsor's receipt.

c. No additions or amendments. After completed petitions are delivered to the Election Board for a particular initiative drive, no additional signatures or petitions pages may be submitted for that initiative drive. No other amendments or changes may be made to the petitions, either.

Section 6. Review of Signatures.

a. Notice of meeting to review petitions. The Election Board shall notify the principal sponsor (s) of the petitions of the time and place of the meeting where Election Board will review the petitions. The notice shall be sent no later than 14 calendar days before the meeting is to be held.

b. Review of petitions. Only properly-completed signatures of eligible Tribal voters on properly certified petition pages shall be counted toward the number of signatures necessary.

c. Invalidation of petition page. A petition page shall be invalid where:

- i. The page is not from the form prepared by the Election Board;
- ii. The form prepared by the Election Board has been altered in any material way;
- iii. The circulator of the petition page was not an eligible voter;
- iv. The circulator statement is not signed, completed, and dated, or the date appears to have been materially altered after signing;
- v. Any other irregularity on a petition page that calls into question its truthfulness or accuracy.

d. Invalidation of petition signatures. A signature on a petition page shall be invalid where:

- i. there is no printed name with the signature;
- ii. there is no Tribal ID number with the signature;

iii. there is no date with the signature, or the date is illegible or has been materially altered;

iv. the person signing the petition is not an eligible voter of the Tribe at the time of the Election Board's meeting to review the petitions;

v. the date with the signature is later than the date on the circulator statement;

vi. the signature is by another person on behalf of the Tribal member, and there is no power of attorney or equivalent authorization attached;

vii. any other irregularity that calls into question the truthfulness or accuracy of the signature and related information.

e. In the event a Tribal member's signature appears on a petition more than once, all but one of the multiple signatures shall be stricken as invalid.

f. Individual signatures that are found to be invalid appearing on an otherwise valid petition page shall not invalidate any other valid signature found on the same valid petition page.

g. All signatures on an invalid petition page shall be considered invalid.

h. The Election Board shall note on the petition page, where the signature appears, or on a separate sheet, the invalidation of each signature on a petition.

i. Motions. The Election Board shall invalidate petition signatures or petition pages only upon proper motion of the Board, which motion shall contain a notation of the reason for invalidation. Any decision to accept a signature or petition page questionable for any reason shall be made proper motion of the Election Board.

j. Final decision. The approved minutes of the meeting where the Election Board reviewed the petitions shall be considered the final decision of the Election Board on the validity of the petitions.

k. Allegations of fraud. Credible allegations of fraud related to the petition circulating and signing process shall be referred to the office of the Tribal Prosecutor.

Section 7. Notification of Secretary.

a. Valid petition. If the petitions are determined by motion of the Election Board to be valid, the Board shall present them to the Secretary or the Secretary's representative and the request the calling of an election on the proposed amendment (s) under 25 CFR §81.5 (d).

b. Invalid petition. If the petitions are determined by motion of the Election Board to be invalid, the petition drive will be concluded. A petition declared invalid by the Election Board shall not be used in any later petition drive. However, nothing shall prevent the principal sponsor(s) of the petition drive from attempting another drive on the same question.

c. Election Board membership. The Election Board will notify the Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Michigan Agency ("Superintendent") that the Election Board selects its own members to serve as the remaining members of the election Board created by the Superintendent.

d. Elections and all post-election proceedings on proposed constitutional amendments shall be conducted by the Secretary, as prescribed by 25 CFR Part 81.

UAPB student receives award for best undergraduate research paper

Bobbie Crockett, Extension Specialist - Communications crockettb@uapb.edu
School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences
(870) 575-8227
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff March 2012



Patrick Wilson, left, receives the Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award from Colton Dennis, past president of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

Patrick Wilson, a student in the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences, has won an award for an outstanding research paper. Wilson, of Manistee, Mich., won the Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award at the 2012 meeting of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Conway, Ark. He is double majoring in fisheries biology and criminal justice.

"It's a really great feeling," Wilson said of the award. "My sister (Alichia) was there so it was kind of like a sibling rivalry."

Wilson won the award for a paper titled "Does Copper Sulfate Create a Heat Hardening Response in Channel Catfish?" Dr. Alf Haukenes, an assistant professor in applied fish reproductive physiology at UAPB, said Wilson is "flourishing in a laboratory environment designing, completing and presenting the results of his experiments."

"Several audience members at the AFS meeting in Conway pointed out how skillful Patrick was at presenting highly technical information," Haukenes said. "I look forward to continuing to watch him develop as a scientist. The natural skills he has already demonstrated working at AQFI Center (UAPB Aquaculture Fisheries Center of Excellence) will serve him well."

Wilson is the son of Alta and Patrick D. Wilson of Manistee, Mich.



Congratulations to all of the winners!!

The winners of the gift baskets were as follows:

- #1 Trinket box, cookie tin, candy, bracelet – Larry Romanelli
- #2 Cupcake pan, cake mixes, singing cupcake – Marcella Leusby
- #3 Stuffed dog with candy/sweets – Laura Waagosh
- #4 Cookie bouquet in vase, necklace, candy – Allen Stone
- #5 Basket filled with candy, shower gel/lotion, socks, vase – Jeanie Gibson
- #6 Stuffed bear, candy, piggy bank, notepad, pencils – Al Patricio
- #7 Basket filled with chocolate pretzels, note pad, mug, candy, puzzle – Kathy Gibson
- #8 Stuffed bear with candy/sweets – Janine Sam
- #9 Watercolor paint set, pencil, play set, bracelet, candy – Laura Waagosh
- #10 Cancer awareness bracelets, rubber duck, antenna topper, compact, laptop stickers, candy – Janine Sam
- #11 Basket filled with candy, puzzle, lollipop bouquet, notepad – Laura Waagosh
- #12 Basket filled with candy, scrapbook calendar, candles, book, mug, bubble bath – Candace Chapman
- #13 Heart candy dish, chocolates, candy – Melanie Ceplina
- #14 Big stuffed bear, sparkling juice, glasses, candle, candy – Steve Wheeler
- #15 Bracelet, candy, journal notepad/pen – Sandy Mezeske
- #16 Bath/shower gel, lotion, puff set – Steve Wheeler
- #17 Cookies, hot pad/towel, calendar, candy, bracelet – Al Patricio
- #18 Stuffed bear, cancer awareness tote bag, ceramic hearts, vase filled with cookies, towel – Jessica Burger
- #19 Golf balls, hat, golf glove, tote – Janine Sam



A Valentine fundraiser held in the Dome Room on February 14th was for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. According to organizers, the dollars will stay local to Manistee County. This year's Relay will be taking place at the Manistee High School from noon to noon on July 27 and 28. Last year the Tribe had a team, but since this year's Relay is the same time as the annual Language and Culture Camp, the tribe will only be doing fundraising. Walkers at the Relay are welcome to relieve walkers from other teams.

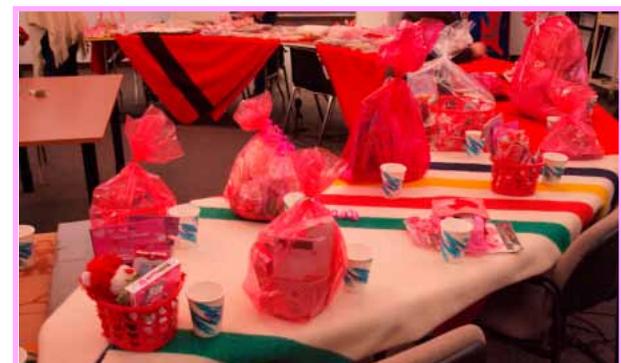
This was our first fundraiser of the year and we have some more planned which we are hoping will be as much of a success as this bake sale and raffle. We had many people help with the donations of baked goods and baskets with the largest donations coming from Tribal Council and Sandy Chandler. Our next fundraiser is scheduled for March 31st; it is a Scrapbook Crop that will be held at the tribal community center.



**“Kchi-miigwetch to everyone who helped to make the Valentine’s Day Bake Sale and Gift Basket Raffles such a success – we’ve raised over \$500! All of the sweet treats and gift baskets are so very much appreciated!”
(Valerie Chandler)**



Happy Valentine's Day!



Advancing the ISE with Tribal Nation Partners and Senior Tribal Advisor Joe LaPorte

ISE -Information Sharing Environment - Kshemendra Paul

(Editors note: Joe LaPorte is the former Director for the LRBOI Tribal Public Safety Department and a strong advocate for tribal consultation on the National Level) **Kshemendra Paul** Posted by **Kshemendra Paul** on Wednesday, March 7, 2012

I would like to congratulate my Senior Tribal Advisor Joe LaPorte for his recent re-election as Chair of the Indian Country Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). We greatly value our work with IACP in information sharing, and Joe's efforts to improve information sharing and access for tribal nations is critical to our success in building an Information Sharing Environment.

Due to Joe's leadership and guidance, a few of the many advancements last year for tribal law enforcement information sharing include: direct access for four tribal law enforcement agencies to the federally controlled National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (Nlets) databases, pilot program access to four State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers, and significant front line officer training for the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative. Information sharing progress like this with tribal nations helps us improve officer safety, homeland security, and **border security efforts**.

I have no doubt that the Indian Country Section of IACP will continue to make great progress in this coming year - some of their goals and objectives include:

- Deepen tribal/state/local/federal partnerships and information sharing, especially in Fusion Centers
- Help inform and improve cross deputation, state recognition/certification of tribal law enforcement officers by promoting consistent training and certification standards
- Develop training standards and reciprocity of Indian Academy credits between states and tribal law enforcement
- Integrate and support IACP officer safety projects and their recommendations and resources
- Outline the security responsibilities of law enforcement and crime that follows gaming enterprises
- Engage Section membership to detail regional concerns and priorities for the above items

I look forward to continuing to work with the International Association of the Chiefs of Police in information sharing and, again, I congratulate Joe in his recent re-election as Chair of the Indian Country Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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WELLNESS WEEKLY

Healthy Bones

Osteoporosis, which means "porous bones," causes bones to become weak and brittle—so brittle that a fall or even mild stresses like bending over or coughing can cause a fracture. In many cases, bones weaken when you have low levels of calcium and other minerals in your bones.

A common result of osteoporosis is fractures—most of them occur in the spine, hip or wrist. Although it's often thought of as a women's disease, osteoporosis affects men too. And aside from people who have osteoporosis, many others have low bone density, putting them at risk of developing osteoporosis.

In the early stages of bone loss, you usually have no pain or other symptoms. But once bones have been weakened by osteoporosis, you may have osteoporosis signs and symptoms that include:

- Back pain, which can be severe, as a result of a fractured or collapsed vertebra
- Loss of height over time
- A stooped posture
- Fracture of the vertebrae, wrist, hip or other bone

How likely you are to develop osteoporosis depends on how much bone mass you attained in your 20's and early 30's (peak bone mass) and how rapidly you lose it later. The higher your peak bone mass, the more bone you have "in the bank" and the less likely you are to develop osteoporosis as you age. The strength of your bones depends on their size and density; bone density depends in part on the amount of calcium, phosphorus and other minerals bones contain. When your bones contain fewer minerals than normal, they're less strong and eventually lose their internal supporting structure.

Other factors, such as hormone levels, also affect bone density. In women, when estrogen levels drop at menopause, bone loss increases dramatically. In men, low estrogen and testosterone levels can cause a loss of bone mass.

Risk factors you can change

- Low calcium intake
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Tobacco use
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Eating disorders

Risk factors you can't change

- Being a woman
- Family history
- Age
- Frame size
- Race

Three factors essential for keeping your bones healthy throughout your life are:

- Adequate amounts of calcium
- Adequate amounts of vitamin D
- Regular exercise

Good sources of calcium include

- Low-fat dairy products
- Dark green leafy vegetables
- Canned salmon or sardines with bones
- Soy products, such as tofu
- Calcium-fortified cereals and orange juice

Through the use of consumer health information, you can help prevent disease and improve your health. © 2012 Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.

The tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov has a calendar under the News & Media tab. Your tribal government departments, through the Office of Public Affairs and IT, are going to be posting events on the calendar to make it easier for you to know what is going on. As an example, *the Corn Soup & Frybread Cook-off* which took place on March 17th at Aki Maadiziwin is listed and it shows the times as well as where you can get more information about the event.

It is our goal to list calendar items regularly so that you can plan your participation more easily. Be sure to check the calendar regularly as new items are coming up all the time.

Public Affairs

Website Calendar

Calendar for March 2012. Days of the week: Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat. Search bar is present.

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Navigation: Previous, Next, and month/year selection (Mar 2012).



Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society is proud to announce that they have brought home another World Hoop Dance Champion! 12 year old Tiana Schocko of Peshawbestown, Michigan had the crowd cheering and on their feet especially her fellow hoop family as she danced her way to victory to become the 2012 World Youth Hoop Dance Champion. After being crowned the 2012 World Youth Hoop Dance Champion Tiana hugged program director Monica Raphael told her I love you and thank you for always supporting and loving me! She then ran to James "Bud" Day and jumped up in his arms and told him I love you and thank you for pushing me to the best I can be.

During a victory celebration after the event Tiana stood on a chair and asked to talk to everyone and she thanked Monica and Bud again and she told all her fellow Hoop Dance Society members that her title is all of theirs too and I love all of you! Were all winners! Tiana is a true champion of the Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society as the main priority of the society is to teach our youth to live by the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Anishinaabe. Tiana demonstrated her knowledge of those teachings with poise, beauty, and humbleness by sharing her win! Please congratulate her and all members of the Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society who are striving to become champions of life!

The 2012 World Hoop Dance Championships marks the 8th year that the Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society has had participants compete at the competition which is held yearly at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. Peshawbestown, Michigan is now the proud home to five World Hoop Dance Championship titles won by Aanzhenii BigJohn in 2005, Waskwane "Tiny" Stonefish in 2006 and 2008, Beedoskah Stonefish in 2009 and now Tiana Schocko in 2012.

10 year old first time World Hoop Dance Championship competitor and Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jacob Cabarrubia also placed 3 rd in the youth division.

Also, demonstrating a remarkable performance was 11 year old Grand Traverse Band Tribal Member Sophie Martin of Interlochen, Michigan as she advance to the 2 nd round, 8 year old Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member Jessie Cabarrubia from Manistee, Michigan also demonstrated a fine first time performance.

Thirteen year old Grand Traverse Band Tribal Member Leilani Defoe also advanced to the 2nd round. Other Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society and Grand Traverse Band Tribal Members who all demonstrated fine performances were 17 year old Traverse City West High School Senior Haley Lamson, 14 year old Kingsley Freshman Chelsea Walker, 15 year old Aurora Sizemore of Charlevoix, and 13 year old Jewel Wonegeshik of Traverse City.

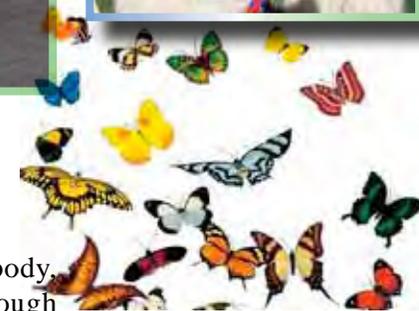
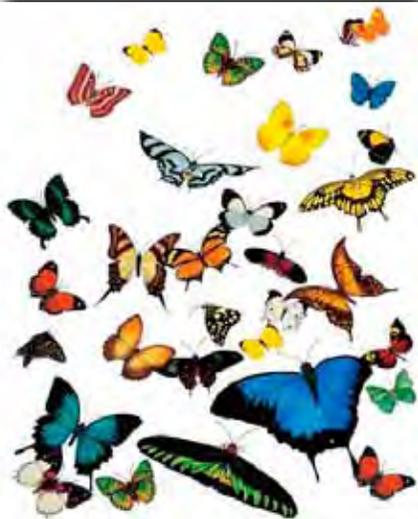
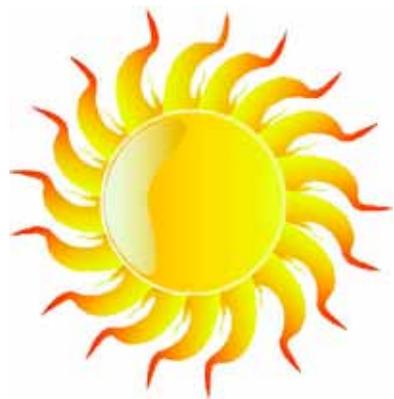
Former Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society and Charlevoix High School graduate now attending his second year at Central Michigan University returned to help his mentor and former teacher James "Bud" Day to train the competitors. At the request of their students Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society teacher/trainers James "Bud" Day and Raymond Shenoskey gave an inspiring performance to their students and all in attendance dancing in the adult division during the first round of competition.

Thirteen year old Grand Traverse Band Tribal Member and 8th grader at Suttons Bay Middle School Vanessa Schocko placed 3 rd in the Teen Division delivering a graceful and first time performance in the teen division.

Congratulations are in order to all who participated and danced their hardest and the best they could that day as well as to the parents, staff, former staff and community members who helped along the way. Big thanks to Charlevoix Biimaadiziwinnaa Eyaawing Prevention Specialist Amy Massey, and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Prevention Specialist Julie Wolfe for acting as chaperones. Huge pats on the backs to parents Doug and Christy Martin for being there to support their daughters and help us with errands.

Nearly 10,000 spectators were there to watch the 22nd Annual World Championships of Hoop Dance at the Heard Museum, in Phoenix Arizona. I know all the youth walked away from this event with big dreams, huge self esteems and the will to do ANYTHING! We are proud to report that several youth posted on their facebook pages that they now know what they want to do with their life! "They want to work with and inspire children like Bud and Monica!" If you see any of these youth around Benzie, Charlevoix, Manistee, Peshawbestown and Traverse City give them a hug and tell them — you are proud of them — I know I am!

Prior to announcing the youth competition results Announcer Dennis Bowen, announced, "Competing at the World Hoop Dance Championship is a big accomplishment to all who compete, to compete here takes huge support and dedication of your family and community, please recognize the Grand Traverse Band Community and their community leaders for supporting their youth another year."



The Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society is an experiential learning program for girls and boys ages 6-17 years old. It focuses on the seven sacred teachings of the Anishinaabe —wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth. It has been said by our ancestors that achieving balance in these principles is to have harmony in body, mind and spirit. Native people from the beginning of time celebrate life through song and dance. In its most spiritual application, it is used in ceremonies for healing and blessing. There are spiritual teachings that are learned as part of the dancer's training. Primary among these principles is self-respect. The Hoop Dancer uses a number of hoops to represent the sacred circle of life, with no beginning and no ending.

Depending on the region, style and tribal culture, a dancer may use four to 30 hoops to fashion into a kaleidoscopic array of images including the world, sun, moon, an eagle, a rattlesnake, butterflies, etc. The symbols, colors, hoops and the dancer's regalia honor these beings. The Mino Biimaadiziwin Hoop Dance Society curriculum was designed to promote thoughtful behavior choices, provide youth with information and skills to reduce risk behaviors, and develop a greater sense of self-esteem through learning, practicing, performing, and living the Anishinaabe culture that will create an internal motivation to succeed.

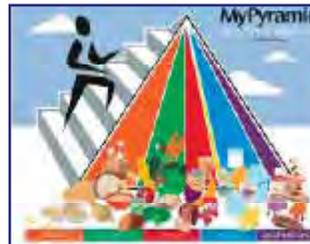
Participation at the World Hoop Dance Championships was made possible by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Strategic Prevention Framework Grant award number 5U79SP013922-05 dedicated parents, staff, youth and community members of the Grand Traverse Band Biimaadiziwinnaa Eyaawing Prevention Program.

For more information, official results and press release visit www.heard.org.

*Submitted by Julie Wolfe, on Behalf of Monica Raphael,
Grand Traverse Band Biimaadiziwinnaa Eyaawing Prevention Program Director*

MY PLATE

Well here it is, the USDA's My Plate, the replacement for the food pyramid:



For example, the basic suggestions are to:
Balance calories (reduce portions)
Increase certain foods (vegetables, fruits and whole grains)

Reduce other foods (sodium and sugary drinks)

These suggestions for use with the USDA My Plate are started simply and clearly, and the brightly colored plate visual may make it easier for people to remember. It is certainly much less confusing than the food pyramid.

Make 1/2 your plate Fruit and Vegetables



Gardening for Healthy Eating Seminar

Brought to you by Diabetes Education/Health Promotion in collaboration with the Tribal Education Department

Saturday March 24, 2012

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
Registration begins at 8 a.m. with seminar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch provided.

Guest speakers include:

Kathy LeBlanc, Bay Mills Community College, Traditional Teacher How to prepare the land for the sacred gift of food Food is medicine and sacredness of the land and food.

Additional topics include:

What additives/toxins are in the food we eat today and how to avoid them.

Replenishing the soil to give proper nutrients to your garden without using hazardous chemicals.

How to maximize your productivity/yield in your garden.

How to start and maintain compost and natural fertilizers.

Seed saving and how to plan for gathering seeds for next year.

Pre-registration is required in order to assure we have enough food

Contact Holly Davis at 231-398-6610,

Community Health Representatives

231-398-6629

or the education department

Yvonne Parsons 231-398-6735

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

October 1, 2011 & October 1, 2012

Household Size Income Limits

1. \$ 1,055.00
2. \$ 1,373.00
3. \$ 1,692.00
4. \$ 2,018.00
5. \$ 2,362.00
6. \$ 2,708.00
7. \$ 3,026.00
8. \$ 3,344.00

For each additional member add \$ 319.00

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 # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2011

2011

If it is going to be getting warmer Elders!!!! I think we are all ready for some warmer weather and sunshine! The sun helps your body produce vitamin D. So take your time while getting the mail, take the long way. Go out side on an afternoon to do some bird watching. I would enjoy taking a short walk with you after our Elder Meals

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions Phone: 231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrbci.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 \$5.00
Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

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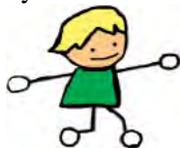
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2 Turkey n Swiss Potato salad Lettuce and Tomato Juice Fruit Pie	3 Fish Seasoned Rice Cauliflower Apple sauce	4 Taco Bake Spanish Rice Yogurt cream Activity: Wii Bowling	5 Meatloaf Potato Green Bean Birthday Cake	6	7 Choice of Bean Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup Fry Bread Strawberry Shortcake
9 Smothered Beef Scalloped Potato Zucchini Strawberry Shortcake	10 Rubin Sandwich Macaroni n cheese Cauliflower Jell-o	11 Beef Stroganoff Apple Green Beans Sherbet Activity: Wii Bowling	12 Orange Glaze Chicken Rice Roasted Veggies Pudding	13	14
16 Smothered Pork Chop Red Potato Corn Fruit crisp	17 Meatballs & Marmite Zucchini Jell-o	18 BBQ Beef sandwich Sweet Potato Tot Jiroccoli Rainbow Cake Activity: Wii Bowling	19 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	20 Muskegon Meal !! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	21
23 Fried Chicken Garlic Mashed Potato Green Beans Frozen Fruit Bar	24 Vegetable soup Oiled Cheese on Wheat Fruit	25 Beef Stew Carrots Potato Apple cake Activity: Wii Bowling	26 French dip Potato wedges Peas Strawberry Shortcake	27	28
30 Barbecued Spare Ribs Corn on the Cob Potato Salad Fresh Fruit					
Wednesdays' Wii Bowling! Friday the 1st Birthday of the month!	TBD: BINGO CARD DAY	Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.		Menu subject to change with our notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, Manistee County, Michigan is advertising for bids for the construction and Installation of playground equipment at the Aki maadiziwin housing development.. Bids will be accepted by US mail at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; 375 River Street Manistee, MI 49960; Bids can also be delivered by FedEx, UPS or hand delivery to the Housing Department at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center, 2953 Shaw Be Quong, Manistee, MI 49660. All bids must be received no later than 4:00 PM on March 14, 2012. Bids will be opened at approximately 4:30 PM on March 14, 2012 at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center.



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Copies of the documents are available for review and for purchase at \$30 plus shipping at the Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan, Inc., 1373 Barlow Street, Suite #4, Traverse City, MI 49686, Phone: 231-946-5531,

Fax: 231-947-5344, www.bxtvc.com . Documents are also available for review and for purchase at \$20 plus shipping at the Grand Rapids Builders Exchange, 4461 Cascade Road Southeast, Grand Rapids Charter Township, MI 49546-3673, phone: 616-949-8650, Fax: 616-949-6831, www.grbx.com. Documents may also be reviewed in the Housing Department at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center.



Questions concerning the project may be directed to Tamara Jorkasky from Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. at (517) 485-5500. Questions will not be answered after March 8, 2012. A non-mandatory prebid meeting will be held at Aki maadiziwin Community Center at 1:00 PM on March 1, 2012.



Tribal Seal and Eagle Staff Meaning of



Meaning of Seal

The winding river and pine tree depicted on the Seal of Tribe honor the riverine and woodland traditions and history of the Little River Ottawa people. The two (2) adult eagles represent the balance and different strengths brought to the Tribe's families and community by the male and

female, as well as ones who bring our people's prayers to the Creator. The circle with the four sacred colors represents the balance of life: the four races of people, the four periods of our lifetimes, the four seasons of nature, etc. The nine feathers represent the nine historic Grand River Ottawa Bands, from whom the members of the Tribe descend.



Meaning of Eagle Staff

Just like the Tribal Seal the Staff also has nine (9) Eagle feather that represent the nine historic Grand River Ottawa Bands The hoop or ring represent the coming together of the people and the eagle feather on the hoop represent the Ogemak of the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians.

The Eagle head represents the strengths of the tribe, and the Eagle gives up prayers to the Creator.

C R O P O U T

Relay for Life Fundraiser Scrapbook Crop

Saturday, March 31, 2012
10 am—10 pm

Little River Band Tribal Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo Ung, Manistee, MI
(off of Dantz Rd. near Switalski Rd.)

Cost: \$25 per person or \$20 to share a table
Cost includes 8-foot table, lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages, free make 'n take class, door prizes, contests, raffles and auction!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

For registration, payment, or questions, please contact Valerie Chandler at 231-398-6895 or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov

If you would like to donate a snack or a prize, please feel free; it certainly would be appreciated!

Proceeds will be donated to the
American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Manistee County

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Manistee County Law Enforcement Agencies Go High Tech to Search for Missing Children



MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How does the program work? Law enforcement calls ACIM with a description of the missing person, their location and pertinent information. A trained technician inputs the information into a sophisticated computer program and the calling area is established. An audio message is then specifically tailored and quickly disseminated within the calling area.

2. Who activates the program? Law enforcement activates the program by calling ACIM. If ACIM receives a call from any other source, verification of the legitimacy of the call is first made with the area's police department.

3. For whom is the program primarily used? Those younger than 21 who go missing, are lost, wander away, run away, or are abducted. Anyone of any age who is mentally or physically challenged, elderly (Alzheimer's/dementia), and college students missing on campus and special needs individuals.

4. Who pays for the program? Funding from government grants, corporations, foundations, individuals, and special events all contribute to financing this alert program—its use is free to law enforcement.

5. During what hours are calls made? 24/7, 365 days. The ACIM alert program is never off duty. Recovery Specialists accept calls anytime and place calls between 7:00 am and 10:30pm unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise. Law enforcement determines if calls are to be made after 10:30pm.

6. Where does ACIM get its database? Our service provider utilizes a sophisticated program to establish and maintain the database with quarterly updates. Unlisted numbers ancill phone numbers are not part of this database, but can be added with a simple registration process on the ACIM website www.achildissing.org.

7. How long has ACIM been serving law enforcement? Since its inception in January 1997 with more than 42 million alert calls placed to date to search for missing persons.

8. Does a law enforcement agency need additional resources to facilitate its use of the alert program? No. ACIM requests, but does not require, a Letter of Participation signed by an agency's Sheriff or Chief. In the absence of a Letter of Participation, an agency can still activate a missing person search.

9. How does ACIM assist law enforcement regarding sexual predator/offender notification? ACIM notifies the public of sexual predators or sexual offenders who are living in, or have moved into, a given area. While a law enforcement agency does not require additional resources to active the Alert Program for this purpose, a letter of authorization signed by an agency's chief or sheriff is required to designate ACIM as a registered agent for the law enforcement agency. This service is available in all states in which law permits such notification.

10. When and where are training sessions held? On an ongoing basis ACIM conducts sessions throughout the country by sending experienced trainers—usually with significant experience in law enforcement—to train members of law enforcement agencies on the procedures necessary for using the Alert Program. Most sessions accommodate multiple agencies in a given geographic area, some training of individual agencies is conducted, and all training provides the necessary materials for the agency to disseminate to its deputies/officers, detectives, and dispatchers.

11. Who attends training sessions? Sheriffs, chiefs of police, officers and deputies, public information officers, communications personnel, detectives, members of rescue teams, etc...

12. Can an agency that has not had training use the program? Yes. By calling 1.888.875.2246 any law enforcement agency can use the Alert Program for missing persons. However, to utilize the sexual predator/offender alert, a letter signed by an agency's Sheriff or Chief must be on file with ACIM.

13. Can alert messages be disseminated in multiple languages? Yes.

14. Can more than one case be processed at the same time? Yes.

15. Are there any backup contact numbers for ACIM? Yes. 954.763.1288 is a backup phone number law enforcement can use and a pager number is also available: 954.492.4778.

16. Does ACIM activate the Silver or Amber Alerts? No, ACIM does not activate the Silver or Amber Alert—they work in tandem with one another.

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Manistee, MI — Law Enforcement Agencies in Manistee County have formalized an agreement with the A Child Is Missing Alert Program (ACIM) that provides a high tech method to search locally for missing children, missing elderly (often with Alzheimer's), college students, and missing persons who may be mentally or physically challenged or disabled.

Effective February 1st, upon receipt of missing persons calls; all law enforcement agencies in Manistee County will make their first phone call to a toll-free number that rings in Fort Lauderdale,

Florida—the national headquarters of the ACIM. The call, answered 24/7/365 by an Information

and Mapping Technician, initiates a rapid process of information

gathering and the use of sophisticated mapping systems. ACIM then launches potentially thousands of calls within minutes with an alert message detailing the missing person's description, last

known whereabouts, and pertinent information. This alert message will also include a phone number for use by anyone with

information relating to the missing person. This program is a free service to law enforcement. Manistee

County Law Enforcement officials will evaluate each potential activation of the ACIM to ensure the application is appropriate to the case and to ensure the system is

optimally used. Policies, procedures, and employee training will also guide the most efficient and effective use of this Alert Program.

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Mike Martin- Director Public Safety

"The electronic reach of 'A Child is Missing' is extremely valuable as it allows the officer to quickly and efficiently get one message out to the public about the missing person within minutes of taking the report. A Child is Missing is a vital tool in locating missing persons."

A Child is Missing (ACIM)

Key Points

Use of the Alert Program does not require additional personnel, equipment, or maintenance on the part of law enforcement. All that's required is a phone call to activate this Alert Program.

Cases mapped and scripted by Recovery Specialists well-versed and experienced in diverse emergency alert scenarios.

Types of cases A Child Is Missing works and the value of the Alert Program.

1. Alert telephone calls for missing children; the elderly (Alzheimer's/dementia); autistic, cognitively impaired, and otherwise disabled individuals; and college students missing on campus.

2. Alert Program can be used in tandem with Amber Alert (before and during) when an address is known.

3. A Child Is Missing is a formal part of the Silver Alert in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and can be activated in conjunction with a Silver Alert in any state.

4. Child Abduction Response Team (C.A.R.T.) Notification Program deploys team into action with a single alert call.

5. A Child Is Missing is not restrained by jurisdictional boundaries permitting alert calls to cross city, county and state lines.

6. Cases in which a child or unconscious person is located; alert calls can locate parent, guardian, or family member.

7. Parental, familial, or stranger child abductions from home, school, hospital, or elsewhere.

8. A Child Is Missing assists law enforcement in searches for children who have wandered off or run away.

9. Alert Program works cases in which law enforcement suspects a child is being harbored.

10. Sexual offender/predator community awareness calls in states permitting telephone notification.

11. Resident information calls regarding community meetings related to child, elderly, or disabled safety.

12. A Child Is Missing conducts regular trainings throughout the country and supplies materials to law enforcement upon request.

13. Trainers for A Child Is Missing are available to speak at national and statewide conferences.

14. Standard Alert Program calling time is 7:00am – 10:30pm unless significant extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise.

15. Alert Program utilizes computer mapping and enhanced satellite imagery to select an appropriate calling area.

16. Unlisted phone numbers and cell phone numbers can be entered at www.achildissing.org to receive alert calls.

17. A Child Is Missing is a law enforcement resource that can identify sexual offenders living in the particular area where the child went missing.

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
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Tax Exemption on Utilities for Resident Tribal Members

Resident Tribal Members are exempt from state sales and use tax on utility charges for their principal residence within the Tax Agreement Area.

The exemption is in the Tax Agreement at III(A)(7) as follows:

Sales of electricity, natural gas or artificial gas, home heating fuels and all transmission and distribution charges are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax if the product is delivered to . . . a Resident Tribal Member's principal residence located within the Agreement Area.

In addition, telephone (intrastate and interstate), telegraph leased wire, internet, cable and other similar communications rendered to and paid for by the Tribe, a Tribal Entity, or Resident Tribal Member are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax if the service is rendered to . . . a Resident Tribal Member's principal residence located within the Agreement Area.

Administration of the exemption appears in the Tax Agreement at XII(G) as follows:

The Tribe shall provide the State with a list of utility, telecommunications, cable, and internet providers serving the Agreement Area. The State shall advise the providers of the terms of this Agreement and that sales to named individuals and businesses shall be made without the imposition of sales tax or use tax.

The utility exemption is supposed to be automatic, but in order for it to occur the Resident Tribal Member's name and service address has to exactly match the name and address on file with the Enrollment Department. In addition, the list is updated quarterly, so the Resident Tribal Member may have to wait up to four months after they change their address to see the exemption on their bill.

If a Resident Tribal Member has been at their address for more than four months and they still are being charged Michigan sales or use tax, they should send a copy of their entire bill to the Tax Office with the sales/use tax amount circled. Also include the RTM's Tribal ID number. If the bill meets the criteria for exemption, the Tax Office will contact the State and/or the utility company for them. Call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 if you have questions about tax exemption on your utility bill.



The Coast Guard is looking for Volunteers for their Auxiliary. The Auxiliary assist the Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs, such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols, and search and rescue. If interested contact Douglas A. Colwell-Project Officer-Administrative Aid-Director of Auxiliary for the United States Coast Guard. 4395 Stoneycroft Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864, Business phone is 517-574-4154. Or email douglas.colwell@gmail.com.

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 - *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
 - *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
 - *Christmas Day
- Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.
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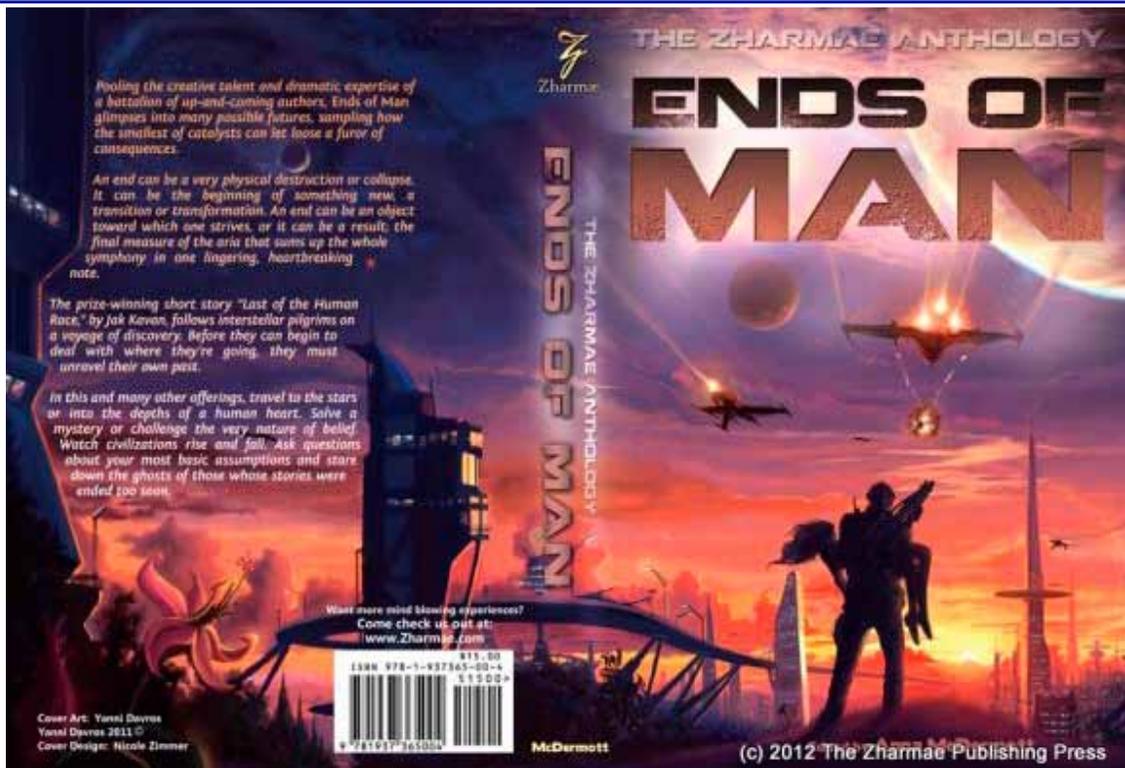
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“The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society is organizing fishing teams for next year’s event. If you would like to be on a team or participate in the event, please contact Bill Memberto, Commander of the Warriors Society at 1-231-398-6893”



Government Center Progress!

While attending a Government Center Task Force meeting, one of the first things to come to mind is that this is a very, very complex process.

The effort placed into building a new tribal government center is quite extensive. The project not only engages work completed through many Tribal government resources, it also engages multiple Federal agencies and various funding programs whose preparation encompasses everything from needs assessment and justification packages, to economic impact studies.

The LRBOI Government Center project has been on the books for almost two years now and progress is quite evident. Tribal citizens will soon be able to take a virtual tour of the new government center complex through a link established on the Tribe's website. There, our people can learn more about the facility and the many benefits it is designed to provide as well as the planning efforts involved with its construction. Additionally, the Task Force is making plans to set up an on-site webcam that will allow membership a first-hand look into the actual progress as construction takes place. Look for more information as these developments continue.

The clearing of trees and brush at the site was just the first very visible sign of the coming of the new LRBOI Government Center. Be sure to watch the *Currents*, Tribal website, Face Book page and the weekly *Rapid River e-News* for an announcement of the official groundbreaking ceremony!

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Catholic Indian Missions Pope Benedict Announces

Canonization Date for Blessed Kateri
October 21, 2012-Canonization Set



Dear Friends of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions: Greetings from Rome! During the consistory at the Vatican today, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on Oct. 21, 2012, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will be canonized a saint. We give thanks to God for this wonderful news! While all the details have yet to be made public, we now know that just over eight months from now the Lily of the Mohawks will be raised to the honors of the altar.

Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, made public the canonization following the consistory at which two great friends and leaders of the Black and Indian Mission, and members of our Board, were named cardinals: His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York and His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, formerly of Baltimore and now the head of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

In the weeks to come we will be sharing more news with you about the canonization, including a special pilgrimage to Rome for the ceremonies, and related events both there and here in the United States.

The date for the canonization is important for many reasons: The ceremony will take place during the Synod of Bishops that the Holy Father has called to discuss the New Evangelization. The canonization will also be one of the first actions of the Church during the Year of Faith, which begins next Oct. 11. Surely this is a signal to us that soon-to-be St. Kateri Tekakwitha is for all of the Church both a model of Faith and of the New Evangelization.

For now, let us continue to pray to God for all we need, firm in the knowledge that Blessed Kateri is interceding for us from her place in heaven.

Tribal member Austen Brauker has been printed in a second anthology, a science fiction collection called "Ends of Man" by Zharmae Publishing. There was a National book launch March 4 which took place online. This is the link to an in depth interview with all of the contributing authors and where the online book launch occurred on March 4th. <http://zharmaepublishing.wordpress.com/>

Earlier this year Austen and other LRBOI tribal members were included in an anthology called "Voices on the Water: Great Lakes America Now."

Austen has been printed in several other anthologies over the years including: Mega Era (issue 27), The Copperfield Review, Motley Press (issues 2 and 4), Aquil Relle (Issue 4), 221 B magazine (summer issue 2011), Indict Circle (issue 25), The Cortland Review, The Speakeasy, and the 2011 Annual Sci-

Fi/Fantasy/Horror Writing Anthology. He has also been featured in the local West Shore College publication of "Dark Matter" (2009, 2010, 2011) and named best fiction writer.

There are numerous online publication sites where Austen has been selected to post his work and others where authors can post whatever they want. These are too numerous to list.

An open call for actors to star in the upcoming production of his screenplay WHITE BUFFALO will occur sometime this year. Austen is co-producing the film with Tony Estrada, a Navajo filmmaker and owner of the production company Wild Horse Films, based in New Mexico.

"HOMUNCULUS" a screenplay by Austen Brauker has won:

- "1st Place, Best Overall Script, All Categories" Los Angeles Movie Awards 2012
- "1st Place, Best of Category" Mountain Film Awards Screenplay Contest 2012
- "1st Place, Grand Prize, All categories" Oregon Film Festival 2011
- "1st Place, Best Horror Screenplay" Love Unlimited International Film Festival 2011
- "2nd Place, All Categories" Evolution International Film Festival 2012
- Currently: "Official Finalist" Charleston International Film Festival 2012
- Currently: "Official Finalist" Beverly Hills International Film Festival 2012
- "Official Finalist" Hollywood Screenplay Contest 2011
- "Official Finalist" Newport International Film Festival 2011
- "Official Finalist" STORY PROS Screenplay Contest 2011
- "Semi-finalist" PAGE Awards Screenplay Competition 2011
- "Fifth Round Winner" The Golden Brad Awards Movie Script Contest 2011
- "Honorable Mention" Chicago Screenwriters Network Contest 2011
- "Honorable mention" Great Lakes International Film Festival 2011
- "Best Fiction Writer Award" Dark Matter Magazine 2011

Public Notice

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently receiving and treating domestic septage and special commercial waste and will continue to receive this waste in the future.

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the LRBOI Utility Department has established a Septage Receiving Facility authorized by Section 6.03F of the Utility Ordinance; and

WHEREAS nothing in this "Public Notice" shall be considered a waiver of the Tribes' sovereign immunity.

In accordance with the requirements of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Ordinance the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has prepared a Septage Receiving Operating Plan. A copy of the proposed Operating Plan is available for review at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2539 Dontz Road, Manistee, Michigan, 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

On October 12, 2004 House Bill 5771 and 5772 were signed into law by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

The Bills amend Part 117, Septage Waste Services, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. Part 117 regulates the pumping, disposal and land application of septage waste. This public notice is a request for public comments on the proposed Operating Plan. Please submit any written comments to Atten: L.R.B.O.I. Utility Department, 375 River Street, Michigan 49660 by April 1st, 2012.

Jobs in Emergency Management

Over the last two months, your *Currents* newspaper has been running articles on Emergency Management as both a necessity and an opportunity for tribal citizens and communities. This month, our article will focus on the opportunities for jobs within the professional field of Emergency Management.

Here's one thought for you to start with. Every county in the nation needs the services of what is called an Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Some counties are too small to afford hiring their own EMC and will share one with other counties. Either way, they still hire people to help manage Emergency Preparation, Training and Response programs. There are a lot of counties in this country!

Each of our 566 Native Sovereign Nations, as well as First Nations to our north, are in similar situations. They all need EMC's and while some do have to share because of limited resources or because of other issues such as their actual reservations, pueblos, Rancherias or territories, they still need help.

Schools, Cities, Universities, Colleges, Corporations also need trained people to work in Emergency Management. Not only that, but there are other private, entrepreneurial opportunities as well.

Take as an example, Sault Ste. Marie Tribal member Tim Bonno who now lives in St. Louis, MO. He has his own consulting business teaching emergency preparedness to businesses and tribes. As Tim said in a recent article (*Win Awenen Nisitotung 2.17.12*), "Members of our tribe have the opportunity to help themselves and to help others in the time of a disaster through terrific training like C.E.R.T. " Tim offers his consulting services through contracts with FEMA. See his blog at www.timbonno.wordpress.com .

Speaking of the government, there are always jobs in this professional area. Just go to www.USAjobs.com or other employment websites which will show the many varied areas available to people who will get the training, much of which is free or subsidized through state training programs, the Emergency Management Institute and regular colleges.

Emergency Management is an exciting career field, but not one for just everyone! It helps to have a 'Warrior Spirit' because you need to think on your feet and make good decisions during challenging times. If you are up for the challenge, there will be opportunities for you.

MI-SBTDC Receives SBA Award to Work with Michigan's Indian Communities



The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) network received an award to increase assistance to American Indian communities across the state. The focus will be assisting Native American Tribes and their member's in starting a business, expanding a current business or any other business related issues. This is done through free one-on-one consulting for the Tribes and the their member's.

Ms. Elaine Clement and Mr. Ross Miller were hired effective January 3, 2012 as MI-SBTDC tribal business consultants. Ms. Clement is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She is based in Sault Ste. Marie covering the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Ross is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. He is based in Mt. Pleasant covering the Lower Peninsula.

Ross Miller will be holding "Office Hours" at the Little River Commerce Office on River street on April 12, 2012 from 10am to 2pm. He will be there to answer any questions about starting a business, expanding an existing business or just general questions about the new MISBTDC program. If you have any questions for Mr. Miller or would like to schedule a meeting with him please feel free to contact him at 989-330-0395 or at millerro@gvsu.edu.

HUD ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$400 MILLION IN INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

FEBRUARY 2012 IHBG

The following communities have received IHBG funds under the allocations announced today, with more than \$250 million in IHBG funds still left to be designated nationwide to tribes in FY2012.

The following Michigan awards were made:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	Manistee	\$281,105
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Harbor Springs	\$632,700
Match E- Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan	Dorr	\$178,247

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced \$404 million in [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\)](#) allocations to nearly 300 tribes in 27 states. These funds are distributed each year based on a formula to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities for a range of affordable housing activities. More than \$250 million in IHBG funds are still to be allocated among Native American communities this year

IHBG funds are intended to primarily benefit low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other communities. The amount of each grant is based on a formula that considers local needs and housing units under management by the tribe or designated entity.

“These funds are making a real difference in tribal communities each and every day,” said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. “Projects include affordable housing, infrastructure upgrades, community centers and safety programs that every community needs to thrive. These efforts are part of a broader commitment to ensure Native American communities can build their economies in response to their needs and as they see fit.”

Eligible activities for the funds include housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems. The block grant approach to housing was enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

Images/Attitudes – Native American Women

(Editor note: This is an invitation by a Ball State doctoral student to participate in a study specifically dealing with Native American women. The study is not affiliated with any official LRBOI program or service nor is it endorsed or sponsored by the tribe. Any arrangements are only between the participant and the student.)

Hello. My name is Kelly Clougher and I am currently a third year doctoral student in the Department of Counseling Psychology and Guidance Services at Ball State University. I am working on my dissertation titled “Perceptions of body image and attitudes toward eating for Native American women.” Specifically, I would like to conduct individual interviews with women between the ages of 18 and 25 years old from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. You are being contacted as a potential participant in my study because you may fit these criteria.

As a biracial (Caucasian/Native American) woman, I became interested in this topic when I realized there is a limited understanding of Native populations in my current field of study, counseling psychology. A career goal of mine is to improve psychologists’ understanding of Native populations, especially women. I hope to learn more about you and your experiences in order to help future mental health professionals understand the presentation of disordered eating and negative body image within the American Indian culture.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 years old, have female gender identity, and racially identify as Native American then you fit the inclusion criteria for this study. Your participation is voluntary and your information will be kept confidential. Involvement in the study includes a 60 minute individual interview with the principal investigator and then a member checking process. Member checking will give you the opportunity to ensure the analysis of information gathered during the interview is accurately interpreted.

As a sign of gratitude, you will be given **\$15.00** and I will give back to your community by presenting on healthy eating and body image at Little River’s Health Conference in May, 2012.

If you are interested in this opportunity please send me an email at kmpicard@bsu.edu or call me at (231) 329-3317 and we can set-up a meeting time. Please do not hesitate to share any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks in advance,

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

At the recent Bemidji visit to the Tribal Clinic, the *Currents* got their first tribal look at the new Fitness Center which has been built on the lower level of the clinic building 310 9th Street in Manistee, MI.

Several years ago, the bottom level of the building was used as a day care center. Today, those who remember the old place would not recognize it! High tech exercise equipment, Aerobics stations, nice airy rooms, good lighting, showers, an Elevator and places for future growth with room for a pharmacy and dental clinic are ready to go. When Director Bob Davis took Dr. Munson and the other visitors around, it was with a great deal of pride in the facility that Davis explained about the plans for the building. Davis talked about the future of the facility which will provide services to not only tribal citizens but tribal employees also, thus recouping money now paid to third party providers. Once budgeting and staffing are approved, the Fitness Center will be opened up. Watch the *Currents* Facebook and web site for details.



Helping our Family



The *Currents* is looking for stories about our tribal citizens helping each other out, even with the little things. If you have a story about a member or our tribal community helping out someone, please send it in so that we can share it with our extended family.
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Gerald "Jerry" L. Pete



Mr. Gerald L. "Jerry" Pete, age 58, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2012 in Muskegon. He was born November 26, 1953 in Muskegon to Peter and Alice (Akins) Pete, and resided here his entire life. Jerry belonged to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and worked at the Little River Casino for a number of years.

He enjoyed cooking, traditional Pow-Wow dancing, attending Spanish dances, and especially his family. Jerry is survived by his brother, Peter (Karen) Pete, Jr. of Manistee, MI; and 2 sisters, Wilma (Jeffery) Lambkin of Petoskey, MI, and Ila (Rick) Garza of Muskegon, MI; several nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews, Kenneth, Leticia, Antonio, Tristen, Aaliyah, Liana and Elisia. He was preceded in death by his parents. The FUNERAL SERVICE was at 11AM Thursday the 23rd at The Sytsema Chapel 737 Apple Ave. (231) 726-5210 with Debbie Gutowski officiating. VISITATION with the family was at 5-8PM Wednesday. Burial took place in Elbridge Cemetery. Memorial Contributions to the family will be appreciated.

Kody Shinguesase Stalzer



Tribal Citizen Kody Shinguesase Stalzer walked on February 24th. Kody was the great-grandson of Rose Shalifoe. He was survived by his wife Tiffany Williams-Stalzer and their three children Kodiak Sunhawk (2), Cheyann Rain (8) and Sereniti Phoenix (6). Kody had three siblings, Mary Hutchinson, Marty Mills II and Tyler Mills. Kody's father is Roger Salter Jr. 'Hootie' and his mother is Tammy Sprague. Stepfather is Frank Sprague.

Memorials, cards and gifts may be sent to the Saltzer home at 8352 Farm Lane Ypsilanti, MI 48197

ODE TO KODY

The smoke of your fire was rising. The semaa in the pipe was lit. I put my bundle in the place where YOU used to sit.

Why does Creator take them? Take them from us so young.

Who am I to question, but grieving is no persons fun. You were a Devoted Dad, no one could ever question. Devoted to your Family, I don't even have to mention. You touched the hearts of those you loved. You friendship never wavered. You were such a deep and passionate man, our conversations I savored.

I was honored when you called me UNCLE. I was proud to call you my Kin.

You knew that you wanted to win.

Your challenges were great and would have conquered a weaker soul. Your willful, stubborn, hope-filled heart placed you in a strong role.

We Love you very much, as you pass to the other side. I write this poem for you KODY, with my very up-most pride.

Baa Pii Gawabamin Niikkii.

Uncle Steve (Steven Naganashe-Perry)

February 2012



Ryan Fraley, Missy Renner,
Sky Curtis, Dennis King



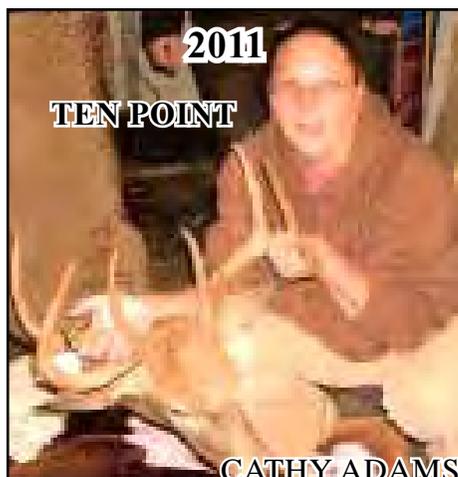
Jeremy Lyrenmann has been named the Assistant Security Director for the Potawatomi Bingo Casino. Congratulations... We are so Proud of You... Love Mom and Nellie



Congratulations Patrick Wilson



Congrats for winning the Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award at the 2012 meeting of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.



Happy Easter to my two Honey Bunnies!
Hannah and Mathew
-Love Mommy Eagle

There is a quiet garden,
From the rude world set apart,
Where seeds for Christ are growing;
This is the loving heart.

The tiny roots are loving thoughts;
Sweet words, the fragrant flowers
Which blossom into loving deeds,
Ripe fruits for harvest hours.

Thus in our hearts the seeds of love
Am growing year by year;
And we show our love for the Saviour,

By loving His children here!



There was a *Westshore Wolves Squirts Hockey Team* fundraiser at the Aki Community Center on February 10th. This team has a number of tribal youth playing and a tribal citizen, Brian Gibson arranged the fundraiser to help them with equipment and the other needs of a young team.

The menu included “*delicious Native American food*” such as:

- Indian Tacos (opt-sour cream, salsa and onions)
- Buffalo Burgers/chips (opt-Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Onion)
- Blanket Dogs/chips (opt-Chili/Cheese for add \$1)
- Fry Bread (opt-Butter, Cinnamon & sugar, Powdered sugar)

They raised \$1148 and all proceeds went to the West Shore Wolves Squirts. Thanks to everyone that participated by coming out to Aki or by calling/texting in their orders for delivery.



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The SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

will be April 14, 2012 at the Event Center at the Little River Casino Resort.

REGISTRATION for Tribal members will be located at the frontdoors of the Event Center. Everyone wishing to attend the meeting must register!

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE TO THE EVENT CENTER WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- o Be prepared to swipe your Tribal Identification Card as you enter the Event Center.
- o If you do not have a Tribal Identification Card with you, you will need to see Jessica Wissner, Enrollment Assistant before entering the Event Center.
 - If you need a new card, make sure that you Bring your State I.D. or Driver's License
- o To enter the Event Center, you must come through the front doors.
- o If you are a Registered Voter you will have to swipe your card each time you enter and when you leave. This will allow the Election Board to maintain an accurate record of voter participation.
- o Wrist Bands will be provided to all people who wish to attend the meeting:
 - o Registered voters will receive a Green wristband
 - o Non-registered tribal members will receive a Red wristband
 - o Guests will receive a Yellow wristband

You must wear your wristband to enter the Event Center during the meeting!

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event
April 7th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
May 5th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
June 2th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
July 7th	10 am to 11am	Elders Meeting
August 4th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
September 1th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
October 6th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting

Elders Conference

November 3rd	Saturday	9:30am to 8 pm
November 4th	Sunday	8:30 am to 11:30 am
December 1st	Christmas Party	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

"In an effort to ensure a Constitutionally proper opportunity for tribal citizens to exercise their rights to bring forth petitions and to conduct votes, the duly elected LRBOI Tribal Election Board has established some rules to identify and count properly registered voting tribal citizens attending the Spring 2012 Membership Meeting. Those rules are published here.

The independent Election Board establishes the rules which the tribal government is required by our Tribal Constitution to follow as our business is conducted.

The Office of the Tribal Ogema will adhere to the rules of the election board as well as the opinions rendered by the board and its legal counsel during the business portion of the meeting.

While the Tribal Membership Meeting is organized by the Tribal Ogema, during the business portion of the meeting, the rules of voting are set by the Election Board."

