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Membership update



Full report on the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting, Meet-n-Greet, voting controversy and other issues on page 12 and 13

At the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting, the Enrollment Department released updated numbers on tribal citizens. As of April 3rd, 2012, the following numbers have been reported:

- Total Membership 4,124 (4,079 in 2011)
- Total number of Elders 967 (924 in 2011)
- Total number of Adults 2,694 (2,690 in 2011)
- Total number of Minors 463 (465 in 2011)
- Tribal members living in:
 - 9 county area 1,797 (1,771 in 2011)
 - Outside 9 county area 2,249 (2,231 in 2011)
 - Michigan 2,769 (2,746 in 2011)
 - Outside Michigan 1,277 (1,256 in 2011)
 - Undeliverable addresses 78 (77 in 2011)

Council hearing into Voting



Tribal council has scheduled a public hearing to look into the Spring Membership Meeting and whether the rights of tribal citizens were protected. See page 2

Tribal Graduates 2012

We had a number of tribal citizens and descendants receive their degrees this year. See the list on page 27.



Tribe schedules Midwest Peacemaking Conference

Tribal process of restorative justice taking center stage at this Conference in June. Three days of presentations from leading jurists and practitioners first of its kind. See page 15 for details



Bear &

The Bear and Elk permit applications can be found on page 24

Elk permits



LRBOI Government Center

Official Groundbreaking Ceremony
photos and articles on page 11





We are still working on our Muskegon Casino Project and canvassers are trying to obtain signatures for the multiple proposed non-Indian commercial casinos in the Muskegon area. People are being told that they are signing to help promote our Muskegon casino efforts, which is absolutely not true. Our Muskegon project is not at all associated with that effort which does not even have Muskegon in the mix. Until next month...

REMEMBER-

“ I never said most of the things I said.”
Yogi Berra

Aanii,
Another Spring Membership Meeting behind us; interesting. The Friday night Ogema Meet and Greet was again well attended estimated at 60-70 people in attendance and a variety of issues discussed. The Saturday Membership Meeting was also well attended but we lacked a quorum when the time came for a quorum count.

As you know, the 2011 Spring Membership Meeting attained a quorum of the membership but the voting process was taken to court and the court determined revisions needed to be made to the process; primarily, when called for, a quorum count needed to be held.

The Election Board made changes to the process which included the use of wristbands to determine quorum and the Ogema was required to make changes as well. Both sets of changes were published but a couple elected officials chose to either remove their wristbands or not wear one and were asked to leave the meeting hall or be escorted out. At the last Tribal Council Meeting, it was voted to hold a hearing on the issue, June 2nd at 1:30 PM at the Aki Community Center following the monthly Elder's Meeting. The membership is invited to attend.

Over 200 members stayed to watch the results of the quorum count wearing their wristbands. I stand firmly behind the effort to maintain a quorum as I believe that is provided for in the Constitution to give the membership a voice and allow for more people to have a say on motions and resolutions. I would welcome any ideas to improve the process or ideas for what you would like to see presented at the Membership Meetings, they are meetings for the members.

The first full week of May, myself and others are going to New Orleans to learn more about the tribal self-governance process for our tribe. We have the opportunity to become self-governed but I understand there may be pros and cons that we need to look at.



**GAA CHING ZIIBI DAWAA
ANISHINAABEK
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
TRIBAL COUNCIL
NOTICE**

From the Office of Tribal Council Recorder

**Public Hearing Scheduled for Saturday June 2, 2012
1:30 p.m. at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center**

On Wednesday, May 2, 2012, the Tribal Council did enact Resolution # 12-0502-112, scheduling a Public Hearing of the Tribal Council for the purposes of taking public input on the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting Events.

The Tribal Council has requested, by Resolution, that the Public Safety Director, Enrollment Department Director, Election Board Chairperson and Director of Security at the Little River Casino Resort, as well as the Ogema, be present. The representatives may, in their discretion, request key staff to also be present.

The Matters that Tribal Council has requested to be presented during this Public Hearing are as follows:

1. The Tribal Council is concerned that the rights of Tribal Members to participate freely in the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting may have been unduly diminished.
2. The Tribal Council believes that it is important to document the events and the sentiments of Tribal Members regarding whether or not the events of the 2012 Spring Membership Meeting impacted the rights of Tribal Members to peacefully assemble and participate as a Tribal Member

Issued this 4th day of May, 2012, Signed: _____/S/_____

Janine M. Sam, Tribal Council Recorder

The above notice is a copy of an official public document, distributed by the Recorder's office of the Tribal Council. Due to the constraints of graphics, the Recorder's signature is not shown here but is viewable on the document itself which is visible on the tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov.



Recorder's Report for April/May 2012
AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LAW

The Tribal Council has been working on revising the Indian Preference Ordinance to eliminate some language that has proven to be a hindrance for the posting and hiring process for the Little River Casino and Resort. Specifically, job postings have required the Ogema's signature before a posting could be made, which has resulted in undue delays in some cases for the posting/hiring process. The Tribal Council will be taking action to fix this portion of the law, as well as posting other potential revisions for public comment during the month of May. Please watch the Tribal Website for public posting, or contact the Tribal Council office if you have questions, for your opportunity to provide your input.

TRIBAL COUNCIL SETS ASIDE FUNDING FOR FOSTER CARE

In response to an urgent need, the Tribal Council authorized a pool of funds to be set aside to support Tribal Member foster children in care. "In care" means that a tribal child has been placed with a foster family due to being removed from their parental home. It was brought to Council's attention that

there was a situation where some children may not have been receiving, or eligible, for support dollars. Normally, in consultation with the State, foster care support is provided through the State system. In instances where the State is not providing support dollars, the Tribe now has a mechanism to provide the family caring for tribal children with financial support. Eligibility criteria was adopted by Resolution, and the Family Services department, in conjunction with the Binojeeuk Commission, have management obligations under this newly created but limited program.

Council Members on Travel

As previously reported, Candace Chapman attended the NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare) Conference, along with members of Executive Staff and the Binojeeuk Commission. Mike Ceplina and Kim Alexander both provided an update during regular session of Tribal Council on their activities associated with attending the NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association) meeting in San Diego, CA.

Janine Sam is attending the Self Governance Annual Meeting the week of May 6-May 11, in New Orleans, LA. The Tribal Council also observed its legislative recess period in April, therefore you may notice that the meeting chart does not contain as many work sessions as a full month.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

The Tribal Council adopted a resolution that sets forth a date/time to hold a public hearing on processes involved with the Spring Membership Meeting. The notice appears on page 2. Please be aware that if you are not able to attend in person,

the Council has adopted a process to allow members to submit their thoughts/comment on the process for an additional 30 days after the hearing. The Speaker has already notified Tribal Council that he will not be available, as did the Election Board. There may be additional processes adopted to govern the meeting, such as designating a presiding official in the absence of the Speaker. As of the day this article was submitted to publication, there were no processes set forth, but if formal procedures are adopted, they will be published or provided as soon as possible.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ENACTS SAFETY ZONES

The Tribal Council adopted a Resolution that sets forth limitations for persons that are registered sex offenders, while the Tribe is awaiting approval of its SORNA legislation from the SMART office. The Federal Government has not yet approved the Tribe's submission, so the Council took action to establish prohibitions and limitations on sex offenders and events where children may be present until the new law is approved. Resolution #12-0502117 is available on the Tribal Website. This Resolution sets forth the safe zone for events such as Language Camp, the Children's Christmas party, and other such sponsored event where children may be present.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder

| Work Session Attendance | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Internet viewing of Council Meetings: https://www.lrbioi-nsn.gov/index.php/government/tribal-council | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Work Session Title | Steve Parsons | Janine Sam | Kimberly Alexander | Candace Chapman | Virgil Johnson | Sandy Mezeske | Pat Ruiter | Lee Sprague | Michael Ceplina | Total Attending |
| 4/3/12 | Government Structure Ordinance | x | x | * | | x | | x | | * | 4 |
| 4/3/12 | Litigation Oversight Act | x | x | * | | x | x | x | | * | 5 |
| 4/3/12 | Indian Preference Ordinance | x | x | * | | x | x | x | | * | 5 |
| 4/5/12 | Muskegon Update | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | | 6 |
| 4/6/12 | Membership Assistance Regulations | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 4/9/12 | Chief Legislative Counsel Contract | x | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 4/9/12 | Elders Insurance | x | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 4/9/12 | Agenda Review | | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | 6 |
| 4/10/12 | Little River Casino Resort Financial Review | x | | x | | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 4/10/12 | Government Structure Ordinance | x | | x | | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 4/10/12 | Legal Counsel Reform Act | x | | | | x | x | x | x | x | 6 |
| 4/10/12 | Self Governance | x | | | | x | x | x | x | x | 6 |
| 4/11/12 | Muskegon Update | x | x | x | | | x | x | | * | 5 |
| 4/13/12 | CTAS Grant Application | x | x | | | * | x | x | x | * | 5 |
| 4/16/12 | Government Financial Review | x | | x | x | | x | x | x | x | 7 |
| 4/16/12 | Foster Care Funding Pool | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 8 |
| 4/16/12 | Agenda Review | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 8 |
| 4/16/12 | Planting of Trees | x | | | x | x | x | x | | x | 6 |
| 4/16/12 | Department of Homeland Security | x | | | x | x | | | | x | 4 |
| 4/17/12 | Crooked Arrow | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | | 6 |
| 4/17/12 | Government Structure Ordinance | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | 7 |
| 4/17/12 | Litigation Oversight Act | x | x | | x | x | x | x | | | 6 |
| 4/17/12 | Indian Preference Ordinance | x | x | | x | x | x | x | | | 6 |
| 4/19/12 | Muskegon Update | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | x | 7 |
| 4/19/12 | Audit Presentation | x | x | | | x | x | x | | x | 6 |
| 4/30/12 | Agenda Review | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 9 |
| | Total number of work sessions for April: 26 | 25 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 15 | 16 | |
| * | Tending to a business related matter and/or travel | | | | | | | | | | |

A very important topic being discussed today in Indian Country is the Indian Child Welfare Act which was designed to protect tribal youth and allow them to stay within their tribal communities and families. The following is from the Introduction to ICWA guide from the Native American Rights Fund (www.narf.org)

“From the embryonic days of our Nation, Indian tribes have long struggled against the assimilationist policies instituted by the United States which sought to destroy tribal cultures by removing Native American children from their tribes and families. In a stark example of such policies, the purpose articulated in the charter of the first boarding school in the 1890s on the Navajo reservation was “to remove the Navajo child from the influence of his savage parents.” The federal government continued its boarding school policy for over one hundred years. Countless lives give testimony to the harsh effects of that policy.

Later on, the federal government failed to protect Indian children from misguided and insensitive child welfare practices by state human service agencies, which resulted in the unwarranted removal of Indian children from their families and tribes. In fact, in the 1950s and 1960s, the federal government worked with non-Indian organizations, such as the Child Welfare League of America, to outright remove Indian children from their homes and place those children in non-Indian homes.

Statistical and anecdotal information show that Indian children who grow up in non-Indian settings become spiritual and cultural orphans. They do not entirely fit into the culture in which they are raised and yearn throughout their life for the family and tribal culture denied them as children. Many native children raised in non-Native homes experience identity problems, drug addiction, alcoholism, incarceration and, most disturbing, suicide.

In the 1960s, the federal government embarked on a new federal Indian policy of tribal self-determination. This new policy fosters tribal existence and self governance by allowing tribes to operate programs once operated solely by the federal government. It also increased federal services and benefits available to tribes to enhance their capabilities. Thus, tribes are now working to fully regain control of their destiny and that of their children.

In view of this new policy and the problems facing tribes as a result of the loss of their children, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was enacted in 1978. It established minimum federal jurisdictional, procedural and substantive standards aimed to achieve the dual purposes of protecting the right of an Indian child to live with an Indian family and to stabilize and foster continued tribal existence.

The *Currents* will be running additional articles and columns addressing the Indian Child Welfare Act in the future.

“Honoring, Healing & Remembering” Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

Operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934

Please join us on the 78th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing as we recognize the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children through a day of inter-denominational prayer, memoriam, and fellowship.

Wednesday, June 6 • 7am - 4pm

Mission Creek Cemetery:

1475 S. Bamber Road - Mt. Pleasant, MI

7am: Sunrise Ceremony

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School:

1400 W. Pickard - Mt. Pleasant, MI

(Near corner of Pickard & Crawford)

8am: Breakfast (provided)

9am: Pipe Ceremony, Grand Entry & Flag Song
Welcoming all Pipe Carriers & Tribal Flag Bearers
Prayer & Special Guest Speakers

Noon: Lunch (provided)

1:30pm: Student Roll Call “Remembering the Deceased”

3pm: Jingle Dress Healing Dance & Celebratory Round Dance
Welcoming all Jingle Dress Dancers

4pm: Give-Away & Traveling Song



Rain or Shine

Open to the public • Groups welcome

Bring lawnchairs or lawn blankets

Bring your family photos & letters for the Ziibiwing Center to scan & archive

Handicap & Elder parking available

Revised 5/1/2012

For more information contact the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Public Relations Department at 989-775-4074 or email the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee at miibs@sagchip.org

Indian Citizenship Act



Descendants of the Original Inhabitants of Dakota Territory (detail), Job V. Harrison, photographer, circa 1900. The Northern Great Plains, 1880-1920

Just why the Indians shouldn't vote is something I can't understand.

"The Life of Henry Mitchell,"

Old Town, Maine, Robert Grady, interviewer, circa 1938-1939. American Life Histories, 1936-1940

On June 2, 1924, Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act, which granted citizenship to all Native Americans born in the U.S. The right to vote, however, was governed by state law; until 1957, some states barred Native Americans from voting. In a WPA interview from the 1930s, Henry Mitchell describes the attitude toward Native Americans in Maine, one of the last states to comply with the Indian Citizenship Act:

One of the Indians went over to Old Town once to see some official in the city hall about voting. I don't know just what position that official had over there, but he said to the Indian, 'We don't want you people over here. You have your own elections over on the island, and if you want to vote, go over there.'

"The Life of Henry Mitchell,"

Old Town, Maine, Robert Grady, interviewer, circa 1938-1939. American Life Histories, 1936-1940



Native Americans During Mathematics Class, (detail) Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Frances Benjamin Johnston, photographer, 1903. Prints & Photographs Online Catalog

Previously, the Dawes Severalty Act (1887) had shaped U.S. policy towards Native Americans. In accordance with its terms, and hoping to turn Indians into farmers, the federal government redistributed tribal lands to heads of families in 160-acre allotments. Unclaimed or "surplus" land was sold, and the proceeds used to establish Indian schools where Native-American children learned reading, writing, and the domestic and social systems of white America. By 1932, the sale of both unclaimed land and allotted acreage resulted in the loss of two-thirds of the 138 million acres that Native Americans had held prior to the Dawes Act.

In addition to the extension of voting rights to Native Americans, the Secretary of the Interior commission created the to assess the impact of the Dawes Act. Completed in 1928, the Meriam Report described how government policy oppressed Native Americans and destroyed their culture and society.

The poverty and exploitation resulting from the paternalistic Dawes Act spurred passage of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act. This legislation promoted Native-American autonomy by prohibiting allotment of tribal lands, returning some surplus land, and urging tribes to engage in active self-government. Rather than imposing the legislation on Native Americans, individual tribes were allowed to accept or reject the Indian Reorganization Act. From 1934 to 1953, the U.S. government invested in the development of infrastructure, health care, and education, and the quality of life on Indian lands improved. With the aid of federal courts and the government, over two million acres of land were returned to various tribes.

Words of Wisdom



Francis Assikinack
(Blackbird) Ottawa

In my opinion, it was chiefly owing to their deep contemplation in their silent retreats in the days of youth that the old Indian orators acquired the habit of carefully arranging their thoughts.

They listened to the warbling of birds and noted the grandeur and the beauties of the forest. The majestic clouds - which appear like mountains of granite floating in the air - the golden tints of a summer evening sky, and all the changes of nature, possessed a mysterious significance.

All this combined to furnish ample matter for reflection to the contemplating youth.



Members Assistance Department Assistance Programs



Mission Statement

“To strengthen and secure maximum independence for individuals and family members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by providing assistance services that meet the needs of the community.”

Vision

“Meeting the needs of our community and empowering our members through accessible and responsive services to promote self-sufficiency, quality of life, health status and wellbeing.”

FY2012 Members Assistance Department Programs

Elder Specific Programs

***Elder Chore Assistance Program**

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program.

Elder must be a permanent member of the household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. The assistance for elder chore services are identified

in the categories below;

- Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- Gutter cleaning
- General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds

▪ Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$200.00 per household-

If scope of assistance is beyond what the tribe can assist with there are referrals resources such as Area Agency on Aging, Community Action Agency and other agencies. If you are in need of assistance in accessing these services please contact the Members Assistance Department.

ATTENTION TRIBAL ELDERS –

LIHEAP –

Cooling Assistance LIHEAP Component-Tribal Elders

This is a grant funded component of LIHEAP to provide assistance to Tribal Elders who meet the eligibility requirements, have a medical condition that require air conditioning during hot summer months, are experiencing an energy crisis due to additional energy burden to operate the cooling system and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.

-Medical condition and need for air conditioning must be certified and documented by medical professional.

- Assistance is available May 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2012.

Elder Meal Program - Title VI

The Elder Meal Program available at the Aki Community Center.

Meals will be served for lunch at noon Monday thru Thursday at the Aki Community Center located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung Manistee, MI 49660

One very important component of keeping elders healthy in their homes and communities is providing nutrition services. Adequate nutrition is critical to health, functioning, and quality of life. The purposes of nutrition services, activities and disease prevention education are:

- **To reduce hunger and food insecurity;**
- **To promote socialization of older individuals; and**
- **To promote health and well-being by assisting older individuals to gain access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services to delay the onset of adverse health conditions.**

Eligibility: Enrolled Tribal Elders age 55 and over. Also included in this eligibility are spouse of the eligible participant, handicapped or disabled individuals in the same household are eligible to participate when accompanying the Tribal Elder to the meal site. The meals are provided at NO CHARGE.

Guest Meals are available for individuals who would like to attend a meal with an eligible participant/Tribal Elder but do not meet eligibility guidelines. There will be a charge for the guest meal that is calculated according to the meal being served. Average cost is about \$5.00. This provision does not exclude Caregivers, In-Home Caregivers or Home Aides from paying for guest meals if they do not meet eligibility requirements.

Donations are acceptable and will be used for program activities and to purchase food. At no time are contributions required however the offer to contribute must be provided per program requirements.

Home Delivered Meals – (limited services and based on availability of volunteers) Elders should only be on the home delivered meal program if they are unable to leave their homes without great difficulty. Their inability to leave home may be because of illness, disability, or general frailty. Frailty means having a physical or mental disability that restricts the ability of an individual to perform normal daily tasks. This shall be determined by a mental health professional or medical professional.

Monthly Menu – the menu will be published in the Rapid River News, the Currents, posted in tribal buildings and posted on our website.

Beneficial Activities will begin activities in September and will include fun games, educational presentations on Elder health and wellbeing and other activities of interest to our Elders. The activities portion of the program is a collaborated effort with tribal service departments and outside service agencies; we are hoping to have a well blended number of events on the September Menu Calendar. This calendar will be mailed to all Elders whom have completed their Intake Form.

Registration is required to participate in the Elder Meal Program with initial intake processes taking place at this time. If you would like to participate in this program please contact Lee Iverson or Noelle Cross about this program. To complete the short intake process contact the Members Assistance Department or complete the form at the first meal you attend.

The many benefits of this program will be evident with more participation by our Elders. To ensure this program continues there will be assessments conducted on participating elders. The data gathered from this process will assist us in gauging how the program is working and areas where improvements can be made.

Other Services:

- Referral assistance in finding assistance organizations and/or agencies to assist with needs that are not readily available or provided through tribal programs.
- Interdepartmental Referral Services that provided interdepartmental coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments when assisting members.

PROGRAM FYI'S-

Incomplete applications will not be processed. In the event an application is inactive for 30 days it is closed. Please read the coversheet of application for all the required documents that must be submitted in order to process an application.

Copies of original documents should be sent with application, please do not send originals. In order to keep costs down we will NOT return original documents.

Applications are processed in the order they are received. The process is in place to be impartial to all applications received into the department. Normal processing may take up to 5 days. LIHEAP has requirements outside of this period. If household has a pending shut off notice from a utility company. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the utility to discuss the situation. Most companies will give an extension and provide services to assist.

New Program coming available soon

The Members Assistance Department is working on the Title VI Caregivers Program. This program will be a collaborative program between Members Assistance and the Family Services Department. The program will be available for non-paid Family Caregivers who provide care to older individuals who have a chronic illness or disability. A Caregiver is identified as an adult family member, or other individual who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual, or Grandparent age 55 or older who are relative caregivers of a child or children. Included in the Title VI Part C Caregivers Program are:

- Paid respite for elders taking care of grandchildren,
- Elder Caregiver Support group, trainings and information
- Elder Lending Closet – Provides temporary use of disability equipment. Includes canes, walkers, wheel chairs, wheeled rollators/walker, bath stools etc. Lending closet will be located at the clinic.

Department will be holding information sessions at the Elder Meal Site beginning in May. During these information sessions program scope will be discussed and some of the program tools will be shown.

Elder Program Assessments & Questionnaire –

We will be announcing the Meal Program Questionnaire for an assessment of the Elder Meal Program. The questionnaire will be available at the meal site and by phone for elders who are registered but have not been in attendance in awhile. The assessment will provide information and guidance from participating elders to ensure the program is meeting its intent as explained in the article above.

Department Personnel

Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator
Amber Moore – Program Specialist
Linda Wissner – Program Specialist
Noelle Cross – Elder Meal Program Administrator
Martha Howell – Cafeteria Worker
Lacey Moore – Intern sponsored by the Workforce Development Department

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288
Office Hours Mon thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm
Closed for lunch hour 12pm – 1pm (Unless appointment is made in advance)

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

Target your next job with Little River Band Tribal Government. The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line, in tribal newsletters, and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.



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Rapid River News Weekly

Tribal Government Buildings

Global E-mail

Michigan Works Offices or Website

By calling the HR Department

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 120 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:
LRBOI Human Resources
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

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



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Public Safety Department recently held a Drug Take Back event in Manistee. TPD Officer Pat Gilles assisted people in bringing in prescription drugs that were no longer needed. Altogether, they gathered approximately 5 pounds of drugs which were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

This Drug Take Back is part of a large annual event designed to keep prescription medicines from being misused in our communities.



Public Safety

Mission Statement

“The Department will provide for a safe, welcome, and orderly environment for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Community; to defend the sovereignty of the Tribe and the rights of all the people in its jurisdiction; and will provide an ethical people oriented work environment where department members may enjoy their jobs, utilize their talents, respect one another and grow as individuals.”

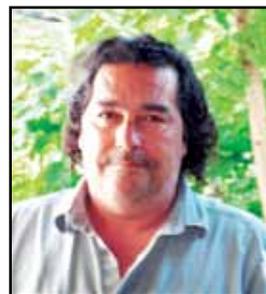
The Public Safety Department at LR-BOI provides many services to its members and the community. We are a full service organization which is responsible for all law enforcement duties. The department has several specialty units aside from the regular patrol responsibilities. We have a K-9 unit; this officer and K-9 are trained to perform drug searches and tracking techniques to serve its members and other law enforcement agencies. We have a detective unit, which conducts investigations on tribal law and federal law violations and a Conservation Enforcement branch for Great Lakes and Inland. These are just a few of the units that are here to help serve the membership and protect the interests of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Tribal Consultation Panels

Tribal Public Safety Officer Patrick Gillis was been invited to be part of discussion panel for the Michigan Tribal Transportation Safety Summit (MTTSS),



Patrick Gillis



Dan Shepard

Tribal Planner Dan Shepard will be on the discussion panels for Intergovernmental Cooperation and data sharing.

This is the first MTTSS of which Shepard is a member of the planning committee along with MDOT, TTAP, BIA, FHWA and other tribal representatives located in MI. They have worked on these issues for the past 3 or 4 months.

This is just another example of tribal employees working “out of the limelight” for the good of all tribal citizens.

Planning Department

Mission Statement

To improve the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians infrastructure so as to increase our capacity to identify, plan and administer social, economic and cultural programs and otherwise address the short and long term needs of the Tribe and its citizens. Ensure safe housing through the office of the Building Official. Responsible for Community Planning, master plan development, comprehensive, natural resources, and redevelopment planning: ordinance development; plan implementation strategies; and the design and facilitation of related public participation programs. Manage the LRBOI Tribal Roads Program and Renewable Energy initiatives.

Planning: Assist with internal planning from municipal water, waste water treatment, housing, utilities, land use planning, roads, tribal cemetery and more.

Building Official: - issues building permits for housing, ensuring all inspections are passed, enforcement of building codes and issuing certificates of occupancy once all inspections are completed.

Roads Program Management: The Planning Department at LRBOI provides many services to its members, Tribal Government and the community. The Department is responsible for transportation related issues through the BIA Indian Reservation Roads Program. Roads Program Management and coordination internally and externally BIA Roads, MDOT, FHWA, 10 B task force area of Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council of Kent and Ottawa counties, Muskegon County, Mason County Roads Commissions, West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission of Muskegon and Northern Ottawa Counties. NWMCOG Planning for the ten county area of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford.

Responsible for the creation of the tribe’s Long Range Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Plans and tribal roads inventory. Work as liaison between local units of governments, MDOT, FHWA and county roads commissions within and beyond the ten county service areas.

Other duties include: MACPRA alternate, TERT member, conduct wind study assessments, North West Michigan Council of Governments Planner Review and Advisory Committee Member



FREE

Positive Indian Parenting

Honoring Our Children By Honoring our Traditions

FREE



LRBOI Family Services Department will again be offering Positive Indian Parenting class once a week in Muskegon beginning June 18th thru Aug. 6th, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Muskegon Tribal office. The class is for Indian parents or anyone caretaking an Indian child.

The eight-week curriculum which was developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association provides a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents. The goals of the program are to help Indian parents explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices, and to apply them to modern parenting skills, and develop positive attitudes, values and skills that have roots in their cultural heritage.

For hundreds of years, Indian parents were guided by traditions that never left parenting to chance. These traditions were passed from one generation to the next. Positive Indian Parenting is based in the idea that many present-day Indian parents have been deprived of the right to learn positive parenting traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation. Through forced assimilation, removal to boarding schools, and forced foster placement and adoption programs, traditional parenting practices were lost or weakened. This curriculum taps into the power of culture, identity and belonging, giving Indian parents a positive standard of behavior to emulate and a number of basic skills to express their values.

Included in the eight sessions are:

- Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths
- Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation
- Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding nurturing, development
- Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention
- Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline
- Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills
- Praise in Traditional Parenting – positive reinforcement skills
- Choices in Parenting – setting goals, what kind of parent you want to be

The class incorporates traditional Anishinabe components such as smudging, prayers in the Anishnabe language, Seven Grandfather teachings, the talking feather, and giveaways.

There is free and a light supper will be provided, as well as weekly gifts for participants. Call to inquire about child care.

For more information or to register class please stop by Family Service office at 1101 W. Hackley (corner of Hackley and Barclay),

or contact: [Shelly Kequam 231-398-6707](tel:231-398-6707) [Kathy Lagerquist 398-6705](tel:231-398-6705)

Pre-College Leadership Program

What is PCLP?

The Pre-College Leadership Program (PCLP) is a one-week summer experience co-sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) at MSU and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

PCLP is designed to give Native American youth in 8th to 12th grades the opportunity to experience college life and explore the many exciting educational opportunities available at Michigan State University as well as the many career opportunities available in the agricultural, food sciences, natural resources and related fields.

Who can participate in PCLP?

PCLP is designed for Native American youth entering 8th to 12th grades. The program is open to 30 participants annually.

As a PCLP participant, what will I do?

Daily activities include academic, social and cultural presentations. The mornings consist of ACT test preparation and afternoons consist of tours and presentations by different MSU colleges.

Evening activities include social time, cultural presentations, and traditional arts such as black ash basket making, pottery and porcupine quill work. Activities are facilitated by current Native American undergraduate students, faculty, staff, as well as elders and artisans from across the state.

You will live in University residence halls and enjoy the campus dining halls for meals.

PCLP strives to encourage healthy relationships between students and role models within the community.

How much does it cost?

Students participate in PCLP free of charge. The program is supported by MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and a number of other public and private agencies and corporations. However, participants are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the MSU campus.

How do I apply for PCLP?

To apply for PCLP, you should submit the following completed items:

1. PCLP student application
2. Essay question
3. An official transcript (including classes in progress)

Applications are available for downloading, via email or phone. If requesting an application by email please place in the subject heading of your email "Requesting PCLP Application" and include your name and address in the body of the email Stephanie Chau at chaus@msu.edu. If requesting an application by phone, please call 517-353-1822 and inform the CANR representative that you would like to request an PCLP application.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business

Presented by Ross Miller – Tribal Business Consultant



Michigan Small Business & Technology, Development Center

Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6 p.m.

at the Little River Commerce Dept

Conference Room

If you are interested in starting

A business or are already in

Business this session could help you

What will be covered:

- Business Self-Assessment
- Research Business Ideas
- Develop a Business Structure
- Financial Start Up Preparation



This workshop is open to all members of Federally Recognized Tribes, only.

Please Call Jennie Gihem to Register 231.398.6866

Enters State Race

Levi Rickert, editor-in-chief in Native Currents
www.nativenetwork.com



TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN – In a surprise move to many of his supporters, Chairman Derek Bailey announced today that he is terminating his race to seek the Democratic Party nomination for Michigan's First Congressional District.

Bailey is the current tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians. He was running in the primary against Gary McDowell, a former state representative, who lost handily in the 2010 congressional contest against current Congressman Dan Benishek, a favorite of the Tea Party in northern Michigan.

"The race was not winnable at this point. There was no way my campaign could compete with the dollars that my opponent did,"

Bailey told the Native News Network on Monday afternoon. Bailey's decision comes on the heels of the release of campaign financial reports for the first quarter of 2012, Bailey's campaign raised \$60,000 compared to McDowell's \$273,000. The report indicates that the Bailey campaign had \$78,000 on hand versus \$503,000 for the McDowell campaign.

"After a six month campaign where we were successful in reaching out to many voters in the District we are withdrawing from the congressional race," said Chairman Bailey. "There are several factors that went into my decision. The biggest one is that my campaign got into the process late in the game, resulting in not having enough time to effectively raise dollars in a campaign that is going to require a million plus dollars to be competitive. We have notified Gary McDowell of our decision and wish him well in the general election in defeating Dan Benishek."

Bailey will now enter the race to secure the Democratic nomination for a Michigan House of Representatives seat in District 101. The current state representative is Republican Ray Franz. The 101st House District includes Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee and Mason counties. "During my tenure as Tribal Chairman several business and community leaders asked that I seek the congressional seat. Ironically while I was on the campaign trail I heard from many who said I was needed to run in Michigan's 101st District," said Bailey.

"I am heeding that call today and focusing my attention on unseating Ray Franz who currently represents the 101st District. We differ on many issues and those will come forward during the course of the campaign. Certainly his vote against tourism promotion was not in the best interest of this important industry in our District. Even his colleagues here in Northern Michigan all supported the bill to fund tourism promotion."

Bailey today said he plans to pursue the First Congressional District office at some point in the future - a decision that is supported by several within the Democratic Party including Gary McDowell.

In response to Bailey's decision, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee issued the following statement: "Tribal Chairman Derek Bailey has built a well-deserved reputation as a leader and tireless advocate for Northern Michigan, and he will be the voice middle class families and workers can count on in the Michigan House," said Haley Morris of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "From his work helping Michigan businesses succeed and create jobs to fighting to protect the Great Lakes and natural resources, Tribal Chairman Derek Bailey has distinguished himself through the rare trait of listening and building bridges to strengthen Northern Michigan. He will be the champion Northern Michigan needs in Lansing."

The Michigan Democratic Party issued this statement: "Chairman Derek Bailey ran a strong, positive and issue-based Congressional campaign of which all Democrats can be proud and we thank him for that great effort," said Michigan Democratic Party Chair Mark Brewer. "He is an articulate and thoughtful Northern Michigan leader, as well as a recognized leader in the Michigan Democratic Party. Derek has a bright future and we look forward to working with him again."

Updated 8:50 pm edt;
posted April 23, 2012 6:30 pm edt



Alaskan Wins Environmental Prize for Opposing Offshore Drilling



Alaskan tribal leader Caroline Cannon has won a prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for battling to keep offshore oil and gas drilling out of Arctic waters. The annual award is given to six outstanding grassroots environmentalists from different regions of the world. Cannon, the North American winner, is concerned that an oil spill would threaten her remote village and its traditional way of life.

Saving her village traditions means everything to community activist Caroline Cannon. This includes the annual hunt for one bowhead whale, in which villagers use wood-framed boats covered with seal skins. Cannon is from Point Hope, a coastal community of 700 Inupiat people in northern Alaska. She says their lives revolve around the whale.

"We have the graveyard site, that's been there hundreds of years, that was built with whale bones. And I particularly like the ice cellar - we call it the salon - where we store away our food, and it's covered with permafrost, it's underground, and it's built with whale bone," Cannon said.

In recent years, there's been growing national interest in opening the Arctic waters to oil and gas development. Cannon says she's not against drilling, but doesn't think oil and gas companies could contain an oil spill in the Arctic - even if they say they can. Since the sea is frozen half the year, she says an oil spill could last for months, destroying the ecosystem.

"There's no technology on how to clean an oil spill out in the Arctic. They have not done an actual cleanup in that kind of an environment," Cannon said.

Cannon says she'd be "more than willing" to support oil exploration if the companies could prove there was a safe way to contain an oil spill. She's been involved in lawsuits to stop oil drilling in the Arctic. She also taken her fight to lawmakers in Washington. "The Arctic is such a beautiful place, it's untouched. They always refer to Alaska, 'as the last frontier.' That's so meaningful for me," Cannon said.

Some residents of Point Hope want the oil companies to come in because there would be jobs. Federal regulators have approved the Shell Oil company's spill response plans in the region, meaning the company might be able to drill soon. For Cannon, that would be devastating.

"I know I'm going to lose some sleep, but I know I gave it the best I knew how. I gave it all I had. So that's what's going to count. It's a scary thought," Cannon said.

Cannon, like the other five winners of the Goldman Environmental Prize, also received \$150,000. She says she will give money to the village to help protect its lifestyle.

Deborah Block
VOA News

It's official!



The new Government Center for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is underway! At a very special ground-breaking event, just before the Spring Membership Meeting, the Government Center Task Force gathered on site to formally break ground and present plans to tribal citizens, officials from other governments and the public.

Guests included Michigan Senator Geoff Hansen, Congressional candidates and local officials from Manistee County, the City of Manistee, Manistee Township, the Chamber of Commerce and Manistee Area Public Schools.

The Government Center itself is an approximately 54,000 square foot facility that will house the majority of government departments and consolidate member services. The current services are scattered among numerous buildings around Manistee from Filer Township to the south to Eastlake in the east and up through Manistee Township. The facility is estimated to cost \$10.2 million dollars and is being funded by a combination of Federal grant monies and tribal funds.

Ogema Larry Romanelli spoke about the commitment of the tribe to bettering services for tribal people and a commitment to the region through investment that will provide jobs.

Council member Virgil Johnson, speaking on behalf of the Task Force, told the audience that the project is expected to take 18 months to complete. Johnson also spoke about the commitment of the project coordinators to use as much Michigan-produced product as possible.

The ground-breaking ceremony was conducted in a good way, with the offering of a pipe by Pipe Carriers Jimmie Mitchell and Jay Sam, presentation of the colors by the Warriors Society and songs by a tribal drum led by Phil Memberto, Austen Brauker and Ron Wittenberg. Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring served as the Emcee for the event.



No Quorum when it counted!

*Please see page 2 for an announcement of a special hearing by Tribal Council on the Membership Meeting.

Meet-N-Greet

The 2012 Spring Membership Meeting was held April 14th at the Little River Casino Resort with the traditional Ogemas' Meet-N-Greet the night before.



Meet-N-Greet: The Ogemas' meeting on Friday night was well attended with over 80 tribal citizens talking to Ogema Romanelli and receiving updates on a wide variety of issues, from an update on the Muskegon project to Self-Governance from Tribal Manager Jessica Burger and a chance to hear from the new Executive Legal Counsel, Susan Aasen. One theme that went through the entire 2 ½ hour meeting was the need for accountability and responsibility on the part of Elected Officials. A companion topic was the need for tribal citizens to step up and become involved in guiding the tribe.

Although invited, no Council members



Booths Traffic



Election Board



The "highlight" of this spring's meeting was the effort to accurately count registered tribal citizens to determine if a Constitutional quorum was present. If the quorum was met, issues could be presented and be voted upon.

For months leading up to this meeting (and in response to similar issues with the Fall 2011 meeting), the Election Board worked with the tribes' IT Department to set up a system that would be accurate, fair and would allow for compliance with the rules and spirit of the tribal Constitution. In addition, the Office of the Ogema established a set of guidelines that addressed the conduct of the meeting since questions had been raised following the previous meeting. All of the rules, guidelines and methodology were well-published ahead of the meeting in the Currents, in the Rapid River News and on the tribes' Face Book page and website.

The technical 'system' of counting involved registering as voters ahead of the meeting and then checking in with the Election Board upon entry into the meeting. There, all attendees were issued with wrist bands of different colors. Only registered citizen voters had green wristbands and, if a quorum was present, only they would be allowed to vote. A way to ensure the count was accurate when it was needed was that all citizen voters had to 'swipe' their cards upon leaving and re-entering the hall.

The system actually worked but it was sabotaged by attendees including some Tribal Council members and others who refused to wear the wrist bands and then actively went around to tables encouraging citizens to take off the bands. Others would not swipe their cards as they left and re-entered. *

When it came time for an actual quorum count, the Election Board had all registered voters in the room re-swipe their cards to make sure of the count at that time. The results showed that 254 were present at that time. Based upon the constitutionally determined quorum rules, 317 were

Natural Resources Booth



Presentations

In a presentation by Steve Wheeler, tribal Chief Financial Officer, he told the tribal citizens about the state of the tribal economy. Wheeler and Ogema Romanelli went to great lengths to explain that thanks to actions initiated by former CFO Dan Taylor and followed up on by current decisions, tribal investments were protected from the market crash of the last few years and that while we're not earning a great return on our monies, we are definitely not losing any.

In addition, it was pointed out that Little River is in much better shape than many tribal gaming facilities because through a decision by Tribal Council, the casino was paid off. Many of the other tribes have very large mortgages and with the faltering economy they are facing some serious financial challenges.

The Ogema introduced Chief Executive Counsel Susan Aasen who gave a nice presentation regarding her tribal and professional background. She was warmly welcomed to Little River!

Housing Booth



Members Assistance Booth



Opening Ceremony



The Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) was treated to a nice opening ceremony with drum, songs, blessing and a very entertaining performance by Hoop Dancers and Fancy Dancers.



Be-Da-Bin Booth



Peacemaking Booth



Q&A

Other topics for discussion included a question about potential health services to the Muskegon area. No plans are in the works at this time even though Muskegon does have a large number of tribal citizens, all of which are served through Manistee. Questions were raised about the proposed 7 or 8 casinos being proposed in Michigan. The Ogema gave the attending citizens a straight answer that if these casinos are built, they will have a negative impact on Little River Casino and other tribal gaming operations. Romanelli did mention the successful Proposition One fight against Racinos back in 2004 and said that the United Tribes of Michigan are currently talking about the newly proposed commercial casinos. He did say that it was going to be "Expensive" to fight them.



Princess Booth



Ron Pete – Elder



Give-aways

The give-aways were another popular part of the meeting and they were interspersed among other activities to keep the meeting going. The Warriors Society also held their raffle and Raymond Pete was the winner. In a wonderful spirit, Raymond gave most of the winnings back to the Warriors. Thanks Mr. Pete!

Commodities Booth



**19th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language
and Culture Camp 2012
Manistee Mi.
Presenters Call**

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Although the time may seem early, we are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 27, 28 and 29, 2012. If you are interested in being a presenter, I will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters will be asked to present for up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know ahead of time in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic. We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion and if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful Camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information via email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when process our program book.

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present. The deadline for all of this information is May 25 2012

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Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians invites you to the
19th Annual

Anishinaabe Family Language / Culture Camp

**Celebrating the unity of our language and culture
Bring your nation flag and gift for the giveaway**

Breakfast on your own
Lunch & Dinner provided

No registration fee

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July 27, 28, 29 2012**

Friday July 27

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)
(Sunrise ceremony)
8:30 Opening Ceremony
9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops
12:00 Lunch
1:15-5:00 Presentations/workshops
workshops
5:00 Dinner
7:00 Talent night

Saturday July 28

Waabini Manidookewin
9:15-12:00 Presentations workshops
12:00 Lunch
1:15-5:00 Presentations/
workshops
5:00 Dinner
7:00 Jiingtamok(Po wow)

Sunday July 29

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)
9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops
12:00 Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

Some presentations are: Cultural teachings, language learning, pipe teachings, natural medicines, drum making, cradle board making, residential school experience, basket making, hide tanning crafts and games. These presentations and workshops are for all ages. We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp. These presentations will be in both English and Anishinaabemowin. First come, first serve for the camping area. This great event will take place at the corner of M22 and US 31 across from the Casino, 2596 Loon Drive. Manistee Mi. 49660, same place as previous years. There are showers on site. Bring your Nation flag and we will display it to show the unity of our language and culture. We encourage every family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

**Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe
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For more information please call

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Check out our language camp page on our website at www.anishinaabemdaa.com



The Tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has established a Peacemaking Program under the guidance and supervision of the LRBOI Tribal Court. It has always been a goal of the Peacemaking Department to provide the best service for our tribal community and to provide access and understanding about the techniques and procedures of Peacemaking.

In keeping with this goal we are honored to host the First **Midwest Peacemaking Conference**.

We have gathered professionals working in the field of Peacemaking from the Midwest region. Each of them has their own unique way of providing their Peacemaking service. The goal of the Conference is to bring to you a broad overview of Peacemaking from the Midwest.

The diverse groups of presenters come from the private practice and from non-profit organizations, Tribal and Non-Tribal Courts, Authors, counselor, and trainers.

Philosophy of Peacemaking and Historical View

By Patrick D. Wilson *From Currents March 2008*

The concept of Peacemaking is not new to our people. However, it was the Honorable Robert Yazzie (retired) that re-introduced the peacemaking concept in the Navajo Nation Court system, back in 1981. In an article by Laura Mirsky, she writes, "In Native American and First Nation justice philosophy and practice, healing, along with reintegrating individuals into their community, is more important than punishment. The Native peacemaking process involves bringing together victims, offenders and their supporters to get to the bottom of a problem. While contrary to traditional Eurocentric justice, this parallels the philosophy and processes of the modern restorative justice movement. In the Native worldview there is a deep connection between justice and spirituality: in both, it is essential to maintain or restore harmony and balance."

In the Navajo peacemaking process as in our own language (Aanishinaabemowin), plays an important part in understanding the concept of peacemaking. Some of the phrases used in Navajo peacemaking are "hozhooji naat'aanii", and "K'e". Hozhooji naat'aanii is the phrase used to mean Peacemaking. A friend and colleague of Robert Yazzie is James Zion. Zion said "hozhooji naat'aanii" translates to something like "people talking together to re-form relationships with each other and the universe" James Zion added, "Hozhooji means 'rightness' and naat'aanii means 'to talk.'"

"K'e" means respect and translates, "to restore my dignity to restore my worthiness." Zion said, "the concept of k'e, which "can be loosely translated as "solidarity and reciprocity or "what I do has an impact on you and what you do has an impact on me." Pat Wilson recently had the opportunity to meet James Zion, he provided us with his unique insight and experiences about peacemaking. Zion is very enthusiastic when talking about peacemaking. You only need to hear him talk for just a moment to know his passion for peacemaking. James Zion has co-edited a book titled Navajo Nation Peacemaking, Living Traditional Justice.

The Odenaang Enjinoojimoying is the new phrase used by our peacemaking department. It means "A place of healing many hearts. Wilson said, "I like to think of it, in this way" "Peacemaking is, were you go to heal and repair the relationships that have been broken or torn apart, by actions that have caused harm and sadness."

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Peacemaking Presents... **First Annual -Midwest Peacemaking Conference** The Peacemaking Journey

June 6th - 8th, 2012
The Little River Casino and Resort
Manistee, Michigan

Conference Update

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ERNEST ST. GERMAINE

Renowned Speaker, Educator, and Tribal Judge

GUEST SPEAKER: KAY PRANIS

Author and facilitator for peacemaking circles

ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS: We have extended the Early Registration, to May 1, 2012.
The fee is \$300.00 for the three-day Conference.

After May 1st, The cost of the conference will be \$350.00

Please attach the check to your registration form.
The form can be found online at: lrboi.com

ATTENTION PARTICIPANTS: You now are able to fly into Manistee MI. Blacker Airport will be Flights are planned to start on May 25th. Tickets should be available for purchase by April 20th Fares and additional information will be available in April.

Call or visit a travel agent:
Going Places Travel 231-723-8200
Arrangements in Travel 231-889-0234

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Conference will be held at the beautiful Little River Casino Resort in Manistee MI To make your reservations call : 866-473-2538. The hotel rooms are blocked under the name "Midwest Peacemaking Conference"

Room Rates:

Room rates during conference:

Tuesday, June 5th to Thursday, June 8th are \$59.00 per night

Room rates after conference:

Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th are \$89.00 per night

Tribal members with Tribal ID may qualify for a discount.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Tribal Council members, Peacemakers, Court Personnel, School Administrators, Teachers, Tribal Employees, Family Service Workers, Police Officers, and Mediators.

More information is posted at: lrboi.com

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In peacemaking we also use "Minaadendmowin" (Respect). We have incorporated the "Seven Grandfather Teachings" into the peacemaking process.

Laura Mirsky wrote, "In the Native worldview there is a deep connection between justice and spirituality: in both, it is essential to maintain or restore harmony and balance." In the way Peacemaking is being developed, we agree with this statement. However we do have the ability to use the "Alternative Dispute Resolution" (ADR).

The Peacemaking Department is looking for fourteen volunteers to become Peacemakers. If you have it in your heart to be a role model, to make a difference, and to assist our youth and our Members in making better decisions, then you could become

a Peacemaker. To be eligible, you need to be 21 years of age, be a member of a federally recognized Tribe, or an employee of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. You must not use or abuse drugs or alcohol. If you feel that you can be non-judgmental and avoid stereotyping, then you would make a good candidate for the program. You will be trained to develop an "Agreement" between the parties to change behavioral problems, and to resolve conflicts in a traditional way.

If you want to be part of healing our Tribe, our community, please contact Pat Wilson at (231)398-2239, E-mail: pwilson@lrboi.com Remember Peacemaking is not about who is right or who is wrong, it is about healing the relationships between members and restoring peace to the Odenaang.



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- Prime location for displaying company banner
- Opportunity to provide promotional items for golfers' welcome bag
- Signage on tee box

Platinum Sponsor - \$2,500

- Golf for 8 at Manistee National Golf Resort
- Awards Dinner for 8 in the Three Fires Conference Center at Little River
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- Half-page recognition in official program
- Opportunity to provide promotional items for golfers' welcome bag
- Signage on tee box

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- Awards Dinner for 4 in the Three Fires Conference Center at Little River
- Box lunch for 4 at Manistee National Golf Resort
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- Opportunity to provide promotional items for golfers' welcome bag
- Signage on tee box

Foursome - \$400 Employee Rate for LRBOI/LRCR

- Golf for 4 at Manistee National Golf Resort
- Awards Dinner for 4 in the Three Fires Conference Center at Little River
- Box lunch for 4 at Manistee National Golf Resort

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- Golf for 1 at Manistee National Golf Resort
- Awards Dinner for 1 in the Three Fires Conference Center at Little River
- Box lunch for 1 at Manistee National Golf Resort

Shotgun start on July 13, 2012 is 10 a.m. at Manistee National Golf and Resort with registration starting at 9a.m. Additional dinners may be purchased at the door for \$35. Team roster must be received by June 30, 2012.

Contact Chad Eckhardt at (231)398-3821 or chade@lrcr.com with questions.

Include my company at this level: Diamond (\$5,000) Platinum (\$2,500) Gold (\$1,500) Foursome (\$400) Individual (\$100)

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Manistee, MI 49660

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A smile...that's the first thing noticed when you first meet Dr. Dona Alba DO at the LRBOI Tribal Health Clinic. It's a great way to start a medical appointment and it is in keeping with Dr. Alba's attitude toward providing health care for our tribal patients.

Recently, *Currents* had the opportunity to interview Dr. Alba as part of our program to meet new employees at the tribe. Dr. Alba brings a wealth of experience to the clinic having worked for 10 years as a Registered Nurse (NR), then 10 years as a Physicians' Assistant (PA) who finally

answered the call and went on to medical school at Ohio University, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, OH. Much of her career and teaching were in Obstetrics and Gynecology and in Pediatrics before coming to Manistee. She first practiced in Appalachia, treating lots of young women and children and delivering a "lot of babies."

Following her work in Appalachia, she received a Faculty Appointment at Louisiana State University where she taught Family Medicine Residents to beef up their *Women's* and *Obstetrics* programs. She and her husband Ted were there only short time when Hurricane Katrina hit. After the storm she said they had nothing to go back to and decided to relocate to where her mother's side of family was deeply entrenched, in Leelanau County, Michigan. There she opened a practice taking care of mostly elderly people with an average age of 70. Dr. Alba even had three patients at one time who were over 100 years old.

She found out she liked taking care of older people but still has a passion for OB/GYN.

In speaking of private practice Dr. Alba said that it is

very difficult these days because of the business aspect and that we have probably seen the end of it. The reality is that while Medicine is a vocation, there is a business side and people have not taught Doctors that side. Doctors, she said, "Want to take care of people...not necessarily do it as a business."

Here at the LRBOI tribal clinic, Dr. Alba says that her practice is a little light on the number of kids but she has a good practice here.

One key thing that Dr. Alba said is that medical personnel must "Listen to the patient...and have face time with the patient who knows what is going on with them." At LRBOI, she feels there is appropriate face time allowed. In outside practice, as an example, it is all about efficiency with approximately 2-3 minutes actual face time. Alba says that here we have, "A patient-centered medical facility...where there is a tight community and opportunities for people to hold each other up. She likes that! Welcome to Little River, Dr. Dona Alba DO!

2012 Gatherings for Four Season's Kateri circle



Summer Gathering

Krause Park end of W. Sherman Blvd August 25th 10 am to 2 pm POTLUCK Meat & Rolls and Tableware will be provided Raffles, Silent Auctions, Door Prizes Come share the day and make memories

Halloween Gathering

Oct 20, 2012 11 am to 3 pm POTLUCK St Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave, Muskegon

Ghost Supper

November 10, 2012 11am to 3 pm POTLUCK St Thomas Hall 3252 Apple ave Muskegon

Christmas Gathering

December 8, 2012 11 am to 3 pm POTLUCK St Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave Muskegon

For all gatherings we request a dish to pass, The Meat is furnished by the Kateri Circle

If you have any questions call or email Patti Wlodkowski 231-670-1455 My Email address is pski839@gmail.com

\$1 BILLION SETTLEMENT OF 41 TRIBAL TRUST LAWSUITS

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar last month announced the settlement of lawsuits filed by 41 federally-recognized tribes against the United States, in which the tribes alleged that the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury had mismanaged monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribes. The announcement followed a 22-month-long negotiation between the tribes and the United States that has culminated in settlements between the government and tribes totaling more than \$1 billion.

While the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is not one of the tribes involved, this is a key step forward for tribal nations across the country.

These settlements resolve claims dating back more than 100 years and will bring to an end protracted litigation that has burdened both the plaintiffs and the United States. Ending these long-running disputes about the United States' management of trust funds and non-monetary trust resources will allow the United States and the tribes to move beyond the distrust exacerbated by years of litigation. These settlement agreements represent a significant milestone in the improvement of the United States' relationship with Indian tribes.

"These settlements fairly and honorably resolve historical grievances over the accounting and management of tribal trust funds, trust lands and other non-monetary trust resources that, for far too long, have been a source of conflict between Indian tribes and the United States," said Attorney General Holder. "Our commitment to tribes is the cornerstone of the Department of Justice's policies and initiatives in Indian Country, and these settlements will enable the tribal community to pursue the goals and objectives they deem to be appropriate while marking another step in our shared future built upon mutual respect and strong bonds of trust between tribal governments and the United States."

"These important settlements reflect President Obama's continuing commitment to ensuring empowerment and reconciliation for American Indians," said Secretary Salazar. "It strengthens the government-to-government relationship with Tribal nations, helps restore a positive working relationship with Indian Country leaders and empowers American Indian communities."

(Content contribution from Matt Flecher, Turtle Talk)

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

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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



By: [Joseph M. Marshall III](#)

Author, 'The Lakota Way of Strength and Courage: Lessons in Resilience from the Bow and Arrow' why Native American Truths Can Heal the World

The word wisdom is used frequently every day, whether it is spoken and heard or written and read. Yet it is debatable, in my opinion, if most of us know what it is. In most dictionaries it is defined as "the quality or state of being wise, sagacious, discerning and insightful."

There are wise people in the world from all walks of life, from many nations and cultures. But there is one unalterable reality: No one who is truly wise is young. By the same token there are many old cultures on this planet of ours. Therefore, if we universally regard elders as repositories of wisdom, than those old cultures would have much to offer.

Many indigenous cultures were already populating every nook and cranny of what came to be called North America when the migration of Europeans began, roughly 500 years ago.

Those peoples that greeted the newcomers with varied degrees of curiosity and apprehension had, by then, lived on and with this land for thousands upon thousands of years. Consequently they had evolved societal values and ways that enabled them to not merely survive, but thrive for all those millennia. Without going into the sad and difficult details and consequences of the interaction between Europeans and indigenous North Americans, it is important to note that the indigenous people were deeply and traumatically impacted; to the point where our cultures were diminished and, in some cases, entirely lost. The good news is that some of us have survived: just over 480 ethnically identifiable native tribes or nations in the United States.

A popular axiom says that "whatever does not kill you will make you stronger." If that is true, native societies have endured much to survive to the present day, so we should be among the strongest people in the world. That strength is not physical, however, and certainly has nothing to do with military might. That kind of strength has to do with the experiences we had and the insights we gained from it.

Furthermore, all of us, as indigenous cultures and nations, are older than any of the modern nations of North and Central America. As societies, therefore, as with individuals, we have acquired wisdom. It would be accurate to say that we are among the elders in the global village.

When I was a teenager, my paternal grandfather made an interesting observation. He said that native peoples of this country (meaning the United States) needed to hang on to their ways and their values, but not only for themselves. He said that we might have to save this country from itself with our ways and our wisdom as native peoples. Unfortunately, he did not elaborate beyond that. It would have been extremely helpful for him to have laid out a blueprint as how we should that. But as I get older the more I see the truth in his observation.

I know little of the specific traditions, customs, languages and values of other native tribes and nations. But I do know something of the Lakota third of our nation that also includes the Dakota and Nakota. What I have learned is that the foundation of our wisdom is all the realities of the physical world. Some are obvious: the sun comes up in the east and goes down in the west; there are four seasons in the yearly cycle -- winter, spring, summer and autumn -- and each has its own whims and characteristics. Others are a bit more subtle, but no less unrelenting, such as the knowledge that it is impossible to survive without knowing those realities, and living within them. That is why we did not place our villages on a known flood plain, therefore precluding having to blame the river when it flooded. Furthermore, because all our values, traditions and customs are based on reality, the wisdom derived from practicing them is real, and not based on myth and legend.

Therefore, what is wisdom? There are many answers. Here are a few:

- Wisdom always takes the path of reason.
- A wise person never speaks before immersing himself or herself in a long and thoughtful moment.
- Wisdom is the most effective antidote to fear and the absence of reason.
- The wisest man or woman is also the most humble.

Perhaps my grandfather was, and is, right. However, I do know that we Lakota (as well as other indigenous peoples) have much to offer to the world at large.

Among our ancestors there were some values that were held very high, among them **humility, compassion, courage and generosity**. But all values lead to the one we consider the greatest: wisdom. And it is our hope that one day wisdom -- rather than might, arrogance and bluster -- will rule the world.

No tree is so foolish as to have branches that fight amongst themselves

Niibin (Summer) Youth Camp
Registration

WHEN: Monday through Friday July 9 - 20, 2012
7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Pow-Wow Grounds Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Behind Tribal gas station)

Children 8 (or completed 1st grade) to 14 years of age
There are many field trips, games and fun activities to encourage healthy eating and promote staying active.
Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided.
There is no cost for the camp or the field trips which is provided through funding by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Health Clinic.

Register by calling
Holly Davis, Diabetes
Coordinator at 231-398-6610 or toll free
888-382-8299
Permission slips and other paperwork must
be filled out prior to the first day of camp.
You can also contact the Community
Health Representative office at
231-398-6629

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 20 packs per Tribal member.

Purchasing Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel

As gas prices rise, it appears that more Tribal members are purchasing tax-exempt motor fuel at the Little River Trading Post. Tax-exempt gas sales to the Tribe, tribal entities and tribal members are up from last year's sales for the same period. If this trend continues, the Tribe's quota of tax-exempt gas will be gone before the end of the year. We will discontinue tax-exempt gas sales at the Trading Post when the annual allocation is gone.

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

Tribal members that purchase fuel for a non-member or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment. Do not be rude or disrespectful to the Trading Post staff if they tell you your purchase does not qualify for exemption. They are only following the rules and trying to avoid a penalty for selling tax-exempt fuel to a non-member.

If you disagree with the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel purchasing rules and have a better idea for allocating the Tribe's annual quota, please contact the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 or your elected representative.

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Employment is contingent upon successful completion of class time as well as passing a live audition. This training does not guarantee employment with the Little River Casino Resort.

Tribal Preference will apply to all applicants in accordance with LRCR Tribal policies and procedures.

Tip of the Month : Tip of the month: Even mild dehydration can drain your energy and make you tired. Lets all try drinking eight 8 ounce glasses of water every day this month. The log that is completely filled out for the month will receive a gift.



Elder Meal Menu AKI Maadiziwin Community Center



June 2012

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 <i>BBQ Beef Sandwich Scallop Potato Asparagus Fresh Fruit</i> | 5 <i>Open face Turkey Mashed Potato's Mixed Veggies Pears</i> | 6 <i>Omelet Sausage Hash browns Oranges</i> | 7 <i>Hotdogs Sweet pot Fries Corn on the cob Pie</i> | 8 | 9 |
| 11 <i>Goulash Cauliflower Apple</i> | 12 <i>Lasagna Broccoli Berry Bliss</i> | 13 <i>Oven Baked Chicken Mashed Potato Mixed Veggie</i> | 14 <i>Chicken Salad Croissant Fresh Veggies Fruit</i> | 15 <i>Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231-398-6886</i> | 16 |
| 18 <i>Vegetable soup Patty Melt Pears</i> | 19 <i>Fish Rice Carrots Applesauce</i> | 20 <i>Broccoli stuffed Chicken Rice Pilaf Lima Beans</i> | 21 <i>Ham, Potato Asparagus Pumpkin Pie</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 25 <i>Turkey Panini Sweet potato's Greens Fresh fruit</i> | 26 <i>Oven Fried Chicken Lima Beans Apple Lemon Pudding</i> | 27 <i>Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrots Cookie</i> | 28 <i>Chili Veggies Cornbread Sherbet</i> | 29 <i>Coffee, milk and water available at every meal</i> | 30 <i>Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 Calorie Diet.</i> |

Activities:

Wednesdays -Wii Bowling Day
Other activities:
Elder Topics Video of the Month
Come early or stay late to play a round of cards!
Or help with a puzzle.
Introduction of Caregivers Support Group

General Information

Meals served at Noon
There is a cost for Guest Meals
Questions? Noelle Cross Phone: 231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com
Volunteers are needed to help with meals, if interested please contact Noelle.

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 - *Memorial Day
 - *Independence Day
 - *Labor Day
 - *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
 - *Veteran's Day
 - *Thanksgiving Day
 - *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.
- Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure. Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

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| Commerce Commission | Enrollment Commission |
| Gaming Commission | Health Commission |
| Housing Commission | Natural Resource Commission |
| Binojeeuk Commission | |

Wisconsin gatherings, Meetings will be held at the Great Spirit Church at the corner of Lapman and 10th Streets in Milwaukee at 1575 S. 10th Street. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Please call Jean Aber for more info at 262-632-1197. The meetings are usually held the 2nd Saturday of every other month

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The Warriors Society is Gathering photographs of members

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society
375 River Street,
Manistee, Mi. 49660

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



Casino Employment



Check out the exciting opportunities that await you at the Little River Casino Resort. There are many ways to apply.

Please keep in mind that you must apply during the posting time frame. All available jobs are posted for 10 days and can be found at all LRBOI Tribal Government buildings, in LRBOI Tribal Newsletters, Little River Casino Resort Human Resources and at Michigan Works! Branch offices

- ♣ Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers
- ♦ Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530
- ♥ Stop by our Human Resources Department located at:
2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI
Monday – Friday
7am-5pm
- ♠ Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:

Little River Casino Resort
Attn: Recruiting
P.O. Box 417 Manistee, MI 49660
Phone: (231) 723-4530 · Fax: (231) 723-1589
Email: recruiting@lrcr.com

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

June 1, 2, 3, 2012

Indian Pow Wow

Indian Crafters, Food Vendors, and Traditional Ceremonial Dances both Saturday and Sunday
www.gibraltartrade.com

Contact: Angela Nearing 586-465-6440

June 2 & 3, 2012

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

The event will be located at the Saganing Powwow Grounds behind the Saganing Tribal Center located at 5447 Sturman Road, Standish, MI. 48658. For more information: (800) 884-6271

Grand Entry

Dignitaries

Emcee: Kevin Chamberlain

Head Veterans: To be determined

Head Drum: Southern Str8

Co-Host Drum: Great Lakes Alliance

Arena Director: Matthew (Cubby) Sprague Jr.

Firekeepers: Bert Hunt & the Pamame Family

Sound Management: Henry Kubin,

Everything Audio Visual

Schedule:

Gates open at 10:00 am Saturday June 01/2012

Dancer/Drum Registration 12:00-12:45 am

Grand Entry 1:00 pm

Dancer/Drum Re-Registration 3:00-3:45 pm

Retiring of Flags Dusk

Gates open at 10:00 am

Sunday June 02/2012

Dancer/Drum Registration 12:00-12:45 am

Grand Entry 1:00 pm

Blanket Giveaway Before retiring

Retiring of Flags Upon closing

June 9-10

6th Annual Gathering of the Clans Pow Wow

Manistique, MI

Contact Information: Viola Neadow

at 906-341-6993 or 1-800-347-7137

June 15-17

36th Annual Great Lakes Area Pow Wow

Wilson, MI

Contact Information: Molly Meshigaud

at 906-723-2270

June 23-24

Turtle Island Dreamkeepers

Monroe, MI

Contact Info:

John Bailey at 734-625-8083 or

canuswolves@yahoo.com

June 22nd-24th

This Earth Wisdom for the Next Seven Generations.

The program begins Friday morning, 7:00am, with the lighting of the sacred fire, followed by open time for prayers and offerings.

Each morning from 7:00am - 10:00am, everyone is welcome to come, make their offerings to the sacred fire, and prepare for the day's session.

Friday and Saturday sessions will run from 10:00am - 1:00pm,

3:00pm - 5:00pm, and

7:00pm - 9:00pm.

Friday and Saturday, during the lunch break (1:00pm - 3:00pm) you can attend a breakout workshop on the Medicine Wheel, Women's Teachings, Directions & Elements & Healing Herbs. Friday's sessions, beginning at 10:00am, will focus on Culture & Traditions.

Saturday's sessions, beginning at 10:00am, will focus on the Prophecies and Healing, culminating with a Traditional evening Healing Ceremony beginning at 7:00pm.

On Sunday you will participate in the closing ceremony and offerings, and have an opportunity to meet and speak with the Elders.

Make this weekend a part of your 2012 Summer and take away teachings and traditions that you can incorporate into your daily life.

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June 29-July 1

21st Annual Bay Mills Pow Wow

Brimley, MI

Contact Information: Justin Teeple at

906-437-4372 or justin_teeple@yahoo.com

July 7th and 8th.

The LRBOI Jiingtamok (Pow wow)

Grand entry times are 1:00 pm. And 7:00 pm

on Sat. and 1:00 pm on Sun. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

July 10th 2012

The National Cherry Festival will celebrate the heritage of the region with a Native American Pow Wow Dance, presented by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

July 27, 28 & 29, 2012

34th Annual KeWeenaw Bay Traditional Pow Wow

August 3rd-5th : "Bringin' It Home 2012

28th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow DANCERS – there is a \$10.00

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•Elizabeth Ballew - Vice Chairperson
989-775-4745

•Joelle Peters - Secretary
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•Mary Shomin
mshomin@sagchip.org
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Questions? Please call 1-800-225-8172.

Or sagchippowwow@sagchip.org

Vendors will be able to participate in the Pow-wow by invitation only Since August is the annual American Indian Sobriety Month, this is an alcohol and drug free Powwow

September 1 and 2, 2012

2012 Hart Pow Wow

Any questions call

Pat Beatty 231-894-8361

September 10 - 11

Grand Valley American Indian Lodge

Celebrates 50th Year Powwow

Riverside Park-Grand Rapids, Michigan

September 8th and 9th, 2012

Honoring OUR Sisters Traditional Pow Wow in it's 6th year. We are at 12626 US Highway 12, Brooklyn, MI 49230.

Our featured attraction this year is

Joseph Firecrow.

Dancers are free with proof of regalia and vendors are wanted. This event will attract over 1000 people so space is limited.

For more information contact

Davi Trusty at davi49203@yahoo.com
517-544-7663

Warren Petoskey in Native Condition



Warren Petoskey - Odawa

We know the statement "blood quantum" was made and defined for us.

There are many of us who are fortunate enough to have stayed connected or re-connected with our people, but there are those who have not and who are drifting through this physical experience trying to find their way home; trying to find their identity; and trying to find their people.

Because of an invasion, most of us are not full bloods. I view the mixed races now as a strength. Many, who stayed on the reservations, are fluent in our language and have known nothing but Native culture and tradition.

Among those, who have not been as fortunate, there is a movement to find their origins as Indian people. Their hearts are crying out to their people. What they are experiencing is the residuals of the racism created by obeying the dictates of the federal government in defining who is acceptable and who isn't by "blood quantum."

Tribes have created tribal constitutions similar to the US Constitution. However, most tribal constitutions have wording defining "blood quantum," which makes it difficult for those who approach tribes seeking their refuge who look too white, yellow, or black, yet can prove lineal descent.

There was a time, long ago, when "blood quantum" would not have been an issue. If we were approached by a Frenchman or an Irishman who asked to live among us and married one of our women, he was adopted into the Tribe. As long as this foreigner conducted himself sensitive to the culture and traditions, honored the ethics and values of our people they were accepted and included.



Now we have learned how to exclude, which is not traditional, nor cultural.

The same prayers our ancestors made impacting our lives are the same prayers that affect the lives of those who are an eighth blood, a sixteenth blood, or more who want to come home. Do we enforce the mannerisms and legalism defined and dictated to us or do we, as Sovereign Nations, define and dictate and dictate our own existence and who our relatives are? If we don't, then are we really sovereign entities?

If we refuse these "low" bloods access to our fellowship, we are enforcing assimilation and encouraging our own historical demise. I realize that these "low" bloods can be problematic because most of them know little about their heritage or their culture and live a life in the manner they have been exposed to.

So my question is, can we teach them?

Can we love them? Can we include them by establishing guidelines as to the level of their participation in ceremony or elections until we feel they have made the transition from the white world to our Red one?

I remember one of our Elders who addressed our Tribal Council concerning wording in our constitution defining who could be a member and who couldn't. He said, "When are our grandchildren no longer our grandchildren?" and left.

We believe that when we leave this physical existence and pass into the Spirit World we will meet those Ancestors who prayed for our survival. I wonder how we are going to answer them when they challenged us regarding our behaviors towards their grandchildren?

I am not a full blood, but have never known anything but being Indian even though I grew up away from my people. The people would come by our house traveling long distances to see my Dad and talk about the old ways in the language reminded me of who I am. I have often said that I was Indian when being Indian wasn't cool. I didn't have a choice. I grew up in a non-native environment looking like an Indian. In my youth I prayed to find my people. I wanted to know them and have them know me. There was a void in me that needed filling and it is the same void that drives the "low" bloods to try to find their way home.

If we continue to shut the door in their faces we will have disgraced the Ancestors. We will have dishonored our Tribe; dishonored ourselves, but most of all, dishonored the Creator who has put it in these people's hearts to find their way home.

Home is where love is

Home carries a welcome sign. Home is where we feast and enjoy each other's company and tell the stories that make us all laugh. Home is where shelter is offered and sanctuary from the abysmal conditions in the world. Home is where the Elders are who bid welcome and embrace the weary traveler no matter what the color of their skin. Home is where a seat is offered and a blanket put around the shoulders. Home is where if necessary the orphans are adopted by our family and made welcome. Home is a sanctuary that we all look for where there is peace and some mukadaymusgiikiwaaboo (black medicine water). Home is where we invite the weary traveler to rest and when he or she is ready dance with us. Home is where the smell of sweet grass, sage, cedar and tobacco rise from a Sacred Fire and fill our senses.

We have a responsibility to every human being who seeks our protection and who wants to be taught, not for personal gain, but for spiritual balance and contentment. We, Indian people, want to heal and recover from the 500 years of oppression. We will not realize this by trying to hide and keep all that we know buried behind the walls we have built around us thinking we are protecting our heritage. We will realize life by sharing and giving those gifts we have. A Lakotah friend spoke of the Elder who said, concerning the times when the pilgrims first landed, "We should have prayed with them and not excluded them."

Let's eliminate the prejudice we now practice that is a barrier to the real progress we can achieve. It will please the Creator that we have awakened to embrace His children.

Warren Petoskey is a tribal citizen of the Little Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, based in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He authored "Dancing My Dream," an autobiographic book that depicts overcoming challenges he faced in modern society. He and his wife, Barb, reside in Gaylord, Michigan.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2012 Bear Permit Application

The Natural Resources Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Black Bear permits for the 2012 Season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to;
LRBOI Natural Resources Department
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
or call Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594.

Application must be postmarked by
Monday June 11, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Questions or comments please
call: 866-723-1594

Drawing and information meeting will
be held June 16, 2012, 12:00 pm to
4:00 pm at the Pow Wow grounds.

Natural Resource must have a copy of Hunter Safety Certificate where applicable.

Name: _____ Tribal ID#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Elder: Y ___ N ___

Hunting units :
Baldwin, Gladwin,
Red Oak, Newberry,
Gwinn, Baraga

Please list your hunting unit preference in the spaces below.

| Primary Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice | Fourth Choice |
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2012 Elk Permit Application

The Natural Resources Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Elk permits for the 2012 Season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to;
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Manistee, MI 49660 or call
Natural Resources Department
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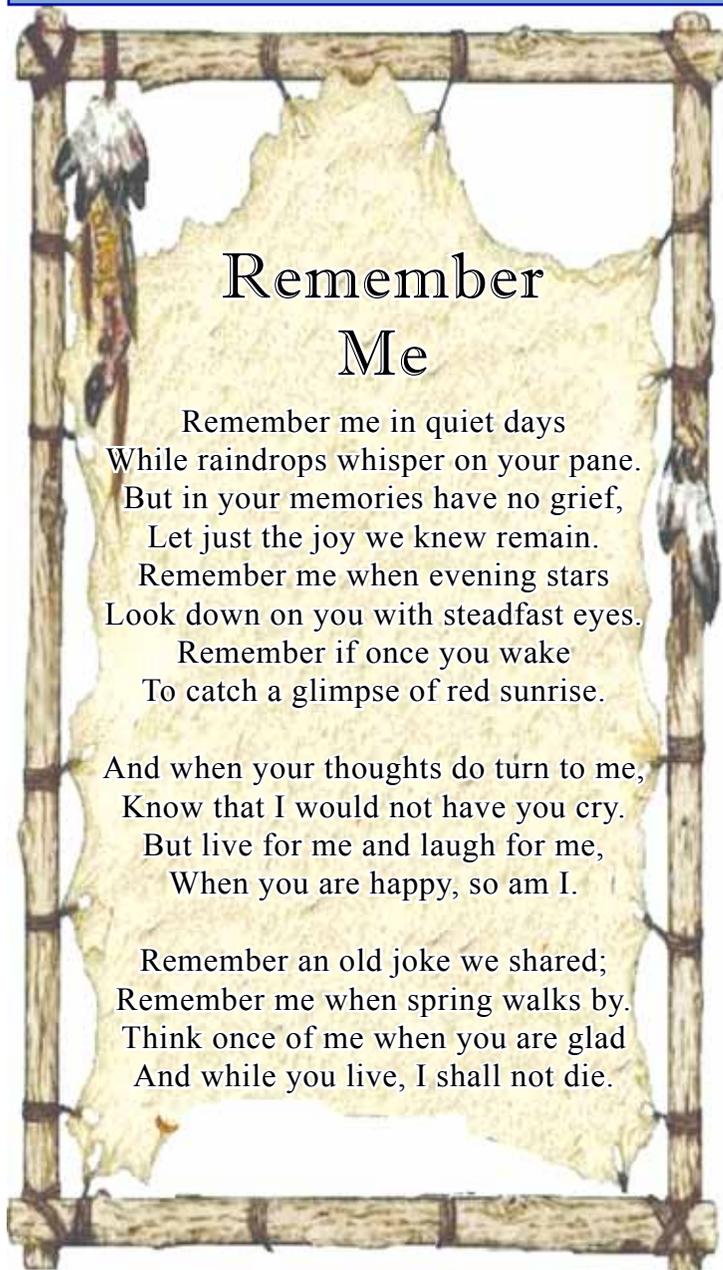
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Elder: Y ___ N ___

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a Elk Permit
Need not be present to be selected





Remember Me

Remember me in quiet days
While raindrops whisper on your pane.
But in your memories have no grief,
Let just the joy we knew remain.
Remember me when evening stars
Look down on you with steadfast eyes.
Remember if once you wake
To catch a glimpse of red sunrise.

And when your thoughts do turn to me,
Know that I would not have you cry.
But live for me and laugh for me,
When you are happy, so am I.

Remember an old joke we shared;
Remember me when spring walks by.
Think once of me when you are glad
And while you live, I shall not die.

Summer scholarships and book stipends



Summer scholarships and book stipends are available in a limited number of awards during summer, and we are fast approaching the limit of our available funds. Complete applications are being

processed on a first come, first served basis until we reach our limit. Incomplete applications- those which do not contain both a class schedule for summer and grades for winter/spring, or which have an address which differs from the official address listed with Enrollment will be returned with a request for complete information and may not be awarded.

Regretfully, there may be students who will not receive a summer book stipend once the funding limit has been reached. Those students will receive a letter in the mail informing them that funding for summer term is no longer available. The same will apply for the limited amount of summer scholarship funding.

Julie Ann Witkop



Julie Ann Witkop, 42, of Thompsonville, died Thursday, April 12, 2012, at her home. She was born August 11, 1969, in Interlochen, the daughter of Richard and Shirley (Sikorski) Witkop.

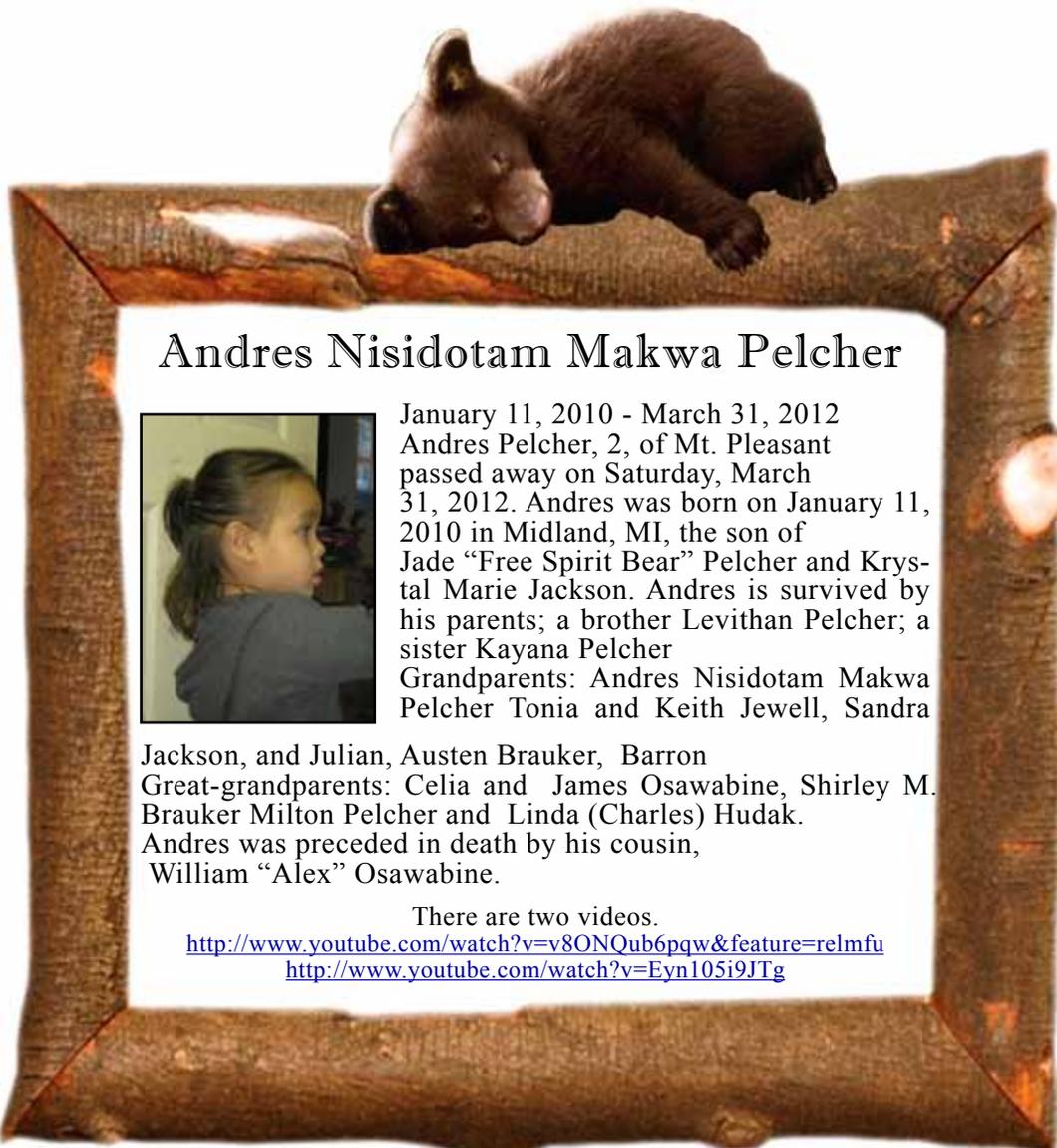
Julie loved the outdoors and could often be found hunting, fishing, or mushrooming. She was an avid rock collector. Julie's faith was very important to her, and she read her Bible every day. Julie was very proud of her Native American heritage and enjoyed going to powwows. She also enjoyed attending concerts and joining her family and friends around the campfire. Julie will be remembered as a kind, gentle person whose smile could light up a room, and she will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Julie was employed by TE Technologies in Traverse City. She worked there for 18 years as a supervisor. She was a very valued employee.

Julie is survived by: her best friend and special companion, Brian Hughey of Thompsonville; her mother, Shirley Witkop of Interlochen; her brothers, Rick (Tracie) Witkop of Interlochen, Bob (Barbara) Witkop of Traverse City, and Bill (Mary) Witkop of Beulah; her nephews, Lee Witkop of Interlochen, Brandon Witkop of Interlochen, and Rob Witkop of Traverse City; her niece, Laura Witkop of Traverse City; her loyal canine companions, Nikisha and Keana ("her babies"); and her work family at TE Technologies in Traverse City.

Julie was preceded in death by: her father, Richard Witkop; her maternal grandparents, John and Sarah Sikorski; and her paternal grandparents, Earl and Pauline Witkop.

She will be deeply missed by her family



Andres Nisidotam Makwa Pelcher



January 11, 2010 - March 31, 2012
Andres Pelcher, 2, of Mt. Pleasant passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Andres was born on January 11, 2010 in Midland, MI, the son of Jade "Free Spirit Bear" Pelcher and Krystal Marie Jackson. Andres is survived by his parents; a brother Levithan Pelcher; a sister Kayana Pelcher
Grandparents: Andres Nisidotam Makwa Pelcher Tonia and Keith Jewell, Sandra

Jackson, and Julian, Austen Brauker, Barron
Great-grandparents: Celia and James Osawabine, Shirley M. Brauker Milton Pelcher and Linda (Charles) Hudak.
Andres was preceded in death by his cousin, William "Alex" Osawabine.

There are two videos.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8ONQub6pqw&feature=relmfu>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eyn105i9JTg>

Happy Birthday



Nicole Kopp
Kevin King
Rod Mathews
Rick & Sarah

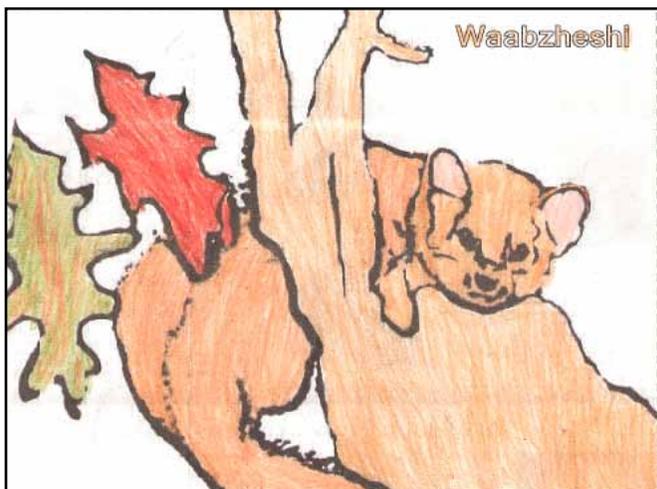
KOON FAMILY REUNION ANNOUNCED!

SATURDAY JULY 28, 2012
FROM 1PM - ??

The reunion will be at Aki Community Center. Please bring a dish to pass and an auction item. Hosts for the 2012 Reunion are Dave & Nancy Schultz

MEDACCO REUNION AUGUST 11, 2012

MORE INFORMATION LATER
RICK MEDACCO-231-206-5137
MARIE LEYTON 231-755-0673



Congratulations Aaron Powers!

Winner of Pine Marten Coloring Contest!
through the Natural Resources Department Wildlife Program
Aaron will receive a very special marten program T-shirt!

A teaching moment at MAPS Middle School



April 25th, Isabel June Burger had a wonderful opportunity to show her classmates at Manistee Middle School a bit of Anishinaabek culture. Isabel, a Jingle Dancer, donned her regalia and performed a dance in the classroom, demonstrating a very traditional dance. Many students had questions about the regalia and the making of the intricate dress. "Izzy" patiently described the materials that go into the making of the dress as well as her Sema (tobacco) turtle shell pouch and the feather fan that she carries. Izzy also talked about the meaning of the dance, with the prayers offered up during both the making of the dress and the dance. Izzy, a citizen of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the daughter of Jessica Burger (Tribal Manager for LRBOI) and Fred Burger of Manistee. Her sister, Chelsea Bromley, is a past LRBOI Princess (2005 – 2006).



I would like to thank my Children Hannah and Mathew Sandel for being the BEST children I could ever even Dream of!

Just thinking of you during even my most stressful days makes me feel fulfilled and Joyful. You two have so many characteristics that show your faith and inspire others. You are valuable, and with God's

LOVE you Shine and Sparkle! I admire your Strength. I know you have the ability to succeed in anything you Choose and you can do it with Ease!

I Love you! -Love Mommy Eagle

John Shepard Benefit



"To those who bring sunshine to the lives of others."

Thanks for being there, Thanks for your help, It was a big success! Thanks everyone who helped and who donated. It was greatly appreciated!

-Nicki and gang

Candice Eagle



Love, Dad, Grama, Grandpa, Petey, Aunt Angela, Hannah and Mathew and all your family! May God continue to bless you and your abilities, You have so much more successes in your future. This proves something we have always know about you. You're pretty smart!
We Love YOU!

*The Time
You Spent
Classes came,
Classes went,
It's worth a lot,
The time
you spent.*

*Congratulations
Are now due
To the graduate,
Special you!*

Jason Cross



Congratulations Jason Cross for graduating from Michigan State University with my BSW (Bachelor of Arts in Social Work). In addition, and being accepted into the Weekend MSW Program With a Concentration in Organization & Community Practice/Leadership at MSU. This program begins this fall and only accepts 25 students per year.

Samantha
Medacco-Fugitt

Gene and Julie Medacco would like to take this opportunity to thank the LRBOI for the awesome gift of a college education for our daughter, Samantha Medacco-Fugitt. She earned a degree for Surgery Tech, then went on to accomplish her Registered Nursing degree and this month will also add a Bachelor of Nursing degree.

We are so proud of her!

Thank you again for all the financial support she recieved.

Chad Alan Adamczak



Congratulations Chad Alan Adamczak!
Midland High School
Love, Mom, Dad, Nick, Grandma, and Grandpa Brown.

More LRBOI Grads!

Chad Adamczak,
Kirsten Baker,
Richard Bigford,
Andria Corrie,
Meranda Curtis,
Jammie DeVerney,
Mitchell Dunn,
Alexander Giltz,
Paige Graves,
Carrie Harris,
Kori Kerridge,
Raven Lewis,
David Marks II,
Jesse Mayhew,
Brittney McGinn,
Benjamin Nearanz,
Jeffrey Plank,
Megan Ramberg,
Sabrina Ray,
Savannah Rose,
Ty Sands,
Nathaniel Santos,
Shelbie Shelder,
Elizabeth Solis,
James Theodore,
Tyler Thorne,
Auzhaneek Wabinato,
Rachqel Wabindato,
Chad Young,

Midland High School,
Lowell High School,
Mt Pleasant High School,
Harper Creek High School,
Auburn High School,
Manistee High School,
Mt Spokane High School,
DC Everest
Mona Shores High School,
Sturgeon Bay High School,
Valley View High School,
Michigan Youth Challenge Academy,
Grand Haven High School,
Clio High School,
Calhoun Community High School,
Reeths Puffer High School,
Cedar Springs High School,
Kentwood High School,
Whitehall High School,
Spring Lake High School,
Hesperia High School,
Mona Shores High School,
Reeths Puffer High School,
West Allis Central High School,
Brethren High School,
Muskegon Senior High School,
Oak Ridge High School,
Brethren High School,
Glen Lake Community School,

Midland MI
Lowell MI
Mt Pleasant, MI
Battle Creek MI
Auburn NY
Manistee MI
Spokane WA
Senior High
Muskegon MI
Sturgeon Bay WI
Germantown, OH
Battle Creek MI
Grand Haven MI
Clio MI
Battle Creek MI
Muskegon MI
Cedar Springs MI
Kent WA
Whitehall MI
Spring Lake MI
Hesperia MI
Muskegon, MI
Muskegon MI
West Allis WI
Brethren MI
Muskegon MI
Muskegon MI
Brethren MI
Maple City MI

James Mitchell
Theodore J. R.

(Coyote)

You did it! We are so proud of you for achieving this wonderful goal of Graduation, we knew you could do it and you did. We are so happy to watch you graduate and do your goal of going to college and play basketball. We're happy to see you be able to do your dream. We wish nothing but the best for you. We love you and words can't explain how proud we are of you. Love, Your Family, Dad: Mitch Theodore Your Sisters: Amy Theodore, Tara Theodore, Shelly M. Theodore



Looking for Miss LRBOI Princess Contestants 2012

Miss LRBOI Josephine Pete 2011-2012



Imagine yourself being crowned Miss LRBOI Princess **What an honor!** You will represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at the Pow-wow's and be treated like royalty. You will receive a crown sash, flowers, photo shoot, and a paid trip to Petoskey for the Miss Odawa Nation 2012 Competition

Requirements to apply
Age 13-18

Single, no dependents Full regalia
Must have knowledge of customs and traditions, will have to write a short Bio about yourself. Share goals, ambitions, education, family, your interest and hobbies Must be Little River or a descendent

Little River Band of
Ottawa Indians
Kwewok Circle

For information on how to
apply call Debra Davis
231-398-6724

More Flag Football coming!

If you missed the first Flag Football meeting in Manistee, another one is going to be held in June/July where you can sign up your 5-7 year old boy or girl. All games are played locally, are non-tackle and teach the skills to move on to the next level. Contact tribal citizen David Rivers or Jennifer Williams at 231.233.6742 for more information.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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Manistee, MI

Or Current Resident

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 17th Annual Jingtamok

July 7 & 8, 2012 Tribal Gathering Grounds

(Across from Little River Casino Resort
and behind the Trading Post gas station,
at the corner of US-31 & M-22)

Manistee, MI

Grand Entry

Saturday 1 pm & 7 pm
Sunday 1 pm

Head Staff

Host Drumm—Spirit Lodge
Co-Host Drum—Mskwe Keshick
Invited Drum—Swirling Wind
(Other Invited Drums are TBA)

Head Male—Marty Wabindato
Head Female—Renee Diehlman
Head Veteran—TBA
MC—Derek Bailey
Arena Director—Philip Mernberto

Camping available for Jingtamok participants
on a first come first serve basis
Absolutely no firearms, alcohol, drugs, politics
NO pets allowed except for service dogs

Annual Wellness Walk – July 7, 2012
Little River Casino Three Fires Conference Area
For more information contact:
Julie Wolfe 231-723-8288, ext. 6632



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