Language & Culture Camp 2012

The 19th Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp brought together folks from 3 countries and many states this year. 15 Flags were flown at the Gathering Grounds this year. See the full report and pictures on pages 12 & 13

Meet Princess Pandora

Pandora Pete is the new LRBOI Princess for 2012. Meet this delightful young lady and read about her decision to compete for the Princess crown and what she has been doing in her travels.

Tribal Meetings on busy August Saturday

In one day, the 2013 budget was reviewed by tribal members; the Elders had their monthly meeting and the Resort presented their plans for an expansion at the casino. See page 11 for details on this full day.

New Amenities at LRCR

A new playground is coming to life at the housing area and it is more than just for fun! Check out the details and photos on page 25

Tribal Government Center update

The Government Center Task Force has released information in answer to some of your questions about the project. See details on page 8 along with fresh construction photos.
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July was a very busy month for the Tribe. Many cultural events took place this month along with LRBOI hosting meetings in Manistee at our Little River Casino Resort. The Annual LRBOI Jingtamok was held on July 7th and 8th; Health Camp mid-July; the Annual Indian Village Camp took place July 19-22nd; with the Annual Language Camp being held the 27-29th. All have been called successful. I would like to thank the many people and departments it takes to make those events happen every year.

Little River Band also took part in numerous meetings and hosted others at our Little River Casino Resort. LRBOI hosted a Tax Summit Meeting on July 11th, and an Internet Gaming Meeting on July 27th. We were also represented at regularly scheduled CORA Meetings, and FEMA meetings with other tribes.

There was a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Playground at Aki Maadiziwin Center Circle which was originally scheduled for July 19th but had to be moved to July 26th due to the weather but the groundbreaking still had a good turnout.

On the National level good news is that President Obama signed the HEARTh act into law on July 30th. In short, the Act provides that Indian tribes will be able to lease their lands for up to 25 years without the need for Secretary of Interior approval making it easier for Tribes to streamline business and housing development.

Work is still being done on Self Governance and still tentatively scheduled for starting on January 1st 2013.

We are working on our 2013 budget and presented the Annual Budget Meeting to the membership on August 4th at the Aki Community Center. We had approximately 30 people in attendance with many good questions posed to the presenters CFO Steve Wheeler and Budget Coordinator Bill Willis.

August looks like a very busy month as well. It appears all the tribes in Michigan are getting very active and working together on a number of common issues. Until next month…
New Legislation:
The Tribal Council adopted final revisions to the Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance. The changes were minor revisions that allow employers, such as Little River Casino and Resort, the ability to engage temporary positions for longer duration.

The Tribal Council has posted for Public Comment Period two new laws: The Government Organization Structure Act and amendments to the Budget and Appropriations Act.

On August 8, 2012, Tribal Council posted for public comment Ordinance #12-100-11, “Government Organization Structure Act.” This is a new Ordinance that identifies the procedures for approving the organizational structure of the Tribal Government and its employees.

The law was developed in part as a result of litigation in Tribal Court between the Executive and Legislative Branches of Government in which the Council challenged the Ogema’s claimed unilateral right to make changes to the organizational structure without Council approval. The Tribal Court determined that any change to the organizational structure of the Government must be approved by Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council had previously adopted Resolution #04-0303-98 which approved SOP-600-01-HR-09, “Organizational Structure Policy.” The Policy required that the Ogema review the organizational structure and job descriptions of all Government employees on an annual basis and recommend changes to the structure to the Council, which would then be presented for ratification. Council believes it is imperative to authorize a process by Ordinance to ensure continued integrity in the process.

Essentially, the new ‘Government Organization Structure Act’ provides that:

1. Within thirty (30) days of adoption of the Ordinance, the Speaker, Ogema and Chief Judge shall submit to the Council a current organizational structure chart that clearly identifies all budgeted positions by department, broken down by the following criteria: job title of all budgeted positions; whether each position is filled or vacant; date each job description was approved by Council; and the funding source for each position.

2. The Council will either approve or disapprove the proposed organizational structure charts by resolution, and resolutions shall clearly identify the justification relied upon when approving or disapproving a submission.

3. The Speaker, Ogema and Chief Judge shall provide updated organizational structure charts on an annual basis as part of each branch’s annual budget proposal.

4. No revisions, deletions or additions to the approved organizational structure of the Tribal Government shall be valid or enforceable unless approved by Resolution, and no funds may be expended for employment positions not approved by Resolution.

5. The organizational structure of the Tribal Government shall strictly conform to the approved fiscal year budget and no positions may be included that are not clearly identified in that budget.

6. Upon failure to submit the required information within the identified timelines, the Tribal Council reserves the right to take unilateral action, including but not limited to developing and approving any organizational structure chart, and authorizing or rescinding appropriations.

In conjunction with the new law defining how the organization of the Tribe can be approved or amended, the Council also proposed revisions to the Budget and Appropriations Act, which sets for the mechanisms that provide funding to the Government.

Tribal Council acknowledges and appreciates the effort expended by the Ogema’s office in preparing prior year budgets. The tasks the executive branch has performed in that budget process over the years have been reduced to writing in the Act. In addition the Act includes technical corrections and adds new features to the budget process.

For example, the new Act requires a five year strategic plan from the Ogema to be updated annually that includes a mission statement and long term results oriented goals and objectives. The strategic plan is a requirement of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

The new Act defines for the first time the calculation of net gaming revenue from the casino as well as defining government investment.

Reporting requirements are expanded to include a public presentation of the final budget to the membership in January of each year. The Act also requires disclosure of the assumptions used to develop the budget, changes to programs, overall goals and objectives for the year and any new initiatives will be implemented to improve government efficiency and improve services to the membership.

The reporting from individual department directors is similar to current practice. But what is new is that the directors will now have the ability to outline additional programs they would like to offer, any impediments they may have that limit their ability to serve the membership and their concerns for the safety of employees and Tribal members. The directors will also now sign their agreement with their department budgets or have the opportunity to express to Tribal Council the reasons they do not agree with their department’s budget.
Tribal Council receives monthly financial reports routinely from the Ogema, and Members may request a copy of any report either through the Recorder’s office, or through the Finance Department of the Tribe.

**Tentative Impact of changes to Indian Preference in Employment Law:**

The Tribal Council had adopted revised standards in the Law, to enhance employment opportunities to the Tribal Membership. The Tribal Council receives monthly reports regarding the statistics for both the Government and Casino. Currently, Tribal Government is holding at 66.19% preference percentage. The chart below provides information regarding the numbers of employees within each category as follows: TM=Tribal Member, NA= Native American (enrolled in other Fed Recognized Tribe) D=Descendant, S=Spouse, AC = Adopted Child, CAP=Custodial or Adoptive Parent, SH=State Historic Tribe member, and NP=Non-Preference. The numbers do include Ogema, Council Members, and Judges. The charts below are but one excerpt from larger, more comprehensive reports from each entity.

**REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM BIA ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

During the Month of August, the Tribal Council will consider a Resolution to request technical assistance from the BIA for proposed constitutional amendments. Those amendments include 5 separate areas to amend including:

1. Territory
2. Redistricting for Council Representation – change of voting districts
3. Change in qualifications to run for office requiring passing a criminal background check for Ogema and Council.
4. Automatic forfeit of Office if convicted while in office for Ogema and Council.
5. Eliminating BIA Secretarial approval for Amendments and placing Constitutional Amendment process with the Election Board.

The request for technical assistance is only step one in the process. The Tribal Council will resume adding Constitutional Amendments to its routine work session agenda, which is published at the Tribe’s website. The proposed amendments have been posted to the Tribe’s Website for a number of months, prior to this action being moved forward. This is a very brief overview of the proposed changes. Please keep in mind that once the BIA is contacted, there may be recommendations that originate there, which change the potential language that may be put forward. Please also keep in mind that at no time will the Tribal Council take any action to unilaterally amend the Constitution, any amendments will require a vote of the Registered Voters of the Tribe. During the last process, it was several months from point of contact with BIA to an actual ballot being considered, and the Tribal Council has no indication to expect that this process will be any different. The proposed amendments still appear on the Tribal Council’s website, or you may obtain a copy of the draft by contacting the Tribal Council.

**Membership Meeting Public Hearing Results Compilation moving forward**

The Tribal Council will be meeting on August 13 to discuss the public input obtained on the Membership meeting process, including the information obtained during the Public Hearing in June. The Tribal Council had allowed the public comment period on that process to remain open until the first part of July. Tribal Membership that were able to access the web had an opportunity to watch the video-taped proceeding from that Public Hearing, as the meeting was posted to the Tribe’s website. The Ogema had made the Tribal Council aware that the Election Board had also held a meeting on August 6, in effort to improve Membership Meeting processes. Once findings are determined from the input obtained from the Tribal Council’s public hearing/public comment, there may be additional considerations placed on the Council Agenda. The Recorder will publish any additional follow up as it becomes available. The Tribal Council thanks each person that is participating in ways to improve our Membership Meeting processes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine M. Sam
The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly is looking for volunteers to serve on watershed boards and committees. Anyone interested in becoming active in the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly please contact:
Natural Resources Department
Stephanie Ogren  231-723-1594

--- Leon Shenandoah, ONONDAGA

The Creator designed us with a free will. That means we function from choices and consequences. It is important that we practice thinking about consequences before we make decisions about choices. Every choice I make is like setting up dominos one after the other that produce consequences. Not just for me but also for my children and for the children that are unborn. My choices and decision today will have consequences for seven generations. For example, if I work on my own spiritual development and I walk the Red Road, the odds are that my children will. They will marry and their children will follow the Red Road and so will my grandchildren even up to the seventh generation. This will happen because of the choices and decisions that I make today.

Great Spirit, grant that the choices and decisions that I make today will honor Your laws and values.
May I live in peace today that will ripple into the seventh generation.
Salazar, Laverdure Praise President Obama’s Signing of
HEARTH Act to Restore Tribal Control of Land Leasing

Washington -- Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today praised President Obama’s signing of the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act (HEARTH Act) which grants greater authority to federally recognized tribes to develop and implement their own regulations for leasing on Indian lands. The Act passed the House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support and was signed into law today by President Obama.

“President Obama’s signing of the HEARTH Act underscores President Obama’s commitment to empower Indian nations and strengthen their economies by expanding opportunities for tribal governments,” said Secretary Salazar. “This legislation complements the work we are doing at Interior to undertake the most comprehensive reforms of Indian land leasing regulations in more than 50 years. These parallel efforts will have a real impact for individuals and families who want to own a home or build a business — generating investment, new jobs and revenues.”

Under the HEARTH Act, federally recognized tribes can develop and implement their own land leasing regulations. Upon approval of these tribal regulations by the Secretary of the Interior, tribes will have the authority to process land leases without Bureau of Indian Affairs approval. This new authority has the potential to significantly reduce the time it takes to approve leases for homes and small businesses in Indian Country.

“The HEARTH Act has been a legislative priority for Interior because it advances the authority and ability of federally-recognized tribes to control their homelands and provides them greater self-determination,” said Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Donald E. “Del” Laverdure. “We are moving forward to finalize our internal reforms at Indian Affairs that will bring greater transparency, efficiency and workability to the Bureau of Indian Affairs approval process.”

In 2011, Salazar announced a sweeping reform of federal surface leasing regulations for American Indian lands that will streamline the approval process for home ownership, expedite economic development and spur renewable energy development in Indian Country.

The proposed rule would modify regulations governing the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ process for approving the lease of surface acres on lands the federal government holds in trust for tribes and individuals. As trustee, Interior is responsible for managing approximately 56 million surface acres in Indian Country.
This fall, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Department is proud to announce that they will be hosting two classes from D. Hill Environmental this fall. First is the, Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Process Control Course on September 25th, 26th and 27th. Then on September 28th there will be a one day workshop on Laboratory Quality Assurance/Quality Control.

See the attached application and go to the website for other course information.

The website is www.dhillenvironmental.com or you may call 989.227.9649

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**D Hill Environmental**

**APPLICATION FOR WASTEWATER OPERATOR TRAINING COURSES**

**Fall 2012**

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**LRBOI Warriors Society**

(Warriors Society member Ferdinand Luchene submitted minutes from the June 2nd society meeting. Here are the business items from the minutes.)

Attending the meeting were Commander Bill Memberto, Ferdinand Luchene, Robert Memberto and Virg Johnson. John Shano was absent. Also in attendance were Sherman Moore, Richard Bailey, John Pete, Randy Cogswell, Dave Lilleberg and Raymond Zeeryp.

Dave Lilleberg talked about how the headstones for civil war veterans need cleaning. A question was asked if any of these veterans was from Company ‘K’. Company ‘K’ was made up with only tribal civil war veterans.

Robert Memberto gave an update on the status of our account. The Warriors will submit a resolution to free up monies from the LRBOI account to the Warriors account. The resolution then has to be approved by Council. Hopefully this should be completed before the July Warriors meeting.

Eagle Staff gathering update by Commander Memberto. Dave Schultz did the best he could to fix our Eagle Staff. In his opinion the Eagle Staff needs a new shaft. He informed Virg Johnson the cost for repairing the shaft was $100 and asked if a receipt was required. Johnson said he would contact the Warriors on this. A motion by Robert Memberto and supported by Raymond Zeeryp to pay Mr. Schultz $100 with a receipt from him. Vote was passed 100% acclamation.

The flyer for the announcement on the Eagle Staff Gathering would be put together by the Marketing Department at LRRC. Both Robert Memberto and Virg Johnson will assist LRRC on what should be on the flyer. There was discussion on who should be serving on this event. It was agreed that the Warriors Committee should be represented here along with Raymond Zeeryp. Included was a suggestion from a Woman perspective would be Pumpkin Shannaquet, George Martin, Dave Shannaquet and Elder Veterans.

Ferdinand gave an update on how the Memorial Day went with the Color Guards. LRBOI Warriors were at all 3 cemeteries in Manistee and also marched in the parade. Ferdinand gave an update on the Drum Ceremony in June. Ferdinand Luchene, Randy Cogswell, and Robert Memberto all volunteered for this activity. The Committee would try to reach out for veterans to assist in bringing in the Colors.

It was decided we would select Color Guards for the July Pow Wow at the next Warriors meeting. WOW Cogswell, Luchene and Johnson were suggested.

Ferdinand gave an update on the Tight Lines for Troops on May 19th. He talked about the Drum Ceremony to the gathering.
our community through an energy efficient design that will centralize access to direct services. This Government Center represents our Tribe and its government on trust land.

What about the design?
Many factors were considered when creating the unique design of the new Government Center. Working closely with the Architectural firm of Hooker De Jong - Architects & Engineers, the Task Force asked for input from the Elders of the Tribe. They also held meetings with the public and searched through tribal documents to gain a sense of how the Tribe and its people have evolved. Taking traditional elements and cultural aspects from concept to completion has proven to be quite an enlightening experience.

The Task Force has spent quite a bit of time working on the interior layout of the building as well; from its physical features such as floors, walls and halls, to the relationships between the various government offices and departments. With an energy efficient approach, additional efficiencies were created through office placement and adjacencies for common uses such as conference areas were incorporated into the user friendly design.

They were looking for the best possible arrangement to fulfill their desire of having all elements of the tribal government working together for the people of the tribe. There is much thought into the design so that 100 years from now, the facility can still be used, that’s why modular walls and raised floors were among the considerations included. The building is flexible in design to allow future growth while creating easy access to services for Tribal Members in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Where is the money coming from?
In 2005, the Tribal government established a Health Clinic Stock Reserve Fund to cover costs associated with clinical expansions, renovations etc. In 2010, the Ogemaw and Tribal Council agreed to commit these funds to the new government center, home to a main floor clinical facility. Around the same time, the Tribal Government restricted $7.1 million dollars from the Capital Reserve to cover the expected balance of this $10 million dollar project.

In an excellent demonstration of coordinated efforts, Tribal Departments have worked diligently with the Task Force to secure grant funding for the new government center. The Grants Department brought in $477,275 through a Department of Housing and Urban Development grant in 2011; and Strategic Planning Coordinator Dan Shepard has brought in a BIA Government-to-Government Agreement for $1.2 million. Also obtained were a DOE Energy Efficient Design Grant for $54,400 and a BIA ARRA Roads Design Grant $79,978 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) to build parking lots, roads and infrastructure. Although grant opportunities have diminished and application requirements have become more stringent, the Tribe continues its search for additional grant funding in areas such as security, software and furniture.

There may be a need to finance a portion of the project to help offset costs related to an expansion of our current Waste Water Treatment Plant. There have been instances when the Little River Casino Resort has approached maximum capacity.

When you consider this fact along with service to the Little River Trading Post, current and future increases to housing units at Aki Maadiziwiin, and a new Government Center, a new lagoon system is the needed to keep up with the usage. At the end of the day if we are not successful raising supplementary grant funds, we may have to secure financing.

Who can we expect to see?
The majority of tribal government offices will be located at the Government Center, including:

- Health Clinic
- Contract Health Services
- Family Services
- Be Da Bin
- Education
- Members Assistance
- Public Affairs
- Human Resources
- Historic Preservation
- Grants
- Work Force Development
- Commerce

The Public Safety department and Tribal Court will remain at the Justice Center. The Natural Resources Department will still enjoy the East Lake location and discussions on moving Commodities to an unused casino warehouse are still occurring.

What is the projected schedule for completion?
The Tribe officially broke ground in early June of this year. As of this publication, the Task Force reports that the project is right on schedule. The estimated time frame is 18 months from the beginning of construction to the time of occupancy. The biggest challenge now is what is referred to as “FF&E” which focuses on internal furnishings, fixtures and equipment. The Task Force continues to work directly with the architects on this portion of the project.

Additionally, the Government Center Task Force is provided with an updated project schedule from Construction Manager Weiland Dav-co on a regular basis. To view the latest project schedule or to find the most recent videos and photos of the construction itself, look for information at www.lrboi-nsn.gov under the News and Media tab, click on the Government Center page. Questions or comments can be submitted to currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Earlier this year (2012), the Tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians announced the official groundbreaking for their new $4,000 sq. ft. Government Center. The $10+ million dollar facility is located at the US 31 and M 22 intersections directly across from the Little River Trading Post. Construction for this project is underway and with beginning with this article, the Currents will continue to update our readers on the project as progress continues.

Who is building the Government Center?
Architect: Hooker De Jong Architects & Engineers
Construction Manager: Weiland Davco Government Center
Task Force: Larry Romanelli, Ogemaw, Virgil Johnson, Tribal Councilor; Pat Ruiter, Tribal Councilor; Mike Cepina, Tribal Councilor and Candace Chapman, Tribal Councilor, Robert Memberto, Commerce Director /Ogemaw Alternate

Support Staff: Dale Magoon, Staff Accountant, Jason Verheek, Controller, Dan Shepard, Strategic Planning Coordinator Dave Corey, Muschigon Construction, Chuck Fisher, Grants Writer.

*Apologies if there is anyone missing from this list.

Every effort is being made to acquire products made in the U.S.A. with an eye toward “buying Michigan”. The Task Force compels the use of local construction talent, impressing Indian Preference from vendors and contractors wherever possible. With the help of the Commerce Department and Work Force Development, opportunities are offered to Tribal members by matching talent to task. The project has definitely been favorable to manufacturers and trades in the area.

Why a Government Center?
Over the years, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government has grown. Due this growth, the Tribe has purchased additional real estate/office buildings spanning from one end of Manistee to the other. In most cases, these buildings are now very old, inefficient and costly to maintain and repair. The goal was to bring as much together as possible through this new Government Center to better serve
The annual review of the proposed budget for tribal members was held in the morning on Saturday the 4th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center. Approximately 30 people were there for the 2 and one-half hour presentation and discussion by the Director of Finance Steve Wheeler and Budget Manager Bill Willis. Also there to contribute to the discussion was Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Manager Jessica Burger, Commerce Director Robert Memberto, Council member Virgil Johnson and several other staff members.

Bill Willis explained how the tribe is locked into a certain percentage distribution chart because of the Revenue Allocation program and how that makes it impossible to just reduce funding for one area and move those funds into another program just because there is a call to do so. The percentages are locked in with 40.10% of the total dispersal from the Casino for Per Cap and Donations, 38.55% for Tribal Government Operations; 13.65% for General Welfare/Citizen Services and 7.70% for Economic Development. Based upon this formula and the projected 2013 revenues from the Resort, $1.8 million has to be cut from the proposed 2013 budget. Exact figures will be based on final approved numbers from the resort when they are available. Members present asked about some of the dispersal and wondering how more funds could go to programs such as ones for Child Assistance, Homelessness and Elders Assistance. The Revenue Sharing Act locks in the overall percentages so the tribe cannot just change the dispersal.

Tribal Manager Jessica Burger addressed questions about how the Self-Governance status of the Indian Health Services affects tribal services and how it might affect the 2013 budget. She also identified some of the federal funding opportunities for the tribe that are being missed right now because, “We just are not asking for them!” Self-governance for LRBOI is being pursued now and is expected to take effect on January 1st of 2013. Other topics included questions such as how the current Elders Insurance Program has been projected to cost $1,114,146 in 2013, and will only help 186 Elders. Several comments were made about Elders who were not eligible for certain insurances or programs because their Per Cap or other tribal support pushed their household income over the (financial) line. One member even gave up his tribal membership and still ended up being penalized. Burger commented that, “We’re just going to have to get smarter.”

Following the budget meeting, everyone adjourned to the resort entertainment center for the Elders meeting and a resort presentation where Management staff from the resort and tribal government presented a proposal for an expansion of amenities at the property to the Elders.

The expansion would provide other types of amusement and entertainment as well as a way to expand the use of the facility by other groups. In addition, the funding proposal would return a much better percentage to the tribe than current investments.
Fall Salmon Harvest in Streams and Rivers

Many opportunities exist for the harvest of salmon in the streams and rivers of the 1836 Ceded Territory, including hook and line, spears, bows and hand nets. These opportunities are similar to past years and your Tribal ID card serves as your fishing license.

All Streams and Rivers except the Little Manistee River:
Hook and line, spearing, bowfishing and handnet techniques may be used.

For hook and line fishing:
- No permit or harvest reporting card is needed.
- 5 fish per salmon species per day, all must be at least 12 inches long.

For spears, bowfishing and handnets:
- Permits are not required but a harvest reporting card must be acquired from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department and must be returned within 7 days of harvest.
- 5 fish per salmon species per day, all fish must be at least 12 inches long.
- Spears are not allowed in 4 Upper Peninsula streams - Chocolay, Mosquito, Big Two hearted and Little Two Hearted. All other methods are allowed.
- Atlantic salmon shall not be speared in the Torch Lake watershed.

Chinook Harvest on the Little Manistee River:
The Little Manistee River is an egg-take and salmon harvest facility operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The weir is used to block Chinook salmon so eggs can be collected. The eggs collected at the weir are sent to State Fish Hatcheries where they are raised and stocked all over Michigan. Eggs are also supplied to other states. In the 2007 Inland Consent Decree the State and the Tribes agreed to protect the Chinook salmon in the Little Manistee River during egg collection while maintaining opportunities for Tribal harvest. Regulations and opportunities for the Little Manistee River Chinook salmon harvest are presented below:

- From September 1st to November 14th, spears and bows may be used to harvest salmon from 300 feet below the weir to the south end of Manistee Lake (See fishing regulations Table 6, Note 3 for specific locations). Hook and line may not be used in the Little Manistee River below the weir to harvest salmon during this period.
- Permits and harvest report cards are required and can be acquired at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department. Harvest report cards must be returned within 7 days of harvest. You must carry your permit with you when bowfishing, spearing, or netting.
- There are weekly quotas established and permits will be allocated until the quota is met for the week. Total allocation for the 2011 season is 183 fish for all five 1836 Treaty Tribes. Permits will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
- If/when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment meets its Chinook salmon egg take goals for the year there will be no quotas.
- Hook-and-Line fishing is closed in the southern end of Manistee Lake from September 6 through October 15 (See Fishing Regulations 6.04.G).
- Hook-and-Line fishing, bowfishing, spearing, and hand netting are allowed above the weir (no permit needed, you do need to fill out a harvest report within 7 days).

If you have any questions about the wild rice program please contact the Natural Resources Department.

WILD RICE UPDATE!!

We have been monitoring the Manistee area wild rice (Mannomin) beds since May this year. All of our local rice populations are abundant and doing well. The rice is currently a couple of weeks early and could be ready for harvest a little earlier this year due to the early spring.

The common species beds are flourishing and our threaten species sites are holding on well through the wild spring and summer weather. We are planning to keep a close eye on the largest area rice bed in the coming months as the time for harvest approaches.

If you have any questions about the wild rice program please contact the Natural Resources Department.

‘Bobcat’ education

LRBOI Tribal Member Terry Kunnen Sr. is doing his part to educate people about our wonderful natural environment and its inhabitants. He had a 20.52lb Bobcat mounted and uses it to present outdoor education to children.

Miigwech to Terry for this valuable service!

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

WHEN: September 7, 2012 6:00 P.M. TILL 9:00 P.M.  September 8, 2012 9:00 A.M. TILL 5:00 P.M.
WHERE: 3031 DOMRES RD. MANISTEE MI 49660
CONTACT: L.R.B.O.I DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Call 231-398-3413 TO REGISTER
Or sign up by e-mail rrrobles@lrboi.com

Please call and sign up for the class, space is limited. All materials and equipment provided. Parts of the class will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly.

Class sponsored by L.R.B.O.I. Conservation Enforcement

Please contact the Natural Resources Department for more information: (231) 723-1594.
Aanii, my name is Pandora Pete,

I live on Mille Lacs reservation in MN my mother is Amanda Pete and my step father is Ryan Champagne. I am an enrolled member of the Little River Band. My grandfather is Joe Pete and my grandmother is Virginia Duncan. I attended Isle High school this last year but the year of 2010 I attended Nay-Ah-Shing high school. Nay-Ah-Shing is a Native American Private school; I enjoyed being a part of that school because it had a lot to offer in cultural teachings. They taught me a lot about my culture and also a lot about what kind of person I want to be in the future. I enjoy traveling and meeting new people because I always learn new things from both the trip and people I meet. Lately I’ve traveled to Aazoomog, Minnesota to take part in a traditional Midewin lodge for two weeks. There I got the advantage to learn from my elders as they spoke about our traditions. I participated in taking down the wigwam and helping restore it. The elders spoke of stories of why we don’t whistle at night and why our children shouldn’t play outside at night.

I also enjoyed beading, basketball, and family activities like boating and baseball! I’ve always found interest in nature; I love the outdoors because of how soothing its beauty is.

I love learning about my people and traditions I’ve always thought of myself lucky to have the opportunity to learn our ways. And to have such a supportive family! I know a lot of people aren’t as fortunate as I am. And that is why I like to participate in community activities to help support causes such as foster children we do walks to show awareness of the children and support them by dancing at events. I think it is important to be a part of your community and to teach others as you learn new things. Because I know I enjoy learning from others and I hope others would enjoy learning from me as well.

I attended the first big drum ceremony just this year, it was a beautiful experience I really loved it. I learned so much like it is traditional at a big drum ceremony that if you are gifted by someone, sometime in the near future you are to gift that person back. Also that while the ceremony is going on the, ceremonial fire must be burning at all times and not left unattended. Another fun experience this year was sugar bushing! I got to see how we made syrup and how it was broken down in to steps. It was really interesting to see!

Some of my goals in life are to definitely become a better cook! Ha! I’ve always loved cooking but for some reason I’ve never been to good at it. Also to attend college. I do not know what I want to be quite yet but I know I want to be a leader and make a difference in the world. An ambition of mine is to attend language camp this year, I have two times before and I really enjoyed it! I like to think of myself as outgoing I love trying new things, this school year I tried a thing called history day for the first time ever! It was very exciting everyone in your history class gets to pick a time in history that tied to the theme of react, reform, and revolution. For mine I picked something I could relate to something that interested me. I picked Native American boarding schools, and after you picked your subject on a poster board. Then you had judges that judged you on your project and if you got in the top four places you got to go to regionals. Well after it was over, I got 1st place in Regionals! It all was a truly wonderful and life changing experience to show people that things aren’t as good as you think! And I can’t wait to participate again this coming year.

It would be a great honor to be Little River Princess, because I would love to be able to represent my tribe and to be a remodel for others. Being princess is one step closer to where I want to go in life I want to make my people proud! To make a change for the best! To bring back our culture and show that there is more to life than what lies before your eyes. I thank you for giving me this chance to run for princess.

Boozhoo, naganabensikwe nindizhinikaaz makwa doodem.

I wanted everyone to know about my experience so far as Miss Little River 2012, but first I would just like to thank my family and friends for all the support! So far as princess I attended Indian village camp for the very first time I thought it was wonderful it was great to see all the children come together to learn about our beautiful culture those programs are bring back our ways and passing them on to the youth which is wonderful because every day we are losing our path and taking on others! Also right after Indian village I made my way over to Marion Michigan for their first pow-wow in seven years. Where the blue heron singers graced us with their presence from Selana, Ohio. I think it was nice that they are bringing it back to that town it was a very good pow-wow but it was a very hot day! Then my next destination was our very own language and culture camp. I really enjoyed getting to attend this year it was very fun. To be able to help with the serving and chores that needed to be done to make our camp happen. I was glad to lift a helping hand and see others doing the same! Just seeing all the people willing to help put a smile on my face! Also seeing all the people from all over gathered to learn about our traditions and ways was a joy. I’m very thankful for the individuals that made it all possible! As of now I’m attending midewking ceremony, I’m in Minnesota and then hopefully stopping at some pow-wows before heading home. So that is what I have been up to lately.

Again chi miigwitch to everyone!

The 2012 LRBOI Princess was chosen at the Jingtamok in early July. Here is her application so that you can get to know her.
Wow, what a camp! Miigwech, to all that helped before, during and after the camp. All of Historical Preservation, LRCR staff, Tribal Council, Ogema and staff, Tribal Courts, Tribal Police, Maintenance department, Utilities, my family and all the young people that volunteered with the serving of food, hauled and washed trays all weekend. I shared the story of how we started the tradition of serving our elders and handicapped by our teenagers with our guests. Right away the younger ones asked if they could serve the elders, these were like 10 year old kids and I told them that we had enough volunteers and they had a disappointed look on their face but they asked again on Sunday and I told them “Yes, I need you to volunteer. That made their day. LRCR does a great job for us at language camp, like I always say there is probably no other Casino that does this type of support for our culture in the United States.

We had 502 guests that registered this weekend and they were from Alabama, California, Arizona, Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Manitoba Canada, New Mexico, Ontario, Oregon, Wyoming, Washington DC, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, New York, Michigan and Japan. Wow and we did not send out any invitations or flyers. We just counted on our Anishinaabemdaa website.

Now I want to share this with you, first of all I was feeling really great because of granddaughter was going to dance in her new Jingle dress for the first on Saturday evening and she did. I felt so proud and honored but little did I know what was going on behind the scenes. I was presented with a Pawaagan (pipe) on Saturday afternoon in a wonderful ceremony the old traditional way. It was so powerful and emotional. My family was in on it too, I was told that it was supposed to happen last year. It has a beautiful stem with language written on it and also the bowl and right in the middle are 19 eagle feathers attached, one for each year that we already had language camp. I will be taking it on my vacation and smoke it with the family that just had a death in their family.

Casino = Zhoonyaa taage gamig

Gathering Grounds = Enjimnamaawnjiding

Employee = Enhiitaaget

Leader (male) = Ogema

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Kenny Pheasant at Language Camp 2012

Elizabeth Caldwell-Bissell

Tribal Manager
Jessica Burger
gave Jingle Dancing presentation

Breakfast is served

Doris Bissonou,
Elder and Teacher
Now we get complimented on how well the camp is organized and attended but we still have to iron out small problems that jump out. The program book that we put together has a lot of information in it and also the evaluation forms and that’s a lot of THANKS to our department. We had just got done with Jiingtamok and I think that we were still tired from that. We have 5 people in our department and now 6 till summer ends. Our guests helped stack the tables and chairs before the giveaway which was great. I will be presenting next year on how and what it takes to coordinate and camp of this size next year. I feel that it is needed. There are probably things that I did not mention, please forgive me.

Miigwech to all
Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant
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
Email: pski839@gmail.com

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The Little River Band Housing Department has a program to assist prospective Homeowners with Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance. The program is available for first time Homeowners and there are no income requirements.

You can receive a maximum of $5,000.00 which is based on 2.33% for Down Payment and 1% for Closing Costs. The program is tribally funded and open to all of our members.

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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
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For each additional member add $ 319.00

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Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
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Issues that were discussed at this year’s summit include:

• The status of a proposed Third Amendment to the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. This amendment will incorporate the changes to the Michigan Income Tax Act into the Tax Agreement.
• Resident tribal member definition. The State will rely on the Tribes to use the existing definition and their own method of verifying RTM status.
• Utility exemptions for resident tribal members. The State Treasury Tribal affairs office will continue to assist in getting the RTM tax exemptions when the utility company doesn’t exempt them.
• Additions to income for the RTM Annual Sales Tax Credit. Discussion on adding Land Trust Settlement funds not included in Michigan AGI.
• Confidentiality – Methods of sending information by encrypted email were discussed.

The 11th Annual Tribe/State Tax Summit will be hosted by the State of Michigan and is scheduled for July 10, 2013 in the Lansing area.
What is the work status of our tribal members? Are our people working or not? What type of jobs do they have? That subject is heating because there are no real, quantifiable details. The story is also heating up in Washington, D.C.

INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY (ICT) reported in late July that Congressional pressure has been mounting on Interior Department officials there to explain why they haven’t released any tribal economic and employment reports since 2007, which is a violation of biennial reporting requirements mandated by federal law.

Sens. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and John Barrasso, R-Wyoming, and vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), sent a letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar dated July 16 that chastised the department for “failing to release vital labor information which will help Congress, Alaska Natives and Indian tribes evaluate employment conditions in Indian country,” according to a Murkowski press release.

Interior officials promised to meet with SCIA staff later in the month. Nedra Darling, a spokeswoman for Interior said, “We intend to sit down with SCIA staff to brief them on our efforts to ensure our reporting meets the standards of federal agencies in reporting official statistics, and contains high quality, reliable information that will better serve the long-term interests of American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

“The Interior Department contacted Democrats on the committee to set up the meeting, but we’ve had no direct communication from Interior on our questions,” said Emily Lawrimore, a spokeswoman for Barrasso. “Republican staff will attend the briefing and push for more information.”

“While we are encouraged by seeing some movement, we definitely remain concerned and want to see where we are in terms of answers,” added Matthew Felling, a spokesman for Murkowski.

The concern from the Republican senators echoes questions Democratic lawmakers have been asking since the issue came to light in early July after Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Del Laverdure sent a letter to tribal leaders indicating that “methodology inconsistencies” forced the Department to cancel this year’s highly anticipated tribal “Labor Force Report,” and indicating that a new survey is being developed to meet the standards of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget for 2013.

The senators said that officials within the Department had previously promised during Senate hearings that they were going to meet their statutory obligations, yet they still failed to comply with the reporting requirements of the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992.

“It is unacceptable that reports required by law to be released and the vital information contained therein are being withheld from Congress,” the senators wrote.

They specifically rebuked Laverdure, saying that he previously testified that tribes were given the tools they needed to provide strong information for the report: “We also find unacceptable the Department’s explanation that the process for developing the 2010 report was faulty,” they wrote. “In fact, at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs’ hearing on unemployment issues in Indian country in January 2010, Mr. Laverdure represented that the Department had provided training to Indian tribes to familiarize them with the newly revised reporting tools and how the local data should be collected. He further testified that the report would be published in a timely manner and, eventually, on an annual basis.”

Interior has not offered comment on the ramifications of the broken law, and it is not known if officials there will receive legal punishment. The law specifically says that the Secretary of the Interior is responsible for releasing the reports biennially; this practice had been followed going back to 1982 until the last release of 2005 data in 2007, although concerns about the accuracy of the previously published data have been widespread in Indian country since Interior has historically not been known to be accurate in its accounting and measuring of Indian statistics.

One additional comment heard by the Currents references the possible use of the 2010 U.S. Census as a basis to gather jobs information. Many in tribal country dispute that because of reported inaccuracies in the Census. As an example, the Census reported just fewer than 60 tribal members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The tribal Enrollment Department as of the date of the writing of this article, reported membership numbers 4133.

GOP lawmakers are also centering more on the political ramifications of the missing reports over Democratic lawmakers who do not want the Obama administration’s economic efforts on behalf of Indian country to be cast in a negative light, especially as election season approaches. The administration granted over $3 billion under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to tribes in 2009, and a portion of the effects of those donations would have been captured in the latest report if it had been released.

Murkowski and Barrasso, like some tribal observers, believe the reason the Obama administration has not rushed to quantify the effect of the spending is that it may not have been effective in reducing historically high unemployment rates on many reservations.

“We agree that the ARRA was not a solution for growing Indian country economies,” the senators wrote. “Yet the Department is withholding information which will assist Congress and Indian tribes in evaluating the effectiveness of ARRA, economic conditions and developing strategies for long-term economic growth.

“We ask that you immediately release the report, or in the alternative, provide a complete explanation as to why the Department of Interior, despite prior assurances otherwise, has failed to comply with the law,” the senators wrote.

For 638 ‘self-governance’ tribes such as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians plans to become, this subject is critical! The tribe has to have good employment demographic details as part of their governing structure. According to David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, there is not a set ‘tool’ or measuring structure in place to adequately track the employment information. Waiting for 2013 for a federally ‘acceptable’ way to measure employment means that it wouldn’t be implemented until 2014 and would take 1-2 years to implement out in the tribal nations. Given an additional 1-2 years of necessary data analysis, ‘indicates that adequate information might be available in 4-6 years...or at least in time for another election cycle.

(Analysis by LRBOI Public Affairs)
(Article sources, ICT, LRBOI Enrollment and Workforce Development)

Frugal Franny!

Ok, so I'm all about saving money. I mean who isn't right? Oatmeal is cheap, its healthy and all that jazz, right? But why pay for 10 packets of that name brand guy when all you are getting is about 2 1/2 cups of oatmeal!

Here’s what you need:

• Take a big thing of oatmeal (make sure to use the quick oats)
• a box of snack-sized Ziplocks (or whichever brand you prefer)
• a 1/4 c or 1/2 c measuring cup (I did mine 1/2 c but my kids are 8 & 11 and then there is my hubs, the pre-made packets are only about 1/4 c so if you have itty bittys you can just do the 1/4 c)
• a few spare minutes (probably took less than 10 minutes)

And here’s how I put mine together, feel free to add in what you and your family like:

1. I put 1/2 c oats in the baggie (could do 1/4 c if you have itty bittys, that's how much are in the name brand guys pre-made packets)
2. Approximately 2 TBSP of brown sugar in the baggie
3. Zip it up!

For the water or milk part you add 3/4 c - 1 c of water or milk (for the 1/2 c oatmeal size), however you prefer. Kids can even help on this one! You can also add in raisins, dried fruits, cinnamon, chocolate chips, whatever else you like in your oatmeal. So for $3.78 you now have 60 - 1/4 c packets or 30 - 1/2 c packets. The name brand guy for the same amount would cost you between $15 & $30 depending how much you would eat, 1 packet or 2 packets.
Bakakwenh Naboo 2012
Get your drumsticks moving and send your questions to:
csoup@lrboi-nsn.gov

(Chicken Soup)

There might even be some big meaty bits of wisdom here and therefor you.
A second bowl of Bakakwenh Naboo will help fill you up with delicious tasting answers to your questions about Anishinaabek culture, traditional teachings, relationship building, and general advice. No question is to obscure for Bakakwenh Naboo to try and answer.

If you just have some comments, remarks, observations, or you own interpretation of an issue, let Bakakwenh Naboo know and we will cook up some informative Naboo for you.

This column is now open again.
Those who ask a question will have their names changed to protect their privacy.
Note: You can make up our own name or Bakakwenh Naboo will come up with an appropriate moniker for you.

“The LRBOI Tribal Public Safety Department handles many different types of complaints and problems. From regular ‘beat’ officers to detectives, narcotics investigators, Maritime officers, search and rescue units and Natural Resources officers, you never know just what issues will come up from day to day. Here is a sampling of calls handled by our Tribal Police this last month.” The following is a synopsis for July. Tribal and non Tribal arrests.

07/07/2012: Assisted Manistee County SD for a K-9 drug search of the jail. Drugs found inmate charged. Arrested a Pentwater man for larceny in a building at the Casino. $1800.00 in cash recovered. Arrested a Cadillac man for being a disorderly person at the Casino.

07/13/2012: Arrested a Manistee woman for operating under the influence of drugs. Arrested a Tribal member for a parole violation.

07/14/2012: Conservation Enforcement participated in a CORA joint patrol in Lake Superior.

07/24/2012: Assisted Manistee City P.D. with an arrest for a B&E in progress and parole violation.

07/25/2012: Assisted Manistee County SD in a hit and run accident resulting in an arrest for operating under the influence and revoked license. Arrested a Glen Allen, Va. woman for domestic violence at the Casino.

Traditional Healer

J.D. Gibson
Every month
Appointments available for Indian Health Service (IHS) eligible Native Americans
Regarding scheduling of appointments Please call Julie Wolfe (231) 398-6740
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Commissions and Committees
If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees or commissions, please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema’s office indicating which committee/commission you are interested in.

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

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society is organizing fishing teams for next year’s event. If you would like to be on a team or participate in the event, please contact Bill Memberto, Commander of the Warriors Society at 1-231-398-6893

Government Closes for the following Holidays

* New Years Day
* Treaty Recognition Day
* Memorial Day
* Independence Day
* Labor Day
* Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
* Veteran's Day
* 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

Government Ad’s

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Warriors Society
Gathering photographs of members
Please send photos of our Warriors either in Uniform or in Civilian dress to the address below:
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warriors Society
375 River Street,
Manistee, Mi. 49660

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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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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Elders Calendar 2012

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Services charged by the hour plus mileage charge for transportation.

Contact Information
Colleen Johnson - Cell: 231-942-8675
No sooner had I returned from the second session of Indian Village Camp and someone was pulling into my driveway. It was Tony Estrada, a Navajo Nation Tribal Member, and owner of the Wild Horse Films Production Company. He had driven from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to begin work on the film WHITE BUFFALO. I had written the screenplay for WHITE BUFFALO several years ago and entered it into an industry script showcase (InkTip) where directors, producers and production companies can search for new material. Tony found WHITE BUFFALO and we immediately pulled it from the public site to begin the long process of turning the written words into a feature length movie.

Our first step was to develop an agreement, a contract, where we committed to making this film. The contract established me as the Writer and Co-Producer and Tony as the Director and Co-producer. After spending another year rewriting, we finally met in person at the American Indian Film Festival (AIFF) in San Francisco. (I happened to be in California with my wife Victoria to receive another film award for another screenplay entitled HOMUNCULUS which has been tearing up the Film Festival Competition circuit.)

It has been our intention to shoot this movie in Michigan, using our tribal members wherever possible, for both cast and crew. Although attaching some bigger name Native actors from other tribes might be a necessity for securing large scale distribution. Our primary goal will be to use unknown actors from our own area. We want to stay true to this vision and are encouraging tribal members to try out for parts. We intend to train them for their roles in front of and behind the camera and so we began talking to several tribal members who fit the roles in WHITE BUFFALO. (At this point, they will still have to try out for the parts in front of our casting director and win the part with their performance.)

Tony and I drove around the area and secured permissions for shooting in several locations which will highlight the beauty of our state. We also began searching for resources within the community, talking to local production companies and theater groups to assist us. The support has been overwhelming and thoroughly positive. After several days of meetings, we decided on our A.D. (or Assistant Director, which is a vitally important position) as being none other than Anthony Sprague, who has experience working on several films from Harold Cronk and 10 West Studios.

Next, we travelled to the Wild Winds Buffalo Farm to meet with the owner, Dr. John Trippy. I had worked for John as the Herd Manager for Wild Winds and knew his heart and spirit regarding the buffalo. His vision is the same as the theme of the film, returning the buffalo to the land. Dr. Trippy agreed to allow us to film at Wild Winds and offered us more access to the land, the herd and his equipment than we ever could have hoped.

This film is going to be a reality and will likely be completed within the next year or two. This is a long and involved process and sometimes takes several years from initial inception to completion. If you would like to be involved as an actor or on the production crew, please contact me and we will see if we can get you on board. Large scale investors may also still get involved at this point, but that window of opportunity will close soon. We believe that this project will be the next big film to take place in Indian Country. It has a positive message of family, integrity, spirituality and positive transformation. I am very proud of where the project is heading and encourage our tribal members to get involved.

Thanks for letting me share the progress of this movie. It is an honor to tell this story.

AUSTEN BRAUKER
Writer and Co-Producer of WHITE BUFFALO
**Are you new to Medicare or ready to make Medicare Health Benefit changes?**
The Medicare open enrollment period for 2012 -- the time in which you can make unrestricted changes to your coverage -- starts and ends earlier than usual. The open enrollment period has been moved up a month to Oct. 15, and ends Dec. 7, not Dec. 31. Before ordering the open enrollment period, you should review the Medicare plans you have and determine whether you need to make changes. If you make no changes, Jan 1st your coverage remains the same.

**Do you need help in making health benefit decisions?**
There is help in making important health benefit decisions. The Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can assist you in making important health benefit decisions. Nationally this program is called the State Health Assistance Program (SHIP). To find MMAP counselors at locations in your state contact your local Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Agencies, Commissions on Aging or other similar organizations in your state. You can also contact the Members Assistance Department to assist you in finding a MMAP counselor in your local area.

**What are MMAP counselors?**
MMAP counselors are specialists trained in Medicare and Medicaid law and regulations, health insurance counseling and relevant insurance products. MMAP counselors are not connected with any insurance company, nor are they licensed to sell insurance. Their purpose is to serve you objectively and confidentially. Currently, MMAP has hundreds of highly trained and certified counselors. These dedicated and compassionate people, many of them seniors, answer questions and act as guides through the Medicare and Medicaid programs. MMAP counselors have assisted many thousands of Michigan’s elder and disabled citizens and saved them many millions of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses, bringing peace of mind to those who are often confused and frightened when they deal with unfamiliar and difficult government systems.

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- Explore long term care insurance options, and
- Report identify theft, Medicare and Medicaid fraud/abuse, or scams.

If you are out-of-state and are looking for a MMAP counselor to assist you, call the Members Assistance Department at **1-888-723-8288** for assistance in searching for a MMAP counselor in your area.

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### Elder’s Meal Menu September 2012

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*Elder’s Meal Menu September 2012*

*As a reminder in order to participate in Elder Meals an Intake Form must be on file.*

**Eligibility:**
A. Elder age 55 and older and their spouse and/or disabled household members
B. Guests are welcome and are required to pay a nominal charge for meal. Caregivers of Elders who do not meet item eligibility A. are considered Guests. We always gladly accept volunteers. Half an hour of your time will qualify you for a meal.

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Costs:
- $3.50 for 2000 Calorie Diet.
- $3.00 for 1800 Calorie Diet.
- $2.50 for 1500 Calorie Diet.

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**Menu subject to change without notice.**
Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI on a 1600 to 2000 Calorie Diet.
Casino Golf Outing Raises over $50,000!

The 2012 Charity Golf Outing for the Little River Casino Resort had the largest field of participants ever for a day of golfing fun at Manistee National Golf Course in July. The proceeds will be distributed among a group of charities and non-profits working in this area including the LRBOI Warriors Society, Manistee Child/Family Advocacy Center, Manistee 2-1-1, Vogue Theatre Restoration Project, Hospice of Michigan and Girl Scouts Shore to Shore.

More details will appear in next month’s Currents.

5th Annual “The Healing Spirit of Recovery”

FREE ADMISSION

HIS & HERSGOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP PRESENTS

LRBOI Gathering Grounds,
2811 Chippewa Hwy.,
Manistee, Michigan 49660
August 27-29, 2010
(starting at 4p.m. Friday)

Conference Activities:
On-Site Camping, Meetings (open recovery), Sobriety Countdown Bonfire Meeting, Sunrise Ceremony Meals, Open Speaker Meetings, Talking Circle Activities, and Music

Name:___________________________________________
Address:____________________________________________________________
Phone:___________________________
Total Number in your party:______________

Please select all that you will be requiring: # of tent sites:____(off site Lodging at own expense; call for local listings)
Meals on site: FRIDAY DINNER ____YES _____NO SEATING FOR: _______
SATURDAY BREAKFAST____ YES ______NO LUNCH ___YES ______NO FEAST ____YES ______NO SEATING FOR: _______
SUNDAY BREAKFAST____ YES ______NO LUNCH ___YES ______NO FEAST ____YES ______
# SEATING FOR:

Contacts: Ron W. 231-233-4280/
Brian 517-388-2757
Mail to: 244 5th Ave.
Manistee, Michigan 49660
Make checks payable to HIS and HERS Good Fellowship GroupPlease bring: camping equipment, bug spray, sunscreen, own chairs & coolers, and drums. Communities are encouraged to bring Eagle Staffs and/ or Tribal Flags.
PETS must be on a leash at all times.

9th Annual ‘Nme Ceremony

The 9th Annual Sturgeon Release Ceremony has been scheduled for September 22nd with facility tours at 12:30. Rainbow Bend will be the location.
When you think of a playground, what comes to mind? Is it a place to keep the kids occupied while the mothers can relax and talk? Is it where the young ones can safely go to play and challenge themselves all while exercising their bodies so they can be healthier? Is it a place where some playground equipment stands…all lonely, dusty and unused?

**It is what you make of it!**

In late July, the LRBOI Housing Department had an official ground-breaking ceremony for the new, fantastic playground at the Aki Maadiziwini housing area. Not all the equipment or the soft flooring is there yet but the outline is in place and some play areas have been set up.

Ogema Romanelli said, “It took the vision of many people to bring this together. One of the goals of reaffirmation was to bring people back to the reservation and to provide employment and housing. Several years ago there were about 12 Elders houses and today there are approximately 50 homes for families. The housing brings children. We also know the President and Mrs. Obama are promoting healthy children and trying to battle obesity. Obesity can lead to diabetes which is very prevalent in Native American communities. So while this looks like a playground, it is also a place for our children to get healthy by exercising and reducing their time in front of a computer. This equipment is designed to last 20-25 years and is yet another step to building our community.”

At the ceremony, Tribal Council, Ogema Romanelli, several directors and many residents gathered at the playground where Jonnie “Jay” Sam offered a blessing. There Housing Director Frank Figgels told of the idea of the playground, how the Housing Commission supported the project and how even one of our health programs became involved in funding it. He specifically mentioned former LRBOI Diabetic Health Nurse Holly Davis, who invested $25,000 from her program into the playground because healthy activity by our young can help to prevent diabetes in the future.

Council Speaker Steve Parsons also spoke about the project and said, “There were a number of people involved in the planning and development of the playground area, including elected officials, staff, commissioners and community volunteers. It was a great experience for me to be part of such a hard-working, dedicated group. With the increasing number of Tribal families at Aki, it was important to provide a designated, safe place for our young ones to play. In the future there will be designated recreation areas for older children, teens and adults as well, and we are all looking forward to that.” Elder Julia Chapman, who sits on the Housing Commission also spoke.

Following the ceremony everyone gathered at a tent to honor the playground project for our tribe. One which we hope will be an integral part of our tribal life and health!
Daniel Mark Shepard

Daniel died unexpectedly Friday, Aug. 3, at his home. He was born January 5, 1961 in Muskegon, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joseph Shepard II.

Dan was employed with and also a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. He was also a member of Sons of American Legion Post No. 10 of Manistee. Dan is survived by his children, Alycia Shepard and Jacob Shepard; his siblings, Rick (Mary) Shepard III, Judy (Jim) Frank, John Shepard, Jim (Joan) Shepard, Tom (Sharon) Shepard, Mike (Lora) Shepard and Jake (Diane) Shepard; two aunts; one uncle, Rebecca Shimdekniert, and Evelyn (Tom) Whalen. Many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive him. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Diana Seiber; and his uncle (Al) Shimdekniert.

Traditional Native America Funeral Services were held Saturday, Aug. 11, at Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee.

A FUN FALL FAMILY CHECKLIST!

- Make leaf rubbings
- Volunteer as a family for tribal Elder’s just call June:398-6709 or Noelle: 231-398-6886
- Bake a fresh Apple Pie
- Attend or hold a Tribal Reaffirmation Day Dinner September 21
- Attend football game and have your own mini tailgate party
- Have a family pumpkin decorating contest.
- Attend a ghost dinner at the Kateri circle November 10, 2012 11am to 3 pm just call Patti Wlodkowski 231-670-1455
- Play a board game
- Attend Fall membership Meeting October 15
- Make a scarecrow for your front yard
- Build a tent in the living room with sheets, blankets, chairs, and clothes pins

Happy Anniversary 70 Years
Robert and Ladonna Pratt
August 13
From your loving family
Love bears all things, believe all things, hopes all things, endures all things (Corinthians 13:4-8)

Hannah Sandel      Mathew Sandel
I want you to know you are always in my thoughts and never leave my heart!
I love you my Darlings!
Fern and Buttercup said them too!

Happy 25th Birthday to our precious daughter Amanda from Mommy Penny and Daddy Ted Theodore

Gina Wilson
Matt Fraley
Nicole Ward
Bob Renner
Charlie King
Mathew Bruce King (Pops)

Happy Birthday!
Employment Opportunities

Interested in joining a progressive, fun and future forward work force?
Why not check out our amazing employment opportunities?

??? How do I apply ???

Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers

Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530

Stop by our Human Resources Department located at
2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI
Monday – Friday 7am-5pm

Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:

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

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

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

The Tribal Maintenance Department is taking steps to decrease the amount of electricity that we use in tribal government buildings with a proposed retrofit project using better, more energy efficient lighting fixtures, bulbs and ballasts.

Brian Gibson, Maintenance Manager reported to the Currents that the project just for the Bank Building will save the tribe thousands of dollars a year. This will be accomplished through changing out and eliminating some of the old fixtures, installing more efficient fluorescent lamps/ballasts and putting in better looking fixtures. The project will pay for itself in 3-5 years through the energy savings.

Other changes are proposed at other buildings including Big Blue where 38 fixtures will be changed bringing a total watt reduction for just that building of 22,572 watts.

Here is the chart showing exactly what is planned for the Bank Building.

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**Cost of per kWh**: $0.135

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**TOTAL KILOWATT HOURS (EXISTING)**: 37,989.00

**TOTAL KILOWATT HOURS (PROPOSED)**: 14,136.50

**Cost of per kWh**: $0.135

**Existing** | **Proposed** | **Savings**
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**AS SHOWN ABOVE, YOUR ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF THIS PROPOSAL PROGRAM WILL BE**: $3,220.09 /YR.

**5 Yr. Total:** $16,100.44

**10 Yr. Total:** $32,200.88

**YOUR ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST OF DELAY AS A RESULT OF THIS PROPOSAL PROGRAM WILL BE**: $268.34 /MO.

**Changes to General Durable Power of Attorneys**

In a General Durable Power of Attorney you appoint an Agent to act in your place. The law regarding Power of Attorneys changes in October of 2012. The Agent now MUST sign an Acceptance. I, like most attorneys, did not have the Agents sign Acceptances.

If you have a Power of Attorney either drafted by me or another attorney and your Agent did not sign an Acceptance please contact my office to make sure that your document will comply with the new law.

Mary K. Witkop – Members Legal Assistance Attorney
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Fridays - by telephone only

Due to increased workload advanced appointments are always highly recommended so that I can make sure that I am available and can devote the appropriate amount of time to you.