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LRBOI Jiingtamok 2012

17th Annual Jiingtamok was held at the Gathering Grounds July 7th and 8th. See the photos and details on page 2.



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Council Hearing continues



Support for Muskegon still strong

This last month, citizens, officials and business owners came out in strong support of the LRBOI proposed casino project as they addressed Governor Snyder's staff. See the articles on pages 6 and 7



The Ogema and Election Board responded to questions from Tribal Council regarding the Spring Membership Meeting. See the questions and answers beginning on page 3.

Once again, the tribe and community salute our veterans with "Thunder at the River" a motorcycle ride and event for almost 400 bikes that took place all over the community.

Annual Budget Hearing

The annual budget hearing for the tribal membership of LRBOI is Saturday August 4, 2012 at Aki Maadiziwin from 9 am until noon



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The 2012 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiingtamok was held July 7th and 8th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. A new Princess was crowned and she is Pandora Pete. Her sister and the out-going Princess Josephine passed on the crown at the Pow Wow. There were many new faces at this years' event and many, many families had the opportunity to be together and catch up on family news. Here are a few of the photos from the event.

The Host Drum was Spirit Lodge, co-host drum was Mskwe Keshick and invited drums included Swirling Wind. The Head Male Dancer was Marty Wabindato; Head Female Dancer, Renee Diehlman; Head Veteran Paul Yarnell and Phillip Memberto performed the duties as the Arena Director. Bob Bailey handled the duties as the MC for the first Grand Entry on Saturday and Derek Bailey took over the duties for the other Grand Entries.

A special note of thanks to Tom and Nita Guenthardt and Manistee's West Shore Community Hospital for having an ambulance at the Gathering Grounds due to the high heat experienced that week. They responded to 5 medical calls during the Jiingtamok. Tribal Officer Pat Gilles, who has been working Emergency Management issues for the tribe, arranged for the ambulance."



2011 and 2012 Princesses Dancing
Josephine and Pandora Pete



Martha Howell



Bob Bailey MC



Ron Wittenburg



Marty Wabindato



Head Veteran Paul Yarnell



REMEMBER-
“Men don’t care what’s
on TV, they just care
what else is on TV.”



Aanii:

In the last edition of the Currents, I reported that canvassers were out in West Michigan trying to get signatures to put non-tribal, commercial casinos on the November ballot to be voted on by all residents of Michigan. Those canvassers across Michigan apparently secured enough signatures for that to happen. As I reported, there have been complaints of the canvassers misrepresenting what the ballot initiative was actually representing; sometimes leading signers to believe they were signing to help our Tribe to secure a casino in Muskegon which was absolutely not true.

We will now need to inform State voters of what the ballot is really for. These non-Indian, commercial casinos have not even reported who all the investors are. They could very well be out-of-state investors and much of the profits could follow. We are not sure at this point. Please make it a point to inform anyone you talk to please vote against that ballot proposal as it will greatly negatively affect all tribal casinos within the state. All the tribes of Michigan have done a great job of keeping profits within the State and having very well-run, clean casinos.

I am responding to the questions posed to me at the Hearing held on June 2nd by the Tribal Council although I believe the hearing was not legal because of the lack of a quorum. Only five Councilors were in attendance and that was not the correct representation of Council. However, I will answer the questions for the benefit of Tribal Members. My answers can be found on the following pages. I asked questions of Council to assist me in answering their questions but did not receive answers back from them.

It is still my belief that we must find a way to restore the ability to obtain a quorum as prescribed in our Constitution which requires only 30% of registered voters in attendance. If not, our members have no way to affect changes to our tribe or its government but only through electing persons to serve on Council, Ogema, Judges and on the Election Board. Right now it is almost impossible for Tribal Members to enact changes within the Tribe and has been for many years.

Tribal Self-Governance seems to be moving forward at this point. I just returned from a Self-Governance Meeting with US Government personnel. Most Tribal Councilors and Department Directors were also in attendance at the meeting held in Mount Pleasant June 25-28th. At the end of the meetings, we will all reconvene and discuss how to move forward. Again, there is a very short timeframe as January 1st is the expected start date, if we accept self-governance so there is much to be learned, negotiated and implemented. More information on this is contained within this issue of the Currents.

I know there have been discussions of people leaving employment with the Tribe and being told they can never return to work here. I am trying to get clarity to those statements at this point. It is my belief that anyone should be able to reapply for employment but that in doing so, past employment should be able to be used, at least in part, as a determinate if the person is eligible for rehire in positions they are applying for.

Another recent issue came up with the new Preference Policy having to do with Temporary Employment with the Tribe. While I understand the “hierarchy of preference”, even in “temp” positions, I also believe that more assistance should be given to the applicants for temporary employment to ensure the applicant is listing all skills and abilities so when being considered for a position, the person looking over applications will be able to identify those skills. I do understand that we have positions that are “entry level” and we need to be able to give our members a chance, some positions, even in temp, need to have some skills readily available to the department in need of a temporary worker. Another question that is somewhat unclear to me is if a person is in the “temp pool” and accepts a temp position at a location, should their application be temporarily out of the temp pool until they have completed that assignment? My belief is that they should and then once they have, their application goes back into the pool. Until next month...

Public Hearing - Voting Questions for Hearing (Ogema)

1. Please provide any written regulations, instructions, rules or laws used to facilitate the Spring Membership Meeting.
2. Please describe any efforts or actions, or written materials to provide Tribal Members with access to restrooms during the Spring Membership Meeting.
3. How many paid personnel and volunteers were used to enforce meeting rules?
4. Please provide a list of employees and volunteers and indicate who their supervisors were.
5. What efforts do you take to make sure that all Tribal Members who attend are able to get a seat at the lunch during the Membership Meeting?
6. There are reports of Tribal Members making the effort to attend the meeting, arriving and no space available to sit down and eat because non-Tribal Members are there.
7. Provide a list of employees and volunteers who were assisting your office.

8. Provide any written instructions or verbal instructions provided to them on procedures for individuals allowed to be in the meeting, or out of the meeting.

9. Was the agenda posted to ensure the meetings were public and open for Tribal Members to participate, and where are the records of these meetings located for inspection by the Tribal Members in accordance with Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution?

2. What was the rationale for the controlled entrances and exits?

3. Typically membership is free to assemble or not assemble in accordance with their rights.

4. What considerations were given to the personal needs/restroom facility access for our membership? Elders complained when they left to use restroom they were denied entrance.

These questions are printed exactly as given to the Ogema approximately 30 minutes prior to the hearing. Other questions were given to Public Safety/Security and to the Election Board.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM HEARING OF JUNE 2ND, 2012

Although I believe the Hearing of June 2nd, 2012 was not a legal and binding meeting because of the lack of a quorum, I will attempt to answer the questions posed to me as a courtesy to the membership. Tribal Councilors in attendance were, Virgil Johnson, Candace Chapman, Michael Ceplina, Lee Sprague and Janine Sam.

1.) The written regulations, instructions, rules and laws used to facilitate the Spring Membership Meeting were: the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Constitution; the Election Board Regulations; the Ogema’s rules for conducting the meeting; Judge Sherigan’s Court Ruling.

2.) Efforts to provide Tribal members with access to restrooms at the Spring Membership Meeting were by meeting with the Election Board to discuss how to adhere to the judge’s rulings while keeping exits and entries to the Meeting Room secured while allowing for access for all members including the disabled and elderly as needed. We also coordinated with Casino Security prior to the meeting to ensure the entrances were adequately staffed.

3.) To my understanding there were no volunteers and if figuring in Casino Security Staff, myself, Public Safety personnel and employees and Election Board members, I would estimate approximately 25. Not sure the reasoning for the question so unsure how definite the answer needs to be. It would take much more time to get a finite number.

4.) The “Meeting space” is actually the Makwa Endaat Event Center. It is the largest meeting space the Tribe has to hold Membership meetings. With the numbers of attendees growing, the meeting space can only hold a specific number of people. The problem is that while the Event Center can hold up to 1,700 people for a concert(side by side seating) when set up for lunch, that number is greatly reduced. Our Membership Meetings serve our membership lunch along with the meetings. The Casino staff places as many tables and seating as possible to accommodate our members and do a great job. Judge Sherigan also mandated that we also register members and hold elections in the same meeting room so tables, and computers etc. have to also be set up in the meeting room. If the space is no longer large enough, we will have to look for other space off tribal property which could be an inconvenience to our members because of our hotel being attached with use of pool. As the Director of Food and Beverage noted at the hearing, no member went without a meal being served and actually went out of their way to ensure that all were served.

5.) Answer to the first part of this would include the 25 persons listed in question number 3 above plus all the persons who set up the meeting hall for the meeting; sit at department tables in the hallways; directors that give reports, IT technicians from both the government and casino; the camera person, my Executive Assistant, and the host of young people who gladly volunteer to “run gifts” to members during our gift give-aways. So again, approximately 90-100. The second part of the question is that I enforced the Election Board’s regulation for persons in attendance to wear wristbands designating if they are a guest, member, or voting member which helps from having people from the casino who may just be casino guests wander into the meeting hall, which we have had in the past. These people have access to our prepared food, valuable seating and tribal information; the wristbands provided a way to identify attendees. People disrupting that process only caused more confusion and very possibly stopped a quorum from happening.

6.) The agendas are posted in tribal buildings prior to the meeting and meeting notices are published in the Tribal paper, the Currents prior to the meeting. Copies of the minutes can be accessed from the Ogema’s Office or the Executive Assistant’s Office anytime during regular business hours.

7.) The rationale for controlled entrances and exits is answered in part in the second part of number 5 above. It was also to conform to the judge’s court ruling for voting. I believe no member’s rights to be free to assemble were violated. Some chose to remove the wristbands and not participate; they could have kept on the wristband and freely assembled.

8.) The answer to this question is covered in answer in the second answer above. It was reported that no Elder or other member were denied entrance after leaving to use the restrooms.

I asked questions of the Tribal Council to help clarify their questions but have received no answer as of this date.

The Election Board

Dear Tribal Members –

We are writing to you about the spring 2012 General Membership meeting. We want to let you know why we adopted new procedures for keeping track of attendance at these meetings, where the problem with the new procedures occurred, and what we are doing to fix the problem before the next meeting.

As most of you know, Article VII of our Tribal Constitution allows members to propose motions and ordinances at General Membership meetings. The motions and ordinances are put to a vote if 30% of the registered voters are present at the meeting. The Constitution puts the Election Board in charge of verifying that 30% are present.

After some motions and ordinances were passed at the spring 2011 General Membership meeting, the Tribal Council and a Tribal citizen challenged the meeting procedures in Tribal Court. Among other things, the Tribal Judge ruled that the constitutional requirement that 30% of the registered voters be present at the meeting means that 30% must be in the meeting room when a motion or ordinance is put forward for a vote. The Judge wrote:

“The Election Board’s procedures may be reasonably designed to verify that the requisite 30% of registered voters is present before the start of the General Membership Meeting ... [T]he Election Board is obligated to take steps to verify the continued presence of a quorum, when requested by any registered voter participating in the General Membership Meeting.”

The Judge acknowledged that being capable of verifying 30% attendance at any given point in a meeting is an administrative challenge. However, she was firm that any vote taken at a meeting without these requirements being met would be ruled invalid.

The Election Board set out to create new procedures that would comply with this decision. The goal was to allow people to move into and out of the meeting as they wished; yet, at the same time, to be able to determine at any time how many members were present in the meeting room. We are trying to balance the need to follow the Tribal Court’s direction with the need to restrict people’s freedom of movement as little as possible.

To meet these goals, the Election Board did three things.

1. First, the Board consulted with specialists about the best technology to determine the number of registered voters present in the meeting at any point in time, without restricting people’s freedom to move into and out of the room. The recommended technology was a set of electronic card readers that would allow members to swipe in with their Tribal ID card when they entered the room and swipe out when they left. One computer kept track of the “swipe-ins” and another kept track of the “swipe-outs,” and the goal was to use these tallies to keep a running count of registered voters present in the room. That way, the Election Board could verify if 30% were present in the meeting room when a motion or ordinance was put forward, as the Tribal Court required. At the same time, people were free to enter and exit the room whenever they wished, as long as they swiped their card when they came and when they went.

2. Second, the Election Board enacted new procedures in Chapter 8 of our regulations. The purpose of the regulations was to put in requirements that would allow the technology to work. These requirements included monitoring the entrances and exits to ensure that people would swipe their cards when they came in or went out.

3. Third, the Election Board worked with the Tribal Ogema to create an Executive Order setting out the Ogema’s meeting procedures. The purpose of the Executive Order was to allow the Ogema to run the meetings in an orderly fashion – as the Tribal Court had ruled he must – and also to ensure that the meetings were run in such a way that the Election Board could do its two jobs of verifying attendance and conducting votes.

At the General Membership meeting on April 14th, the initial registration worked fairly smoothly. While 2 or 3 attendees refused to follow the procedures, the vast majority did follow the procedures and an accurate initial count was taken. The problem occurred because the computer tallying the entrances and the one tallying the exits would not combine their lists. Therefore, the Election Board could not instantly generate a current number of registered voters in the room, as had been our goal. As a back-up plan, members were asked to line up and swipe their cards again, but by the time that process was completed a quorum no longer existed.

The Election Board was disappointed about the error in the new technology and we know many Tribal members were disappointed too. We continuously strive to improve our procedures and our technology in order to ensure accurate votes and counts, while also providing a user-friendly and convenient experience. We believe these are our two main responsibilities to our fellow Tribal members, and we take them very seriously.

The Election Board is investigating new technology to meet the twin goals of keeping an accurate, up-to-the-minute count of registered

voters in the General Membership meeting room – while still allowing people to come and go with a minimum of inconvenience. We are currently focusing on providing registered voters with wristbands with an electronic chip when they check in for the start of the meeting. The chip can be read as members enter and exit through selected doorways with chip readers, keeping a running tally of registered voters in the room at any one time. This is the only information the wristbands and chips can read. No other information would be collected.

As with any election business, the Election Board is interested in your comments and suggestions, and will try to answer any questions you have. Please send comments, suggestions, or questions to 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. or you can call the Election Board at 398-6709 and leave a message. Aleisa Condon email address is alesialynne@aol.com. Any new procedures will also be included in the Chapter 8 regulations, and will be posted for public comment in the usual way. We will continue working diligently to carry out our responsibilities as defined by the Tribal Constitution and Court, while at the same time ensuring an enjoyable and convenient experience for all.

Sincerely,
Aleisa Condon Diane A. Lonn
Tammy Bowen Carol Gibner
Tracy Frees

KNOW YOUR TRIBE

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government consists of a three-part, three branch system one of only a very few of the over 500 tribes in the United States has this form of government. This three-part form was modeled after the U.S. Government which was modeled in part after early Native American style of governing!

The 3 branches are the Legislative, Executive and Judicial. In addition to the three branches there is a Tribal Prosecutor who is independent of control by any of the three branches but for administration purposes, is under the Executive Branch.

There is also an Election Board which is also independent of control by any of the three branches. These positions are elected positions like the Tribal Judges, Ogema and Council.

Additionally, there are also committees and commissions that are created and controlled by the Tribal Council. The Ogema is tasked with selecting persons to serve on these commissions but all candidates to serve on the various committees and commissions must be voted for or against by the tribal Council before they can serve. Below are only a portion of the powers of the three branches.

The Legislative Branch (TRIBAL COUNCIL) is led by the Council Speaker, currently Steve Parsons.

This branch:

- 1.) Makes the laws, rules and regulations for the Tribe.
- 2.) Is in charge of weekly Council Meetings with all Councilors having a vote at those meetings. The Ogema usually attends these meetings but has no vote.
- 3.) Oversees commissions and committees of the tribe. Most of these commissions and committees have the ability to make regulations etc. for the departments they are formed to assist.
- 4.) Gives final approval of the Annual Tribal Budget brought forth by the Tribal Ogema.

The Executive Branch (OGEMA) is led by the Tribal Ogema, currently Larry Romanelli.

This Branch:

- 1.) Enforces the laws, rules and regulations of the Tribe.
- 2.) Oversees most of the departments of the Tribe.
- 3.) Presents the Annual Tribal Budget to the Tribal Council.
- 4.) The Ogema can veto a budget that Tribal Council has approved, but Tribal Council has the ability to override the Ogema's veto and once the Council has overridden the Ogema's veto, the Ogema MUST sign the budget not withstanding his/her objections.
- 5.) Chairs the Spring and Fall Membership Meetings.
- 6.) Manages the economic affairs, enterprises, properties and other interests of the Tribe.
- 7.) Negotiates contracts and executes agreements on behalf of the Tribe, but all contracts and agreements must have Tribal Council approval/ratification in addition to the Ogema's approval. For example, no land can be purchased without both the Ogema and Council's approval.

The Judicial Branch (COURT JUDGES) is led by the Chief Judge, currently Dan Bailey.

This Branch:

- 1.) Has the judicial powers of the Tribe.
- 2.) Adjudicates all civil and criminal matters arising within the jurisdiction of the Tribe.
- 3.) To review ordinances and resolutions of the tribal Council or General Membership to ensure they are consistent with the Tribal Constitution.
- 4.) To review and hear cases based on ordinances and resolutions.
- 5.) Assign fines and penalties.
- 6.) Grant warrants for search to enforcement officers when just cause is shown.
- 7.) Has the Peacekeeper's Department under its branch.

Director, Jimmie Mitchell
representative on the Bureau of
Indian Affairs, Tribal
Interior Budget Council (TIBC.)



During the June 24th, 2012 BIA "Partners In Action" meeting held in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Mid-West Regional Director Diane Rosen announced to LRBOI Leadership, the appointment of the Tribe's Natural Resource Director, Jimmie Mitchell to act as a representative on the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal

Interior Budget Council (TIBC.)

The purpose of the TIBC is to act as an advisory-body regarding the government-to-government Trust responsibility between the Tribes' and the Department of the Interior, aimed to develop budgets that allow for the fulfillment of the Mid-West Region's 35 Tribes' regarding self-determination, self-governance, sovereignty, and treaty rights. The Council also serves to urge the Department of the Interior, and Congress to provide sufficient levels of funding to address the needs of Tribes and of their Tribal Citizens.

Director Mitchell has been actively pursuing supplemental BIA Treaty Rights Protection Implementation funds for the past three years after having been appointed to represent the five signatory Tribes that make up the Chipewewa Ottawa Resource Authority, (CORA)

CORA is the Resource Management Authority for the successors to the 1836 Treaty, specifically, the hunting, fishing and gathering Rights that are further defined in the 2000 and 2007 Consent Decrees.

The long journey over the past few years has led Mitchell to many different places throughout Indian Country and to Washington D.C. where he was required to speak before Congress during the 2013 Budget Hearings on Interior this past March.

When asked what this appointment offers LRBOI, Mitchell responded: "When I attended the TIBC meeting at Mystic Lake this past March, it was quickly evident to those of us from LRBOI who attended, that not only was the voice of LRBOI missing from these meetings, but none of the Michigan Tribes were providing input for the important work this Council provides for our Region.

Mitchell added: "the world is run by those who show up, and that is a fact that holds especially true in Indian Country. It is an honour to be appointed to this role, a responsibility that I see as being aimed to bring the voice of our Tribe along with the others within the Mid-West Region so we (collectively) can be effectively represented during these financially challenging times"

Community Speaks Out!

Sometimes you don't ask the question because you are afraid of the answer. That was possibly the situation in Muskegon on Monday, the 19th when three staff members from Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's office held a two hour fact-finding meeting with the public at Ryke's Bakery on Terrace. They received an earful from the 50+ citizens in attendance with the vast majority telling the Governor to let the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians move forward in their efforts to build a casino in Fruitport Township on the site of the old Great Lakes Downs. The attendees expressed their dismay with the Governor standing in the way for no discernible reason when the area needs the economic boost and the jobs so desperately.

Here is the FB Post issued by the tribe after the meeting: *This morning 50-55 people met with three staff members from Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's office at Rykes' Bakery on Terrace in Muskegon. The two-hour meeting was designed to 'hear from the people' about their issues of concern. The top items commented upon included questions about why the Governor has not supported the efforts of LRBOI as they seek permission to open a gaming facility in Fruitport Township. Overwhelming support was voiced for the project by citizens and local authorities at the meeting. One interesting message for the Governor came from a gentleman who said, "The Governor is leveraging funds for his bridge so why isn't he letting us do the same with the Casino?"*

Other topics for the sometimes heated discussion included support for education; concerns about the Emergency Manager appointments and ways to increase deep-water shipping that could benefit tourism for all of Michigan.

The Governor's staff took notes and will be submitting a report to the Governor on the issues of concern to Muskegon residents. LRBOI Commerce Director Memberto and Public Affairs Director Zaring represented the tribe and provided helpful clarification on tribal compacts, programs and community impact based upon the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee.

Local media reported that the proposed tribal casino in Muskegon County, along with the status of funding for public education, got quite a bit of the attention during the public forum led by representatives from the Governor's Office.

Several Muskegon-area government officials who represent communities that would be impacted by the casino issued comments in support of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' proposal to build a casino-centered development at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack site in Fruitport Township.



County Commissioner Jim Derezsinski told the governor's staff members that the proposed casino would help the county to increase its tourism. He said it would add to its other tourism draws like the cross-lake ferry, Bike Time and Hot Rod Power Tour. "Muskegon is beautiful and we're trying to show it off," Derezsinski said. "This would help us out. If you do nothing else, take back (to Governor Snyder) the support for the casino in Muskegon County."

Fruitport Township Supervisor Brian Werschem asked that the governor allow the proposed compact amendment needed for the Little River Band to open a local casino to advance to the federal government for consideration. He called the governor's inaction a roadblock, similar to the lack of activity the proposed compact amendment gained in 2010 under former Speaker of the House Andy Dillon.

"We did everything we needed to do as a community from Fruitport Township's side of it," Werschem said, referring to the municipal service agreements in place between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Fruitport Township and Muskegon County. "What do we need to do" to get the governor's involvement on the proposal?

Fruitport Township Fire Inspector Brian Michelli said he doesn't understand why some state officials are balking at the casino proposal. Tribal leaders have said the proposed \$100 million development would create more than 1,000 permanent and temporary jobs.

"Show me something else that's going to create those jobs," Michelli said. "Have them take a better look at this casino."

Robert Memberto, the tribe's director of commerce, asked the governor's staff: What other jobs is the governor offering for West Michigan?

Governor Snyder said earlier this year that he is unwilling to sign the compact amendment at this time. One of the Governor's constituents' relations representatives, Hartman Aue, said concerning the discussion about the casino proposal: "I'll be happy to take this passion back to the governor."

The Muskegon Chronicle had several articles during the week concerning the meeting and community response.



Community Speaks Out!



Larry Romanelli - Ogema

Clearly, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has local support for their Muskegon County Casino Project. The local business community, local units of government and the community all give their support, yet the only hold up to move this project forward, remains the Office of the Governor.

The Governor is not even being asked to give support to the project at this time, he is only being asked to allow LRBOI to progress to the federal level to do the due diligence needed with the Secretary of Interior by amending Section 9 of our compact.

Once allowed to move to the federal level only then can the Tribe secure the information needed to bring back to the State of Michigan to then make a determination on the project. I believe West Michigan and Muskegon County is once again being ignored by the State in plans for future gaming.

While Governor Snyder contends that he is "...not a supporter of casinos.." I can't recall his reasoning. This project is more than just a casino! The project has other economic development plans as well. If his contention is because of potential gambling addictions, do we stop building malls because a small percentage of the population become "shopaholics"? Do we close restaurants because some people develop eating disorders? If his is an anti-gambling stance then should we shut down the bingo halls and repeal the State lottery and Club Keno? It doesn't add up.

The fact is that there is no excuse to not allow this project to move forward, period. Millions of dollars in potential local and state revenue continue to be lost and hundreds of desperately needed jobs are lost by this delay.

Commerce comments

LRBOI Tribal Commerce Director Robert Memberto had these comments about the recent turn of events as we try to move forward for a casino in Muskegon.

"Once again Michigan Jobs are being held up by Politics. Clearly a project that has this much local community support should be able to garner the attention and support needed in the Governor's office and assist in job creation in Muskegon County. The Governor has stated "No, not now" We have to ask hard questions as voters, community members and supporters of this project, "if not now, when?" What other jobs or developments in Muskegon County or West Michigan are offering this type of win-win job creation with zero tax incentives from MEDC? How many proposed developments will have the type of immediate impact on the economy, tourism, and unemployment in Muskegon County? This project is not the panacea, but it is a piece of the economic puzzle that is desperately needed to help move Muskegon County forward. If the state/Governor/MEDC is getting out of the economic game of picking winners and losers why is this project being held up in Muskegon County?"

The proposed Section 9 Amendments will allow the due diligence to be conducted at the federal level and if it is positive outcome the process mandates that it come back to the Governor's office and legislature to have the final say whether Muskegon County and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians can have a casino in Fruitport Township." There are multiple resolutions of support from the County and Townships for this project and it has overwhelming public support in Muskegon County. I firmly believe this is the right project, at the right place, and at the right time. The community benefits portion of this project is staggering once you look at the big picture with the Local Revenue Sharing Board and the 7th Generation Fund and the possibilities of what could be accomplished with the funds working together for the betterment of the community. It is disheartening to see Detroit casino interests, out of area Tribal casino interests that oppose this project, and Lansing politics hold up progress in Muskegon County.

Memberto has been one of the key tribal players in the multi-year effort by Little River and regularly represents tribal interests in Lansing.



Internet viewing of Council Meetings. <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/government/tribal-council>

Work Session Attendance											
Date	Work Session Title	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Kimberly Alexander	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Michael Ceplina	Total Attending
6/4/12	Articles of Incorporation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
6/4/12	Duplex - Playground	x			x	x	x	x			5
6/4/12	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
6/5/12	Round Table	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
6/5/12	Litigation Oversight	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
6/5/12	Budget and Appropriations Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
6/7/12	Muskegon Update	x		x	x	x	x	x			6
6/8/12	Bowling Fun Center	x	x		x		x				4
6/8/12	IRS General Welfare	x	x		x		x				4
6/11/12	Agenda Review	x	x		x		x			x	5
6/11/12	Consultation with MDOT	x	x		x		x			x	5
6/12/12	Round Table	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	7
6/12/12	Self-Governance Presentation	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	7
6/14/12	Muskegon Update	x								x	2
6/18/12	Financial Report	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	7
6/18/12	Agenda Review	x	x			x	x	x		x	6
6/19/12	Round Table	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
6/19/12	Indian Preference Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
6/19/12	Budget and Appropriations Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
6/19/12	Tribal Ogema & Ethics Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
6/21/12	Muskegon Update	x		x	x	x	x			x	6
6/22/12	Travel/Training for Council	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
6/26/12	Agenda Review	x		x	x	x	x	x	*	*	7
6/26/12	Round Table	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	7
6/26/12	Government Structure Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	7
6/26/12	Litigation Oversight	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	*	7
	26 Meetings for the Month of June	26	21	11	23	19	25	18	13	13	
*	Travel-Attended Partner in Action conference with BIA										



Special presentation from LRCR!

The Resort has scheduled a special meeting for all members following the Elders Meeting on **August 4th at 2 p.m.**

regarding a proposed project. This presentation will take place at the Makwa Endaat (Bears Den) at the Little River Casino Resort

New IT Tech!



Jesse Bellinger was recently hired as an I.T. Technician. He attends classes at Baker College of Cadillac, where he is pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Information Technology and Security. Currently he resides in Lake County but is working on moving into Manistee. Jesse enjoys a variety of outdoor sports such as hunting, fishing, camping, and the shooting sports.

Revenue Sharing Distribution

The Manistee County Revenue Sharing Board handed out the Cycle I Grant monies in the middle of June to a number of area government organizations. They handed out \$543,091.67 to various departments including the County Sheriff's office; Onekama Township for a fire truck; Bear Lake Township; the County Medical Care facility; the County Road Commission and various townships and schools. There are two distributions a year under the P.I.L.T. agreement (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) with the tribe.

The local newspaper, Manistee News Advocate made sure to highlight where the money comes from when they said in a side-bar, "The funds that are distributed... come from 2% of the electronic gaming at the casino (LRCR). The payment of those funds to the revenue board is part of the agreement between the State of Michigan and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that allows the tribe to operate the gaming facility."

Since 1999, the Resort has sent more than \$22 million to the Revenue Sharing Board for distribution through the grants process. As the News Advocate reported, "It is money that has impacted every part of the county, and made possible the purchase of things that could have never been acquired by the local government entities on their own."

Testimony to the Indian Law and Order Commission



In late June, Former TPD Director Joseph LaPorte traveled to Oklahoma City to testify as part of a two-person panel, Law Enforcement in Indian Country from the Federal Perspective, before the Indian Law and Order Commission. The Commission is an independent advisory group directed by the Tribal Law and Order Act to report to the White House and the Congress next year with specific proposals to improve safety and justice in Indian Country.

In 2008, President Obama vowed that this administration would, in partnership with Native Americans, empower tribal governments. In response, the office of the PM-ISE uses its government-wide authorities to address a wide range of initiatives to improve tribal government involvement in national information sharing efforts. Indian Country covers an expansive area of the United States. Indian land areas contain nearly 56.2 million acres across 36 states. It has presence at U.S. ports and spans borders. Tribal governments counter threats to homeland security, alongside their federal, state, and local counterparts, every day. The following are several responsible information sharing programs and challenges that LaPorte highlighted in his testimony.

National Crime Information Center (NCIC)

The FBI's NCIC has been called the lifeline of law enforcement—it is an electronic clearinghouse of crime data that can be tapped into by virtually every criminal justice agency nationwide at any time. In early 2011, a joint action by the U.S. Attorney's Office, DOJ's Office of Tribal Justice, and the office of the PM-ISE removed persistent policy obstacles to ensure tribal access to the NCIC. This access enables law enforcement to securely monitor the movement of personnel and vehicles across jurisdictional lines, including known or suspected terrorists, and improves their safety by helping to keep them informed while performing official duties. However, not all tribal law enforcement entities on the state level have the ability to run arrest warrants.

National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)

NLETS is the national justice and public safety information sharing network. It is a state-of-the-art, secure information sharing system for state and local law enforcement agencies. Because tribes are sovereign nations, each tribe interacts with state, local, and federal law enforcement

in different ways, and while some tribes have comprehensive law enforcement agencies that can access NLETS through the state-owned systems, others have less sophisticated systems and limited access. Law enforcement information sharing is essential to ensure officers approach vehicles with all the information necessary for a safe traffic stop.

About 1 year ago, the NLETS Program Management Office asked the office of the PM-ISE to assist in garnering increased NLETS access for tribal law enforcement organizations. We reached out to Indian Country, expanded their knowledge of NLETS benefits, and established the first ever connectivity pilot with four tribes in separate regions of the United States.

The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)

NSI is a multifaceted approach designed to increase the effectiveness of state, local, and tribal law enforcement professionals in identifying, analyzing, and sharing appropriate suspicious activities to prevent acts of terrorism. The office of the PM-ISE has partnered with the NSI Program Management Office and the IACP Indian Country Section to develop training materials, and the NSI PMO has sent training material to 172 of the approximately 200 tribal law enforcement agencies thus far.

Fusion Centers

The national network of state and major urban area fusion centers blend relevant law enforcement and intelligence information, and coordinate security measures to reduce threats in local communities. Due to the proximity with tribal lands, tribal law enforcement is a vital participant in the fusion center mission. Through leadership of the office of the PM-ISE, with various state authorities, tribal law enforcement personnel are integrated into four fusion centers, Oklahoma, Arizona, Michigan, and Washington, through liaison programs and embedding analysts.

Moving Forward

The bulk of LaPorte's office's efforts are focused on addressing foundational policy, governance, relationship, and capacity issues. Generally, gaps remain in tribal information sharing. Geography tends to dictate what to share, and sharing is usually based on relationships. Representation in fusion centers, southern and northern border communication and resources, training, and recognition of tribal law enforcement demand our focus moving forward. As LaPorte has said before, criminals will always exploit gaps and weaknesses, so we must close them by communicating and collaborating between tribal law enforcement and other federal, state, and local law enforcement organizations. Our criminal is theirs, and theirs is ours.

(Former LRBOI Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte joined the office of the PM-ISE as Senior Tribal Advisor in September, 2010 after spending many years in Tribal law enforcement. Current and former LRBOI Elected officials, Directors and Employees continue to actively advocate the cause of both Little River and all tribal nations on the national scene.)

Michigan's New Household Waste Burning Law



House Bill #4207 which controls what can be burned by Michigan residents was signed into law April 19th of 2012. Burn barrels are notorious for emitting hazardous smoke and ash which often contains dioxins, lead, mercury, chromium, arsenic, sulfur, hexachlorobenzene, and particulates. Immediate and long term health effects are directly linked to these substances and include asthma, kidney and liver damage, nervous system, reproductive and developmental disorders. These substances also enter the environment and food chain showing up in your garden vegetables, fish, livestock, and even in the dirt on your children's hands. Additionally, outdoor burning is responsible for starting the majority of Michigan wildfires which number over 8,000 per year.

Michigan's new law helps to protect the public from these hazards by now prohibiting the burning of plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals, and hazardous materials; natural materials including untreated paper and cardboard is still permissible.

Michigan is the only Great Lakes state to still permit household waste burning. The inherent problem lies in that waste stream materials are far more toxic now than in the past. Additionally, burn barrels seldom provide adequate combustion air and ventilation, so materials smolder at low temperatures creating a "toxic soup" that wafts out of the barrel for hours. Please consider composting, recycling or landfilling as an alternative to the health and fire risks associated with outdoor waste burning. If you must burn, use an approved device as described below, and always check the Michigan Burn Permit system to be certain weather conditions are safe for outdoor burning prior to lighting your fire at: www.michigan.gov/burnpermit or 1-866-922-2876, also visit: www.firewise.msu.edu and learn more.



- ✓ Cover - Weighted metal mesh with holes no larger than ¾ inch.
- ✓ Combustion and clean burning – Use steel rods or pipes to hold burning material up for clean fast burn.
- ✓ Air supply/draft holes – Locate in the base, holes no larger than ¾ inch.
- ✓ Safety ring – 5ft + circumference of rock, concrete or bare mineral soil around barrel.
- ✓ Be smart – Never leave a fire unattended, you are always responsible for your fire!



*Exclusive **one time** offer to all associates and tribal members!*

Little River Casino has used the same mattress manufacturer since our first hotel room opened. They are based in Grand Rapids, MI and have proven over the years to provide a very high quality, durable product that our guests love sleeping on! It is one of our most sought after items and also one that we receive hundreds of positive comments on! Many of you have experienced it your selves!

By special arrangements with our mattress supplier we have put a program together for all Associates, employees and members to purchase these new mattress sets for their own personal use at the same cost as the resort pays, a substantial savings over the price for a comparable product at a store.

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13 1/2" tall and the box spring is 7 3/4" tall

Payment methods: Cash/Check/Money Orders/Credit Cards accepted. Please make checks/money orders out to Little River Casino Resort.

Employees of LRCR will be eligible for payroll deduction. Please see payroll to make arrangements.

Total balance must be paid prior to delivery dates: September 20 and 21, 2012.

Taxes will be added to prices listed below.

Payment information and processing may be done by contacting Barb Wood #231-723-1535 ext 3863

All orders must be placed and paid for by AUGUST 31, 2012

Please Check Below

King Set (76x80)	591.00 + \$35.46 = \$626.46	_____
Queen Set (60x80)	436.00 + \$26.16 = \$462.16	_____
Full Set (54x75)	410.00 + \$24.60 = \$434.60	_____
Twin Set (39x75)	310.00 + \$18.60 = \$328.60	_____

Mattress will be available for pick up at the distribution center / warehouse at Little River Casino Resort on September 20 and 21.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Bereavement

When you are grieving is not the time to discover your paperwork isn't done!

The Tribal Enrollment Department has had a few incidents in the past that need to be brought to your attention. We have had a few young people pass away, who have not filled out the Bereavement Beneficiary Papers. This has created a problem for the families as well as for your Enrollment Department.

When we are young, we tend to think we are invincible and that we will not pass away, but it happens. This creates problems not only for the Enrollment Department but more especially it creates hardships for the family members left behind.

When the next of kin are children there are special challenges. If there is no **Bereavement Beneficiary** on file, the information goes to the courts. The court pays the funeral bill and then pays the rest of the money to the family. If the next of kin are children, accounts are created only if they are tribal members. Then the children are not able to access this money until they are older. This is hard on the family when they could have used the extra money.

The LRBOI Enrollment Department wants to bring this to your attention, because they want tribal members who have not filled out the Bereavement Beneficiary form to realize that it does hurt your family.

Don't wait, fill out your paperwork now!

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.

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.



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By calling the HR Department

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 Muskegon area is home to many tribal veterans and they, along with all veterans who depend upon the VA for health care, received some good news last month. The Muskegon VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic opened their new offices at 5000 Hakes Drive in Norton Shores, just off the entrance drive to the Muskegon Airport Terminal.

The building features 8,000 square feet of space which is four times the amount of room that the VA Clinic had in the old office on Apple Avenue.



The Muskegon clinic has 12 Veterans Affairs employees and provides primary care, mental health and laboratory services to veterans. This clinic is one of four satellite facilities from the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.



The acting director of the Battle Creek center, Denise Deitzen, remembered the ‘relatively’ small space that they started with at 165 E. Apple in 1998. The original clinic had 1,050 square feet of space and was eventually expanded to 2,400 square feet. This facility experienced large growth over the years to 11,150 visits in 2010. She expects the growth to continue.

Deitzen added, “We started out with a very small clinic. Now, we have this beautiful space, but it’s really not about the space. It’s about the care our staff provides for our veterans.”

According to the Veterans Affairs Office, the additional space at this new location is essential to support the growth of the clinic in its programs. In addition, the new space is set up to ensure the needs of women veterans, enhance patient privacy and increase available exam rooms for primary care providers and nurses.

Government Center project

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government Center project is visibly underway now with site preparation and heavy equipment getting everything in place for construction. The (expected) 18-month project will cost approximately \$10 million dollars and will bring tribal services together under one roof for the first time in the tribes’ recent history. This is the largest construction project in Manistee since the Little River Casino Resort expansion.

The project is being guided by a Tribal Council Task Force made up of Council members, Candace Chapman, Virgil Johnson, Pat Ruitter and Michael Ceplina



Check out the new website under the News & Media tab at www.lrboi.com for ongoing views and news on the project.

Go to:

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/news-a-media/government-center-project>



Tribal Court site

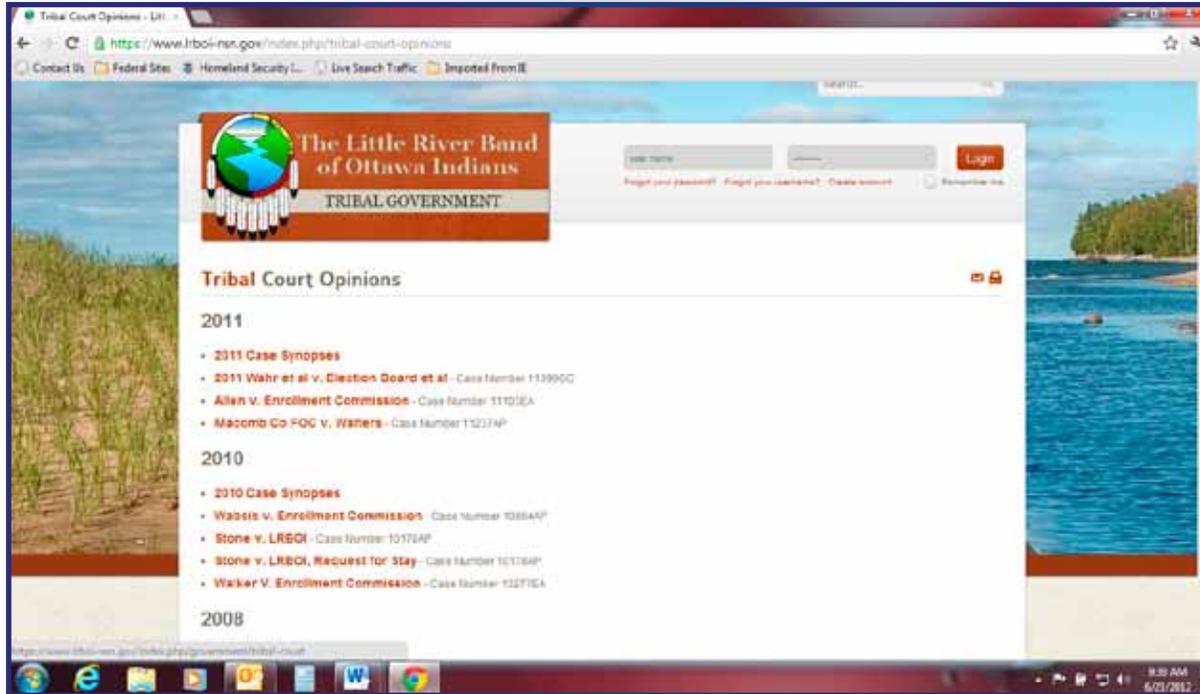
Have you ever wondered how a Tribal Court case turned out?

It is common knowledge that there are a lot of lawsuits and court cases involved in Indian Country and that holds true here at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

The tribes' judicial branch is active in big issues and small ones and now you can see many of the rulings and opinions delivered by our Judges and Justices.

Instead of waiting to hear over the 'moccasin telegraph' what happened, you can go to the tribes' website at www.lrboi.com, enter the Tribal Court site and see the actual rulings!

The site is being updated with more case reports this year so please be sure to check in every once in a while for updates.



ATTENTION FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department has started up a program to assist prospective Homeowners with Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance. The program is available for first time Homeowners, there are no income requirements, and you can receive a maximum of \$5,000.00 which is based on 2.33% Down Payment and 1% Closing Costs. The program is a tribally funded program and is open to the membership who lives nationwide.

If you would like more information about this program, please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department, at the following number, (231) 398.6878.

Thank you!

Clay for Kids



Parents and grandparents were welcome and they were encouraged to join the kids as well.

The ones who attended had just as much fun as the kids!

For more information about the Clay for Kids program check out www.ClayForKidsL3C.com.



The Education Department had a "Clay for Kids" day at LRBOI Saturday June 30th with LRBOI tribal member Melissa Zelenak holding a special workshop for our kids. The young ones learned to build with clay and to create their own masterpieces. The clay pieces will be fired by Melissa and ready for painting on their own. The session was from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the old community center on US-31.

Space was limited to 10 kids but if more are interested, we can offer further sessions. Everyone (including Moms) were encouraged to bring an old shirt, because it was likely to get messy!!

The 'Thunder at the River 3rd Annual Salute to Veterans' was held the weekend of June 23rd at the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee. The event was hosted by Rolling Thunder of Manistee County Chapter 1 over a two-day period to raise funds for homeless veterans.

John Stocki, a member of Rolling Thunder said that, "...through this event we also wanted to raise awareness for the Gold Star Mothers and the Blue Star Mothers programs." The Gold Star program honors those mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service and the Blue Star program recognizes the mothers of those currently serving or who have been honorably discharged. Jerry Langhann (Chapter President) told the *Currents* that this was especially wonderful for some of the mothers who have been dealing with the grief or separation.

Skabaywis Jerry Ramsey and Michael Burmeister (LRBOI) honored those coming onto the resort grounds as Native American 'Spiritual Helpers' by smudging the bikes and then helped by accompanying the almost 400 riders on their tour through the county as the 'Bike Ambulance'.

While at the event, riders were invited to sign a "Thank You" banner for Bravo Troop from the Manistee National Guard unit currently deployed in Afghanistan.



Hundreds of area residents lined the route as the bikers drove by. They also joined in viewing of the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Wall which was hosted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 73 from Holland, Michigan.



LRBOI Tribal Police units accompanied the riders on their tour and Bear Lake Township CERT which includes tribal personnel assisted with traffic control to keep everyone safe for this special event.





We developed a strategic plan and one idea was a Peacemaking Conference. The conference was just an idea back in 2009. But, in January of 2012 with the approval in hand we hit the ground running. I contacted Judy Ball, the Conference Sales Manager and she guided me through the steps that would make the conference a success. The team of volunteers I put together was Wanda Joseph, Tom St. Dennis, Josh Stone, Deb Davis, and Laurie Jackson. We added Deb Miller and Laurie Willis,



Ogema Romanelli



Bill Waters with Pat Wilson



Chief Judge Bailey speaks to attendees



Paul Raphael



Austen Brauker



Ernest H. St. Germaine and Paul Raphael



Speaker Parson at Conference



Kim Alexander greets attendees



Wanda Joseph



Hon. Ernest H. St. Germaine



Kay Pranis

with support from Ron Wittenberg and Austin Brauker. Planning was in full speed and, just under four and half months later the vision became a reality. On June 6th, of 2012, we were proud to say the Peacemaking/ Probation Department was hosting the first Midwest Peacemaking Conference at the Little River Casino. I would also like to thank our very own Public Affairs Officer, Glenn Zaring for his great MC work.

“I want to thank you once again for your insight and effort in putting together the Peacemaking Conference. James Botsford Director, Indian Law Office Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.”

“Thanks again for inviting me to be a presenter at the Peacemaking Conference. It was a great conference and a great time of learning for both my wife and me. Barry Lee Burnside, Program Coordinator Dispute Resolution Services of Gryphon Place”

My name is Stan Webster, turtle clan, Oneida Tribe of Indians in Wisconsin. I have served on our judicial system as judge, appellate court judge and peacemaking since 1991. My current position is Deputy Chief Judicial Officer, Oneida Appeals. Attended your peacemaking conference and am most impressed that the peacemaking conference was sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa without federal dollars. Dispute resolution is and always has been one part of internal sovereignty. Just hosting a peacemaking conference makes a statement about internal sovereignty of the Little River Band of Ottawa. Judge Stan Webster, from the Oneida Tribe in Wisconsin “I want to congratulate and thank you for initiating and putting together the First Annual Peacekeeper’s Convention; I have heard much praise for your efforts. Ogema Larry Romanelli”

As the coordinator of the peacemaking conference, I am truly thankful for all of the help and support I received in putting together the “First Annual Peacemaking Conference.”
Patrick D. Wilson
Peacemaking/Probation Supervisor



Ernie address conference

Peacemaking Probation Department

Starting this July the Peacemaking/Probation Department is accepting “Letters of Interest” from Tribal Members, who would like to become part of a very rewarding and fulfilling mission, and what is that mission, it is Peacemaking.

In our quest to provide the best possible service to our Members each year we strive to involve caring and compassionate Tribal Members by asking them to volunteer to become Peacemakers. For every peacemaking session the volunteer Peacemaker takes part in, they will receive a stipend of \$60.00

The Peacemaking/Probation Department would like to invite you and encourages you to become a Peacemaker. Together we can heal our Tribal relationships, two Members at a time. “Remember, you can’t build a community without unity”

If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker, Please contact:

Pat Wilson (231)398-2239 email: pwilson@lrboi.com

Austen Brauker (231)398-2240 email: abrauker@lrboi.com

END DATE: Dec.21, 2012

GOALS OF PEACEMAKING

The Peacemaking Program hopes to provide access to a traditional form of restorative justice, providing a safe environment for all participants to resolve their disputes. Peacemakers will provide education to the community about Peacemaking and Anishi-naabe culture. Drawing upon the wisdom of our ancestors through the traditional ceremonies, stories, songs, dances and daily living techniques will help us to help one another walk in balance and harmony on our life path. Peacemakers will be active within the community as role models, hoping to heal by example. They will perform outreach as needed by networking within the nine county service areas in order to find the best available services for the participants.

Strengthening family relations is a primary goal of the program, helping individuals to be responsible for their own actions and helping them to see how their behavior affects others. Through this process, the participants can reach agreements and help develop their own personalized paths toward resolutions. Many different forms of dispute may be eligible for Peacemaking sessions, including but not limited to: Family disputes, work related conflicts or court ordered cases of various kinds. The program is voluntary. Anyone can choose not to participate at any time. Peacemaking hopes to provide an alternative system to modern courts that will focus on growth and dialogue rather than incarceration or other forms of punishment. Peacemaking is the place of healing many hearts.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Odenaang Enjino-jimoying is to provide a traditional conflict resolution process for Little River Band children, adults, families and descendants. Peacemaking is also extended to address conflicts between non-member tribal employees. The Peacemaking process will promote healing between the participants by providing a safe environment in which healthier relationships can be encouraged through the art of discussion. Peacemakers will draw upon knowledge of Anishinaabek customs to work out problems and utilize community based services to reach these goals. Peacemakers will help the participants to help themselves. The focus of this process will always be one of healing rather than punishment. People will be encouraged through Peacemaker mediation to address their issues and agree to a path that leads them to a positive resolution.

TRADITION OF PEACEMAKING

Anishinaabek tribes have traditionally dealt with the wrong-doings of their own people, internally, without the imposition of modern court systems which are divisive by nature, mostly focused on methods of punishment rather than ways to address and heal the underlying cause of the behavior. In other words, the courts tend to punish a person for the symptoms of the problem, rather than correcting the deeper reasons that cause them. This way leads to a revolving door called "recidivism" where the people find themselves getting in trouble

more and more often because the original problem still remains within their hearts. Peacemaking is a program that brings back our traditional methods of dealing with conflicts, ways of healing that rely on the values of our ancestors, Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Humility and Honesty.

During the Peacemaking sessions, our four sacred medicines are used (Tobacco, Cedar, Sage and Sweet grass) within a traditional talking circle, where participants can settle disputes and address issues in a positive manner. Healthy communication is a key component of Peace-making. This process not only strengthens our sovereignty as a tribe, but heals the individuals that define who we are as Little River Band Ottawa. Every tribal member is a part of that identity. We are as strong and healthy as our tribal membership.

TRADITIONAL REQUEST

A traditional request to participate in a Peacemaking session can be performed by the offering of Sema (Tobacco), or any one of the other traditional medicines (Cedar, Sage or Sweet grass). This can be done as part of a Court order or by personal request and will begin the intake process. A decision whether to accept the case or not will be made within 20 days, the first Peacemaking session will be held within 30 days of acceptance. The Peacemakers reserve the right to deny any case accompanied by a written response.

ELIGIBILITY

- A) Youth Tribal Members who have a case Pending before any Tribal Court, or State Court of Michigan.
- B) Adult Tribal Members who have a civil case pending before any Tribal Court, or State Court of Michigan.
- C) Members of any federally recognized Tribe, State Historic Tribe or any Anishinaabek who would voluntarily Participate.
- D) Tribal Employees.

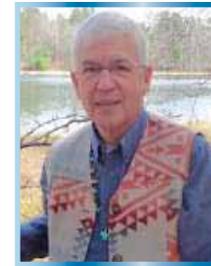
We are honored to host the First Midwest Peacemaking Conference. We have gathered professionals working in the field of Peacemaking from the Midwest region. Each of them has their own unique way of providing their Peacemaking service. The goal of the Conference is to bring a broad overview of Peacemaking 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. Also, The Conference will offer many opportunities to network with others who are interested in developing and creating peacemaking programs, and departments.

We feel education and training are the keys opening the door to a successful Peacemaking Journey.

Keynote Speaker

Hon. Ernest H. St.Germaine,
Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe



By Tribal tradition, he was named Minode'i by his grandmother. Later, he was given the name Bineshi, the name of his clan mentor and teacher and his name thus became, Minode'i Bineshi. His name means, "lifts your heart, bird." He is from the Aadjjak dodem, the Crane clan, of the Ojibwe and is by tradition, an orator, speaker and teacher.

Although educated in public schools and Universities, Judge St.Germaine claims that his most important teachings have come from those elders who instilled in him his Anishinabe identity. He firmly believes that nothing he knows is his own but rather was given to him by those teachers as well as from the directions in his dreams. By that tradition, he freely gives his teachings, stories and knowledge to others when they ask for it..

Judge St.Germaine was appointed to the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court in 1990 and served the Tribe as Chief Judge for twelve years. He also served as Chief Trial Judge for the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe for five years.

Today he continues to serve on the faculty at the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada-Reno. Judge St.Germaine continues to hear cases and appeals for Tribal Courts in Wisconsin but has mostly been focusing his energy as a Peacekeeper. He works with families and especially tribal youth.

He has also served as a Curriculum Coordinator and writer for tribal programs and schools in Wisconsin and is also the author of Winaboozhoo Adizokaan, a collection of traditional Ojibwe stories.

Guest Speaker

Kay Pranis



Kay Pranis is an independent trainer and facilitator for peacemaking circles. From 1994 to 2003 she worked for the Minnesota Department of Corrections as the Restorative Justice Planner. She worked with leaders in corrections, police, courts, neighborhood groups, faith communities and education to develop a comprehensive response to crime and conflict based on restorative justice. Kay has been involved in the development of circle processes in criminal justice, schools, neighborhoods, families and the workplace.

She is author of the Little Book of Circle Processes: A New/Old Approach to Peacemaking and a co-author of Peacemaking Circles: From Crime to Community, Doing Democracy with Circles – Engaging the Community in Public Planning and Heart of Hope – A Guide for Using Circles to Develop Emotional Literacy, Promote Healing and Build Healthy Relationships.

Workshop Presenters

Barry Lee Burnside



Barry Lee Burnside is Program Coordinator of Dispute Resolution Services of Gryphon Place, one of Michigan's Community Dispute Resolution Programs. They offer conflict resolution opportunities to residents of Kalamazoo, Calhoun, and Barry Counties and apply the principals of restorative justice in courts and schools.

Prior to assuming his duties at Gryphon Place in 2002, he founded and directed a program in Georgia for incarcerated adults and crime victims; established the first juvenile court mediation program in that state's Southwestern Judicial Circuit, was an instructor in state and county prisons, and spent over a decade working with men on Georgia's death row.

He has been a mediator since 1996 and is qualified to provide mediation services in a variety of conflicts including civil court disputes, Equal Employment Opportunity cases, victim/offender dialogues, special education conflicts, and child protection matters. From 2008-2010 he worked with the Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love and Forgiveness as a community partner facilitating public discussions on the topic of forgiveness. Barry is a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution and the Victim Offender Mediation Association.

JoAnne Gasco



JoAnne Gasco is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians from Peshawbestown, MI. Her professional experience has been with Tribal Courts where she has served as Chief Judge

and Associate Judge for two tribes in Michigan. During her tenure as judge, she was involved in the organization and development of two alternative courts: Peacemaking and the Healing to Wellness Court (Drug Court). She has been a facilitator and trainer on Peacemaking topics for various tribal organizations and conferences. She is a member of the Wisconsin Bar and graduated with her Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin School Of Law, 2001.

Winnifred L Thomas



Winnifred L Thomas is an Appellate Court Judge for the Oneida Tribal Judicial System and had served as the Chief Judicial Officer from 2006 to 2011. Ms. Thomas was elected to the Oneida Judiciary in 1995 for a four year term as a parttime Judicial Officer. She was re-elected to the Judiciary four consecutive terms and when she completes this term she

will have served 16 years on the Oneida Tribal Judicial System.

In 2005 she was selected to serve a full time position. She was selected to be the Chief Judicial Officer representing the Oneida Tribal Judicial System and held that title for five years. Ms. Thomas is a lifelong member of the Oneida community and over the years has had extensive training at the National Judicial College and other training facilities. Ms. Thomas is a certified mediator and a peacemaker for the Judiciary as well as for the community. Ms. Thomas worked for the United States Post Office. While in the Post Office she held many positions, from rural carrier to postmaster. Ms. Thomas was the Postmaster of the Oneida Post Office and she retired in 2001 with 31 years to her credit.

Aside from the post office and the Oneida Judiciary, Ms. Thomas started her own business in 1995, WT Creations catering, and later bought a bakery. When Ms. Thomas became a full time Judicial Officer, she handed both businesses over to the capable hands of her children. Ms. Thomas has four children and eight grandchildren and a 90 year old mother who is very much a part of her life and her best friend.

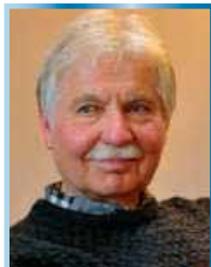
Paul Raphael



Paul Raphael is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. He has worked for the GTB Tribal Courts and assisted with the development of the Peace Making and Drug Court. He uses nature connections as part of the recovery process. Paul has been teaching Cultural Mentoring and nature connections here in the states

and abroad for the past 15 years. He now operates his own business called Two Tracking Adventure.

Bill Waters



Bill Waters is a retired Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI. He has been a mediator and a trainer for 20 years. He has conducted over 15 mediator trainings approved by the Michigan State Court Administrator's office and dozens of trainings for the Police Academy and the Department

of Corrections. He has taught university courses in Conflict Resolution and Mediation internationally.

As a Ford Fellow in Durban, South Africa, he was a founding member, along with Ela Gandhi, of the board of the Mediation Institute of Southern Africa.

Christine J. Sabas



Christine J. Sabas, Esquire, is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. She received her undergraduate degree from Lebanon Valley College, specifically a Bachelor of Arts de-

gree in Sociology, with a concentration in criminal justice. As a naturalized citizen (originally from Shiraz, Iran), she focused her practice upon immigration law. She previously worked for Catholic Charities, Immigration Legal Services in Baltimore, Maryland and was a Judicial Law Clerk at the Executive Office for Immigration Review, York Immigration Court.

Attorney Sabas also has extensive experience in all aspects of juvenile law as she previously was a juvenile defender, in Union County as the First Assistant Public Defender at the Snyder County Public Defender's office. She served as the solicitor for Union County Children and Youth Services. Attorney Sabas is admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She is very active and joined the Christian Peacemaker Teams www.cpt.org and currently serves with the Aboriginal Justice Team in Toronto.

Jackie Hallberg



Jackie Hallberg, LMSW began working with the Balanced and Restorative Justice Program in May 2001. Ms. Hallberg is a social worker and program coordinator at Mediation & Restorative Services at the Brian

Mattson Center for Restorative Justice in Muskegon, Michigan where she coordinates Victim Offender Mediations, Victim Impact Panels, Prisoner Re-Entry Family Reunification and a variety of other Restorative Programs.

Ms. Hallberg has presented trainings on restorative justice, impact panels, victim engagement, bullying, and victim offender mediation. Her passion is working to make a safer, more connected community.

Workshop Presenters

Carol Voigts



Carol Voigts has been involved with peace and social justice since a teenager. In college she was already an activist in her church, and community. She became a draft counselor during the Vietnam conflict, worked with the American Friends Service Committee, participated in civil rights actions, and organized peace and justice marches and actions in the communities she has lived in. As an elementary music teacher, a church youth group leader, camp counselor, community choir director and civic organization member; she was gently pushing the envelope for peace and justice in subtle ways too. Carol enjoys involving others in peace making. For many years she led youth folk dance troupes which participated in regional, national and international exchanges to promote cultural awareness. More recently since retirement, as a member of the Manistee Peace Group, she has been collaborating with Wanda Joseph on developing a program helping people to understand and change white privilege. She is a widow, retired teacher/community worker and grandmother of 11, great grandmother of 3.

Wanda Joseph



Wanda Joseph, MA, is a peacemaker with a passion for harmony, justice and healing. She has a Masters of Arts degree in Conflict Analysis and Engagement from Antioch University Midwest. As a trainer of conflict engagement and communication skills since 1989 and mediator since 1994, Wanda offers a wide variety of services in her private practice of Creative Conflict Resolution. She provides workplace mediation and training in the areas of communication and conflict management as well as the Michigan State Court approved mediator training. She is currently the Outreach Representative with the Michigan Special Ed Mediation Program, promoting mediation for parents and educators in disputes around the education of children with special needs. Because she has a special interest in the healing aspect of laughter and its role in restoring relationships and promoting creative problem solving, she brings lightheartedness to the work of justice with healing.

Kate Kesteloot Scarbrough



Kate Kesteloot Scarbrough is the Executive Director of Mediation & Restorative Services. She has lived in many places in the United States and has seen both the uniqueness in people and the similarity in the hopes and challenges we all face. She is committed to the empowering possibility of mediation. Kate's work with schools, courts, corrections, social services and community coalitions has focused on improving systems to support individual accountability and community connection.

Wilma Henry (Vizenor)



Wilma Henry (Vizenor) was born and raised on the White Earth Indian Reservation and lived in the community of Pine Point, Minnesota. She attended an all Indian Day School in Pine Point and attended High School in Park Rapids, Minnesota. She has attended classes at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, central Michigan University, in Mt. Pleasant Michigan, and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. Wilma married Gordon Henry in 1954. Gordon was veteran of the United States Navy, with 23 years of service. Gordon passed on to the Spirit World in 1999. Wilma has 10 children, 24 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Wilma's six sisters and 1 brother still reside on the White earth Reservation. She has worked one year with the Grand Traverse band of Chippewa Indians, in Traverse City Michigan and for the past 25 years, has worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Her current position is a Cultural Representative for the Elijah Elk Cultural Center, Seventh Generation Program.

Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant



Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant, was born on Manitoulin Island. I was raised in South Bay "Dooganing". As we were growing up we never used Zhaaganaashiimowin in our home just Anishinaabemowin. I did not hear very much English anywhere until I started going to school and even there we all spoke our language. I moved to Michigan in 1979 and now married for over 25 years. I am a proud father of 5 and a proud grandfather of 9. I made my career as a language instructor since 1988 and am employed by the Little River Band. We have developed 2 websites now, "anishinaabemdaa.com" and from the LRBOI.com site "anishinaabemowin" and we have produced 2 interactive language CD ROM'S. We coordinate the Anishinaabe Family Language/Culture Camp every year for the last 19 years. We have guests that attend from all over the United States and Canada every year. We have classes with many different groups within the government here at Little River Band

Hon. Holly K. Thompson



Hon. Holly K. Thompson graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy in 1987. She attended Michigan State University, where she graduated with a B.A. in art and social science. In 1999, Hon. Thompson graduated from DePaul University college of Law, where she served as the Native American Representative and President of the Latino Law Students Association. Hon. Thompson served as a Hearing Officer for the Chicago Public Schools. She was appointed as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Cook county Public Guardian's Office in 2000. Holly has authored the publications: "Jumping Through Hoops: Traditional Healers and the Indian Health Care Act" (1999) and "Making the Cross-cultural Case; Education the Judge about Race, Religion, and Ethnicity" (2004) In 2003 Hon. Thompson moved to Northern Michigan and began work for the Grand Traverse County Prosecutor's Office. From 2008 to 2011, Hon. Thompson was appointed as Acting Chief Judge/ Associate Judge for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Starting in 2010 she began serving as a Supreme Court Judge for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians and she continues to serve in that capacity. Currently Hon. Thompson maintains a private practice in Traverse City. Judge Holly Thompson is a certified Mediator, Peacemaker, and serves as a Pro-tem Appellate Judge for various tribes. In her spare time, she teaches criminal justice classes for the University of Phoenix. Hon. Thompson served as a board member and mentor for Grand Traverse Area Children's Garden, she was a volunteer for the Leelanau Children's Center and Pathfinder School, was appointed to serve on the American Indian Law Committee of the Michigan State Bar, and is the Vice-President of the Northern Michigan Cultural Center. Hon. Holly Thompson is descended from the Yaqui/Apache/Tarascan/San Felipe Pueblo tribes and the English Isles. She resides in Cedar, Michigan with her husband and four of their eight children.

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Submitted by Valerie Chandler, Historic Preservation Coordinator



In anticipation of Father's Day, an auction to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Manistee County was held on Friday, June 15, 2012. A total of 32 themed gift baskets were put together and donated for the cause. Silent bids were cast with hopes of winning a great gift basket to take home for Father's Day. One of the most beautiful and sought after gift baskets was a Native American one which included a handmade rattle, beaded leather pouch, beaded choker necklace, the four sacred medicines, and a beautiful large dreamcatcher as well as other items all nestled in a decorative basket that resembled a canoe. Some of the other most popular baskets included a BBQ grilling one, a fishing-themed one, a golfing one which was complete with a brand-new golf club, and one with everything for a car wash. Another basket that was a huge hit was all about baseball and included two ticket vouchers for the Michigan Frontier League Beach Bums team from Traverse City.

Also included with the baseball tickets was a hand-autographed Beach Bums team poster which featured 28 player signatures!



The auctions caused a bidding frenzy that in the end netted a **Total Raised \$549.27!**

The auction winners were:

- Campfire S'mores – Michelle Lucas
- Choco-holic – Tracy Gehrke
- Auto Accessorized – Karen Lewis
- Honey-Do – Tracy Gehrke
- Grandpa – Deb Miller
- Have a (Root) Beer – Tina Bray
- Game Lover – Jessica Burger
- All-American – Bill Willis
- Bathroom Break – Alyce Giltz
- Native American – Tracy Gehrke
- You Might Be a Redneck – Kathy Gibson
- Fire Up the Grill – Steve Wheeler
- Game Day – Tracy Gehrke
- Sweet Treats (2) – Bill Willis & Sandy Chandler
- Fore the Golfer – Jessica Burger
- Take Me Out to the Ball Game – Michelle Bernatche

- Hook, Line & Sinker – Al Patricio
- Tool Time – Susan Aasen
- Movie Lover – Bill Willis
- Pizza Time – Peggy Vriesman
- The Handyman – Marcella Leusby
- Ice Cream Treat – Jessica Burger
- Coffee Lover – Laura Waagosh
- Show Me the Money – Sandy Chandler
- Wesco Fill-Up – Mary Thomas
- Chips & Dips – Mary Thomas
- Casino Survivor's Kit – Karen Lewis
- Kiss the Cook – Mary Thomas
- Car Wash – Bill Willis
- Bath & Body – Al Patricio
- Goodie Jar – Marcella Leusby



A sincere thank you and much appreciation goes to several ladies who have consistently stepped up by donating these filled baskets for the auctions; without them, the fundraisers would not exist. Kchi-miigwetch to Jessica Burger, Melanie Ceplina, Sandy Chandler, Tammy Bowen, Laura Waagosh, and Michelle Lucas (and Valerie Chandler). Their generosity has been outstanding as well as all of the winning bidders who help support and donate to the Relay for Life of Manistee County. Again, miigwetch and keep watching for more fundraisers to come.



Elise Lancaster experience



Elisa Lancaster from Scofes & Assoc of Lansing shared this with me. She was at Niagara Falls, NY at a Lacrosse Tournament with her son. She was at a small motel in Youngstown, NY (LakeView Motel) and there were a number of flags the owner had collected and he was proud to have one of the 6 nations. He was also very proud of a flag he received fromyou guessed it....the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians! The gentleman flew the flags in Elise honor of the duration of her stay at the hotel. She quotes in email "it's a small world".

I asked Elise if I could share this with the membership and she agreed and she was very proud to see our flag.
Submitted by:
Kimberly Alexander
Tribal Council



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.

The Tax Office has received several calls lately from Tribal members that are not familiar with "Resident Tribal Member" status and the state tax exemptions for Resident Tribal Members that were negotiated in the *Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan*. The following information was published in 2004 when the tax agreement was being implemented. It is being repeated here for the benefit of new members and as a reminder for others.

HOW TO BECOME A RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER

To become a Resident Tribal Member, a Little River Band Tribal Member must live within the Tax Agreement Area (See-**Tax Agreement Area**). The tax office maintains a list of Resident Tribal Members based on their physical address of record. On a monthly basis, the Tribe sends name and address changes, obtained from the Enrollment Office on the 15th, to the Michigan Treasury Department. Resident Tribal Member status takes effect on the 1st day of the following month. If you have any questions about your specific location and if it falls within the Tax Agreement Area, contact the tax office at 231-723-8288 Ext. 6874.

Tax Agreement Area

The tax agreement between the State of Michigan and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians defines a "Resident Tribal Member" as a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area. The Agreement Area includes both the 1836 Reservation (Manistee Reservation) and the 1855 Reservation (Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County).

The Agreement Area per the tax agreement is:

- The portion of Manistee County that includes: Survey sections 24, 25, 35, and 36 in T22N, R17W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R16W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R15W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R14W; survey sections 19-21 and 28-33 in T22N, R13W; survey sections 1-3 and 10-15 in T21N, R17W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R16W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R15W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R14W; and survey sections 4-9 and 16-18 in T21N, R13W; and
- The portion of Mason County that includes: T18N, R16W; and T17N, R16W.

Tax-Exempt Purchases for Resident Tribal Members

The implementation date for the Tax Agreement was April 1, 2004. Consistent with the Tax Agreement which recognized the Tribal tax exempt status of the Tribal government and Resident Tribal Members, the Tribe has chosen to authorize Tribal Members to use Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax for specific purchases listed below. A Tribal Certificate of Exemption must be

presented to the vendor before purchasing the item. No refunds will be allowed for taxes on the purchase of the items covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption. Certificates are available at the Tax Office located in the Bank Building (2nd Floor) during normal business hours.

Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption:

- Motorized vehicles (cars, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles)
- Modular or Mobile homes
- Construction materials for affixation to personal residence
- Tangible personal property for treaty fishing

The Tax Agreement requires that Resident Tribal Members follow certain procedures and file certain forms to receive the exemption. Information required before certificate can be filled out:

- Picture ID of Resident Tribal Member
- Vendor's Name
- Vendor's Address
- Detailed description of item being purchased
- Vehicle ID#, Year, Make and Model
- Modular or mobile home ID#, Year, Make, Model, Physical location within Tax Agreement Area
- Cost of item being purchased

State Income Tax Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

In the past, only Tribal Members that lived within "Indian Country" (principally trust land and land within the exterior boundaries of the reservation) and worked for the Tribe were exempted from Michigan income taxes under Federal law. Under the new Tax Agreement, which is done under the authority of State law, the State has expanded the scope of where a Tribal member can live and work and be exempt from Michigan income taxes. Tribal Members who **live within the Tax Agreement Area, and are registered with their Tribe as a Resident Tribal Member**, will be exempt from Michigan income taxes **regardless of where the Tribal member works**. If you are not sure if your address is within the Tax Agreement Area, call the tax office at 231-723-8288 ext. 6874.

If you have any questions about your residency status, tax-exempt purchases, or income tax exemption, please contact:
Barb Czarnecki-Tax Officer
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street, 2nd Floor
Manistee, MI 49660
Ph: 231-723-8288 Ext. 6874

Food Distribution Program (FDIPIR) 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 FDIPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program. USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2011 & October 1, 2012 Household Size Income Limits	
1.	\$ 1,055.00
2.	\$ 1,373.00
3.	\$ 1,692.00
4.	\$ 2,018.00
5.	\$ 2,362.00
6.	\$ 2,708.00
7.	\$ 3,026.00
8.	\$ 3,344.00

For each additional member add \$ 319.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.
Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00
Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program
Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

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
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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.

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

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
231-398-2234 – 888-723-8288 x 2234 – mwitkop@lrboi.com

Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 – 4:30

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.

EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN MUSKEGON

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is looking to expand services in the Muskegon area. We need members interested in forming a volunteer workgroup to study the best way to expand services in the Muskegon and surrounding areas. Primary areas include but not limited to, Clinic Health Services; Family Services; Member Services.

If interested, please contact Mary Thomas at 231-398-6824.

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
- *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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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.

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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

The Warriors Society is 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



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

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Elders Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event
August 4th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
September 1th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting
October 6th	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting

Elders Conference

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

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

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Consumer Confidence Report Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2012

Is my water safe?

The Little River Band Utility Department would like to report that last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. The LRB Utility vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and we are proud to report to you that we have not violated a maximum contaminant level. The Source Water Protection Plan has been completed and is available for review the plan will be implemented to protect the areas around our source water from inadvertent contamination.

We are currently EPA certified for testing of Total Coli-form / E-coli of which we sample for three times a month for a total of 9 samples per month. We are also in the initial stages of Laboratory Certification for some of the sampling we are required to do eliminating the need for an outside laboratory for some of the EPA required testing parameters.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Our water system is classified as a "Community System" based on the population served which has been established in accordance with the U.S. EPA guidelines which is 8,189 customers served daily.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

Where does my water come from?

The Water Distribution is supplied by two source wells located in Aki Madiziwiin with a 250,000 gallon spheroid storage tower, adjacent to the Justice Center, on M-22. These wells can supply over 700,000 gallons of water a day! An estimated average daily use is currently 95,000 gallons per day. The distribution system consists of PVC, HDPE and Ductile iron piping in various sizes. The level of water in the storage tower, which supplies the needed water pressure to your household or business, is controlled by radio telemetry. The Water Storage Tower is monitored by our staff for needed level changes due to seasonal, fire related emergencies and/or maintenance concerns.

Source water assessment and it's availability

A source water assessment was completed by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Environmental Services Division, 3601 Mackinaw Trail Sault Ste. Marie Mi. in October of 2002. An updated source water protection plan has been completed by the I.T.C. and the LRB Natural Resources Department as previously mentioned and is available for review. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health

Monitoring and reporting violations

The Utility Department has tested for various contaminants since the previous CCR from July 1st 2011 to the present. Contaminants detected along with their detection level are in this report. Samples tested for other contaminant were "not detected" in your drinking water!

Educational Statement for Lead

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of plumbing materials used in your homes. You may wish to have your water tested if you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home. You may also flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using your tap water. Additional information concerning Lead levels is available from the Safe Drinking Water, Hotline (800-426-4791).

*If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. *see sample results listed for lead and copper*



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Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA and the Tribe requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Sampling Results for Past 12 Months

Contaminants (units)	Mg/L MCLG	mg/L MCL	Our Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source /Health Effect	
DBPR Disinfection by-product rule									
TTHM;	0.0005	0.080	0.0109mg/L	NA	0.0064	8-29-2011	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection using chlorination Some diinfectants and disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) have been shown to cause cancer and reproductive effects in lab animals and suggested bladder cancer and reproductive effects in humans.	
(Total Trihalomethanes)									
Results are in mg/L									
Bromodichloromethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0009mg/L			8-29-2011			
Bromoform	0.0005	0.080	< 0.5 ug/l			8-29-2011			
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0005	0.080	0.01mg/L			8-29-2011			
Chloroform	0.0005	0.080	< 0.5 ug/l			8-28-2011			
Dalapon and Halo acetic acids:									
Bromochloroacetic Acid	0.001	N/A	< 0.001			8-29-2011		Same as Above	
Dibromoacetic Acid	0.001	N/A	< 0.001			8-28-2011			
Dichloroacetic Acid	0.001	N/A	< 0.001			8-29-2011			
Total Halo acetic Acids	0.01	0.060	< 0.002			8-29-2011			
Contaminant(s) (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Our Water			Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source / Health Effect	
Volatile Organic Chemicals	Varies		< MCGL's			9-26-2011	No		
Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	AL	Our Water			Sample Date	Exceeds	Typical Source	
Nitrate (well # 2)		10 ppm	1.1 ppm			9-27-2011	No	Run off from fertilizer use; Leaching from Septic tanks, sewage; Erosion from natural deposits.	
Nitrate (well # 1)		10 ppm	1.4 ppm			9-27-2011	No	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.	
Contaminant(s) (Units)	MCLG	Al	Our Water			Sample Date	Exceeds	Typical Source	
Lead 90%	0.015 mg/L		0.004 mg/L			6-8-2011	No	Lead and copper enter the water system primarily through plumbing material. Exposure to lead and copper may cause health problems ranging from stomach distress to brain damage.	
Copper 90%	1.3 mg/L		0.21 mg/L			6-8-2011	No		

Units Description:

NA: Not applicable

ND: Not detected

NR: Not reported-p

MNR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) is a unit for measuring radioactive concentrations. The curie (Ci) unit is the activity of 1 gram of pure radium 226. Pico is a scientific notation term which means 1×10^{-12}

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

It has been such a pleasure for me to watch the Elder Meals Program grow and become what it is today. I have had the honor to meet and develop relationships with many of our Tribal Elders. I have also been able to meet many individuals in the community who come and volunteer their time performing many various tasks to insure successful meals. Below are just a few different Elders that have had positive experiences with our program. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers.

Stella Gibson has been attending the Elder Meals Program the last 6 months or so on a fairly regular basis. I have had the pleasure of getting to know her as well as her husband Jim. We have had conversations on many subjects: Chicago, recipe sharing or ideas on how to uplift the community. One of our last conversations, Stella, with a big smile on her face and pride in herself, spoke of her most recent checkup. She was so happy to learn that her blood pressure was down as well as her cholesterol. The doctor had told her she was doing a great job in taking care of herself. She stated the only thing she can relate this too is the lunches provided by the Elder Meal program. She says she now eats plenty of fruits and vegetables when prior to attending she rarely consumed them. Stella loves the salad bar! I was so pleased to hear this. I am grateful her Tribe is able to help her improve her health.

This to me is the purpose, the passion I have to provide our Tribal Elders not only a lunch but a healthier life.

I also have the pleasure in getting to know Mr. John Pete. He is been attending our meals since we implemented the program. I can always count on seeing John's smile. In fact he so faithfully attends our meals that I worry if there is a day I don't see him.

While I was visiting with John, he informed me that he really looks forward to these meals. He said it gives him a reason to get dressed in the morning. He also stated he doesn't get meals like ours anywhere but here. John celebrated his most recent birthday with us. He was surrounded by many old friends as well as new ones! We all sang Happy Birthday to him and the look on his face; the appreciation John had was very special.

Thank you to Erford Edmonson, Michelle Bernatche, Ruban Ramone, Charles Cory, Gene Cory, Momma Carol, Felisa Moore, Michael Burmeister, Ashley Potts, Michael and Destinee Cross, Lynn Moore, Norma Hinkle and June Sam. In closing I would like to invite any Elder who has not yet attended a meal as well as let other Elders that we haven't seen in a while know that we miss you!

**Letter written to Members Assistance
Coordinator Lee A. Iverson**

Lee,
As you know, we spend most of our summers in Brethren, Michigan where I was born. This is when my family and I enjoy the Elder's Meal program where we have been able to share meals with tribal members, both family and friends; many of whom I have known most of my life. Living such a long distance away affords us a special opportunity to gather with family and friends at a meal, in the Indian tradition.

We have been enjoying these meals since the program started and marvel at how well the food is prepared and served. We have enjoyed not only delicious but nutritious meals prepared and served with great personal attention by Noelle Cross, Felisa and all their volunteers. The tribe should be commended for this most appreciated program.

We hope to see everyone soon for more summer meal get together.

Respectfully,


Bob Bailey
Tribal Elder

Tip of the Month

Eat three meals a day. Start with a healthy breakfast. Drink fluids with and between meals up to 8 glasses a day. Select at least 3 servings of milk or milk products. Select at least 6 servings of whole grain cereals and breads. Select at least 3 servings or more of vegetables and 2 servings of fruit. Select at least 2 servings of meat, fish or poultry. Select smart snacks – low in fat and simple sugars. Select smart beverages – low in simple sugars like sodas. Use salt sparingly. Use alcohol sparingly. Use oils, fats and sweets sparingly

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Activities: Wednesdays -Wii Bowling Day Other activities, Birthday of the month is the first Thursday of the month. Bingo, lets pick a day together! Label reading game 24th.</p>			1	2	3	4	
			Grilled Chick Sand Macaroni Salad Lettuce and Tomato Mixed Fruit	Lasagna Broccoli Fruit juice		Elder Meal @ Noon Smothered Turkey Roasted Vegetables Rice	
<p>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.</p>	6	7	8	9	10	<p>Come and have a meal and visit with some friends. Monday through Thursday @ 12:00.</p>	
	Meatloaf Mashed Potato Broccoli	Smothered Pork Chop Red Potato Corn Fruit crisp	Savory Roasted Chicken Parsley Rice Beans n sweet peppers Oatmeal Apple Bar	Chili Corn Bread Steamed Carrots Pudding			
	13	14	15	16	17		<p>Muskegon Meals served at noon, Contact Noelle Cross 231-398-6886</p>
	Ravioli Sauce Vegetables Fruit	Chicken Parmesan Italian veggies Pasta salad Peach cobbler	Salisbury Steak Roasted Potato Lima Beans Fruit	Pork roast Whipped sweet Potato Mandarin orange/ graham cracker			
20	21	22	23	24	<p>Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 Calorie Diet.</p>		
Chicken Breast Baked Potato Green beans Pudding	Turkey Club Home Potato Chips Fresh Broccoli Cookie	Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Pears Sugarless Bars	Fish Mac n cheese Brussels Sprouts				
27	28	29	30	31			
Spaghetti W/Sauce Zucchini/ peppers Fruit Crisp Peach Crisp	Smothered Chicken Brown Rice Carrot coin Dessert	Hot Turkey Mashed Potato Corn Sugar Free Cookie	Polish Sausage Boiled Potato Steamed Cabbage		<p>Coffee, milk and water available at every meal</p>		

Tribal Government employees gathered for a tail gate party over lunchtime in back of the main government offices in downtown Manistee. There was a contest for the best decorated tail gate and the best hat...Peggy and Trish won the hat contest and Michelle displayed her creative talents in favor of Baseball and the Detroit Tigers. Lots of food, grills and grins accompanied this gathering of tribal employees as Jessica Burger, Tribal Manager 'officiated' and thanked the employees for their hard work!



Wonder if Michelle likes Baseball?



NR Department 'Chefs'



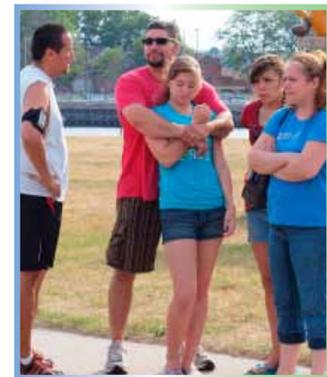
Hat Contestants



Run For God 5k Fun Run/Walk



On Saturday, June 16, Love INC. and Christian Faith Church Int'l partnered to hold the 1st Annual "Run For God" - 5k Fun Run/Walk at First Street Beach in Manistee. The weather was perfect and the participants enjoyed a wonderful route, as they all made their way across the finish line. Each runner/walker received a medal for completing the race. Feedback from a race survey was extremely positive; participants felt that the race should remain a fun run/walk, and most really enjoyed the race route. All of the participants indicated that they are excited about returning next year.



Proceeds from the race will be split between Love Inc. and Christian Faith Church to help support their mission activities. Christian Faith Church Int'l is planning a mission trip to Ghana, Africa in September 2012. Christian Faith Church Int'l is lead by Pastors Bill and Laurie Willis.



The event would not have been possible had it not been for the many local sponsors including: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Casino Resort, Goody's Juice & Java, Sports Inc. and many more.

EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR LRBOI TRIBAL MEMBERS



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

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

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HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY

REESE!

LOVE, MOM & DAD



Happy Birthday

MERANDA CURTIS
CODY (KING) BULLIS
SHAWNEE RENNER

FROM YOUR FAMILY

Happy

50th

Birthday



To Hannah and Mathew Sandel

I have two special treasures
A gift from up above
Two very precious treasures
It is my Children's love
You're more than just special
Your a permanent part of my heart
Locked in there forever
Never shall we part
You are so truly LOVED
No one can ever change that. (It's not something that could end)
I know that I am blessed, from heaven up above,
How blessed for me to have, my precious Children's love.
I Love you my Darling's,
Mommy Eagle



You are the best friend I ever had. You mean more than just Mother to me, you are my ultimate teacher and the sweetest Mom. I love you so much mom, more than you can even imagine. You have been such a strong support to me. I will never be able to thank you enough for all of it. You are so kind, humble, gentle, generous and loving. I can't tell you how blessed I am to have a mother like you. Happy 50th Birthday on August 28th to Sandra Lewis aka the best mom in the world and the prettiest lady I have ever seen. Love you always and forever! De-Ahna

Sandy, I am so thankful to have you in my life. You are a wonderful caring person that puts the needs of others always first. Well, this is your day. Live it up! You deserve it! I'm so grateful I can call you Mom. Happy 50th Birthday! Love...Don!

Happy 50th Birthday to our favorite person...Grandma!! Thank you for being there for us and giving us treats when mom & dad say no...We love you, Nadine, Kiedis & Kenesaeh.

Happy 50th Birthday Mom, this was all my idea...Your favorite Child-Andre

MEDACCO REUNION

August 11, 2012 1-6pm
1945 Mears in Whitehall MI {corner of Mears and Zellar}
Games, auction, raffle, food, fun and making memories.
Call Rick @ 231-206-5137 or
Marie 231-755-0673
Dish to pass {call for category}

Looking for my

Grandmother- Alyce Ness

Robin Sanchez is looking for her long lost grandmother.
If you know any information that may assist in the search
please contact Robin at 1-813-351-9037.

Paul Carey, Jr.

August 17, 1931 - June 13, 2012



Paul Carey, Jr. of Cadillac passed away June 13, 2012 at his home. He was 80. He was born August 17, 1931 in Twin Lakes, Michigan to Paul, Sr. and Grace (McCullum) Carey and they preceded him in death. On October 1, 1981 he married the former Karen Lee Langler in Muskegon and she survives him. He enjoyed going to the Cadillac Senior Center and going on trips with them. Mr. Carey

was an avid outdoorsman and loved to go fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed crafting and doing beadwork. He was proud to be part of the Little Band of Ottawa Indians and of his Native American heritage. He enjoyed raising his granddaughters, Kristina (Chet) and Cynthia (Mike). He loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and special great grandchildren, Elora and Logan.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children: Lorrin (Karen) Rose of Harrison, Jim Rose of Cadillac, Irving (fiancé Piper) Carey, John Carey, Mike (Sheryl) Flannery all of Muskegon, Randy Flannery of Oklahoma, Toni (Roland) Hettmansperger of Florida and Ruth Carey of Muskegon; 20 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Carol Kelsey and Gloria (John) Jamerson; many nieces and nephews and his special Godson, Michael.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Frankie and Louie and two sisters, Leona and Delores.

CONGRATS!



It was announced at the **Visionfest Film Festival** on June 25th, 2012 that LRBOI's Austen Brauker has received another award for his artistic work. Awards event held at Tribeca Cinemas in New York:
http://www.visionfest.com/film_festival/awards/Austen_Brauker,
Third place overall contest winner.



When you arrive at Indian Village (off River Road and East of Bear Creek), you smell wood smoke and are struck with the quietness of the whole setting. From up on top of the ridge, you see down into a beautiful valley which is special to our people at Little River. Off to your right, there are small grey shelters (wigwam) scattered around a couple larger ones. The sides are rolled up for ventilation and the smoke you first smelled is obviously coming from the longhouse fire in the center.

There were no texts or Tweets; no cell phones; no iPods or Pads; no video games and no e-mailing! Instead, the participants in the first session of the LRBOI Indian Village Camp 2012 sat around and actually spoke to real live people....both other youth and counselors who had come together for a truly life changing experience. They even played with the dog (and she wasn't from Farmville either!)

If you have never had the opportunity to pick a berry from a bush, you think berries only come in little plastic boxes from the store. If you've never had to haul water up from the well, you probably think it just magically appears from the kitchen faucet. These were just two of the examples or experiences that Austen Brauker from the Tribal Court system shared in the first visit to the camp by *Currents* staff. Young people today are plugged in, wired and reaching out to other people via their batteries and virtual worlds. This camp gives them a chance to touch the real world and in doing so, learn better how to balance their lives and futures.



This idyllic setting is actually the scene of a grant-funded program administered by the tribal court to help at-risk youth learn more about balancing out their lives through an exposure to and understanding of Native American culture. For many, it's the first time that they have been truly exposed to their roots and it is a mind-expanding, wonderful experience.



There are several more sessions scheduled this year out at Indian Village. If you are interested in the camp, please contact Austen Brauker at 231.398.2240 or via e-mail at abrauker@lrboi-nsn.gov.

The camp pooch announces your arrival and comes over to check you out. As you get closer to the longhouse, you see young people just sitting around a fire or making baskets, making healing salves and just chilling out. It is probably the most peaceful scene you can imagine in this hectic world.

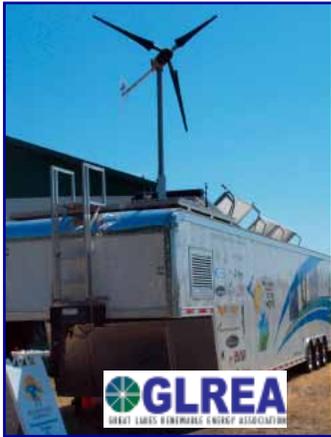




You can find this and many other issues at www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Michigan Energy Fair

The Michigan Energy Fair took place in late June at the Mason County Fairgrounds in Ludington and the tribes' own Jonnie "Jay" Sam assisted with the opening. The event also created numerous opportunities to explain tribal involvement and culture to attendees. The Energy Fair has been in Manistee for years but has recently moved to the Ludington area. The fair is brought together by the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association.



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Annual Budget Hearing

The annual budget hearing for the tribal membership of LRBOI is **Saturday August 4, 2012 at Aki Maadiziwin from 9 am until noon**



At the invitation of the sponsors, Jay smudged the facility and display and then gave a blessing at the opening ceremony. Jay is a former Ogema, Tribal Judge and is currently Director of the Tribal Historical Preservation Department. He often is invited to lecture and conduct blessings for local events.



Maintenance Department Beauty!

The LRBOI Maintenance Department did their part in beautifying Manistee with a recent landscaping project at 294 River Street, the home of the tribes' Commerce, Historical Preservation and IT departments. This office is one of the first to be seen when visitors turn onto River Street and the great work of the Maintenance staff is appreciated by everyone!



Land for Sale!

1 acre at 278 Hogue Road, 1/4 mile off of US 31 East. Water, sewer and electric. Contact Tony Skocelas at 231.510.9433 or 231.794.9404.
Tribal member preference!

They've also been busy with the plantings at the main offices at 375 River! This is very important because this building houses the tribes Executive and Legislative offices.