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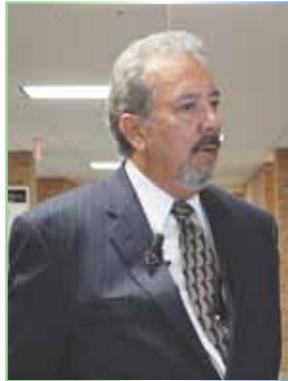
Binaakwe-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)  
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## United Tribes and Governor meet!



The United Tribes of Michigan, led by Chairman (LRBOI Ogema) Larry Romanelli, met in Lansing with Michigan's Governor Rick Snyder. One major outcome of the meeting was when the Governor affirmed his commitment to the Government-to-Government relationship between the state and the tribes.



See page 5 for the full details.

## Give Peace a Chance

Tribal citizens came together during a special Council session to express their desires for peaceful governance. See page 2 for details

## Pine Marten Recovery Update



Details on the Pine Marten recovery in Michigan are reviewed on page 25.

LRBOI's Dr. Jill Witt (Natural Resources) is the tribal lead on this fascinating program which tracks the Marten as a measure of our region's health.



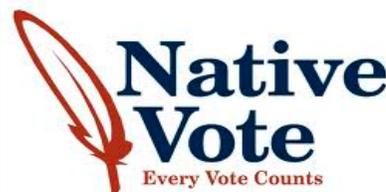
Watch the tribal Facebook page, the Rapid River News and the tribal website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) for the meeting agenda!

## LRBOI Government Center progress



The new tribal government center is progressing nicely. See the photos on pages 10 and 11. The task force received a report that the project is also on schedule!

## EVA, Fall meeting rules and Native Vote 2012



The Equal Voting Rights Petition for Little River is printed on page 19 and information so you can be involved in Native Vote 2012 is located on page 24.

Rules from the Election Board concerning the Fall Membership Meeting appear on page 7





If a quorum is present we will immediately start the process of conducting initiatives and regular business reports will be postponed until after any initiatives/voting is concluded. If a quorum is not achieved, then it will be business as usual starting with the Financial Report.

The reason for this change is that people will then know exactly when the quorum is to be called and they can then choose to be a part of the quorum or not. Our efforts have not been to try and mandate people to establish a quorum but to allow them the option and ability.

There remains little movement on our Muskegon Project and at this writing; the commercial casino proposal being placed on the State-wide November ballot is still up in the air. In the near future you may notice some earth being moved on the property as there is an interest in purchasing some of our sand from the old racetrack area.

On August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> the United Tribes of Michigan met at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing with a strong attendance and agenda. At the meeting, among other things, the United Tribes unanimously approved a Resolution in support for Enactment of Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act by the Michigan Legislature introduced by Senator Judy K. Emmons

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Annual Tribal-State Summit was held with Governor Snyder and some of his staff. On September 4<sup>th</sup> I participated in a follow-up conference call with the Governor's attorney, David Murley and it was decided that the Governor's office would be in monthly contact with the Tribes for better communication between the State and Tribes.

At the Summit, Governor Snyder signed Executive Directive 2012-2 which affirms his commitment to Government-to-Government Accord; he is the third consecutive governor to sign the Accord for relationship building between the State of Michigan and Tribes. Until next month...

REMEMBER- The digital camera is a great invention because it allows us to reminisce instantly.



***“Give Peace a chance...”*** Former Council member Israel Stone

***“We need to move on...end it here today!”*** Ron Pete – Elder Chair

Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> saw a very emotional and painful meeting in the Dome Room as Ogema Larry Romanelli called an Emergency Meeting of Tribal Council to address an issue caused by a comment by Council member Mike Ceplina in the regular Open Session of Tribal Council on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Council member Ceplina's comment was actually a request; a request for the Ogema to produce his birth certificate. The Ogemas' call for the meeting was to request that the tribal council to put up the initial money to pay for a DNA test on which he would be willing to take. He offered to reimburse the money if he failed the test and he then asked for Councilor Ceplina to pay if he passed the test. The motivation for the question by Ceplina was not explained.

In tribal country, there are always contentious issues regarding tribal membership. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a certified membership which has been audited by the BIA as well as outside auditors, and which also has been adopted by our Tribal Council.

What came out of the Friday meeting was a clarion call for an end to sniping and confrontational behavior like this which has marked so much of tribal politics over the years. What also came out of the meeting were apologies and the acceptance of the apologies.

Comments from the roomful of Tribal members assembled were varied but unanimous in support of our duly elected leaders but also a very clear call for responsibility and accountability from them.

Some of the comments from the leaders and the audience were:

**Ogema Romanelli:** *“Isn't it time to stop the nonsense and let us do our jobs?”*

**Past Ogema Lee Sprague:** *“Continuing to flail each other won't do any good!”*

**Charmaine Stone:** *“We all need to step up. He (Ogema Romanelli) is a true leader!”*

**Ron Pete – Elder Chairman:** *“Whether I voted for you or not, we have to respect you.*

*I don't accept that kind of behavior.” (Referencing the actions from the Council meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup>)*

**Virgil Johnson –** Tribal Council member: *“We have to stop feeding the bad wolf!” (Referencing our teaching of the two wolves within each of us: The good wolf and the bad wolf.)*

**Elder Sally Bell:** *“This type of stuff breaks my heart!”*

**Elder Harriette Grantsynn:** *This is a new day, don't hold grudges!”*

**Robert Memberto:** *“It is shameful that we do this to each other. It is time to put some common sense back into our government.”*

The Tribal Enrollment Director Diane Lonn briefly explained the enrollment process for adopted individuals and summarized just how thoroughly her department has to go into detail regarding membership.

At the end of the meeting, Ogema Romanelli withdrew his request to Council but requested that each Council member answer in writing why, as Recorder Janine Sam and Council member Candace Chapman said that, “it was illegal for the Ogema to call the meeting.” The members gathered were strongly in favor of the meeting because they deemed it a tribal emergency and that the Ogema, as the elected leader of the tribe, had the absolute right to call the meeting. As member Rita Gayle said, “The meeting was necessary!” Rita also said, “You should be helping him (the Ogema) and shouldn't be working for yourself!”

The 3 hour meeting was recorded and will appear on the Tribal Council website at [www.lrbai-nsn.gov](http://www.lrbai-nsn.gov).

Do to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be a Recorder report from Tribal Council Recorder Janine Sam this month.

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
8/3/12	Planning	x			*	x	x		x	x	5
8/6/12	Articles of Incorporation	x				x	x	x			4
8/6/12	Building Uses after Government Center	x				x	x	x			4
8/6/12	Agenda Review	x				x	x	x			4
8/7/12	Round Table	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
8/7/12	Legislative Priorities	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
8/7/12	Litigation Oversight	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
8/7/12	Resolution regarding Self-Governance	x	x		x		x	x			5
8/7/12	Ethics Ordinance		x		x	x	x	x			5
8/9/12	Bowling Fun Center	x	x			x	x			x	5
8/10/12	Wells Fargo	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	7
8/13/12	Government Financial Report	x		x		x		x		x	5
8/13/12	Membership Meeting Public Comment Review	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	7
8/13/12	Tribal Court Wage Scale	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	8
8/13/12	Agenda Review	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	7
8/14/12	Fireworks Ordinance	x				x	x	x	x	x	6
8/14/12	Natural Resource Commission Ordinance	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	8
8/17/12	Class II Gaming	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	8
8/17/12	Dennis Garland and Niergarth	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	7
8/20/12	IHP Input and Addition to the Housing Maintenance Facility	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
8/20/12	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
8/20/12	Summit Meeting	x	x			x	x	x			5
8/21/12	Round Table	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
8/21/12	SA Mormon and D & W Mechanical	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
8/24/12	Gallagher Insurance - HC Plan Performance	x	x			*	x		x		4
	<b>Total - 25 work sessions</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	
*	Business Related Travel										

## Emergency Management update – Tribal Country



Aaron Payment, Chairman  
at the Empowering our  
Communities conference



Late summer was a busy time for some LRBOI officials for Emergency Management issues. Tribal Public Safety Director Mike Martin attended a federal training class in Maryland and Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring presented at two conferences.

Director Martin attended the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmetsburg, MD for a four-day class designed for tribal officials dealing with emergency issues such as disasters or large scale incidents. E580 is a special class designed to help tribal officials appropriately integrate their resources and assets when needed with other agencies and response departments. The class is built around the Incident Command Structure which is a proven management tool to help respond effectively.

Martin had this to say about the class, "I was pleased to find that FEMA took extra measures to assure that Tribes are an integral part of the emergency preparedness framework, including preparing for, responding to, and recovering from events that harm our people." The 32 hour course emphasized the legal & financial responsibility of emergency management, evaluating

the risks to our people, and promoting proper planning, testing, and response to crisis situations.

Director Zaring participated in the Northwest Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference in Tacoma, WA representing LRBOI and the National Tribal Emergency Management Council where he is a board member. This conference brought together representatives from approximately 60 tribes and Alaskan villages to discuss multiple aspects of how to handle disasters and incidents in tribal country. Robert Holden, VP of NCAI, Steve Golubic, special Tribal Liaison for DHS and the Tribal Liaison for FEMA, Richard Flores represented more national and governmental interests.

The underlying discussion at the conference was how the tribes are going to be able to meet their safety, health and other responsibilities to their membership in the face of reduced federal funding and budget cutbacks.

The following week, Zaring presented at the 'Empowering our Communities' emergency management conference hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Band in the UP at Kewadin. This was a first ever Michigan conference hosted by a tribal nation. Chair Aaron Payment opened the conference and expressed his support for Emergency Management and planning for the tribal nations.



Hand washing is an easy way to prevent infection. Understand when to wash your hands, how to properly use hand sanitizer and how to get your children into the habit.  
By Mayo Clinic staff

Frequent hand washing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading illness. Hand washing requires only soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer — a cleanser that doesn't require water. Find out when and how to wash your hands properly.

### When to wash your hands

As you touch people, surfaces and objects throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your hands. In turn, you can infect yourself with these germs by touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Although it's impossible to keep your hands germ-free, washing your hands frequently can help limit the transfer of bacteria, viruses and other microbes.

Always wash your hands before:

Preparing food

Eating

Treating wounds or giving medicine

Touching a sick or injured person

Inserting or removing contact lenses

Always wash your hands after:

Preparing food, especially raw meat or poultry

Using the toilet

Changing a diaper

Touching an animal or animal toys, leashes or waste

Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands

Treating wounds

Touching a sick or injured person

Handling garbage or something that could be contaminated, such as a cleaning cloth or soiled shoes

Of course, it's also important to wash your hands whenever they look dirty.

You may have the flu if you have some or all of these symptoms:

- fever\*
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

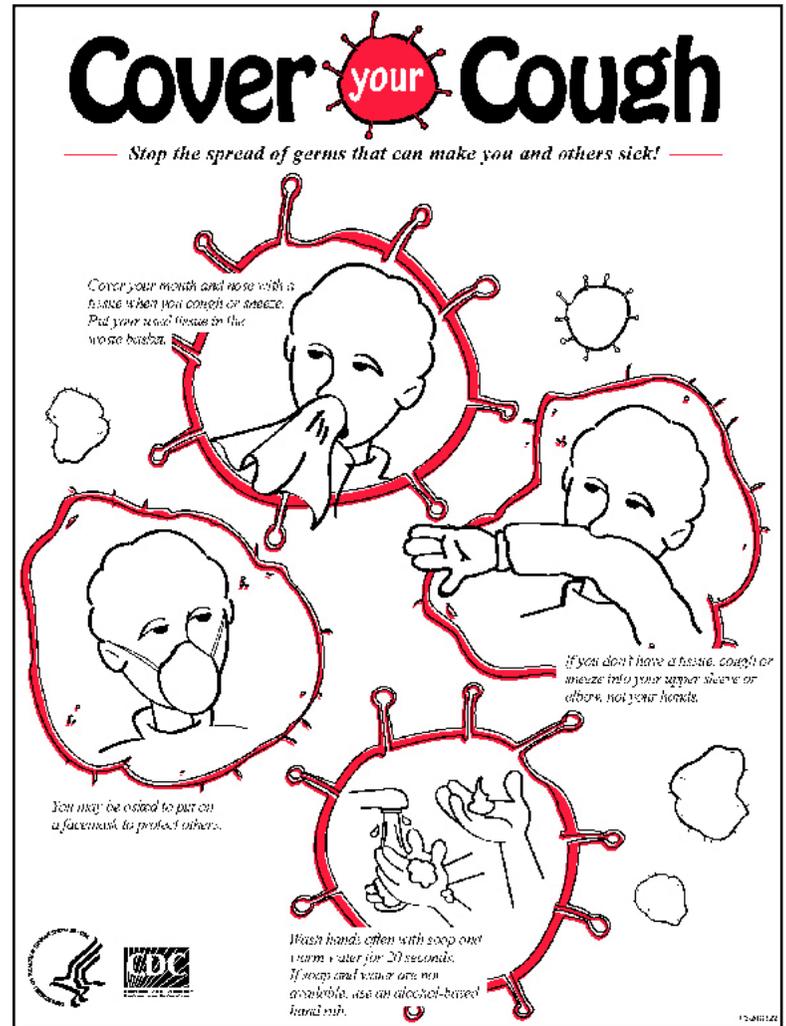
\*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other things you have to do and no one else can do for you. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®.) You should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events, and public gatherings.

Influenza

This information is provided for your safety by the Tribal Health Clinic, Safety Committee and Office of Public Affairs



## 52 Reasons to Love...



When you look at one of our many Tribal Government Departments, your perception of what they do is probably focused upon a few areas where you have dealt with that particular department. If you never have direct dealings with Commerce or Family Services as an example, you probably have a very limited understanding of what all they do. At the recent tribal government "Thank You" meeting, Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Manager Burger had asked everyone to think about some special things other employees or departments were doing to help recognize their efforts.

The Public Affairs Assistant Angela Eagle, better than most because of her 8 years with Tribal Public Affairs, saw this as an opportunity and in true creative fashion thought about a fresh way of presenting the information on what departments are doing for members and employees alike.

She researched various departments through department reports, articles over the last few years and on the Internet and came up with a set of playing cards for a number of departments with each card highlighting one thing the department does or a service that it provides.

At the Fall Membership Meeting, be sure and stop at the Departmental Displays and if you see a ring of cards there, take a moment to scan them. You'll be surprised at just how much your tribal departments do!

Over the next few months, the Currents will also run some samples for each department.

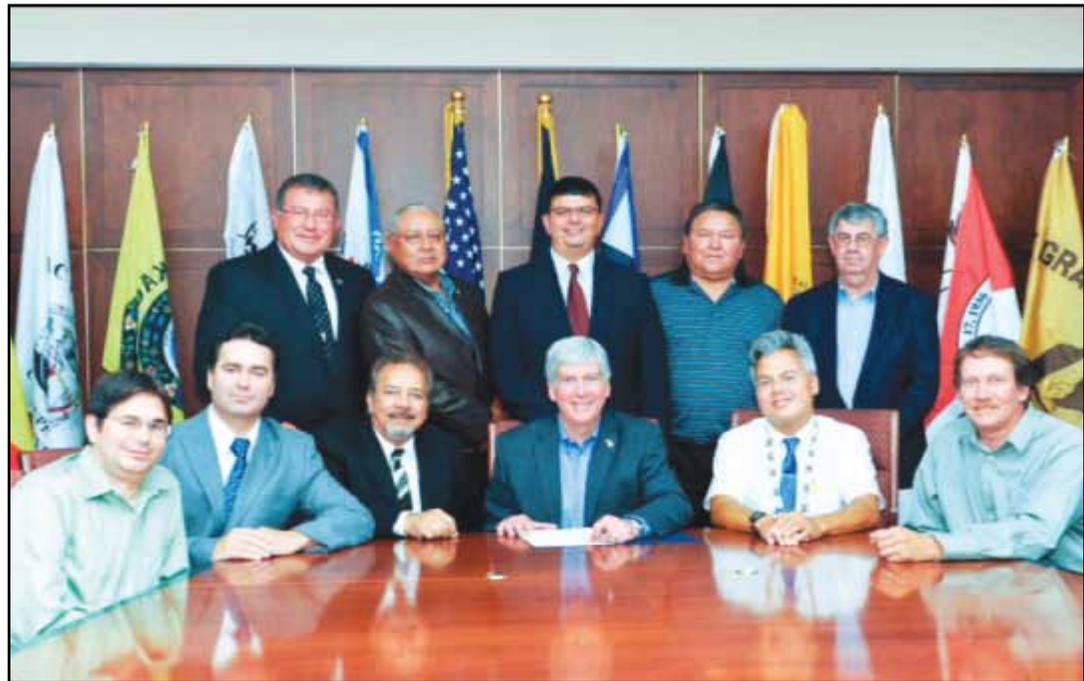
At the recent United Tribes of Michigan gathering in Lansing, tribal chairs met with Michigan's Governor Rick Snyder. One of the items accomplished was the signing by Governor Snyder of the Government to Government "Tribal - State Relations" directive. A copy of the directive is printed here so that you can see the relationship between the 12 Native Sovereign Nations of Michigan and the state government

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder and leaders from Michigan's Indian tribes meet during the 2012 State-Tribal Summit.

Snyder also signed Executive Directive 2012-2 on state-tribal affairs, affirming his commitment to the Government-to-Government Accord between the state of Michigan and the federally recognized Indian tribes of Michigan executed in 2002, and now spanning three administrations. The annual meeting is held pursuant to the Accord.

"By signing this executive directive, I am signaling my commitment to building a strong relationship between the tribes and the state not only during my tenure as governor, but for many years in the future," Snyder said. "The state has worked constructively with Michigan's tribes in many areas including transportation, human services and economic development, and I look forward to improving this relationship as we move toward a brighter future for all of Michigan."

Posted on August 23, 2012 by Jordan Kelly



Sitting left to right are Tom Shomin, Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians; Kurt Perron, Bay Mills Indian Community; Larry Romanelli, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; Snyder; Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Chris Swartz, Jr., Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.  
Standing left to right are Matt Wesaw, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians; D.K. Sprague, Gun Lake Tribe; Homer Mandoka, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi; Dennis Kequom, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Dexter McNamara, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE  
No. 2012 - 2

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

**DATE:** August 23, 2012  
**TO:** All Executive Branch Departments and Agencies  
**FROM:** Governor Rick Snyder   
**RE:** Tribal-State Relations

The state of Michigan is home to twelve federally-recognized Native American communities that have been acknowledged by the United States Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994. These tribes are sovereign government entities that possess the right of self-governance. The state of Michigan is obligated by federal law to respect the sovereignty and rights of these tribes.

The state of Michigan entered into a Government-to-Government Accord with the federally-recognized Indian Tribes in 2002. That Accord sought to enhance and improve communication between the parties, foster the respect for their sovereign status, and facilitate the resolution of potentially contentious issues. That Accord had its genesis in Governor Engler's Executive Directive 2001-2 and was further implemented by Governor Granholm's Executive Directive 2004-5.

It is my intent that the executive branch of the state of Michigan shall adhere to the principles set forth in the 2002 Government-to-Government Accord during my tenure in office.

Section 1, Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor. Section 8, Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution places each principal department under the supervision of the Governor. Pursuant to these provisions of the Michigan Constitution, I direct the following:

The state of Michigan acknowledges the sovereignty of federally-recognized tribes. These tribes possess authority to exercise jurisdiction over their land and

citizens and possess the rights of self-governance and self-determination. Further, the state recognizes that the United States has a unique relationship with federally-recognized tribes as set forth in the United States Constitution, treaties, statutes, and court decisions.

The state of Michigan recognizes and affirms its commitments made in the October 28, 2002, Government-to-Government Accord with the federally-recognized Indian tribes. This directive is premised on the understanding that the federally-recognized Indian tribes will carry out their commitments under the Accord.

An individual in the Governor's Legal Division or such other individual as I may designate, shall serve as the Governor's Advisor on Tribal-State Affairs. That person shall monitor the state's adherence to the 2002 Accord and this directive and shall have regular communication with tribal leaders and department tribal liaisons.

Each executive branch department shall designate an individual to be responsible for department-wide coordination of the department's interactions with the governments of Michigan's federally-recognized Indian Tribes. This individual shall be known as the department's tribal liaison. The department's tribal liaison shall report significant department interaction with the tribes to the Governor's Advisor on Tribal-State Affairs and the department director.

Each executive branch department director shall meet with the department tribal liaison as necessary to understand the department's important tribal issues and shall take whatever measures are necessary to inform the department employees of the tribal liaison's role and significance. Each executive branch director shall instruct department employees to confer with the department liaison on matters concerning Michigan's federally-recognized Indian tribes.

When formulating or implementing laws, rules, or policies that have tribal implications, state executive branch departments, agencies, and officials shall be cognizant of tribal sovereignty and the state's unique legal relationship with federally-recognized tribes and shall consult with the tribes on matters it has reason to know will affect the tribes. Departments may promulgate guidelines to implement this direction.

When formulating or implementing laws, rules, or policies that have tribal implications, state executive branch departments, agencies, and officials shall, upon written request, consult with federally-recognized Indian tribes regarding the matter in question.

Each Department shall respond to legislative inquiries regarding the effects of proposed legislation on Michigan's federally-recognized Tribes.



**Jessica L. Burger,**  
Tribal Manager

The Little River Band is making progress toward final negotiations of a self-governance compact with the Department of Interior, Office of Self-Governance for Bureau of Indian Affairs program assumption. On May 8, 2012, Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council Recorder Janine Sam, Chief Executive Attorney Susan Aasen, Chief Financial Officer Steve, Wheeler, Tribal Manager Jessica Burger and primary legal advisor to Little River Band on self-governance matters, Mr. Lloyd Miller of the Sonosky, Chambers Law Firm, met with Sharee Freeman, Director of the Office of Tribal Self-Governance, Department of Interior as well as several key staffs to that operating division, including Dr. Ken Reinfeld, Senior Policy Advisor and Lead Self-Governance Negotiator to discuss the functions of their office, as well as the information specific to LRBOI in our self-governance negotiations process. During the meeting, attendees from LRBOI were introduced to the key Department of Interior staffs, and were provided background information regarding the evolution of self-governance in federal-tribal relationships, as well as a chance to ask questions of the DOI staffs in attendance. This was the introductory and welcoming meeting for LRBOI; an opportunity to learn more about the function of the Office of Self-Governance, establish the government-to-government dialogue that will be LRBOI's relationship with DOI, as well as put faces-to-names for key staffs on both sides of the discussion.

After this initial step, LRBOI elected officials and key staffs met with Dr. Ken Reinfeld and senior officials of the Office of Tribal Self-Governance and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office, at the Midwest Region BIA Partners Meeting in Mount Pleasant, MI, on May 26, 2012 to begin the exchange of necessary information to negotiate under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Title IV self-governance compact and accompanying annual funding agreement. The information exchange included inputs from the following personnel at the Office of Self-Governance:

Dr. Ken Reinfeld, Senior Policy Advisor, Lead Negotiator, Department of Interior Office of Self-Governance, Headquarters, Washington, DC; initial first drafts, self-governance compact and annual funding agreement

Ms. Diane Rosen, Director, Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minneapolis, MN; directives to Michigan Field Office Superintendent regarding designated point of contact and information for the Midwest Regional Office, all Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs LRBOI related information requests

Gerald Parrish, Superintendent, Michigan Field Office, Sault Ste. Marie, MI; first draft appropriations reprogramming request identifying the areas appropriated that comprise the present Consolidated Tribal Government Program funds to LRBOI

Since that meeting on May 26, 2012, LRBOI has received the first draft documents and reprogramming request information, holding two meetings with senior management staffs at LRBOI regarding the negotiation points of consideration and to review the reprogramming request appropriations identified. Senior staffs have been asked to develop a 'true needs budget' and review historical budget information so a draft of new and expanded program funding may be requested as part of the negotiations. Additionally, Tribal Council has issued guidance regarding the negotiation of the documents including, 1) mandatory trust acceptance language form PL. 103-324, 2) the expansion of the service delivery area from four (4) to nine (9) counties (in concert with the present Indian Health Services CHSDA), 3) prohibiting language that would inhibit LRB from providing services to any of its citizens or impact citizens negatively, and 4) request exceptions from regulations as authorized by law. The resolution has been forwarded to our SG attorney group, Sonosky, Chambers for application to the proposed language to date and they have been advised this is the formal guidance of the Tribal Council in our deliberations. The attorneys are presently working to incorporate those aspects into the compact and annual funding agreement as applicable. In addition, LRBOI is also making a request for a multi-year agreement for both the DOI and IHS funding agreements. The Compact document, once in place, will remain until changes have been effectively negotiated.

Dr. Ken Reinfeld contacted the Tribal Manager via email on Sunday, August 19, 2012 regarding the review of the draft compact and annual funding agreement documents. The Tribal Manager responded that in our review to date, there are few edits and the attorneys are incorporating those items, primarily pertaining to the program, services, functions and activities (PSFA's) descriptions that will be incorporated in the agreement language; we have identified a few additional PSFA's that will need to be listed in the agreement. Dr. Reinfeld was also advised that we expected the edits to be made available for his review on 8/29/2012 and that the Tribal

Council had issued formal guidance and we on the negotiation team were working to incorporate those items into the compact draft and funding agreement as they apply prior to sending and will note those items. He was also advised that staffs were working on the reprogramming requests and new and expanded program requests, which we anticipate sending to him with our edits to the draft compact/annual funding agreement submission.

We have also had several email exchanges with the attorneys regarding the guidance and draft language and it is anticipated those draft documents will be provided to us before 8/24/2012. At this time, it is anticipated that a face-to-face/teleconference negotiation meeting can occur on or near the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>; that date will be submitted for the Tribal Council's information and participation as soon as it is confirmed. With all things moving forward positively, it is fully anticipated that all negotiations may be concluded the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. As there are very few edits to the initial drafts, due to Dr. Reinfeld's apt listening skills (he captured just about all of the key elements we discussed in Mount Pleasant, MI), and the experience of all of the parties and our attorney group, agreement will be able to be reached reflective of our community needs and planning document of 2010.

As Little River Band has been a self-governance tribe operating a compact agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service since 2009, we are concluding our final negotiations for a new multi-year funding agreement. There is one final matter to address; the finalization of language regarding contract support costs (all funds have been disbursed as we have a compact in place in perpetuity). The United States Supreme Court recently ruled on a court case known as 'the Ramah Case', ruling in favor of Tribal Contractors in their claims to be awarded appropriate funding levels under self-governance compact agreements and self-determination agreements. Mr. Lloyd Miller and Ms. Myra Munson, representing the Contract Support Cost Coalition of which LRBOI belongs, along with the Indian Health Services, worked on what will be the 'standard language' in all self-determination Title V Self-Governance compacts and Title I Self-Determination contracts. It is anticipated that the Bemidji Area Lead Negotiator, Deanna Dick will be forwarding the final documents for approval with our changes intact and this will be concluded for another three year term.

The Ogema's Office was invited to attend the Elder's meeting on Saturday, September 1, 2012 to provide the Elder's with information regarding Self-Governance and what that may mean for LRBOI and ultimately elder services. It is anticipated that the Tribal Manager will be attending this meeting to provide the information and to answer questions that may result post presentation.

*Native News Network Staff in Native Briefs, 9.8.12 (edited for space constraints)*

LANSING, MICHIGAN – The Michigan Supreme Court on Wednesday (September 5<sup>th</sup>) ordered off the November ballot a proposal that would have locked eight new casinos into the state’s constitution. Michigan American Indian tribes are happy with the court’s ruling to ward off additional casinos in the state.

### “The Most Appropriate Decision”

“The court made the most appropriate decision. When the supporters say that they feel there still is a will to create more gaming, they fall short in completing that thought. There is a will to create more jobs but not at the expense of other gaming jurisdictions and shifts in economic realities,” ...commented Frank Cloutier, public relations director of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan:

Three Michigan tribes participated in **Protect MI Vote**, a group that sought to bring perspective to the casino ballot issue. They were Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. These three tribes own Indian gaming casinos in Michigan. They were joined by Michigan’s non-Indian casinos MGM Grand Detroit, MotorCity Casino and Greektown Casino that also were part of Protect MI Vote.

Protect MI Vote spokesperson John Truscott issued the following statement in reaction to the decision:

“Voters owe the Michigan Supreme Court their thanks today for not rolling the dice with Michigan’s future. We have said all along that this proposal was poorly written and a terrible piece of public policy for the state. Thankfully, the court recognized that as well. We hope this day is remembered the next time a group of secretive investors attempt to guarantee casino and liquor licenses in our constitution.”

In addition to adding eight new casinos to Michigan’s constitution, the ballot proposal would have eliminated the requirement for a statewide and local vote on future casino gaming expansions. The proposal also attempted to bypass state liquor laws by granting automatic liquor licenses to casino properties without approval from the Liquor Control Commission.

“I am extremely pleased with their decision and look forward to continuing efforts for economic development in Muskegon,” commented Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, based in Manistee, Michigan, whose Tribe is looking to develop a tribal casino enterprise in Muskegon County, Michigan.

*Gaú Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaá Aníshinaábe*

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**



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Manistee, MI 49660  
(231) 723-8288

To: All LRBOI Tribal Citizens  
From: Little River Election Board  
Date: 9-3-12

The LRBOI Fall Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 in the Event Center of the Little River Casino Resort.

All Tribal Citizens and their guests must register for the meeting upon entrance to the Event Center.

**All Tribal Citizens will need to present their tribal ID at the time of registration.**

All Tribal Citizens and guests will be given a wrist band to wear while they are attending the meeting. Wrist bands are to be worn at all times.

Registered voters of the Tribe will need to swipe their ID cards at a computer station when they enter or exit the Event Center.

**Please note the following changes:**

**The main entrance at the rear of the Event Center will be “Enter Only.”**

**The side doors off each level will be “Exit Only.”**

**People may move between levels using the hallway outside the doors.**

Thank you,  
Little River Election Board

## BUILDING STRONG SOVEREIGN NATIONS

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New Buffalo, MI 49117

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Tuesday October 9, 2012**  
**1:00-5:00 p.m.**

- 1:00—1:15 p.m. Introductions and Overview
- 1:15—2:15 p.m. Leadership: Ethics, Roles & Responsibilities
- 2:15—2:45 p.m. Fiscal Management in Indian Country
- 2:45—3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00—4:00 p.m. Historical Overview: Anishinaabek Tribes in Michigan and The Interaction with State and Federal Governments
- 4:00—4:30 p.m. Conducting Effective Meetings
- 4:30—5:00 p.m. Discussion and Wrap Up

**Fee:**

\$50.00 Payable In Advance or At the Door

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**Please email or fax an RSVP by:**

September 21, 2012

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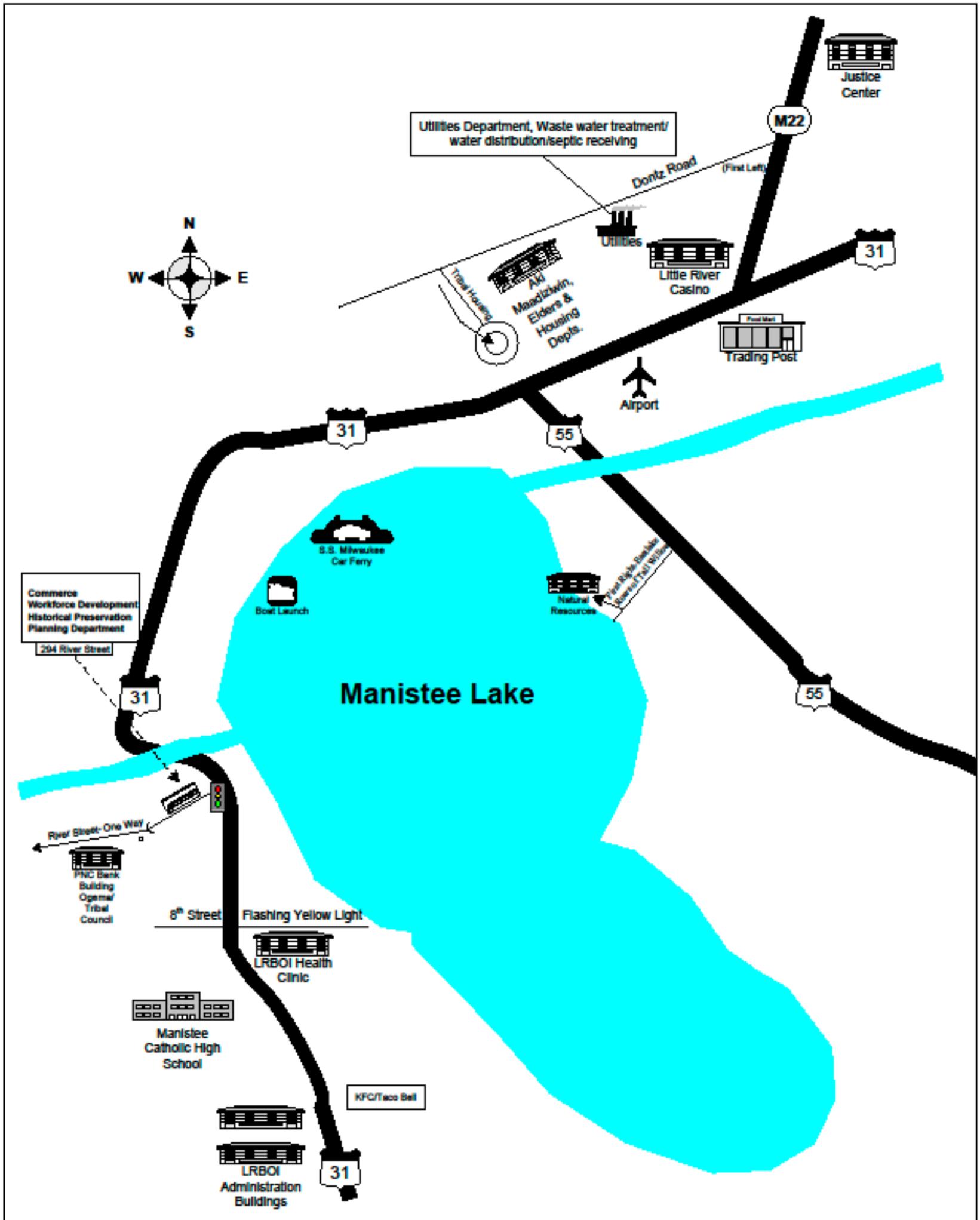
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As of 9/05/2012





As of 9/10/2012





# Witiku

Walks-as-Bear, an Inter-tribal Elder from Hart, Michigan will be at the Little River Casino Resort on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am and then again at 2pm-4pm just outside of the gift shop. He will be there to sign his latest book, *Witiku – the Shape Shifter*, the third Ely Stone novel. Be sure to stop and meet this remarkable Elder.

## *The Shape-Shifter* The 3rd Ely Stone Novel



Set in Manistee, Michigan, among the deep, dark and ominous forest, bustling casino and pristine waters, the story begins with murders, kidnappings and... cannibalism.

Here in Michigan, the phenomenon of the Dogman has been noted in the accounts of French Fur Trappers and British Redcoats, and then, newspaper reports dating to the 1800's after that. Predating all of this, however, are centuries of Native American oral stories about the legend. It is a prodigy that stretches from Traverse City across to Cadillac, and north to the Straights of Mackinac and beyond. Tales of encounters come, even today, from the deep environs of the Manistee National Forest. Television shows and movies have been made about the Michigan Dogman. But there is also the little-known legend of the primordial Native American witch known as a wendigo, or... Witiku. It is this evil entity, along with the Dogman, that dastardly entwines the tribal investigator in this fast-paced and thrilling third novel in the Ely Stone series.

### About The Author

Walks-As-Bear is a Native American Indian and Inter-Tribal Elder who writes of his heritage and draws on his work experiences as a game warden and his years in law enforcement and military service. His works include fiction and non-fiction titles and children's books, as well as a syndicated newspaper column entitled *The Bear's Den*. He has appeared on the History Channel and numerous radio programs. But his talents extend beyond the written and broadcasted word. He is a very gifted oral storyteller and his tales are full of adventure, history, and his unique Traditional American Indian approach to life. He lives in Hart, MI. Visit his website at: [www.Walks-As-Bear.com](http://www.Walks-As-Bear.com)

## NIEA Names Ahniwake Rose Eexecutive Director

Washington, DC – National Indian Education Association's Board of Directors announces today that Ahniwake Rose has been appointed as Executive Director.

Rose joins the leading advocate for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students this week after spending five years as policy director with the National Congress of American Indians. She will succeed Dr. Gerald Gipp, who has served as NIEA's Interim Executive Director since June.

"We are pleased to bring Ahniwake on board to lead our next steps in advancing our advocacy, research, and capacity-building," says NIEA President Quinton Roman Nose. "Her experience, passion, and dedication to helping Native communities improve education for our children will help us build upon the successes of the past two years."

During her time at NCAI, Rose led its legislative and policymaking efforts on education and health. In her role, she advocated for policies that served to provide Tribes with choice and control over education and other social service activities needed to improve their communities and preserve cultures. Before joining NCAI, Rose served as a consultant with the U.S. Department of Education working on the implementation of Presidential Executive Order 13336, which aimed to ensure that Native students receive strong, culturally based education. A member of the Cherokee Nation, Rose serves on the Equity and Excellence Commission on addressing achievement gaps convened by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. She holds an M.A. in Health Communication.

Reporters can contact NIEA Communications at [rbiddle@niea.org](mailto:rbiddle@niea.org) or at (202) 544-7290 for more information on the association's new leadership and for interviews.

## FastTrac Business Start-up Workshop



**Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 pm**  
**September 19—November 7**

A 9 week step-by-step guide to turn your dreams into dollars...  
get your business started.

The normal \$800 per student fee has been reduced to \$140 per scholarship funding provided by *The Starting Block Business Incubator*. Class size is limited.

WSCC Schoenherr Center, Rm 751, 3000 N. Stiles Rd., Scottville, MI

For more information and to register, contact  
**Julie Van Dyke, 231.843.5903 or**  
[jlvandyke@westshore.edu](mailto:jlvandyke@westshore.edu)



[www.westshore.edu](http://www.westshore.edu)

The annual employee picnic was held at the Gathering Grounds on a cool, somewhat rainy day in August. This gathering of LRBOI employees and families is a celebration of yet another year working together for our tribal nation.

There were games, a feast and a fire going on throughout the time and everyone had fun. The Bingo was a particular hit!



Thanks again tribal employees for your service!



## Tribal Election update!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board has announced that they will be declaring the next Tribal Election on October 22nd. Watch for details to be announced.



In 1999, The Little River Casino Resort (LRCR) Charity Golf Outing was established as a way to give back to the community. To date, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised for various charitable organizations that serve the Manistee area. The 13th Annual Little River Charity Golf Outing was held at Manistee National Golf and Resort on Friday, July, 13<sup>th</sup>.

The outing was to benefit the following worthy non-profit organizations in the Manistee area: *Manistee Child/Family Advocacy, LRBOI Warriors Society, Manistee 2-1-1, Girl Scouts "Shore to Shore", The Vogue Theatre, and Hospice of Michigan.*

Total proceeds earned at this year's event were **\$54,780.00** contributed by local private contributions and business vendors of the Little River Casino Resort.



Left to right Steve Brower- Vogue Theater, Tom Davis- LRCR General Manager Gloria Lara- Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore, Traci Smith- Manistee Co. Child Advocacy Center, Chad Eckhardt- LRCR Guest Services Manager, Evelyn Szpliet- Manistee 2-1-1, Ferdinand Luchene (SGT at Arms)- LRBOI Warrior Society, Jean Taylor- Hospice of Michigan

## Kateri Mass

The Grand Rapids Diocese has distributed information about the Mass on October 21 to the diocesan website calendar. They've also added links to resources/articles about Blessed Kateri and her journey to sainthood as well as a link to the photos taken at the July event in Hart to the Native American Ministry page of their site.

To view:  
[http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/growing\\_faith/cultural\\_ministries/pages/native\\_american\\_ministry.aspx](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/growing_faith/cultural_ministries/pages/native_american_ministry.aspx)

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### 2012 Gatherings for Four Season's Kateri circle



#### Halloween Gathering

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

#### Ghost Supper

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

#### Christmas Gathering

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

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

If you have any questions call or email.  
Patti Wlodkowski 231-670-1455  
Email: [pski839@gmail.com](mailto:pski839@gmail.com)

## Positive Indian Parenting

Honoring Our Children By Honoring our Traditions

**Sept. 19, 2012 – Nov 7, 2012**

**5:30-7:30**

**Aki Community Center Manistee**

**Meal provided**

Contact Shelly Kequam 231-398-6707 [skequam@lrboi.com](mailto:skequam@lrboi.com) or

Kathy Lagerquist 231-398-6705 [klagerquist@lrboi.com](mailto:klagerquist@lrboi.com)

**Class is free**

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

Honoring Our Children By Honoring our Traditions For hundreds of years, Indian parents were guided by traditions that never left parenting to chance. These traditions were passed from one generation to the next. Positive Indian Parenting is based in the idea that many present-day Indian parents have been deprived of the right to learn positive parenting traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.

Through forced assimilation, removal to boarding schools, and forced foster placement and adoption programs, traditional parenting practices were lost or weakened. This curriculum taps into the power of culture, identity and belonging, giving Indian parents a positive standard of behavior to emulate and a number of basic skills to express their values.

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

There is free and a light supper will be provided, as well as weekly gifts for participants.

Included in the eight sessions are:

Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths

Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding nurturing, development Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills

Praise in Traditional Parenting – positive reinforcement skills -

Choices in Parenting – setting goals, what kind of parent you want to be.

## Back to Safe School Year

**It's that time of year again! Our children and youth of this country are on their way back to school. In preparation for this event, let's take time to look at some tips that will help make this transition easier, smoother and safer for all.**



- \* Get enough sleep the night before.
- \* Eat a healthy breakfast.
- \* Develop good work habits, like writing down your assignments and turning in your homework on time.
- \* Take your time with school work. If you don't understand something, ask the teacher.
- \* Keep a sense of humor.
- \* Pack lunches and refrigerate the night before.
- \* Make sure backpacks are packed and ready to go the night before.
- \* Create a homework center. Stock with extra crayons and supplies needed to complete homework. Make sure it's not near a television.
- \* Lay out clothes the night before.
- \* Remember kids need to make as many decisions as possible. Avoid struggles by letting them make small decisions.
- \* Each evening have a 30 minute family clean up time to get everything back in place.

Remember, getting back into the routine of going to school takes preparation. The same is true for your safety. Make sure your child understands the basics of school safety; looking both ways before crossing any street, being wary of strangers, not giving into peer pressure and listening to their teachers and school officials directions. These tips and reminders can go a long way in helping your child and you both get off to a good and safe school year!

## Frugal Franny!

### 25 Ways to save today!

1. Wash laundry in cold water
2. Eat all of your meals at home
3. On warm days, hang laundry on the line outside to dry
4. Cut dryer sheets in half
5. Eat leftovers for lunch
6. Borrow movies from the library instead of going to the movie theater
7. Turn in books to the used book store for store credit, & use the credit to get new-to-you books.
8. Shop at Dollar Store
9. Save vegetable seeds to plant
10. Make homemade snacks
11. Use rags instead of paper towels
12. Clip coupons
13. Turn day old bread into breadcrumbs
14. Keep lights & tv off during the day
15. Bring lunch to work instead of eating out  
Use up leftovers – don't let them go to waste
16. Make birthday cards-with your kids
17. Watch the cash register and check receipts to keep from getting overcharged on items
18. Save gas by doing all of your errands in one day instead of little trips throughout the week
19. Make a grocery list before going to store, and stick to the list when shopping
20. Look into lowering your insurance premium by raising your deductible
21. Buy plastic washable bottles and fill with water instead of buying bottled water
22. Make homemade pizza instead of ordering out
23. Use craft materials you have on hand to make gifts
24. Make meal menus
25. Reuse Ziploc storage baggies

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

#### Income

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards  
 October 1, 2011 & October 1, 2012

Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,055.00
2.	\$ 1,373.00
3.	\$ 1,692.00
4.	\$ 2,018.00
5.	\$ 2,362.00
6.	\$ 2,708.00
7.	\$ 3,026.00
8.	\$ 3,344.00
For each additional member add \$ 319.00	

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson 1-888-723-8288 ask for  
 Commodity Program Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

## Special Notice CHS/EHAP Beneficiaries

Tribal Members participating in the Contract Health and Extended Health Assistance Programs are required to follow the adopted program rules as follows:

- Must be an enrolled member of LRBOI with appropriate documentation provided to the department
- Must Coordinate their primary care at the LRBOI Tribal Health Services Clinic or an IHS/Tribal health facility within 90 miles one way surface travel of their residence
- Must have an active/current (within the past 12 months) referral to a specialty provider in their CHS/EHAP file for specialty provider care (cardiologists, endocrinologists, ENT, etc.)

- Must seek pre-approval for benefits at least 48 hours prior to the service to be delivered (medical/specialty provider visits, diagnostic testing, dental care, filling/refilling of medications)
- Must apply for alternative resources (Medicaid or other medical benefits) for participation in the program
- Must have current application/reassessment paperwork on file (within the last year—no older than 12 months).

CHS/EHAP is presently reviewing beneficiary files to ensure that all persons participating in the program are eligible and compliant with the program requirements. Persons will

be notified in the event their beneficiary files are absent/lacking appropriate documentation and will be directed regarding the necessary paperwork/actions that must occur for continued participation. Only those persons who have deficiencies in their file will be notified. Please note: significant deficiencies may result in a suspension of benefits until such time the deficiencies are addressed and the file completed appropriately for compliant participation.

Any person not seeking appropriate pre-approval prior to a service being rendered may be denied payment for the service; please ensure your requests are pre-approved by our CHS/EHAP offices.

### 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](mailto:ncross@lrboi.com)  
Volunteers are needed to help with meals, if interested please contact Noelle.  
A meal is given to a volunteer who spends at least a half an hour of their time contributing to the Elder Meal Program.

# October 2012

## Elder Meal Menu

AKI Maadiziwin Community Center

### Tip of the Month

Health Benefits of pumpkin The alpha-carotene and beta-carotene are potent antioxidants found in pumpkin and are pro-vitamin A carotenoids, meaning the body converts them to vitamin A. Vitamin A promotes healthy vision and ensures proper immune function. The beta-carotene in pumpkin may also reverse skin damage caused by the sun and act as an anti-inflammatory. Alpha-carotene is thought to slow the aging process and also reduce the risk of developing cataracts and prevent tumor growth. Carotenoids also boost immunity and lessen the risk of heart disease.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	1 S m o t h e r e d Chicken Rice Veggie Melody Dessert	2 Spaghetti Broccoli Fruit juice Tapioca	3 Albacore Tuna Sand Minestrone Cheese cake bites	4 Pot Roast Red potato Carrots <b>Birthday Cake!!</b>	5 <b>Muskegon Meal Please contact Noelle 231-398-6886</b>	Activities: Wednesdays -Wii Bowling Day Thursday the 4th Birthday of the Month Tuesday the 16th Bingo Others TBD
<b>Thank you!</b> <i>The Elder Meals program would like to thank the Natural Resource Commission as well as Jimmy Mitchell, Ken Lahaye and Mike Snyder from Natural Resource for all the Lake Trout.</i> <i>The Elders enjoyed it very much.</i>	8 Taco Bake Spanish Rice Beans	9 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato Green beans Jell-O w/ fruit	10 Chili Corn Bread Steamed Carrots	11 Chicken soup Grilled cheese sand Frozen yogurt	 <p>Delano Peters wants to say <b>Thanks to Leonard and Carol for delivering the lunches to the Elders at Aki Maadiziwin!</b> It Doesn't Seem Enough</p> <p>I want to tell you <b>"Thank you,"</b> But it doesn't seem enough. Words don't seem sufficient-- "Blah, blah" and all that stuff.</p> <p>Please know I have deep feelings About your generous act. <b>I really appreciate you;</b> You're special, and that's a fact! <i>By Joanna Fuchs</i></p>	
<b>Thank you!</b> <i>Felisa Moore for helping prepare it!</i>	15 Ravioli /Sauce Veggie Blend Garlic Bread Stick	16 Grilled Fish Sweet potato fries Lemon Pie	17 Ham Potato Green beans Dessert	18 Chicken Breast Baked Potato Green beans Pudding		
22 Chicken Pot pie Broccoli Cottage cheese Dessert Fruit cocktail	23 Breakfast for lunch!!!!	24 Potato Soup Ham Sandwich Carrots Peach crisp	25 Meatloaf Mashed potato Broccoli Banana Pudding Banana pudding			
28 Menu subject to change with out notice.	29 Bean Soup Fry bread Vegetable	30 Corned Beef Cabbage Carrots Cookies	31 Fench Dip Baked Potato Mixed Veggies Orange			



NCAI Remembers Stanley R. Crooks, Shakopee Mdewakanton Chairman; a Bold Tribal Leader and Lifetime Member of NCAI Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington, D.C. important part of Crooks legacy

Washington, DC - NCAI released a statement August 28, 2012 reflecting on the life and contributions of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Chairman Stanley R. Crooks, a lifetime member of NCAI and prominent leader in Indian Country, who passed away this past Saturday August 25, 2012 from natural causes.

"Chairman Crooks was a dedicated Lifetime Member of NCAI and his passion for making Indian Country stronger was only surpassed by his love for his family and community. He was bold, and he carried with him the pride and courage of the Dakota people. We are sure there will be generations of great leaders who will walk in his footsteps and continue the vision of the nation he led and the efforts he supported," said Jefferson Keel, President of NCAI, and Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Chairman Crooks will long be remembered at NCAI for his many contributions to Indian Country and his steadfast support for a unified voice for Indian Country. One of his greatest gifts to NCAI - and Indian Country - was his leadership, and that of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in helping to establish the Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington, D.C. The legacy of Stanley Crooks' leadership is honored every time a tribal leader or citizen walks in the doors of our great Embassy; when a foreign dignitary or senior U.S. government official visits to build stronger ties between nations; when NCAI staff members arrive every day to work for the betterment of Indian Country. In the Embassy of Tribal Nations, his legacy will live on to the seventh generation, and beyond, and for that Indian Country should be forever grateful to Chairman Crooks and the nation he led for so many years."

In February of 2006, the Shakopee Nation, led by Chairman Crooks, became the first Eagle level donor, establishing a challenge grant in the sum of \$1 million, calling on other tribes to engage in the Embassy of Tribal Nations Capital Campaign project. In 2009, the Embassy of Tribal Nations was opened in the heart of Washington, D.C.'s "Embassy Row."

In April of 2006 Chairman Crooks wrote an op-ed in which he outlined the vision for the Embassy and why it was important for Indian Country to realize the longtime vision for a home in the nation's Capital:

"The Embassy of Tribal Nations will benefit all Indian nations and all Native people for generations to come. It will give Indian nations a permanent home in our nation's capital. With this embassy, we can work towards increasing the status of our tribes and take our rightful place among other sovereign nations of the world - giving credence and attention to issues of importance in Indian Country.

By working under the same roof with other national Indian organizations and tribes, our goal of working with one voice can be attained. With a permanent home, Indian nations will have a base from which to carry out our intergovernmental relations to protect tribal sovereignty and treaty obligations. The Embassy of Tribal Nations is an investment in the future of Indian Country. When this building is completed, all of Indian Country will have a presence in the Nation's Capital and the halls of Congress like never before." - Chairman Stanley Crooks, April 2006

In 2004 the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community contributed \$100,000 to launch another important NCAI institution - the NCAI Policy Research Center - a tribally-driven research center dedicated to supporting Indian Country in shaping its own future.

Chairman Crooks' leadership was also instrumental to a renaissance in Native philanthropy. Under his leadership, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community members have approved community donations of more than \$243 million to tribes and charitable organizations since 1996 and tribal loans of more than \$450 million for economic development and community development. He served as Chairman of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for more than 20 successive years and was reelected for a new four-year term of office in January of 2012.

## An Attack on the Mind, Body and Spirit

**PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION –**  
On August 26th women of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, along with allies including Deep Green Resistance, will hold an event called the Women's Day of Peace in response to the peddling of alcohol in Whiteclay, Nebraska.



*A tavern in Whiteclay, Nebraska. 400 yards south of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, 1940*

"For over 100 years the women of the Oglala Lakota nation have been dealing with an attack on the mind body and spirit of their relatives" says Olowan Martinez, who is a main organizer of the event and resident of Pine Ridge.

"The Oglala have been silenced through chemical warfare waged by the corporations who are out to exploit and make a profit off of the suffering and misery of our people. The time has come to end this suffering by any means necessary."

The town of Whiteclay, Nebraska lies less than 300 feet from the border of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where the sale and consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

Whiteclay has a population of 14, yet 4 liquor stores in the town sell 12,500 cans of beer each day. It has been documented that the stores sell to bootleggers, intoxicated people, minors, and trade beer for sexual favors.

The impact of alcohol distribution is felt by women and children on the reservation in particular, with rates of sexual assault and domestic violence double the national average.

Young Lakota activists and their non-indigenous allies blockaded the road leading into Whiteclay for over 4 hours on June 9th of this year to protest the sale of alcohol to Indigenous People. The action in August will be a continuation of these efforts.

The Women's Day of Peace has been organized by women on the reservation and the event will be female directed, including street theater and speeches. The match will start at 12:00 noon at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, South Dakota and proceed into Whiteclay where the other activities will take place. Join us to take a stand against the continued genocide of indigenous peoples!



Every day in Michigan someone, somewhere, is a victim of domestic violence. According to the 2011 Michigan Uniform Crime Report (MUCR), there were 95,024 domestic violence incidences reported. This statistic is an increase of 1500 incidences as compared to MUCR for 2010. Many, however, go unreported. Fear of the batterer, poverty, loss of children, and lack of information regarding rights and services for victims of domestic violence are main reasons why an individual remains in an abusive relationship.

## So, what is Domestic Violence all about?

Domestic violence is about power and control. The abuser wants to dominate the victim/survivor and wants all the power in the relationship and uses violence in order to establish and maintain authority and power. Perpetrators of domestic violence are usually not sick or deranged, but have learned abusive, manipulative techniques and behaviors that allow them to dominate and control others and obtain the responses they desire. An abuser will often restrict a victim's outlets, forbidding the victim to maintain outside employment, friends, and family ties. This has an isolating effect, leaving victims with no support system, and creating dependency. Abusers also limit a survivor's options by not allowing access to checking accounts, credit cards or other sources of money or financial independence. Perpetrators of domestic violence may constantly criticize, belittle and humiliate their partners. Causing the victim to feel worthless, ugly, stupid and crazy does not allow for a survivor's healthy self-perception. Low self-esteem may contribute to victims feeling they deserve the abuse, affecting their ability to see themselves as worthy of better treatment.

## ANYONE CAN BE A VICTIM!

Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, education, employment or marital status. Although both men and women can be abused, most victims are women. Children in homes where there is domestic violence are more likely to be abused and/or neglected. Most children in these homes know about the violence. Even if a child is not physically harmed, they may have emotional and behavior problems. Domestic violence affects each of our lives. It extends to all socioeconomic groups, ethnicities, and genders. If you feel that it has surpassed you, look closely in your workplace, neighborhood or church congregation.

## So.... what can you do?

Become involved. Advise victims of ways you can help (i.e., providing housing, money, child care, etc.). Help victims locate shelter and resources. Offer to call attorneys or make appointments with social service agencies. Provide transportation to the appointments and support throughout the decision-making process. If you hear a violent incident occurring, call the police. Demonstrate concern. Tell victims the abuse is not their fault.

Let them know you are afraid for their welfare and the welfare of their children. Many victims may not be able to see the harm violence does to their family until someone outside the family voices their concern. Hearing that others see the effects of violence on the children will often prompt victims to seek assistance. Provide support and encouragement. Victims should hear from friends and family that they are worth more, deserve better treatment, and deserve to be loved. Supportive positive messages may enable victims to find the strength within them to escape the violence. Understand if victims are reluctant to leave: staying may be a survival strategy. Let victims know you are willing to help when they are ready to ask for assistance.



## Why does it matter? Let's take a look at a few of the statistics:

In Michigan's 2011 Uniform Crime Report there were 95,024 incidents of Domestic Violence reported. This is a Michigan specific report. Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults. 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

71% of pet-owning women entering women's shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims; 32% reported their children had hurt or killed animals. 68% of battered women reported violence towards their animals by a perpetrator. 87% of these incidents occurred in the presence of the women, and 75% in the presence of the children, to psychologically control and coerce

them. Abusers kill, harm, or threaten children's pets to coerce them into sexual abuse or to force them to remain silent about abuse. Disturbed children kill or harm animals to emulate their parents' conduct, to prevent the abuser from killing the pet, or to take out their aggressions on another victim. Animal cruelty problems are people problems. When animals are abused, people are at risk.

Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew. One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

According to the 2011 Michigan Uniform Crime Report 68,503 women and 26,373 men were victimized by an intimate partner. The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.

One study found that women who have experienced any type of personal violence (even when the last episode was 14 to 30 years ago) reported a greater number of chronic physical symptoms than those who have not been abused. The risk of suffering from six or more chronic physical symptoms increased with the number of forms of violence experienced (Christina Nicolaidis et al., 2004).

Native American women experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States. A report released by the Department of Justice, American Indians and Crime, found that Native American women suffer violent crime at a rate three and a half times greater than the national average. National researchers estimate that this number is actually much higher than has been captured by statistics; according to the Department of Justice over 70% of sexual assaults are never reported.

Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner. In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder. Victims of intimate partner violence lost almost 8 million days of paid work because of the violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, boyfriends and dates. This loss is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs and almost 5.6 million days of household productivity as a result of violence.

The question should not be "why does she stay?" the question we should be asking is "why does he choose to abuse?" We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and hope that domestic violence will go away. Abuse is stopped only by intervention.

## HELP IS AVAILABLE:

Call the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department 231-398-6726. Need of an Emergency Shelter; Call 1-800-A-SHELTER for Assistance For Emergency Information lines Dial 911 or 211. "SILENCE HIDES VIOLENCE"

## 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.

### New Procedure for Verifying Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

On August 15, 2012, Ogema Romanelli approved a new procedure for verifying the physical address of Tribal members who move into the Tribe's Tax Agreement Area and choose to have Resident Tribal Member (RTM) status. "Resident Tribal Members" (RTMs) are considered State tax exempt in accordance with the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan. A Tribal member must live at the physical address within the Tax Agreement Area to benefit from this tax-exempt status.

Tribal members that do not live within the Tax Agreement Area are not affected by the new procedure.

Proof of Residency is required for any address change to "Resident Tribal Member" status. This means that if you are requesting a new identification card or RTM sticker, and your address has changed since the last identification card issued by Enrollment, you will need to provide written proof of residency in order to be changed to Resident Tribal Member status.

In addition to Tribal ID, the RTM must provide two (2) of the following with name and physical address to prove physical residence.

- Michigan driver's license with address in Tax Agreement Area
- Voter's registration with address in Tax Agreement Area
- Michigan identification card with address in Tax Agreement Area
- Utility bill naming member (or legal guardian, if minor) as responsible for payment for address in the Tax Agreement Area.
- Copy of rent or lease agreement if utilities are included in rent.
- Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) paperwork.
- Social security determination with physical address
- School records (for dependents)
- Post office record of physical address
- Other – certain eligible received mail

Tribal members that do not provide the required "proof of residency" to the Enrollment Office can present their documents at the Tax Office to become eligible for Resident Tribal Member status.

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

No person shall be added to the electronic RTM list or any subsequent listing unless written documentation of Tax Agreement Area residence is provided. The "Address Correction Form for Enrollment" has been revised. Residency within the Tax Agreement Area is now certified on a separate "Proof of Residency" form (TD501). The old address change form will not be accepted after November 1, 2012.

If you have any questions about Resident Tribal Member status or the new Proof of Residency form and requirements, please call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 or 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6874.

You can also access information on becoming a Resident Tribal Member, and the proof of residency form, on the Tax Office page of the Tribe's website at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov).

## Equal Voting Rights Petition

*(The following information was distributed after the decision by the Election Board to allow an extension of the Equal Voting Rights Petition. It is printed in its entirety for your information. Editor)*

The LRBOI Election Board has granted a request to allow the Equal Voting Rights Petition signature collection period to extend until the 22nd of October. Will you please circulate this letter to your email group so they know that EVR supporters continue to work hard to offer all our members the right to vote for all elected officials.

There will be a table set up at the Fall Membership meeting for people to sign but for those who aren't coming to the meeting it is important for them to make their voices heard and become a Circulator of the petition. As a Circulator they have the right to sign their own petition form. Becoming a Circulator is necessary to ensure the EVR Petition is a success so the BIA will hold an election for our people so we can all vote to amend our Constitution to say that ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS get the equal right to vote for ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL PEOPLE.

We have so many voters out there who can't get to one of the larger cities to sign a petition so becoming a Circulator in order to sign for yourself is very important. It's easy to do! A member who wants to be a Circulator must make the request via a Co-Sponsor. Go to the EVR **Face Book** page for a list of Sponsors (see below for the e-address). Your request could simply say, "I, *Melissa Zelenak, tribal ID #1239, would like to be a Circulator for the EVR Petition currently in circulation. As of August 28th, 2012 my address is PO Box 802 Central Lake, Michigan and can be reached at 231-350-1778. I look forward to your prompt reply. Thank you.*"

I pray all members of the tribe will take note of this email and get themselves approved as a Circulator. As soon as they're approved by the Election Board, their signature on their own petition form counts once the Petition Form is notarized. Circulators should make a copy of their notarized petition form before mailing the original to Melissa Zelenak in enough time to meet the submittal deadline of October 22, 2012.

Chi-miigwech,  
Melissa Zelenak  
Primary Sponsor

[www.Facebook.com/groups/LRBOIEVR](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/LRBOIEVR)

## Words of Wisdom

*"I started drinking more seriously, seeking refuge, seeking death actually, from a world that was feeling more and more unnatural to me. Following a painful accident related to drinking, I finally realized that I must decide whether I want to follow my grandparents or truly take up this life. Circumstances that followed led me to choose life." -- Barney Bush, SHAWNEE*

My life is run by choices and decisions. Every choice I make today will carry with it the consequences of that choice. Every decision I make today will carry with it the consequences of that decision. The question I will ask myself today is, "Do I want to be happy or do I want to be right?" Which ever one I choose will have a lot to do with the consequences I will experience today.

If today was the last day of my life,  
what choices and what decisions would I make?

***Oh Great Spirit, guide my path today and help me***

***see the value of choosing the Red Road.***



## Bakakwenh Naboo 2012

Get your drumsticks moving and send your questions to:  
[csoup@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:csoup@lrboi-nsn.gov)



### (Chicken Soup)

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

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.

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.

### Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event
10/6/12	12 pm to 2 pm	Elders Meeting

### Elders Conference

11/3/12	Saturday 9:30am to 8 pm
11/4/12	Sunday 8:30am to 11:30 am
12/1/12	Christmas Party 1pm to 3:30 pm



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

The following is a synopsis for August Tribal and non Tribal arrests.

- 08/03/2012 Arrested a 50 yoa Manistee man for reckless driving 31 and Coates
- 08/03/2012 Assisted MPD with a K-9 search for a B&E of a business
- 08/03/2012 Investigated a complaint of an A&B at the Casino
- 08/07/2012 Arrested a 57 yoa Flushing woman for disorderly at the Casino
- 08/07/2012 Arrested a 44 yoa Montague man for OUIL at 31 and 22
- 08/07/2012 Conservation Officers arrested a 20 yoa Manistee man for illegal dumping on Tribal grounds
- 08/08/2012 Cited a 24 yoa Manistee man for careless driving in Parkdale
- 08/11/2012 Arrested a 42 yoa Manistee man for Assault at AKI
- 08/19/2012 Arrested a 49 yoa Manistee man for driving while license suspended 2 notice
- 08/25/2012 Assisted MPD in the arrest of a Manistee man on 3 felony warrant at the Manistee county court house parking lot.
- 08/26/2012 Conservation Officers participated in a joint CORA patrol on Northern Lk Huron

## Government Closes for the following Holidays

- \*New Years Day
- \*Treaty Recognition Day
- \*Memorial Day
- \*Independence Day
- \*Labor Day
- \*Reaffirmation Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>)
- \*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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### Commissions and Committees

If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees or commissions, please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office indicating which committee/commission you are interested in.

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

The 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**

## Wisconsin Gatherings

Meetings will be held at the Great Spirit Church at the corner of Lapman and 10th Streets in Milwaukee at 1575 S. 10th Street. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Please call Jean Aber for more info at 262-632-1197.

The meetings are usually held the 2nd Saturday of every other month

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3 Native women gathering wild rice, while the face of the Rice Spirit floats below their canoe  
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## “Storm & Earthquake Kit”

*It often takes weeks for services to be restored in Disasters and that's why this condensed emergency planning kit was prepared and distributed by the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) for distribution to tribes everywhere and is presented by your Tribal Emergency Response Team.*

For your workplace, home & vehicles, where you might be confined for several hours, perhaps even overnight, or for days, the following supplies are recommended.

Keep a “3-Day Pack” &/or Duffle Bag under your desk with Your Family & Work Emergency Plans and...

Consider a “Day Pack”, &/or ‘Duffel Bag’, &/or “Carry-on” Suit Case with wheels.

Plan alternate means & routes to get home if power goes out &/or roads or bridges are impassible. Pack Maps

Would you need to stay in your office, home, or vehicle? Would staying be safer than trying to drive or walk? Plan for Kids!

### **Lights & Extra Batteries:**

Flashlight w/Extra Batteries, ‘Head Lamp’, ‘8-12 hr “Light-Stix” (or even your C-Phone LED as a last resort) to find your way if the power is out! Do not use candles, or open flames, for emergency lighting. Consider ‘Hand Crank’ & ‘Shaker’ lights & small ‘Lanterns’.

### **Battery-Powered Radios:AM– FM & ‘Wx’**

News may change rapidly as events unfold. Radio reports will give information about the areas most affected. You will be concerned about family, friends, & travel in the area. Information reduces ‘Stress’...

Consider ‘Solar’ & ‘Crank’ Radios & Spare Batteries.

‘Wx’ Radio= a NOAA Weather & Emergency Radio with ‘Alert’ feature that warns of impending incidents.

### **Food:**

Stock Non-Perishable food for at least 3+ Days, \*\* for you & those likely to be at home & in vehicles (2,400+ calories in 2+ meals/Day/Person). Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation, or cooking & little or no water.\*\*2-3 Weeks for ‘Home Kits’ Stock “Comfort Foods” & Drinks that you like...

- Ready-to-Eat Canned Meals, Meats, Fruits ... (Soups / Chili / Stew / Hash / Ravioli / etc...)
- Canned Juices, Breakfast & Diet Drinks/ Shakes.
- High-Energy Foods (Nuts, Granola & Fruit Bars, Energy Bars, Wheat Thins®, Trisquits®, etc.).

### **Water:**

Store one gallon per person/day in clean plastic containers (soft drink bottles), not containers that will contaminate, decompose, or break, like plastic milk jugs and glass bottles. Store ½+ in your 3+ Day Kit, Wheeled Pack, Duffle &/or Suitcase for evacuations. Pack a bottle of water purification tablets. Consider packing a “Water Filter ‘Straw’”

### **Medications:**

Pain relievers, stomach remedies, anti-diarrhea meds (stress-caused) and vitamins, etc. Keep at least 3+ day’s supply of prescription medications in each of your kits. Consult your physician/pharmacist, about how they should be stored, and your employer about storage concerns. Menthol Cough- Drops & Peppermint Candy can be used for nausea.

\*OTHER ITEMS to keep handy, and be able to “Grab & Take” with you in evacuations include: Mobile Phone & Hand Crank Charger, Coat & Rain Gear w/ Essentials above already in pockets! AM-FM & NOAA Emergency Alert (‘Wx’) Radios...

### **First Aid Supplies: Take Training! See below**

It is important to have sufficient First Aid supplies and First Aid and Emergency/Disaster Guides in your home and vehicle kits. At a minimum:

- 20x Adhesive Bandages, ‘Band-Aids’®, various sizes
- 2+Triangular Bandages (The Most Versatile F.A. Supply)
- 12x Gauze Pads, 2” x 2”, sterile dressings
- 12x Gauze Pads, 4” x 4”, sterile dressings
- 2+Sterile Dressing: 5” x 9” or larger; or ‘Sanitary Napkin’
- 1x Gauze Bandage, ‘Conforming Roller Gauze’
- 1x Cohesive (‘self sticking’) Roller Bandage, 3” roll
- 2-4x Adhesive Tape rolls, ½” & ¾” wide, Rayon & Paper
- 6+ Germicidal Hand Wipes &/or 1x bottle Waterless Hand Sanitizer
- 6+ Antiseptic Wipes &/or liquid (Betadine/Provadone)
- 1x Anti-Bacterial / Anti Fungal Ointment tube (‘3in1’)
- 2+ Non-Latex (Nitrile) Gloves; large, medical grade
- 1x CPR Breathing Barrier / “Face Shield”
- 1 set: Cold Packs & Heat Pads (Instant, 12 hour)
- 1 set: Scissors (Small Personal & “Boot”) & Tweezers
- 1 kit: Medications - see below (Aspirin / Ibuprofen)

### **Tools and Supplies:**

- Spare pair of Eye Glasses
- Magnifying glass.
- Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue and ‘Baby Wipes’ (personal hygiene, dry shower & sanitation uses).
- Personal Hygiene Items, including soap, comb & brush, toothbrush & paste, razor, contact lens supplies & feminine supplies, if needed.
- Emergency “Space” Blanket (Mylar / foil).
- Utility Tool, Can Opener, Metal Cup & Spoon.
- Paper bowls and cups, & plastic utensils
- Plastic Trash Bags (Can use as a rain poncho)
- Complete change of clothing Include (1+ each): Warm ski hat & gloves & scarf, leather gloves, Polypropylene (quick dry), T-shirt, Sox and ‘Undies’, long sleeved Shirt & long Pants, & closed-toed Walking Shoes or Boots.
- Signal Whistle, Flagging Tape, ‘Light Stix’ signal (twirled on 3’ string for visibility).
- Cards, Games, &/or Books to pass the time.

### **General Information**

- Rotate/Use Food, Water & Medicines each 6-12 months
- Your kit should be adjusted (added to) based on your own personal situation and needs.

### **Get Trained:**

FEMA:<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>;  
<http://training.fema.gov/AreYouReady/> & [www.Ready.gov/IndianCountry](http://www.Ready.gov/IndianCountry)

First Aid & CPR, and CERT  
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The Nation's Efforts to Honor American Indians and Alaska Natives

For almost one hundred years, Americans both Indian and non-Indian have urged that there be permanently designated by the nation a special place on the calendar to honor the contributions, achievements, sacrifices, and cultural and historical legacy of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States and their descendants: the American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The quest for a national honoring of Native Americans began in the early 20th Century as a private effort. As far back as the late 1970s, Congress has enacted legislation and subsequent presidents have issued annual proclamations designating a day, a week or a month to celebrate and commemorate the nation's American Indian and Alaska Native heritage. In 2009, Congress passed and the President signed legislation that established the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day of each year as "Native American Heritage Day."

### Honoring and Citizenship: Early Advocates

After 1900, one of the earliest proponents of a day honoring American Indians was Dr. Arthur Caswell Parker (b. 1881, d. 1955), a Cattaraugus Seneca and the director of the Rochester Museum in New York (now the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences). Dr. Parker (Gawasco Waneh) was a noted anthropologist, historian and author whose great-uncle was Brigadier General Ely S. Parker, secretary to General Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War and the first American Indian to serve as Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior. Dr. Parker also served as the first president of the Society for American Archaeology (1935-36).

Dr. Parker was a founder of a number of American Indian rights organizations, including the Society of American Indians (SAI) in 1911 and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in 1944, and advocated for American Indians to be given U.S. citizenship. He was successful in persuading the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans," which they did from 1912 to 1915.

In the spring of 1914, another Indian rights advocate, the Reverend Red Fox James (b. 1890-95, d. ?), also known as Red Fox Skiukusha, whose tribal identity is undetermined, began a 4,000-mile trek on horseback to Washington, D.C., to petition the president for an "Indian Day." The next year, again on horseback, he travelled state-to-state seeking gubernatorial support for U.S. citizenship to be extended to American Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented to the White House the endorsements of 24 governors. In 1919, he petitioned the state of Washington to designate the

fourth Saturday in September as an "Indian holiday."

Also in 1915, the Congress of the American Indian Association, meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, directed its president, the Reverend Sherman Coolidge (1862-1932), an Arapaho minister and one of the founders of the SAI, to call upon the nation to observe a day for American Indians. On September 18, 1915, he issued a proclamation declaring the second Saturday of each May as "American Indian Day" and appealing for U.S. citizenship for American Indians.

In 1924, Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act extending citizenship to all U.S.-born American Indians not already covered by treaty or other federal agreements that granted such status. The act was later amended to include Alaska Natives.

### State Observances

The first time an American Indian Day was formally designated in the U.S. may have been in 1916, when the governor of New York fixed the second Saturday in May for his state's observance. Several states celebrated the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Day. In 1919, the Illinois state legislature enacted a bill doing so. In Massachusetts, the governor issued a proclamation, in accordance with a 1935 law, naming the day that would become American Indian Day in any given year.

In 1968, California Governor Ronald Reagan signed a resolution designating the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Day. In 1998, the California State Assembly enacted legislation creating Native American Day as an official state holiday.

In 1989, the South Dakota state legislature passed a bill proclaiming 1990 as the "Year of Reconciliation" between the state's American Indian and White citizens. Pursuant to that act, South Dakota Governor George S. Mickelson designated Columbus Day as the state's American Indian Day, thereby making it a state-sanctioned holiday.

For more information about state designations for American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native American heritage observations or celebrations, contact directly the state(s) you are interested in.

### 1992 – The Year of the American Indian

The 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the western hemisphere in 1492 was the occasion for national and local celebrations. However, for Native people it was an occasion they could neither fully embrace nor participate in.

Congress acknowledged their concerns regarding the Columbus Quincentennial by enacting Senate Joint Resolution 217 (Pub. L. 102-188) which designated 1992 as the "Year of the American Indian." It was signed by President George H.W. Bush on December 4, 1991. Pursuant to that act, President Bush issued on March 2, 1992, Proclamation 6407

announcing 1992 as the "Year of the American Indian."

The American Indian response to the anniversary was marked by public protests. Yet, it also was seen by many in that community as a special, year-long opportunity to hold public education events, commemorations of ancestral sacrifices and contributions to America, and celebrations for the survival of Native peoples over five centuries.

### Federal Observances

In 1976, the United States' bicentennial year, Congress passed a resolution authorizing President Ford to proclaim a week in October as "Native American Awareness Week." On October 8, 1976, he issued his presidential proclamation doing so. Since then, Congress and the President have observed a day, a week or a month in honor of the American Indian and Alaska Native people. And while the proclamations do not set a national theme for the observance, they do allow each federal department and agency to develop their own ways of celebrating and honoring the nation's Native American heritage. For example, listed below are the themes used by the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior for the years 2003 to 2011:

2011 - "Celebrating Our Ancestors and Leaders of Tomorrow"  
2010 – "Life is Sacred – Celebrate Healthy Native Communities"  
2009 – "Pride in Our Heritage With Gratitude to Our Elders"  
2008 – "Tribes Facing Challenges: In Unity, Transforming Hope into Strengths"  
2007 – "Keeping in Step to the Heartbeat of the Drum as We Unite as One"  
2006 – "Tribal Diversity: Weaving Together Our Traditions"  
2005 – "Knowledge of the Past/Wisdom for the Future"  
2004 – "Native Nations: Continuing in the New Millennium"  
2003 – "A Celebration of the American Indian Spirit"

Contact the federal department or agency you are interested in for information about their National Native American Heritage Month activities.

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The famous Budweiser Clydesdales were in Manistee at the Little River Casino Resort for a special visit courtesy sponsored by Ludington Beverage. Hundreds of people showed up on a rainy afternoon at the old Interim Casino parking lot to see the beautiful horses, carriage and livery. The rain forced the organizers to move the beautiful carriage back into the trailer but one of the trainers took one of the 'stars' of the show over to the Casino Bus parking area where everyone got to meet him and have their picture taken with him.

One of the children taking advantage of the opportunity commented, "He sure is big!"



Clydesdales are draft horses and were big and strong which allowed them to have the strength needed to pull massive wagons.



For a cute video about the horses, go to: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgl\\_hi0dgUw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgl_hi0dgUw)

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Nearly a hundred years ago a small animal that most people have never heard of was wiped out of the northern forest.

In the mid-1980's, wildlife biologists reintroduced the pine marten in two locations in the Lower Peninsula. They thought the population would take off and spread but it hasn't. And now researchers are trying to find out why.

### Feisty Weasel

Pine marten is the smallest predator in the northern forest. It's a member of the weasel family, related to otters and ferrets. It weighs roughly two to two-and-a half pounds, has big furry ears, a pointed nose, a bright orange patch on its chest and a bit of a temper.

"I don't know how big of an animal they would take on but they do have a reputation for being quite fierce," says Jill Witt, a wildlife biologist with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

She has caught a marten caught in a wire cage tucked next to a fallen log, half buried in twigs and leaf litter. And she says this is just about the only way a person would ever see one.

"I've never seen one prior to this. I think most people can say they've never seen a marten in the forest," Witt says. "They're very elusive."

### Part of Old Forest

Martens feed mostly on small rodents of the forest...voles, mice, squirrels, chipmunks. But it will go after animals twice its size, such as snowshoe hare.

It thrives where there are a lot of big downed dead trees. Back in the day before logging and wildfire changed the Michigan forest, they hung out in big old pines and hemlocks. And fur trappers prized the animal for its pelt. But now the marten seems to have adapted to the oaks and beech and maple of the mature hardwood forest.

"And I think marten really is a good example of a species that can do well if the forest is allowed to recover and return to and continue on towards a more mature, possible even old growth state," Jill Witt says.

### How It's Doing?

The marten that are here appear to be doing OK in the Manistee forest. But the population doesn't appear to be growing or spreading.

Researchers think one reason might be that the prime habitat is isolated. So there aren't places in between for martens to get a toe hold. But the study also is looking at other possibilities.

Veterinarian Maria Spriggs uses a gas to anesthetize the trapped marten. She lays it out on a cloth on the tail gate of a pick-up truck and monitors its heart rate and oxygen intake. She's the vet at Mesker Park Zoo in Evansville Indiana.

She takes blood, urine and fecal samples and does a brief inspection for parasites such as ticks. And she declares it a robust male.

"He looks healthy. Nice looking male," Spriggs says. "He's in good weight. Good body condition. His hair coat is healthy, shiny."

Later, Dr. Spriggs will do an intensive work-up of the blood samples. One of the main points of the study is to find out if there are signs



*Marten AnimalVet doing field tests of marten in Manistee National Forest*

of in-breeding or disease. That could be a key reason why the animals aren't doing better.

### Small Changes Could Help

After the fit of a new radio collar meets her approval, Spriggs places the marten in a wooden box lined with a towel. The anesthesia generally wears off in about fifteen minutes.

"They do have bit of an attitude at times," says Paul Keenlance. "Although I guess if a UFO plopped down and knocked me out and put a collar on me and punched a hole in my ear and all kinds of things I might not be real friendly when I woke up either." He's a professor of wildlife biology at Grand Valley State.

And he says compared with larger animals like wolves and bears, martens are much easier to catch and collar and track. So he expects the study will produce a lot of good data.

To Keenlance, that means a realistic chance that forest managers could make a few changes to help martens recover without a lot of restrictions or costs. Something he thinks is worth the effort.

"Is the ecosystem going to collapse because there aren't martens? Well no, probably not," Keenlance says. "But it is, I think, a healthier ecosystem and more fully functioning with as many of the original components as you can have."

### Clan Animal

For American Indians, the marten isn't just related to the health of the forest but it's also connected with the health of the people. That's why the Little River Band is putting so much effort into the research.

"We look at most species that were here during the time prior to the big change that occurred that those all were part of our family," says Jimmie Mitchell. "We all interacted. We keyed-in on what each other did. We learned a lot from our environment and how the animals acted." Mitchell is head of natural resources for the tribe.

There is a tradition for families to identify certain animals as part of their clan. Members of the marten clan were warriors and stood for courage. And Mitchell says the tribe wants to hold on to those traditions because they still have value today.

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*A collared female marten and her kit in the Manistee National Forest*

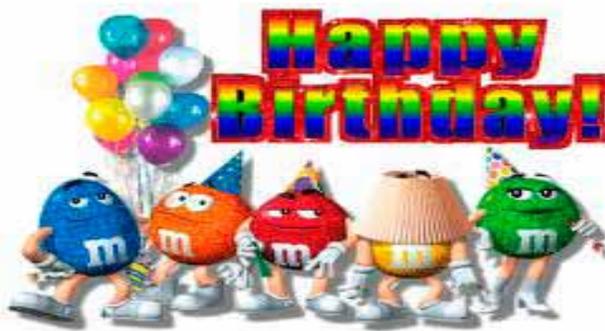
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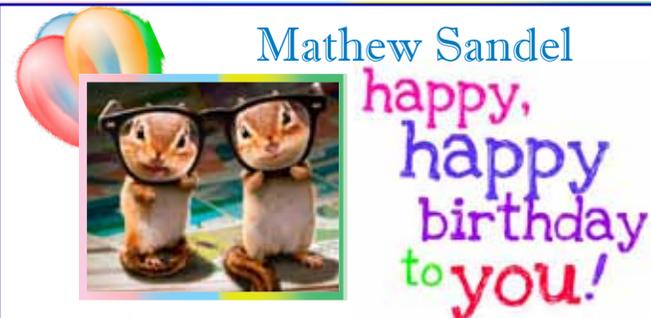
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To my loving son, that is home from the Army having served in Germany for two years, TJ Theodore. Happy 27th Birthday!

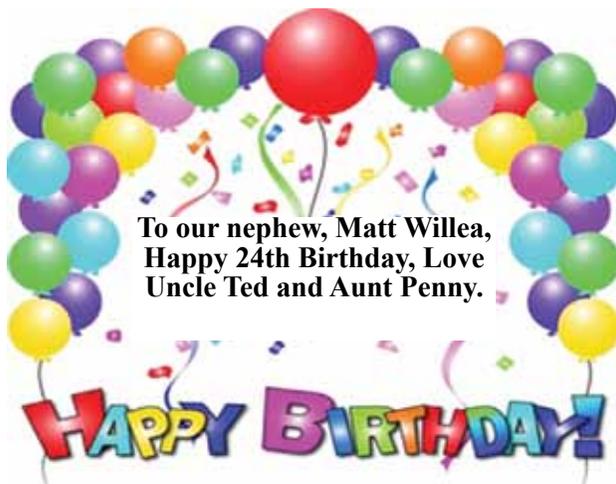
Love Mom and Dad.



**We See a very Happy Birthday in your future!**

I can't get you out of my mind (I don't ever want to)  
You're totally a part of who I am.  
You have a perminant place in my heart.  
Even though we are not near eachother,  
I am so happy to have you in my life!  
Love Mommy Eagle, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Gayle and Uncle Glenn, Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Charlie. Candice, Fern, and Buttercup.

P.S Every Day I wear the smiles you and Hannah have given to me!  
-Love, Mommy Eagle



To our nephew, Matt Willea, Happy 24th Birthday, Love Uncle Ted and Aunt Penny.

In memory of Dan Shepard

The family of the late Dan Shepard wishes to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, and for the condolences and support that we have received. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Pat Wilson, Lee Sprague, and all the drummers who helped with the funeral service. As well as to everyone who helped with the lunch in afterwards.

-Alycia and Jacob Shepard and family.

(Alycia and her mother also would like to let everyone know that if they need assistance, they would like to volunteer their time.)

**Congratulations to new Grandma Patty Austin!**



Railyn Marie Austen was born on July 19, 2012, weighing in at 9lbs 14ozs, and 19 in long.

Proud parents are Calvin Austin and Lisa Rouech



We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Koon Family reunion on July 28th. It was nice to have everyone together for the day.

The date for next year has been set for Saturday July 27th, 2012 so mark your calendar. Thanks again,

Dave & Nancy Schultz

**Big Fish**

Yvonne Theodore caught this beautiful 21" Brown Trout Tuesday August 14 at 6 p.m. in the Manistee River.



The fish put up big fight before she could land it.



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## Michigan Indian Family Olympics



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BeDaBin announces that the Little River Band took 6th place for our nation at the 25th Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

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**Congratulations Olympians on your tremendous performance once again!**

**And the Winners Are!**

- Tot Trot – Osiris Torres- Gold
- 20m Run – Chaos Davis- Gold
- Bean Bag Toss- Osiris Torres – Gold
- Softball Throw 13-15- Trent Allen – Gold
- Softball Throw 65 & up- Ruben Ramon- Silver
- Running Long Jump 55-64- Ron Wittenburg- Silver
- Running Long Jump 65 & up- Ruben Ramon- Bronze
- Jump Rope 5-6 – Xenia Torres- Silver
- Fitness circuit 13-15- Josclyn Cabarrubia- Gold
- Fitness circuit 10-12 – Trace Allen- Silver
- Fitness circuit 13-15 – Martin Torres- Gold
- Archery- Female 33-40- Becky Stone- Bronze
- Archery- Male-33-40- Joshua Stone- Silver
- Archery- Male 65& up – Ruben Ramon- Gold
- 400 M Walk- 55-64- Ron Wittenburg- Silver
- 400 M Walk 65& up- Ruben Ramon – Gold
- 800 M Walk 55-64- Ron Wittenburg- Silver
- 50 M Run 65& up- Ruben Ramon- Silver
- 100 M Run 13-15-Female-Josclyn Cabarrubia – Bronze
- 400 M Run 13-15-Male- Elijah Leis- Silver
- 400 M Run 13-15-Male- Kyle Stone- Bronze
- 400 M Run 55-64- Ron Wittenburg- Silver
- 400 M Run 65 & up- Ruben Ramon- Gold
- 1600 M Run 13-15- Tai Allen- Gold
- 1600 M Run 55-64- Ron Wittenburg- Gold
- 1600 M Run 65 & up- Ruben Ramon- Gold



Nice show of sportsmanship ladies!



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