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Tribal Manager Jessica Burger with President Jefferson Keel and Ogema Larry Romanelli

## 2013 Membership Meeting

The Spring Membership Meeting, hosted by Ogema Romanelli, was held at the Little River Casino Resort April 12th and 13th with great attendance! Highlights of the meeting included a visit by Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians. The Election Board determined that there was not a quorum present to allow voting, but we didn't miss it by much.

See page 4 for more details and for pictures.

For submission policies regarding editorial or communications processes for the Currents or the Rapid River News, please go to [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) under the tabs for both publications. You will see the full policies written there. These include the editorial and communication protocols for the Office of Public Affairs in effect at this time. To comment upon these policies, please use [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com) and send in your thoughts for consideration by the staff.

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These notices are required under Resolution #13-0411-069

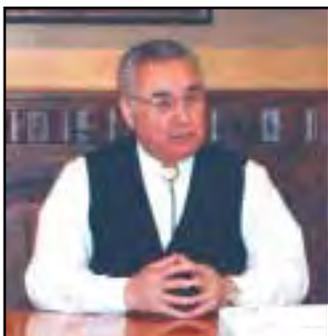
## Publication Guidelines

Publication guidelines for two of Little River's news tools are printed this month.

There has been some confusion over what can be printed in the Currents and in the Rapid River News.

See the guidelines and let us know what you think!"

## President Keel's Message



Keel addresses LRBOI Meeting

The NCAI President had a message for tribal nations and for the communities around them. ***'Our success is success for you too!'*** While President Keel was here, he also held a press conference with local media to talk about the future of tribal nations.



## Welcome Wendell Long – General Manager



The Little River Resort Casino has a new General Manager with a great history working in tribal gaming. See the story about his background inside



## From the Ogema



Aanii:

By the time you read this the 2013 Spring Membership Meeting should be behind us. I hope it goes well. Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians agreed to be our Honorary Guest at this year's meeting to be held at the Little River Casino resort Event Center. Mr. Keel is a very busy person but opened his schedule to visit LRBOI. Miigwetch

The LRBOI General Election is right around the corner on April 26<sup>th</sup> and good luck to the candidates.

There are a number of Tribal issues going on at the national level. LRBOI is very involved thanks to a number of very dedicated knowledgeable employees. While there is business to take care of locally, there is also a need to be involved with State and National issues as well and any of the three could be a fulltime job if we let them. It is good to have elected officials attend the various functions.

The Casino and Tribal Government staff were expected to meet in the Dome Room of the Bank Building to discuss the financial position and budget of the Tribal Government. There are several changes that have taken place that can and will affect our Government finances. As you know the Federal Government through sequestration, has announced reductions which will affect LRBOI. Competition from other casinos will have permanent impact on our Little River casino Resort but the impact has been less than expected for the most part. Also the Revenue Allocation Plan and the new Budget and Appropriations Act will affect how we budget in the future.

Until next month...

Remember... "Some people will cast aside shovel's full of truth to dig for more dirt." - Nimkiins

## Little River Casino Resort Names Wendell M. Long General Manager



March 19, 2013—Manistee, MI-- Little River Casino Resort has announced the appointment of Wendell M. Long to General Manager. Long, who has served as Chief Executive Officer for the last seven years at Casino Del Sol Resort in Tucson, will assume his position effective immediately.

Long brings more than 30 years of strategic and operational experience to Little River Casino with achievements in casino, hospitality, and hotel management, including over 16 years in Indian gaming. Long is renowned as a strategic, decisive, and innovative leader with a broad business perspective and a proven ability to deliver outstanding bottom line results. He is a proud member of the Great Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and has dedicated his career to helping tribes.

Long was the longest-tenured Indian Gaming CEO in Arizona, and the longest in the history of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, with his position encompassing Casino Del Sol Resort and the Casino of the Sun, both located in Tucson, Arizona. Long supervised the expansion and opening of the \$100-plus million 4-Star and 4-Diamond resort hotel and conference center in late 2011, a testimony to Mr. Long's vision and commitment to making Casino Del Sol the premier destination casino resort in Southern Arizona.

"Little River Casino Resort is one of the finest casino resorts in the country, and I am proud and honored to be joining their team," said Long. "Together, this team can look forward to achieving great things for the casino resort and the Tribe."

In addition to Casino Del Sol Resort, Long has also served in a senior executive capacity at Foxwoods Resorts Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut, Mohegan Sun Resort in Montville, Connecticut, and Trump Castle Resort and the Playboy Hotel Resort & Casino, both in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

### About Little River Casino

Little River Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Since opening in 1999, the casino resort has expanded to include a beautiful 292-room luxury hotel, a 1,600 seat event center, and an expanding collection of slots and table games. With its continued growth, Little River Casino has now over 23,000 square feet of space to enjoy a myriad of resort activities.

## 'Tears of a Princess'



### Sage Advice

"We are taught to listen to and learn from our Elders. What are you teaching us with all of this fighting?" So said Isabel Burger as she addressed the 100+ Tribal Members gathered for the Meet-n-Greet which opened up the Spring Membership Meeting for LRBOI on April 12th. 'Izzy' was reacting to the contentious election rhetoric which is swirling around at this time on Face Book and which comes into play within our community at every gathering.

Little River Princess Pandora Pete then added her voice to Izzy's calling for respect, listening and thoughts on how the tribe should come together for the future of all...but especially for the young that she and Izzy represent..."as well as my children and their children!"

Then on Saturday morning, Pandora bravely spoke to the gathered membership. There she spoke tearfully and from the heart as she asked for everyone to come together respectfully and look to our tribal future. Her anguish and love for her people touched the hearts of everyone in the Makwa Endaat and as Ogema Romanelli said, "...wisdom can come from our youth and right now we are very proud of you both." Be sure to check on the website ([www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)) and watch the video of the meeting to see the beautiful message from our Princess.

### **"The base of all things is love and respect."**

-- Vickie Downey, TEWA/Tesuque Pueblo

The greatest weapon of any Spiritual Warrior is love. Love will change minds; love will forgive; love will let go; love will cause good luck; love will heal; love will cry; love will get rid of resentments; love will overcome fear. Love loves love. Any human who is loving will be guaranteed respect. Respect loves love.

We need to love and respect ourselves.

*Grandmother, Grandfather, today,  
lead me on the path of love.*



The normal monthly activity report from the office of the Tribal Council Reporter will resume in the next Currents. Due to extenuating circumstances, the report could not be completed in time for this issue.

## Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments Collected for the Fiscal Year in Accordance with Resolution #03-0813-248

1. Commissions are created to regulate and manage within a subject matter or activity.
  - a. *Membership.* A commission has at least five commissioners who shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.
  - b. *Authority.* A commission shall be granted sufficient legislative authority to allow the commission to create regulations to govern in the subject matter jurisdiction.

Commissions are created by adoption of an Ordinance which sets forth the legislative requirements, direction, limitations, restrictions or other directions regarding a subject matter. Upon adoption of an Ordinance, the commissioners shall be identified and directed to develop and present by-laws.

The Tribal Council shall establish Tribal Committees, as needed, in areas of governance and development. The Committees shall be composed of Tribal members and other interested persons who shall meet and discuss specific issues in order to provide information to the Tribal Council so that the Council can make better informed decisions that affect the Tribal community. In furtherance of this purpose, this Policy will provide rules for the organization, functions, responsibilities, and requirements of Tribal Committees.

2. Commission/Committee Schedules:

### Commissions:

<b>Binojeeuk Commission:</b>	1:00 p.m., 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays – Administration Building
<b>Commerce Commission:</b>	5:00p.m., 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month – Commerce Conference Room
<b>Enrollment Commission:</b>	5:30 p.m., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month – Enrollment Department
<b>Gaming Commission:</b>	5:30 p.m., Tuesdays – Gaming Commission Office
<b>Health Commission:</b>	5:30 p.m., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday – Downtown Office
<b>Housing Commission:</b>	9:00 a.m., 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays – Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
<b>Natural Resource Commission:</b>	5:30 p.m., 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – Natural Resource Department

\*Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.

### Committees:

**Elders** – 12:00 noon, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month – Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

3. The Binojeeuk Commissioners and Gaming Commissioners receive \$125.00 per meeting and the rest of the Commissions and/or Committees receive \$100.00 per meeting.

## Commission/Committee Stipends Paid January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013

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### Elders Committee

Ron Pete – Chair	\$300
Darleen Martin	\$300
Connie Waitner	\$300
Ron Wittenberg	\$300
Rita Gale	\$200

### Liaisons

P. Ruiter – 0 out of 3 attended  
S. Mezeske – 1 out of 3 attended  
V. Johnson – 2 out of 3 attended

### Commerce Commission

Connie Waitner	\$200
Jason Cross	\$300
Denis Miekke	\$100
Peggy Vriesman	\$300
Kareen Lewis	\$300

### Liaisons

S. Mezeske – 0 out of 3 attended  
V. Johnson – 0 out of 3 attended

### Gaming Commission

Lee Ivinson	\$1,621
Dave Corey	\$1,621
Edward Tyler	\$1,171
Joe Riley	\$1,521
Vacant Seat	

### Liaisons

M. Ceplina – 3 out of 13 attended  
J. Sam – 0 out of 13 attended

### Housing Commission

Ron Wittenberg	\$525
Judy Hardenburgh	\$600
Ron Wittenberg	\$600

### Liaisons

S. Parsons – 1 out of 6 attended  
S. Mezeske – 0 out of 6 attended

### Binojeeuk Commission

Julia Chapman	\$675
Hariette Grantsynn	\$625
Carol Gibner	\$875
Martha Howell	\$875
Vacant Seat	

### Liaisons

C. Chapman – 3 out of 7 attended  
V. Johnson – 0 out of 7 attended

### Enrollment Commission

Katie Glocheski	\$300
Diana O'Neal	\$300
Charmaine Stone	\$300

### Liaisons

K. Alexander – 0 out of 3 attended  
V. Johnson – 0 out of 3 attended

### Health Commission

Marty Wabindato	\$300
Pamela Johnson	\$300
Al Patricio	\$300

### Liaisons

K. Alexander – 0 out of 3 attended  
J. M. Sam – 0 out of 3 attended

### Natural Resource Commission

Herman Gamelin	\$400
Ben Hamilton	\$500
Corey Wells	\$500

### Liaisons

M. Ceplina – 2 out of 5 attended  
P. Ruiter – 0 out of 5 attended

The 2013 Spring Membership Meeting for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was well attended over the weekend of April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Ogema's traditional *Meet-n-Greet* on Friday night in the Three Fires Conference Center ended up drawing over 110 tribal members and staff for over 2 hours of discussion. One highlight was when NCAI President Jefferson Keel stopped in and spoke briefly. He also received some gifts from Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Manager Jessica Burger. Keel was in town primarily to speak to the Membership Meeting on Saturday.



Another emotional time was when Isabel Burger and our Princess, Pandora Pete talked to everyone. See the accompanying article for their comments. Tribal Council Recorder Janine Sam ended up being the voice of the Council although Council members Lee Sprague and Kim Alexander attended briefly. Several council, judicial and election board candidates were also in attendance.

The following morning began with President Keel holding a press conference for the Native News Network, the Manistee News Advocate and news radio WLDN 98.7. Keel spoke about tribal impact on areas and the benefits of working together. He provided an analogy where a tribe prospering is like when water rises in a river. Everything rises with it! He sees interaction and support from both the community and their tribes as key for everyone's success.

At the meeting itself, *Urban Thunder* and the LRBOI Warriors' Society began the day with song and the presentation of the flags.



Another high point of the meeting was when the new General Manager of the resort, Wendell Long was presented and spoke about the Little River facility as well as his credentials from the Native American gaming world. One of his proudest achievements at his last Native casino out west was the wonderful success he achieved in training and promoting of tribal members including the CEO of the facility. He said that he gladly, "...worked himself out of a job." This brought a round of applause from the audience!

Following lunch, the LRBOI Election Board announced at 1:08 p.m. that a quorum of registered voters had not been achieved at the Spring Membership Meeting. The board reported that the tribe has 1123 registered voters and that 254 were present. 337 were needed to reach the 30% requirement for a quorum.

Following this announcement, Ogema Romanelli continued with the meeting and entertained questions from tribal members.

Following that, the Ogema held the regular meeting with presentations from the Tribal Manager and CFO Steve Wheeler regarding topics from the budget to the status of self-governance and the sequestration that will impact many tribal services and activities. You may watch the meeting video at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com).

## Little River Currents submission guidelines

The following guidelines are used for submissions to the monthly Tribal newspaper, the *Currents*, of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, Michigan:

Articles must impact or affect the LRBOI tribal community, LRBOI tribal members or the larger Native American/Alaska Indian community.

Precedence will be given to information generated or submitted by the LRBOI Tribal Government offices or staff; to applicable Federal (US) Government-supplied information affecting the above-mentioned communities or groups or information from tribal organizations or supportive agencies such as NCAI, NNLEA, IHS and BIA.

Tribal member businesses or those specifically targeting the LRBOI tribal community will be given the opportunity to run free display ads, as space allows, in the newspaper.

Notices from Tribal members will be accepted and printed, space permitting in the paper. Said notices should address: Family announcements (birthdays, thank you notes, gatherings, graduations, obituaries etc.)

Opinion pieces or letters-to-the-editor are not allowed. The *Currents* is an instrument used to push useful information out to the membership of the tribe and as a government organ, it is not designed to be an opinion tool.

### Election information:

As a government publication, neither the staff nor the paper may make institutional endorsements of candidates during times of elections.

The newspaper will carry such information as the Election Board generates regarding elections.

The opportunity for Candidate statements, in concert with regular scheduled tribal elections, will be made available to all certified candidates in said elections within certain editions and with equal opportunities presented to all candidates. This will also be coordinated with and through the LRBOI Election Board and the department will acquiesce to their wishes.

Submitted statements will be scrutinized to identify slander, libel or other potentially deleterious comments that might appear. The authors will be notified of the potential issues and requested to re-submit articles which do not present the same issues. If no corrected article is submitted, the staff of the *Currents* reserves the right to not run the original submission.

Links: References to internet links are guided by the fact that said links must comply with federal and/or state law regarding cybercrimes, civil laws such as defamatory, derogatory and untruthful statement that are injurious to ones' health, safety and community standing.

Deadlines for submission are at the close of business on the first business day of the month. Tribal Council and the Office of the Ogema have until the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to submit their reports.

## Rapid River News submissions policy

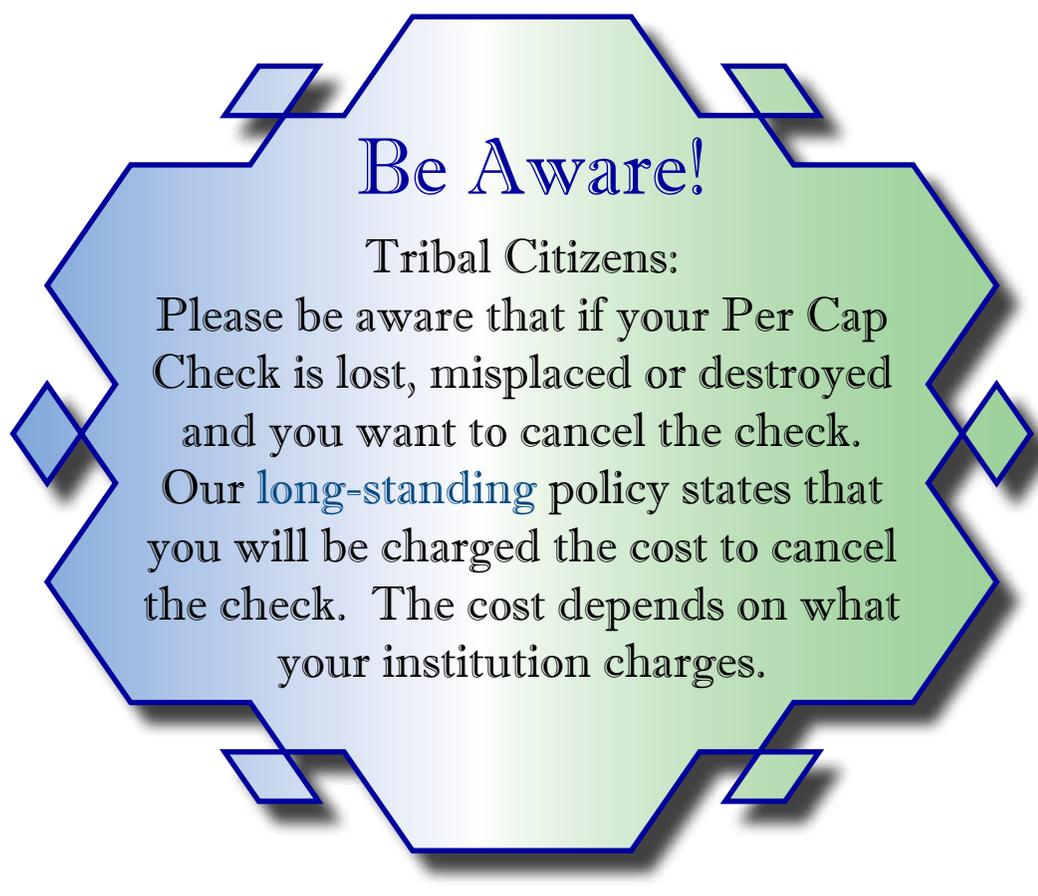
The *Rapid River News* (RRN) is an e-newsletter, generally distributed on Mondays to an e-mail list primarily comprised of tribal employees. It is also posted then on the official tribal website and a link to it is posted on the tribes' Face Book page.

The content is based upon information submitted to the Ogema as part of a regular weekly update report on local and other activities compiled by the Office of Public Affairs.

Content of the public report (RRN) primarily consists of tribal activities and information useful to tribal members, employees and their families. All government branches and departments including economic enterprises such as the Little River Resort Casino, Trading Post and Muschigon may make use of the RRN.

### Links to outside sites:

Any site that has information endorsing a position, candidate, etc., beyond the ethical requirement of 'supporting the government' ("Chapter IX. Conditions of Employment, 9.1 Code of Ethics and Work Rules." *LRBOI Personnel Manual*) may not be published in ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. Links **must** be supported by the governments' IT department to make sure that they comply with security protocols. Any links **must** comply with federal and/or state law regarding cybercrimes and civil laws such as defamatory, derogatory and untruthful statement that are injurious to ones health, safety and community standing.



Be Aware!

Tribal Citizens:

Please be aware that if your Per Cap Check is lost, misplaced or destroyed and you want to cancel the check. Our long-standing policy states that you will be charged the cost to cancel the check. The cost depends on what your institution charges.



## VAWA 2013 AND TRIBAL JURISDICTION OVER NON-INDIAN PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*Congress recently passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, or "VAWA 2013." This new law includes significant provisions addressing tribal jurisdiction over non-Indian perpetrators of domestic violence. These tribal provisions were proposed by the Justice Department in 2011.*

**WHAT WILL TRIBES BE ABLE TO DO UNDER THE NEW LAW?** Tribes will be able to exercise their sovereign power to investigate, prosecute, convict, and sentence both Indians and non-Indians who assault Indian spouses or dating partners or violate a protection order in Indian country. VAWA 2013 also clarifies tribes' sovereign power to issue and enforce civil protection orders against Indians and non-Indians.

**WHEN DOES THIS NEW LAW TAKE EFFECT?** Although tribes can issue and enforce civil protection orders now, generally tribes cannot criminally prosecute non-Indian abusers until at least **March 7, 2015**.

**WILL THIS BE VOLUNTARY?** Yes, tribes will be free to participate, or not. The authority of U.S. Attorneys (and state/local prosecutors, where they have jurisdiction) to prosecute crimes in Indian country remains unchanged.

### WHAT CRIMES ARE COVERED?

Covered offenses will be determined by tribal law. But tribes' criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians will be limited to the following, as defined in VAWA 2013:

- Domestic violence;
- Dating violence; and
- Criminal violations of protection orders.

### WHAT CRIMES ARE NOT COVERED?

The following crimes will generally not be covered:

- Crimes committed outside of Indian country;
- Crimes between two non-Indians;
- Crimes between two strangers, including sexual assaults;
- Crimes committed by a person who lacks sufficient ties to the tribe, such as living or working on its reservation; and
- Child abuse or elder abuse that does not involve the violation of a protection order.

**WHAT IS THE PILOT PROJECT?** A tribe can start prosecuting non-Indian abusers sooner than March 7, 2015, if—

- The tribe's criminal justice system fully protects defendants' rights under Federal law;
- The tribe asks to participate in the new Pilot Project; and
- The Justice Department grants the tribe's request and sets a starting date.

**WHAT RIGHTS DO NON-INDIAN DEFENDANTS HAVE?** A tribe must—

- Protect the rights of defendants under the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, which largely tracks the Federal Constitution's Bill of Rights, including the right to due process.
- Protect the rights of defendants described in the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, by providing—
  - Effective assistance of counsel for defendants;
  - Free, appointed, licensed attorneys for indigent defendants;
  - Law-trained tribal judges who are also licensed to practice law;
  - Publicly available tribal criminal laws and rules; and
  - Recorded criminal proceedings.
- Include Indians and non-Indians in jury pools.
- Inform defendants ordered detained by a tribal court of their right to file Federal habeas corpus petitions.

**IS THERE NEW FUNDING FOR THE TRIBES?** In VAWA 2013, Congress authorized up to \$25 million total for tribal grants in fiscal years 2014 to 2018, but Congress has not yet appropriated any of those funds. However, tribes may continue to apply for funding through DOJ's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), which can support VAWA implementation. Additional funding sources may be available through other Federal agencies.

**HOW CAN WE LEARN MORE?** Please contact the Justice Department's Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ) at 202-514-8812 or Office on Violence against Women (OVW) at 202-307-6026, or visit [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal).



The Tribal Public Safety Department is once again assisting in the campaign to properly dispose of unused prescription drugs in Manistee County. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, you may bring your prescription drugs to the Justice Center off of M-22 for proper disposal from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Proper disposal is very critical because doing things like flushing them down the toilet or throwing them out with the trash dangerously pollutes our lands and waters and can poison animals. Be responsible! Dispose of the drugs properly!

This event is in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** on Saturday, April 27, 2013. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently

accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

In the five previous Take-Back events, DEA in conjunction with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners have collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications were removed from circulation.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

**Got Drugs?**

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends – and the home medicine cabinet.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.
- Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. But if a program is not available:
  - ▶ Take the meds out of their bottles;
  - ▶ Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
  - ▶ Seal them in a bag or disposable container, and throw that away.
- For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:
  - ▶ [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)
  - ▶ [www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com](http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com)
  - ▶ [www.justthinktwice.com](http://www.justthinktwice.com)



## Parents360 Rx

The Parents360 Rx Action Toolkit is a new community education resource that can be used by professionals from law enforcement, prevention and treatment, as well as by any concerned adults who want to share information about medicine abuse with their friends, family, neighbors and organizations to which they belong.

How does it work?

The Parents360 Rx Action Toolkit consists of a video, a discussion guide and a small number of documents, and is available to individuals and organizations at no charge. Program hosts show the short (11-minute) video, which addresses the impact of medicine abuse on real families, to stimulate an informal discussion. The focus of this video is prescription medicine abuse, considered by many to be the biggest substance abuse threat we currently face and one that is unknown to many parents and underestimated by many others. While medicine abuse is the focus, the discussion may be guided to include other substance abuse topics as desired.

<http://pact360.org/programs/parents360rx>

**Live Above the Influence**

Hey, we are not kids anymore, right?  
 There won't always be someone helping us learn what's right or what's wrong.  
 We are all trying to figure it out, using whatever we've learned along the way.  
 More and more, it's up to us.

Trouble is, wherever we're hanging out, you can be sure influence will show up too.  
 "Try one," "This is so cool!" "C'mon, it's no big deal..."  
 In a matter of seconds, you could make a decision that will affect the rest of your life.

Easy? No way. You won't always get it right.  
 But here's the thing—it's your call. Your life.  
 Your chance to define yourself.  
 To stand up for who you are, instead of letting others define you.

Every single day, we need to think about how we're going to live.

Above the influence? Or, under the influence?  
**I am Above the Influence. How about you?**

[abovetheinfluence.com](http://abovetheinfluence.com)



Raised floor concept  
makes repairs easy



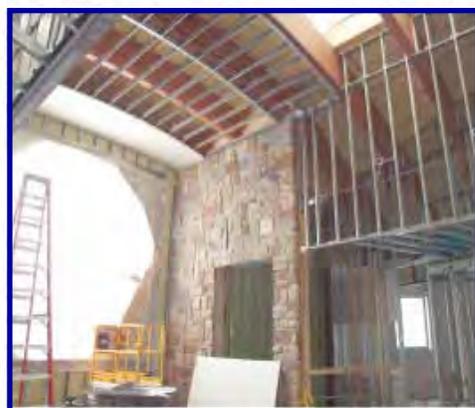
Standpipes  
and  
Suppression  
systems



And... Don't forget!



Lots of metal



Impressive even  
from the inside

What an entry!



### Who can we expect to see?

The majority of tribal government offices will be located at the Government Center, including:

- |                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Health Clinic            | Commerce                |
| Contract Health Services | Planning                |
| Family Services          | Elder Insurance         |
| Be Da Bin                | Tax Office              |
| Education                | Accounting              |
| Members Assistance       | Enrollment              |
| Public Affairs           | Historical Preservation |
| Human Resources          | Maintenance             |
| Historic Preservation    | IT Systems              |
| Grants                   | Office of the Ogema     |
| Work Force Development   | Legislative Offices     |

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

### What is the projected schedule for completion?

The Tribe officially broke ground in early June 2012. The estimated time frame is 18 months from the beginning of construction to the time of occupancy. The biggest challenge now is what is referred to as "FF&E" which focuses on internal furnishings, fixtures and equipment. The Task Force continues to work directly with the architects on this portion of the project. Additionally, the Government Center Task Force is provided with an updated project schedule from Construction Manager Weiland Dav-co on a regular basis. To view the latest project schedule or to find the most recent videos and photos of the construction itself, look for more information at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) under the News and Media tab, click on the Government Center page. Questions or comments can be submitted to [currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov).

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

# 18th Annual Jiingtamok

**July 6 & 7, 2013**

**Tribal Gathering Grounds**

**Manistee, Michigan**

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

**Grand Entries**

**Saturday 1 pm & 7 pm**

**Sunday 1 pm**

**Drums & Head Staff are TBA**

Camping available  
for Jiingtamok  
participants on a  
first come first  
serve basis

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**Absolutely no  
firearms, alcohol,  
drugs, politics  
NO pets allowed  
except for service  
animals**

**Featuring:**

**Native American Craft Vendors**

**Native American Food Vendors**

**Miss Little River Princess Contest**

**Exhibition Dancing & Specials**

For information, please call 1-888-723-8288  
Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Historic Preservation Department

Annual Wellness Walk \* July 6, 2013  
Little River Casino Three Fires Conference Area  
For more information please call 231-723-8288

# “WHITE BUFFALO”

From

**BOOZHU PRODUCTIONS, LLC**

*Produced by Tony Estrada and Austen Brauker*

*Directed by Tony Estrada, Navajo Nation Tribal Member  
Written by Austen Brauker, LRBOI Tribal Member  
Casting Director, Rick Plummer, Director of WSCC  
Performing Arts Program Production Manager, Anthony  
Sprague, LRBOI Tribal Member*



Casting will take place on two separate days at two separate locations:

**Saturday, May 4th 2013:**

West Shore Community College Center Stage Theater, Scottville Mi. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**Sunday, May 5th 2013:**

LRBOI Aki Maadziwin Tribal Community Center, Manistee Mi. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This film calls for numerous native American actors, along with Non-Native actors, male and female, of various ages and physical descriptions. Acting experience is preferred, but not necessary. Please bring a resume and a head shot, if you have them, and be prepared by reading the brief character descriptions given below. You will be asked to perform short segments from the screenplay which will be given to you upon arrival. All participants must sign a confidentiality waiver, a release to use video, audio or photographic recordings, and must provide current contact information for potential call backs.

Below is a list of characters from the script with brief descriptions:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Total scenes</u>
CRAZY BOB(Odawa)	112
JOANIE (Odawa)	97
NANABOOZHU(Odawa)	32
GLADYS(Odawa)	25
OFFICER BLANCHERD	25
PETESY(Odawa)	22
ZEKE	21
OTIS	20
TIBERIUS WHITE	18
SNITER	12
SOPHIE (Odawa)	11
BULDGER	9
SECURITY GRANHOME	3
TICKET TAKER	3
DISPATCHER	2
(Lakota) MARLA	2
SECURITY ROMNEE	2
VOOK ZVEZDAN	2
WARNER BLISS	2
WHITE BUFFALO MASCOT	2
CROWD FOUR	1
CROWD ONE	1
CROWD THREE	1
CROWD TWO	1
FITZGERALD	1
OPERATOR	1
SNACK VENDOR	1
(Odawa) GRACIE	1
(Odawa) LITTLE JOANIE	1
ANCIENT TICKET TAKER	

**CRAZY BOB** (20-24), Male Ottawa Indian, a mop of long shaggy hair, in a black concert-style T-shirt. Leather jacket. Boots. Bandanna. Dated appearance, disheveled Rock and Roll Reservation look. Joanie’s older brother. Manic and obsessed. Worrisome. Wants to do right thing but is conflicted about own culture and what it means. Fearful of authority. Takes care of Joanie after their mother has died. 112 Scenes 265 Dialogs 60 Speaking Scenes

**JOANIE** (16-20), Female Ottawa Indian, Crazy Bob’s younger sister, long straight black hair tied in a braid, stares silently, mute for most of the film. She wears a T-shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes. Traumatized by missing mother. Balances Crazy Bob’s manic behavior with silent sensibility. 97 Scenes 30 Dialogs 7 Speaking scenes

**NANABOOZHU** (50), Odawa Trickster Spirit. buckskin clothing with ornate beaded designs; has a pair of rabbit ears protruding from beneath an otter turban, elk feet. Goes instantly from comical and silly to deadly serious and almost scary. He is the divine intervention and catalyst of the story on behalf of the buffalo. 32 Scenes 66 Dialogs 11 Speaking Scenes

**GLADYS** (60) Elder Indian woman, Odawa, Religious, anti-Indian traditions. Judgmental. Gossipy. Nosey. 25 Scenes 21 Dialogs 6 Speaking Scenes

**PETESY** (60), an elder Odawa man, long gray hair, is passed out in a chair. He is hunched forward, holding a half empty wine bottle. 22 Scenes 60 Dialogs 7 Speaking Scenes

**SOPHIE** (65), an elderly Odawa woman, She wears hunting bibs and a flannel cap. Wise. Story teller. Comical and matter of fact. 11 Scenes 61 Dialogs 9 Speaking Scenes

**MARLA** (20), receptionist, Lakota Indian woman 2 Scenes 10 Dialogs 1 Speaking Scene

**OFFICER BLANCHERD** (40), A NON-Indian Policeman. Fairly laid back. Investigates without much prejudice. 25 Scenes 36 Dialogs 8 Speaking Scenes

**TIBERIUS WHITE** (60) - NON-Indian, in a black cowboy hat & white sleeveless undershirt at first, wearing a beaded fringed fancy cowboy jacket with bolo tie after. Main bad guy. Buffalo Farm owner. 18 Scenes 19 Dialogs 9 Speaking Scenes

**ZEKE** (30) NON-Indian Hillbilly Red Neck Bubba. Henchman to Tiberius White. flannel shirt and bib overalls, billed cap, unshaven, messy hair, wad of chewing tobacco in cheek. 21 Scenes 3 Dialogs 2 Speaking Scenes

**OTIS** (37) NON-Indian, Similar description to Zeke. 20 Scenes 3 Dialogs 2 speaking Scenes

**SNITER** (30), NON-Indian, store clerk, shaggy looking red neck male. Snotty. Prejudiced against non-michigan people and indians. 12 Scenes 14 Dialogs 8 Speaking scenes

**BULDGER** (50) NON-Indian, portly, white bearded farm hand, with a billed cap. Doesn’t talk much. A bit irascible. 9 Scenes 13 Dialogs 3 Speaking Scenes

**SECURITY GRANHOME** (35) NON-Indian, overweight with buzz cut hair. 3 Scenes 6 Dialogs 2 Speaking Scenes

**SECURITY ROMNEE** (35) NON-Indian, overweight with buzz cut hair. 2 Scenes 12 dialogs 2 Speaking scenes

**VOOK ZVEZDAN** (70), NON-Indian, ticket clerk at badger ferry office, is an old Slavic man, gray hair and a scruffy beard. He wears a flannel shirt with a down-filled vest and a round hat with fishing flies hooked around the brim. He reads a book. 2 Scenes 29 Dialogs 2 Speaking scenes

**TICKET TAKER** (30), light hair, sunglasses, stands at the entrance gate. He has a change maker on his belt and a shirt that reads, “PET THE MESSIAH!” 3 Scenes 1 Dialogs 1 Speaking scenes

**WARNER BLISS** (35), NON-Indian, balding, colorful shirt and shorts. 2 Scenes 6 Dialogs 1 speaking Scene

**FITZGERALD BLISS** (7) NON-Indian, Same clothes as his dad. 1 Scenes 3 Dialogs 1 speaking Scene

**WHITE BUFFALO MASCOT** a person in a White Buffalo costume with bouncing googly eyes, selling souvenir buttons. 2 Scenes 1 Dialogs 1 speaking Scene

**DISPATCHER** (Voice)  
2 Scenes 3 Dialogs 2 Speaking Scenes

**ANCIENT TICKET TAKER** (80), NON-Indian, blind female, blue hair, dark black glasses.

**CROWD ONE** NON-Indian

**CROWD TWO** NON-Indian

**CROWD THREE** NON-Indian

**CROWD FOUR** NON-Indian

**OPERATOR** NON-Indian

**SNACK VENDOR** NON-Indian

**GRACIE** Odawa

**LITTLE JOANIE** Odawa

## Thank You Dad

You ARE appreciated!

I'm not the touchy feely type, I rarely ever (without a few glasses of wine) tell people out loud that I love them. Those that know me best; know that I avoid all the mushy lovey-dovey stuff at all costs.



But there is a person who does so much for me, everyday, that I feel compelled to make it known just how much he means to me ... My Dad! His name is Richard Bailey, so if you see him around, you can be sure that you have just met a generous, unselfish, kind and honest man who does

whatever he can for his family! About 6 years ago, I ventured into opening my own business. It was really tough for a while and my Dad made himself available to help out in any way that he could. He has been there nearly every day, working hard with passion. He supports my business and truly believes in what I do. It means so much to me to have that kind of unending support. I also had a daughter in 2008, she has brought so much joy to

my family and her Grandfather is completely in love with her.

He calls her "His Buddy" and they spend time together almost daily; which is also a HUGE help to me and my Husband (who works long hours).

He never tires of spending time with her and is happy to watch her for me when I'm busy. The two of them have a very close and special relationship.

Dad, I just wanted to let you know that I love you so much and I am so grateful to be blessed with you as my Father. I truly appreciate everything that you do for me. It does not go unnoticed, and I only hope to someday re-pay you for all that you've done for me and my Family. You've worked so hard all your life, for each and everyone in our family, and I just want you to know that it's very much appreciated.



Thank You Dad!!!  
Your Grateful Daughter,  
Kerri

## TIPS FROM FORMER SMOKERS

Sault Ste. Marie, MI: April 1, 2013: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health recently launched the new "Tips from Former Smoker's" Campaign. This campaign features real people telling their story of their health conditions caused by smoking commercial tobacco. The ads will air from April to June and include television, radio, billboards and social media.

This round of ads features one called "Nathan's Story." Nathan is a Native American from the Oglala Sioux tribe. Nathan had never smoked cigarettes, but after working in a casino for 11 years, he developed allergies and serious infections that triggered asthma attacks, eventually causing permanent lung damage called bronchiectasis. His health became so bad that he had to leave his job.

You can read and view "Nathan's Story," at: <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/stories/nathan.html>

Despite all that is known about the economic and health consequences of commercial tobacco abuse, an estimated 46.0 million Americans (20.6%) continue to smoke. American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest smoking prevalence (32%) as well as smokeless tobacco use (7.1%) when compared to other populations. Tribal specific data from the American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (AI-ATS) and the Alaska Native Adult Tobacco Survey (AN-ATS) have revealed that the range for specific smoking estimates within tribal nations were as low as 28% to as high as 79%.

For more information, please visit [www.KeepItSacred.org](http://www.KeepItSacred.org), or call the quit line at 1-800-QUIT NOW

## Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2013

Did you know???

A man over 50 mls:

Are not typically active need about 1600 calories a day. Somewhat physically active need about 1800 a day. Very active needs about 2000 a day.

A woman over 50 mls:

Are not typically active need about 1200 calories a day. Somewhat physically active need about 1200-1400 calories a day. Very active need about 1400-1600 calories a day.



Meals served at 12 o'clock

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouses and Handicapped/Disabled individuals who reside with Elders.
- Guest Meals are \$5.00

Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesdays - W - Bowling

Other Activities: Birthday of the Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BBQ Beef Sandwich Coleslaw Asparagus Strawberry shortcake	2 Chili Veggies Cornbread Sbraber	3	4 Elder Care Center Meal Lasagna Zucchini Chili Bread Sbraber
5	6 Angus dogs Shredded Salad Carrots the cab Fruit	7 Ruben Vegetable Soup Dessert	8 Philly Style Hoagie Sauerkraut & pepper Carrot Carous Fruit Salad	9 Caulitob Cauliflower Fruit Crumble	10	11
12	13 Oven Fried Chicken Lima Beans Peas Tapioca	14 Roast Beef Potato & Carous Apple Sauce	15 Pulled Sausage Sauerkraut Green Beans Fruit	16 Chicken Salad Sandwich Fish Veggies Fruit Salad Jell-O	17 Friday Musthago Meal Please RSVP with Nadie 231-398-6886 12:30 pm Please note new meal time	18
19	20 Ham, AuGrave Potatoes Asparagus Dessert	21 Fish Rice Carous Fruit Cobble	22 Mexican Lasagna Broccoli Bread Beans	23 Car Beef Cabbage, Potato, Carous Apple Sauce		
26	27 Memorial Day Obs. Holiday - No Meal Served 	28 Chicken Wild Rice Peas Sbraber	29 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Green Beans Fresh Fruit	30 Broccoli (or Jell-O)	31 Menu subject to change with our menu. Meals cost 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 or 2000 calorie diet.	



## Golden Egg Winners!



Waabanung Qua  
Medawis



Olivia Holtgren



Lilly Egger



### 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.

### Reminder: For RTM's purchasing personal use vehicles

Resident Tribal Members must contact the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption before purchasing a vehicle tax-exempt. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. If you sign a contract that includes Michigan sales or use tax, it will be a taxable purchase. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information".

### It's Time to Check your W-4 Status

Some employees have contacted the Tax Office to say they had their tax returns prepared and were surprised to find out they owe federal income tax. Others have said they were surprised to learn their tax refund was much smaller than they expected. You can avoid this situation next year if you take an active role in planning your payroll tax withholding so there is enough paid in at the end of the year.

One good tool for planning your withholding is the IRS Withholding Calculator. If you are an employee, the Withholding Calculator can help you determine whether you need to give your employer a new Form W-4 Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate to avoid having too much or too little federal income tax withheld from your pay. You can use your results from the calculator to help fill out the form.

Withholding Calculator online <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Withholding-Calculator>

Tips for using the Withholding Calculator:

- Have your most recent pay stubs handy.
- Have your most recent income tax return handy.
- Estimate values if necessary, remembering that the results can only be as accurate as the input you provide.

Don't forget to update your state withholding too. Some people, especially those who itemize deductions, may benefit by claiming fewer exemptions on their MI W-4 to assure that enough is being withheld by the end of the year.

## Encouragement from the desk of Raven Lewis Fitness Attendant



### Raise your hand if you want to change your future!

Are you ready to get healthier? To take some of the weight off your shoulders? To make the changes you need to give yourself a healthier tomorrow? If you are ready to gain more energy and drop the pounds, take the MI Healthier Tomorrow pledge.

We'll get you going with a free Starter Kit with motivational tips, money-saving offers and other good stuff. And we'll keep you going when you sign up for our e-mails or text messages. It's a little motivation twice a month to keep you focused on what you pledged so you can reach your goal of losing weight and being healthier.

### Losing just 10% of your body weight can make significant improvements to both your physical and mental health. A 10% weight loss for those who are overweight can:

- Improve blood pressure
- Lower cholesterol levels
- Improve heart health
- Decrease risk of Type 2 diabetes
- Strengthen the immune system
- Decrease back and joint pain
- Improve breathing and sleep
- Increase energy and stamina
- Improve mood and self-confidence

After you take the pledge, don't forget you have the option to share it with friends. Together we can help all of Michigan have a healthier tomorrow.

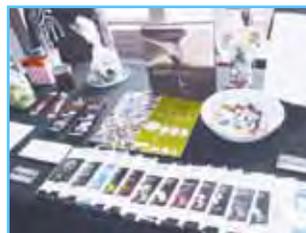
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## Spring Shopping!

There was a fun shopping event at the Aki Maadiziwin community center in late March..

Jodee Rainey and Sandy Mezeske organized the whole opportunity.

The next event will be November 16 also scheduled for the Aki Community Center.



Come and join us at this year's 18th Annual  
NAWA Gathering and Tradeshow 2013  
July 17-19, 2013 – Little River Casino Resort



U.S. 31 & M-22, 2700 Orchard Highway, Manistee, Michigan 49660 Group Reservations  
(888) 568-2244 Block Code: Native American Water  
Association Room rates: \$89.00/night, single/double occupancy, plus tax  
Fed. Rate is also available.

## Cut-off date is June 29, 2013



Register today for this unique Gathering of Tribal Water and Wastewater Utility Professionals

When? July 17-19, 2013

Where? Little River Casino Resort

Registration Options and Cost:

Individual rate - \$400.00 per-person.

Group/Utility- (\$200.00 per-person for a group of up to 4 attendees from the same Utility/Tribe/Organization).

Registration fee includes: dinner buffet and luncheon buffet, tickets for raffles and all general and technical sessions.

### Who should attend the National Gathering?

Tribal Drinking Water Operators, Wastewater Operators, Tribal Utility Managers, Tribal Rural Water Program Staff, Tribal Utility Boards and Committee Members, Tribal Leadership and Tribal Environmental Specialists. This unique gathering of tribal water and wastewater professionals represent tribal utilities from across the nation gathering together to share thoughts, information and knowledge of the issues facing tribal drinking water and wastewater programs throughout Indian Country.

What will the Gathering and Tradeshow include? Water and Wastewater industry tradeshow, wastewater programs information, tribal utility program speakers, representing their tribal utilities from all across the United States, operation and maintenance issues, tribal operator certification program issues, drinking water utility management, water distribution systems, SDWA compliance issues, water storage tank maintenance and systems security issues.

❄️ Tribal Operator Water and Wastewater Certification testing will be available during the 2013 Gathering.

❄️ (You must pre-register to be eligible to take the Water or Wastewater examination tests during the Gathering). Please contact the NAWA for an application for testing.

**Native American Water Association brings together?** This NAWA 18th Annual National Gathering of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals will bring together from all across Indian Country. Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater System Operators, Managers, Utility Board Members, Council Members, Emergency Personnel and Tribal Environmental staffs with the responsibility of providing safe potable drinking water supplies, sanitary facilities and environmental services in their communities. This program will assist you in developing a greater understanding of our roles and responsibilities as we protect public health in our tribal communities.

## Join us for the NAWA Golf Outing at the Manistee National Golf & Resort



4797 U.S. 31 South  
Manistee, MI 49660

Sign up to play with us July 16, 2013

Website: [www.manisteenational.com](http://www.manisteenational.com)

NAWA Golf Outing at  
Manistee National Golf & Resort

Rate: \$40.00 Per-Player

Phone: (231) 723-8874

Credit Cards Accepted:

Visa, MasterCard, Discover,  
AmericanExpress, or Check



## Nangonhsak

In late March when a young group of students paid a special visit to Ogema Romanelli and the Executive offices in the bank building. The youngsters are part of the Nongonhsak group, a cultural education group teaching students about a number of good things.



It is an afterschool program. The name of the group is "Nangonhsak" which means "Little Stars". Kenny said, "I did not know what to name the group right .. away, then when I was outside I noticed that there were a lot stars visible and I remember hearing someone say one time "Oh look the stars are out tonight" and that's when the name came to me. We don't always see the stars or we don't always notice them but they are always there. So these children are our little stars and they will carry this language and culture for us.

## NO SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP OR BOOK STIPEND FOR 2013

As many college students are aware, at different times a limited number of summer tribal scholarships have been available to tribal members attending college in summer. The book stipend has been also been available for summer students. In 2013 there is no funding for summer scholarships or book stipends. If you are a Michigan resident attending a public college in Michigan you still have the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver which will cover the cost of tuition for summer classes. If you receive Pell Grant funding and have notified your school in advance that you plan to attend during summer, then you may have Pell grant funding available as well. But for 2013 and likely 2014 as well, there is no summer scholarship or book stipend funding available.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Presenters Call

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We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 26, 27, 28 2013. If you are interested in being a presenter, I will need a presentation outline and a biography.

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

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

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

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present.

The deadline for all of this information is May 15 2013 Here is my contact information:

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[www.anishinaabemdaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com)  
231-398-6892 (work)  
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## INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP 2013

Four Days and Three Nights: "Cultural Teachings and Wilderness Living Immersion Camp"

### CAMP DATES:

Session One: June 20 -23

Session Two: July 11-14

Session Three: Aug 1-4

Session Four: Aug 22-25

*Funded by the Department of Justice with an OJJDP-TYP grant.  
Sponsored by the LRBOI Tribal Court Peacemaking Department*

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Youth participants must sleep in individual wigwams, cook meals over a fire as a group, participate in camp chores and meal clean-up and maintain personal hygiene using solar showers. Bathroom facilities are porta-johns. No electronic devices are allowed. Trained Staff, including Tribal Elders and Tribal Government Employees, Male and Female at all times, are onsite to supervise all camp activities. Night Watch Staff watch the camp all night for safety.

### **ELIGIBILITY:** Male and Female: Ages 12-17

Parent or Guardian must apply for the youth participant to be approved to attend the camp.



Application forms are available from the Peacemaking Probation Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This is a rustic wilderness camp. Youth must be physically able to participate in normal camping type activities and be in good health. Exceptions for disabilities or injuries can be made with approval. Violent or sex offender youth are prohibited from attending this camp for the safety of other participants.

**The camp is designed for:** Tribal Member Youth, Tribal Descendants and Traditionally Recognized Non-Members (Family who are directly related to tribal members, such as by marriage, adoption, or other justifiable circumstance, or are a recognized part of a tribal community even if not by blood, etc.)

### **RUNDOWN OF A BASIC INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP SESSION BY ACTIVITY**

Participants are dropped off at Indian Village, a rustic and remote recreation of an Indian encampment with longhouses, round houses and individual sleeping wigwams for participants. Spring water is brought in for drinking and an onsite hand pump well is used for additional water. Food is stored on ice in coolers. Equipment is stored in two pull behind trailers. Male and Female trained staff are onsite at all times.

Upon arrival participants are assigned a personal wigwam and necessary camping equipment; Staff receive medications from parent/guardian and lock in secure area; paperwork and release forms for each participant are stored; At this time there is notification to staff of any special needs-allergies-disabilities-diet- potential behavior problems; The first organized event is a lunch followed by a welcoming Pipe Ceremony; We have an Introduction Circle with a name memorizing game; We go over camp rules and expectations of behavior; We explain Talking



Circle guidelines and how to address conflicts or problems with staff and peers; We discuss personal hygiene requirements, fire rules and fire safety and give an overview of some of the cultural and craft activities; Each participant is expected to cook, to clean, and to offer a food blessing at some point during the camp session; We explain about cooking and cleaning – which is done by youth participants with guidance of adult staff; Explain that other camp work duties will be expected as the need arises.

Between meals are organized activities. There are hardly ever any down times when there is not a scheduled activity. Scheduled activities are secondary to group dynamics and the situational need for talking circles, conflict resolution or personal human situations that always occur without planning. Talking Circle Communication takes precedent over the need to present crafts or disseminate educational information. All activities have several layers of importance, the skill itself, the networking of the group through peer interaction, the philosophy of the activity, and how it applies to the real world and people's real lives. Some of the activities that are presented include:

**FIRE:** Bow Drill Fire-making, Demonstrations of alternate methods of Fire-making such as flint and steel and using magnesium shavings, using a lens to make fire, piston fire, fire tinder like birch bark and cedar bark, collecting proper kinds of wood, how to maintain a fire, different uses of a fire such as utility fire and sacred fire. All participants are asked to collect firewood and at different times to be a fire-keeper.

**CLAY:** Different clay projects include pinch and coil pottery, animal fetishes, beads, amulets or wall hangings, or building a community clay oven. Traditional pottery projects are pit fired to harden clay.

**BEADWORK:** Different types of beadwork projects are presented, lazy stitch and appliqué. Sometimes beadwork is used to decorate other projects.

**LEATHERWORK:** Personal medicine bundles or larger medicine carrying pouches are made and sewn together, sometimes with necklace or fringe attachments.

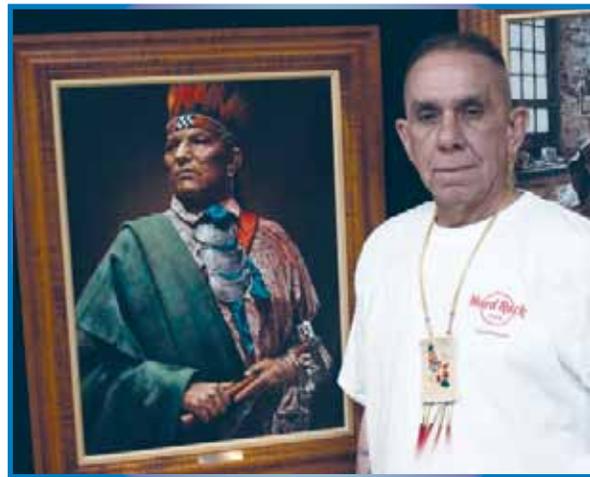
**BIRCH BARK:** Numerous birch bark projects are made including baskets, decorative rings, scratching winter bark designs, tubular containers, making birch oil and how to collect birch materials.

On March 16th, people from all over the Midwest gathered in Kalamazoo, MI at the Expo Center for the Kalamazoo Living History Show...the 38th annual event! This show brings together re-enactors and tribal and non-tribal people who study the history of the times throughout the early period of the United States of America.

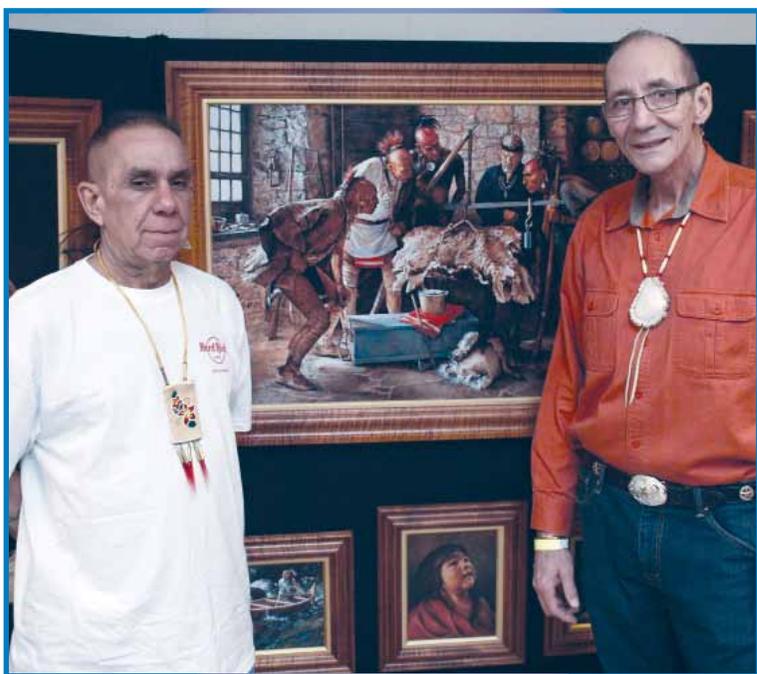


This year was special with focus upon one of the nations' finest artists depicting Woodland Indians, their lives, culture and true events, Robert Griffing (<http://www.oldgloryprints.com/Griffing%20Limited%20Edition.htm>) If you have visited the Cultural Corridor at the Little River Casino/Resort, you have seen his work on display.

Ramsey commented upon the unique opportunity to bring real Native American culture to the movie set. Both he and Jackson recounted how the directors, producers and others involved were excited to meet and talk with 'real' natives and have their help in dispelling the media myths about Native Americans. He said, "They wanted to get away from the Hollywood interpretation." Jackson said that he and Jerry appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight.



The two men have been close friends for years and Jackson recounted how they met. At an encampment, he was having problems getting his shelter up and Jerry Ramsey came over to give him a hand. That started a wonderful friendship.



Jackson was also thrilled to receive a special portrait of him. This was the first time he had seen it.

What was especially great about this year's show was that two Native American actors who have portrayed Indians in films and have also been subjects for the artists' work, Wayne Jackson (Iroquois) and Jerry Ramsey (Ottawa) were in attendance. They spoke with the Currents and talked about their involvement over a number of years, portraying our people.



Ramsey, a Security Supervisor at the Little River Resort/Casino first appeared in Road to Necessity in 2005. Then he and Jackson were in Tecumseh's Vision at Tippecanoe (2006) and followed that when they shot Alone Yet Not Alone (2011) in Roanoke, VA. On April 5th of this year, this latest film will be in theatres. Many of the paintings on display included those where both Jackson and Ramsey had appeared in regalia.

Also at the Kalamazoo event, members of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish tribe appeared on stage to demonstrate Native American dancing and to show some of the various regalia that are part of their Potawatomi traditions. The packed audience obviously enjoyed learning of the tribal traditions.

## Why Michigan's Indian tribes want to block wolf hunt

Jimmie Mitchell keeps a screen saver on his computer, a photo of children he never knew in a place he's never been. It's an image of students at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, a Pennsylvania boarding school founded in 1879 where American Indian children were sent to learn how to assimilate into a white world.

Mitchell — a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribe — said his aunts and uncles were among the thousands of Indian children who were taken from their parents over a 40-year period and placed in boarding schools such as Carlisle. There, the children were forced to forget their language, their culture and even their native names.



"It breaks my heart," said Mitchell, who heads his tribal government's natural resources department. "My uncle is still alive. When I try to speak to him in our language, he says, 'I understand everything you're saying to me. But I can't, the words get stuck in my throat.'"

It would take nearly a century — until the 1978 passage of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act for native culture to enjoy a widespread resurgence, Mitchell said. "You could be proud to be an Indian again," he said, "rather than feeling like a second-class citizen or not even human at all."

That long-fought pride is why he and members of other Michigan American Indian tribes are increasingly nervous about what's happening to another important piece of their heritage and culture — the Great Lakes gray wolf.

Indian tribes are among the most vocal opponents of a proposed hunting season for wolves in Michigan. They've joined the Humane Society and other wildlife advocates in a petition drive to try to put the issue on a statewide ballot in 2014 and to block legislation passed in December last year that classified wolves as a game species.

The Keep Michigan Wolves Protected campaign hopes to gather 225,000 signatures by March 27. To date, they've gathered nearly 200,000.

Proponents of a wolf hunt say the animals have thrived well beyond the original population goal of 200 when they were placed on the endangered species list in 1973. With 700 to 1,000 wolves in Michigan today, Upper Peninsula residents say wolves are coming too close to homes and towns and are attacking livestock.

Wolf advocates, however, say the wolf population in Michigan is still too fragile to be hunted. It's been just over one year since the animals were removed from the federal endangered species list, said Jill Fritz, Michigan director of the Humane Society of the United States. She said the animals have not had enough time to maintain and thrive outside federal protection. For Indians, the issue goes much deeper.

### Back to creation

In the beginning of time, the Creator made Anishinaabe, the original man, and his brother Ma'ingan, the wolf. Together, they walked the Earth naming all of the other creatures on the planet.

There came a time when the Creator said the two must live apart but warned that whatever happened to one would happen to the other. To this day, the wolf howls in mourning for the loss of his friend, Anishinaabe.

The connection between animal and man, environment and the human condition, are prevalent in nearly all indigenous creation stories.

For Michigan's native populations, however, the wolf is a central player in not only their past, but also their future, said Aaron Payment, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

There is a direct parallel, Payment says, between the eradication of wolves from Michigan and the decline of its native populations.

Though wolves once roamed every section of Michigan, they were all but wiped out in the Lower Peninsula and only a handful remained in the U.P. by the early part of the 20th century because of aggressive, systematic hunting by white settlers.

At the same time, Michigan's native people became impoverished as they were moved off their land, their population a fraction of what it had been at the time Europeans arrived.

They can never let it happen again, Mitchell said. "We are so connected to our environment," he said. "Those plants and animals are a part of who we are, a cultural dimension of how we exist. Having them around us, our culture will flourish. When they are absent, our culture falls into impoverishment."

### Legal remedies

Tribal leaders say they have more than a cultural stake in the wolf, however.

They also believe the state has a legal obligation to give Michigan's tribes an equal say in the management of the wolf and other wildlife species because of a treaty signed in 1836.

The Treaty of Washington was an agreement between the Ottawa and Chippewa nations and the United States in which the Indians agreed to cede 13 million acres of tribal land to the U.S. government — a move that paved the way for Michigan to become a state in 1837.

In return, Indians were granted unlimited hunting, gathering and fishing rights to the land.

In 2007, the treaty was strengthened in a court-mandated consent decree between the Department of Natural Resources and the tribes. The agreement requires the DNR to manage the state's natural resources based on "sound scientific management" and to coordinate their efforts with the tribes.

Payment said the state is not living up to that mandate with the wolf issue. It's not enough, he said, that tribal leaders have been invited to speak at public hearings before the Legislature or the Natural Resources Commission.

Further, he said the DNR has not provided adequate scientific evidence that Michigan cannot sustain the current wolf population without human conflict. "What is the biological basis for a hunt," he asked.

**Still in talks-** State officials hope to answer that question and more in the next few months through a series of public hearings and meetings with tribal leaders. DNR officials are in Marquette this week meeting with representatives of Michigan's 12 Indian tribes.

DNR tribal coordinator Dennis Knapp said they're doing everything required of them by not only the 2007 consent decree, but also a 2002 Tribal-State Accord, which requires each side to work together on issues that would significantly impact either government.

Since the wolf hunt is still in the idea stage - no decision has been made or even officially proposed for action by the Natural Resources Commission - the state has not violated the terms of the consent decree, Knapp said. "The process is not at the point where a proposal is on the table," he said. "So we're consulting without specifics at this point. But we are inviting all Michigan tribes for consultation."

Knapp added that tribes were also represented in a roundtable that crafted the state's current Wolf Management Plan and signed off on the plan's call for a wolf hunt should the need arise.

The Wolf Management Plan calls for two hunting options - a statewide recreational hunt like a deer season or a small hunt designed to help specific regions deal with wolves that are causing problems.

It's the second type of hunt that's being considered by the state's Natural Resources Commission.

That's not much comfort to tribal leaders.

"Whatever befalls one will befall the other," said Mitchell. "There is a correlation. As the tribes began to heal, the wolf began to heal. Do we risk the possibility of the population being hunted beyond sustainability and lose them again?"



### Government Closes for the following Holidays

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  - \*Veteran's Day
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  - \*Friday after Thanksgiving Day
  - \*Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
  - \*Christmas Day
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## NOTICE OF PEACEMAKING CONFERENCE

June 4th, 5th, and 6th...



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Peacemaking/Probation Department is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Midwest Peacemaking Conference at the Little River Casino and Resort, located in beautiful Manistee Michigan. The staff and volunteers are very excited to once again be part of the planning and implementation of the 2nd Midwest Peacemaking Conference. The Conference is scheduled for June 4th, 5th, and 6th... This year's theme for the conference is "The Wisdom of Peacemaking."

This conference will encompass many aspects of the techniques, customs, teachings and trainings from Native American Peacemaking and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

More information will be posted on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Tribal Website, <http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/>.

Save These Days: June 4, 5, and 6, 2013 and plan to attend.

Here are some statements some of the participants had to say about the conference last year: "I want to thank you once again for your insight and effort in putting together the Peacemaking Conference. James Botsford Director, Indian Law Office Wisconsin Judicare, Inc."

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

"My name is Stan Webster, turtle clan, Oneida Tribe of Indians in Wisconsin. I have served on our judicial system as judge, appellate court judge and peacemaking since 1991. My current position is Deputy Chief Judicial Officer, Oneida Appeals. Attended your peacemaking conference and am most impressed that the peacemaking conference was sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa without federal dollars. Dispute resolution is and always has been one part of internal sovereignty. Just hosting a peacemaking conference makes a statement about internal sovereignty of the Little River Band of Ottawa." Judge Stan Webster, from the Oneida Tribe in Wisconsin

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## Are You Eligible For The Military's Unemployment Program?

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Posted by David Moore

Are you separating from the armed services or have you recently separated, but you don't have a post-military job lined up yet? You might be able to receive unemployment benefits to help keep you afloat until you are able to land a job. The Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) provides financial benefits to ex-military personnel who qualify. Here's a quick rundown of what it entails.

### Who Qualifies?

Ex-military members who qualify are able to receive unemployment insurance under the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX).

UCX is available to ex-service members of all ranks who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You were on active duty with a branch of the U.S. military. You may be entitled to benefits based on that service.
  - You must have been separated under honorable conditions.
  - There is no payroll deduction from your wages for unemployment insurance protection
- Benefits are paid for by the various branches of the military.

### What are the Benefits?

The state where you apply for unemployment will determine benefit amounts, the number of weeks you can receive the benefit and other eligibility conditions. The benefit amount can vary based on the state's unemployment rate and cost of living, among other factors.

Typically, the amount of unemployment that you would receive is based on taxable income prior to separation. For instance — according to the Missouri Department of Labor Unemployment Benefit Calculator — if you earned \$27,000 in the year prior to your application, you would receive an estimated \$270 weekly.

## Separation pay and retirement pay might also affect how much you would receive.

Recent Increases to 2013 COLA Posted by Christian Losciale

How do I Apply?

You can only apply in the state where you reside, not in the state where you separated. Once you've finished active duty, received your DD Form 214 and completed terminal leave, then you can apply for unemployment benefits by contacting the department of labor in your state.

To apply, you will need your Social Security card, DD Form 214 and a resume. It is expected that you will be searching for employment while you are receiving unemployment compensation.

If you need help putting together a resume, especially since military experience can be difficult to translate into civilian language, the VA for Vets Career Center, VetNet, or The Military Wallet are good places to begin. For more information about unemployment compensation, visit the United States Department of Labor. You can also call the Department of Labor at 1-877-US-2JOBS.

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Don Wilkerson is graduating with a Bachelors of Business Administration from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Actively involved in the Native American Community at the U of M, Don is the treasurer of the Native American Student Association; the Fund-Raising Chair of the Dance

for Mother Earth Pow Wow and has enjoyed being part of the Ojibwe language program.

He will be pursuing his Masters of Accounting in the fall at the Ross School of Business, after which he will start working full-time with Price Waterhouse Coopers; the world's largest accounting firm.

A tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Don previously graduated as Valedictorian from the Oakridge High School in Muskegon. He is the proud father of two beautiful children, Chelsea 7 years old and Landon, age 5. Don's parents are Rita (Wilkerson) Gale and step-father Wayne Gale.

## To my Dalrings Hannah and Mathew

My children's hearts are here to stay. But my babies they are not, I'm sorry to say. They grow and learn everyday. In the most remarkable and intriguing ways I have watched and admire my babies so young. Hoping someday they will go to be strong. Wisdom and integrity are a hopeful thought too. Their brilliance is amazing that much is true. Just yesterday it seemed they were only three. I couldn't wait to watch them grow. Then the day came to watch them go. I Cherish the little moments so tender and sweet. They've grown so quickly I could barely speak. But remember this, as I reassure you with a tear in my eye.

My Babies are my children and my children will never say 'Good Bye' As you watch a Great Great Grandmother holding that lil' one Be astonished by the miracle that's been done.

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## Happy Birthday Tribal Elders!

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**Happy Birthday**  
Brad Curtis Jr.  
Mitch Theodore  
Sharon Cross ( Ponga)  
Mark Cross ( Sparkie)  
Robert Hart  
Alan Renner

## Rodger W. Snyder

(October 27, 1928 - March 15, 2013)

Rodger W. Snyder, 84, of Eastlake passed away Friday morning, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 at home.

He was born October 27, 1928 in Benzonia, the son of the late Everett and Lillian (Emms) Snyder. He was united in marriage to Phyllis Marie Sikorski on October 16, 1954. She preceded him in death on October 27, 2005.

He was retired, having been a truck driver for Faber Oil Company, Jenkins Oil Company and Swidorski Oil Company. In his later years, he enjoyed driving and transporting cars with his buddies.

He was veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion Post #10.

Rodger is survived by sons, Michael Frank (Trish) Snyder of Manistee and Everett James (Robin) Snyder of Eastlake; by his daughters, Janet Marie Snyder of Eastlake, Patricia Lynn Snyder of Kaleva and Lori Jean Snyder of Fife Lake; by his grandchildren, Lenny Rodger Sannes, Henry James Snyder, Kati Marie Snyder, Natalie Jo Snyder, Erik Axle Mott and Aaron Michael Powers; and by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by a son, Rodger Edward Snyder, by a brother, Carroll Snyder and by a sister, Cleo Grabowski.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Michigan for all of their care and concern over the past couple months.

## Martha Irene (Micko) Kase (April 19, 1947-April 2, 2013)



Martha Irene (Micko) Kase age 65 of Pentwater, passed away on April 2, 2013 at home. She was born April 19, 1947 in Ludington, daughter of Jake and Marion

(Wabsis) Micko.

She graduated from Mason County Eastern School and attended Gateway Technical Institute, West Shore Community and Lansing Community Colleges. Martha was as an L.R.B.O.I. Appellate Court Judge. She was also a certified Substance Abuse Counselor for over 20 years.

Martha was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, The Kwewok Circle and the Elder Committee. She enjoyed doing crafts, gardening, Native American traditional dancing and traveling.

She is survived by her daughter: Bridget Cole, son: Mack Brushman, granddaughter: Raquel Sarres, grandson: Chester Cole, sisters: Donta Morris, Karla Battice, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Martha is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Chester Brushman along with daughter: Kimberly Brushman, sisters: Jackie Wolf, Aldeanna Kelsey, and Geraldine Rodriquez.

## Tammy Ann Kleeman-Brown

(February 25, 1972-April 5, 2013)



Tammy Ann Kleeman-Brown, age 41, of Manistee, MI, passed away, Friday April 5, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center.

She was born February 25, 1972 in Traverse City, MI. to Barbara and Thomas Kleeman. She was a graduate of Cooley High School. Tammy was married on July 6, 2004 to Brent Brown. She was a member of The Little River Band of The Ottawa Indians and served on the Council. Tammy loved reading VC Andrew books, and had all her books. She held many different jobs in her life and travel experiences. Tammy's life love was her five grandchildren: Melina, Alexis, Alicia Bates, Zoey Acre, and Kaiden Bates.

She is survived by her

Husband Brent Brown of Manistee, MI

Children Tiffany Lynn Bates of Cadillac, MI Stephanie and Jason Acre of Boon, MI William Bates of Cadillac, MI Mother Barbara Kleeman of Cadillac, MI Sisters and brother Melinda Kleeman and Russ Gilde of Manton, MIMelissa and Jason Lacross of Manton, MI Thomas Kleeman of Cadillac, MI Step Children Joe and Jill Brown of Cadillac, MI. Tammy was preceded in death by her father Thomas Kleeman, niece Amanda Snyder, and nephew Gary Thomas Helsel.

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# Long Life and Migizi



The Eagle has the longest life span among Birds

It can live up to 70 years But to reach this age , The Eagle must make a hard decision In its 40's

Its long and flexible talons can no longer grab prey which serves as food Its Long and sharp beak becomes bent Its old aged and heavy wings , due to their thick feathers, become stuck to its chest and make it difficult to fly

Then , the eagle is left with only two options: die or go through a painful process of change which lasts 150 days. The process requires that the eagle fly to the mountain top and sit on its nest

There the eagle knocks its beak against a rock until it plucks it out After plucking it out the eagle will wait for a new beak to grow back and then it will pluck out its talons When its new talons grow back , the eagle starts plucking its old aged feathers

And after five months , the eagle takes its famous flight of rebirth and lives for 30 more years Why change is needed ? Many times , in order to survive

We have to start a change process. We sometimes need to get rid of old memories, habits and other past traditions. Only freed from the past burdens, can we take advantage of the present.

When it rains, most birds head for shelter: the eagle is the only bird that, in order to avoid the rain, starts flying above the clouds

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That means that an eagle flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over open country could spot prey over an area of almost 3 square miles from a fixed position. No wonder God wants us to spread our wings and soar with eagles!

**God Bless all!**

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"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 March Tribal and non Tribal arrests.

03/10/2013 Tribal K-9 unit assisted City Police in a search for an assault suspect

03/10/2013 Tribal Police arrested a 39 year old Muskegon man at the Casino for disorderly conduct.

03/13/2013 Tribal Police investigated a double fatal accident on M-22 at Domres. Two deer were killed.

03/16/2013 Tribal Police arrested a 17 year old Manistee woman for Retail Fraud 3rd degree and probation violation at Oleson's.

03/27/2013 a 40 year old Cadillac man was arrested by Tribal Police for disorderly conduct at the Casino.

03/31/2013 a 18 year old Saginaw woman was arrested by Tribal Police for minor in possession of alcohol.

03/31/2013 Tribal Police arrested a 43 year old Saginaw woman for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

*Tribal Conservation Enforcement are gearing up for the 2013 inland and commercial fishing season*

## For Rent

The Little River Housing Department is anticipating the construction completion of 7 new two bedroom fair market rental units at Aki maadiziwin in Manistee, MI this summer.

For details and an application please contact  
 Chad Gehrke at 231-398-6878 or  
 Michelle Bernatche at 231-398-6875.



## Commodities

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, 2012 & October 1, 2013

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

Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,080.00
2.	\$ 1,410.00
3.	\$ 1,740.00
4.	\$ 2,081.00
5.	\$ 2,438.00
6.	\$ 2,795.00
7.	\$ 3,125.00
8.	\$ 3,455.00

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

## Another Reason to LOVE the Commodities Department

FDPIR clients survey questions:

How does the commodity food help your household?

The program gives us fresh fruit and vegetables an meats and can goods without the food we would have nothing.



You can find this and many other issues at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Waawaaskone-Giizis (Flower Moon)  
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## ATTENTION ARTISTS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is honored to announce that Michigan has been selected to create and distribute the agency's national 2013 American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster. Distributing a poster, with original artwork created by an American Indian Artist, is one of the ways that NRCS celebrates American Indian Heritage Month. Michigan American Indian artists are invited to create an original painting that provides the artist's interpretation of American Indian Culture and Heritage, keeping in mind the following theme that we selected to inspire this year's artwork:



Example

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

PRSRT STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit # 195  
Manistee, MI

Or Current Resident

### Land of the Great Water-Sustainer of Life.

Rules for the competition are as follows:

- ~ All American Indian artists in Michigan are invited to submit their artwork.
- ~ Only one painting will be selected for the 2013 Heritage Month Poster.
- ~ NRCS will purchase the artwork for the 2013 Heritage Month Poster from the artist at the rate of \$2,000. NRCS has the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the artwork at its discretion. NRCS and the selected artist will sign a contractual agreement to set forth the terms of the procurement and rights of the two parties.

- ~ The artwork is to be original, size 18" x 24", in acrylic or oil on canvas.
- ~ A written narrative and name of the piece is to be included with each entry
- ~ The deadline for submitting the artwork to NRCS is Monday, June 21, 2013. The artwork should be submitted to the following location by the deadline:

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Michigan State Office  
3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 250  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

**NOTE:** NRCS has offices located through Michigan. If sending or transporting your artwork to East Lansing is a burden, please contact Sandy Penn, at 517-324-5261 or [sandy.penn@mi.usda.gov](mailto:sandy.penn@mi.usda.gov) no later than May 17, 2013, to make arrangements to use the NRCS staffing network to assist in the transport of your artwork.

- ~ The artwork will be judged on: 1) Creativity and originality 2) The realistic portrayal of something related to the heritage of American Indians in Michigan 3) The interesting depiction of an aspect of American Indian culture in Michigan 4) The essence of the poster competition theme in the artwork and 5) Craftsmanship and skill.

If you have questions about this competition, please contact Sandy Penn at the number above.

## Employment Opportunities

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

??? How do I apply ???

Log onto our Website at [www.LRCR.com](http://www.LRCR.com) and click on Careers

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



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



Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:

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

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

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



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