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In Our New Home!



The tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is in our new home! In mid-August, in a well-orchestrated move, everything except the Clinic made the move to 2608 Government Center Drive. Check out the photos of the move inside and be sure to attend the Open House on October 11th!

NIHB/NTEMC

There were several important national meetings for the tribe this month. The National Indian Health Board met in Traverse City and the 10th Annual Tribal Emergency Management Conference met in Spokane, WA. Little River was well represented at both meetings.



Heritage Poster unveiled at LRBOI

A national poster was unveiled at the new Government Center last month as the Department of Agriculture showed for the first time their American Indian Heritage Month poster. LRBOI's Shirley Brauker was chosen as this year's artist and a beautiful picture of three native women gathering rice is depicted.



See inside for more photos and details.

Custer Cleanup!

Kwewok Circle and the Warriors Society came together to help out a tribal member in Custer one weekend. Check out the article and pictures inside.



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Emergency Management protocols will be available upon request and per authorization by the Office of the Ogema as they constitute secure information designed to protect the lives and investments of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, their members, employees and property.

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

Every fall, representatives from the United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan's office meet with the tribes in their district. Early in September, U.S. Attorney Patrick Miles, Jr. and members of his staff met with our tribal leadership from all three branches in the Grand River Room of the Little River Resort Casino for a lively discussion of a number of topics.



Among the issues discussed were updates on the effect of Sequestration, the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization (VAWA) and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).



Training issues were also discussed and the DOJ let tribal leaders know about several trainings coming up in the next few months.

Also present for the meeting were representatives of other federal agencies such as the Secret Service, Treasury and DEA with updates and information for the tribe.

The majority of Council members, the Ogema and the Courts were present for the informative gathering. The tribe was also pleased to see that Jeff Davis, Assistant U.S. Attorney, a tribal member and long-time colleague was back with the office.



These meetings are important opportunities for the tribes to communicate with the top management of the Department of Justice and to bring their causes directly to the attention of the department. U.S. Attorney Miles referenced this in his comments to Little River and admitted that he was still getting familiar with the tribal issues and challenges.



LRBOI Warrior Society

Looking for LRBOI Warrior Society
Volunteers who would like to serve on
a Rifle Team for 21 Gun Salute.

LRBOI has announced that they will be
having election of New Officers in
the November Warriors meeting.

2013 Tribal Directories are available!

The Enrollment Department has announced that the new tribal directory will be available beginning on Friday, August 8th in their office at the Interim Casino. Please stop by and get your new directory!

If you cannot get to the office, you may contact Enrollment at 231.398.6713 and order one. There is a \$5 shipping/handling fee. The directories will also be available at the October Fall Membership Meeting!

Calendar of Tribal Events!

- October 3- Paint the Twon Pink- Manistee
- October 5- Elders meeting at the Casino at noon
- October 11,2013- Government Center Grand opening 10:30am-1pm
- October 11, 2013- Ogema Meet & Greet LRBOI Three Fires Conference Center
- October 12- Membership Meeting
- October 30- Trunk or Treat Aki Madaazwiin Community Center
- November 2 & 3- Annual Fall Elders Conference at the Casino
- December 7- Annual Elders Christmas Party and meeting at the Casino at noon



NWTEMC Chair Claude Cox(Sauk-Suiattle Tribe)

There are 566 Native Sovereign Nations in the United States of America representing tribes in every corner of the nation including Alaska. Each is different in structure, in territory and in the threats that they must face as they represent and protect their people and lands. Just how do they approach the subject of Emergency Management?

At the 10th Annual Tribal Emergency Preparedness Conference in Spokane, WA last month, this over-arching question was on the minds of over 300 tribal representatives, including LRBOI, gathered at the Northern Quest Resort. We all face different (and some of the same) challenges and have to be able to handle them...somehow. It is our responsibility!

The Conference was hosted by the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council at the Kalispell Tribal resort. While the attendees at the conference were primarily from the Northwest and Alaska Tribes, this conference was remarkable because it saw the emergence of the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) and the further strengthening of the National Joint Powers Alliance as a supportive partnership for tribes.

Opening the event on the evening of the 12th, the new Executive Director of the NTEMC was announced at a press conference. Mr. Steve Golubic, a long-time proven advocate of tribes in Washington DC, was introduced to the media by NWTEMC Chair Claude Cox (Sauk-Suiattle Tribe). Golubic recently retired as the first Director of Tribal Affairs in the Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Department of Homeland Security. He held a similar post with FEMA as their National Tribal Liaison in the capital.



Golubic said this about the NTEMC, "The NTEMC is a leader in assisting tribes with their emergency preparedness programs, training initiatives and community education...I am anxious to begin identifying needs, expanding tribal membership, working with other tribal organizations and meeting the challenges facing tribal emergency managers. I look forward to serving Indian Country in this capacity."

A key part of the conference was the interaction with the National Joint Powers Alliance...a government-sponsored consortium of suppliers and services where contracts are bid competitively across the nation resulting in excellent savings to tribes' who are members of the NJPA. The alliance continues to grow and bring services and products together for tribes from the top manufacturers and suppliers in the nation. Go to www.njpacoop.org for more information.



LRBOI was represented by Public Affairs Director Glenn C. Zaring who is also a board member of the NTEMC. He spoke at the opening ceremony and presented two break-out sessions on the "Role of Public Affairs in Indian Country...do tribes need Public Information Offices."

Another popular topic of discussion was the idea of establishing Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Teams to bring together the skills and abilities represented in our tribes to help our sister tribes in times of need. The conclusion of the 3-day conference showed that the tribes realize they must take responsibility for their territories and people and not just wait for someone to come help them. It really is a matter of sovereignty that we assume the responsibility and employ the assets and resources that we have to handle problems our way for our people.

NTEMC will advocate for tribes on the national level and continue to work to bring together the assets, money and resources we need to protect our nations.

The following topics were addressed and discussed at the conference:

- Immediate Disaster Case Management
- DHS Office of Emergency Communications
- Human Services Emergency Prep in Tribes
- FEMA Declaration Process update
- Casino Active Shooter Exercise
- Medical Reserve Corp
- Public Affairs in Indian Country
- Social media in disasters
- Disaster Behavioral Health
- Bioterrorism in Agriculture



EAST LANSING, Sept. 3, 2013 – Artist Shirley M. Brauker, a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, has had her painting selected by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for a poster commemorating American Indian Heritage Month.

Brauker's painting, depicting three women harvesting wild rice, will be featured on a poster that will be distributed nationwide for American Indian Heritage Month in November. Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Garry Lee, Brauker, and Little River Band Ogema Larry Romanelli will unveil the painting at a 1 p.m. ceremony at the tribe's headquarters at their new Government Center north of Manistee at the intersection of US 31 and M22, across from the resort.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) produces an annual poster to celebrate American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month each November. Every year a different state produces the poster and Michigan was selected for 2013. In March, Michigan artists were invited to submit original paintings with the theme "Land of the Great Water—Sustainer of Life." Brauker's painting was selected by NRCS for the painting and they have obtained the rights to use the art for the 2013 poster.

The 2013 American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster will be ready for distribution by mid-October.



Ogema Larry Romanelli, Shirley Brauker and NRCS State Conservationist, Garry Lee



NRCS Outreach coordinator Sandy Penn



Audience gathered



Suicide Awareness Walk in Manistee

Michigan – On September 10, BeDaBin Behavioral Health of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Centra Wellness Network held a suicide awareness and prevention walk in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day. The walk was at Aki Madazawin Center Circle, 2953 ShawBeQuo-Ung, Manistee, Michigan. A suicide prevention information booth was also at the Aki Madazawin Center Circle during the walk and feast.

This Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk was designed to help raise awareness about suicide prevention and mental health issues. The World Health Organization reports that approximately one million people worldwide die by suicide each year and the number of lives lost each year through suicide exceeds the number of deaths due to homicide and war combined.

“A large proportion of people who die by suicide suffer from mental illness,” says Julie Wolfe of BeDaBin Behavioral Health. “Recent statistics show that the Native American population has the highest rate of suicide of any ethnicity or race in the United States, and that it is the third leading cause of death in young people aged 15-24. No matter what you are struggling with, hurting yourself is never the answer. Call 1-800-273-8256 to talk to a counselor at a lifeline crisis center near you.”

“We want people who are despairing and thinking about suicide to know that there is help available,” says Kate Johnson of Centra Wellness Network. “All you need to do is ask for help. These walks mean so much to the survivor of suicide and to our communities.”

BeDaBin Behavioral Health and Centra Wellness (formerly Manistee/Benzie Community Health) are partnering for this event to raise awareness for the people they serve and the whole community. World Suicide Prevention Day is co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP), a global association of academics, mental health professionals, crisis workers and suicide survivors from over 50 countries who are devoted to preventing suicidal behavior and alleviating its effects.



The National Indian Health Board held their 30th annual ‘Consumer Conference’ in late August at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. The title of the conference was, “*The Dawn of a New Health Care System: Transforming Tribal Health with Tradition and Change.*” The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was one of the host tribes and even our Princess, Isabel Burger, participated as she served on a discussion panel during lunch the second day; “Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SPDI): Successful Partnerships and Actions-What Lies Ahead?” Isabel, a Type 1 diabetic, spoke directly to the audience about the impact of diabetes on her everyday life, including the importance of family support in successful diabetes control. She also defined the differences between type 1 diabetes which she has and type 2 diabetes, prevalent in many Tribal communities. Her remarks included highlighting the importance of diabetes research funding such as the SDPI provides and why research is important to find a cure stating, “If more research dollars were made available to find a cure, we wouldn’t be having this discussion today.”

LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli said this about the conference, “I believe there was a lot of good information being exchanged, a large representation of tribes from the US. LRBOI was well represented with the Tribal Manager, Ogema and several of our Council members in attendance.

Also the conference is now incorporating the jingle dress dancers and again LRBOI was very well represented with about a third of the dancers being from LRB. The event was well organized and once again LRB was a key sponsor with monetary donations along with providing elk meat for the “Cultural Night” provided by our NR Department.

LRBOI can be very proud of our involvement.” Council Speaker Virg Johnson, speaking about our tribal youth participation in the ceremonies, said, “It makes me very proud to see our Young Citizens play such an important role in communicating such critical issues on behalf of all the tribes..... LRBOI has a bright future with this type of commitment from our youths.....virg – Zoongede Mshekenh.”

Tribal Manager Jessica Burger, mother of our Princess Izzy, commented that: “I wish to extend warm personal gratitude to the Jingle Dress dancers that opened NIHB’s Annual Consumer Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort. The presence of those Kwewok and the healing offered through their dance was felt throughout that day; and the Nimkii answered. I’m certain many will carry that offering home to their communities. A special thanks to Kareen Lewis for offering the words that educated the attendees, and for speaking from your heart. I’m very proud of you all, and humbled by your commitment to our community.”



Climate Change Tips

LRBOI’s Air Quality Specialist Tom Shepard has provided a link to a list of 9 short EPA videos related to climate change. Topics include:

- what you can do about climate change at work
- what you can do about climate change at home
- what you can do about climate change on the road
- learn about the fuel economy label

Please contact Tom if you have any questions, comments or suggestions related to climate change. His direct line is 231.398.2275 and his e-mail address is tshepard@lrboi.com. Here is the link: <http://www.examiner.com/list/epa-new-climate-change-videos>

This last month saw a special project come to completion in Manistee...one supported by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the City of Manistee and the LRBOI tribal government through the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust. The brand new, state-of-the-art fish cleaning station was unveiled at the First Street Beach on the south side of the Manistee River where it enters Lake Michigan.

Dignitaries from the DNR, the City, the GLFT gathered for this special ribbon cutting and gathering.

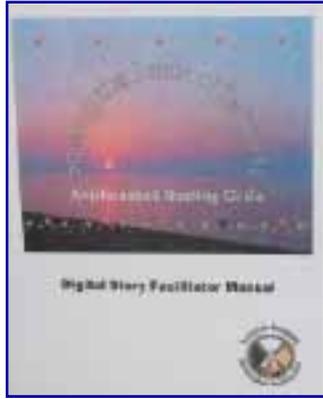


Marty Holtgren, Senior Fisheries Biologist for the LRBOI Natural Resources Department represented the GLFT when he addressed the assembled crowd of well-wishers as one of the main speakers. He addressed the cooperation that brought this effort together and the environmental responsibility shown by the design. Instead of just disposing of the remains once fish are cleaned at the station, they are gathered and shipped off to be used in pet food.



At the invitation of Tim Ervin from the Alliance for Economic Success, Marty also spoke to the audience (which included two TV stations and two newspapers) about the 2013 'Nme (Sturgeon) release at Rainbow Bend. This release is the 10th anniversary and it promises to be an event to remember for everyone. Well over 300 fingerlings have made it through the process this year and will be released during the ceremony.





August 23rd was a beautiful day in Manistee for a get-together and that is exactly what Be Da Bin Behavioral Health did, out at the 5th Avenue Beach Pavilion in Manistee! The annual recovery picnic and celebration was moved up to this date so that the weather would cooperate and the plan worked as it was a full beach-type of day with sun, sand and good eats!

While about 30 people gathered to share the story of their recovery, it was also the place to unveil a new tool to help others. Dottie Batchhelder and

Julie Wolfe presented their 'Digital' story-telling tool that people can use to have small group meetings and help each other as they struggle with issues of dependence.

Individual 'stories' are shown on a laptop and a program has been developed to guide the conversation around the story and help people to learn from it.



'Left over' drug collection



For the first time this year, LRBOI Tribal Public Safety took part in an increasingly important community program as they assisted with the collection of unused or left-over pharmaceuticals as part of the annual Manistee *Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day*.

The program was added to the 'Clean Sweep' collection effort in 2007 and it hasn't slowed down a bit. This year, 38.4 pounds of pills were turned in. Over the years (since 2007), 323,347 pounds have been gathered. The pills turned in this year will be turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency (October 26th) when our tribal police participate in the agencies' **Drug Take Back** program.

The disposal is critical because many people just throw these chemical away or flush them down the drain!

Officer Pat Gilles and Detective James Grabowski help to coordinate the tribal participation.

Congratulations to the Be Da Bin team for coming up with another nice event and especially a valuable tool for all of us to utilize!

The tradition of a Ghost Supper, or Feast of the Dead or Spirit Feast, is celebrated yearly to honor our departed loved ones with a meal and remembrances. Throughout the years, changes may have been made from what some people remember long ago, but the meaning has remained the same.

According to Christian beliefs, All Soul's Day occurs on November 2nd, thus our adaptation for celebrating and honoring our loved ones at this same time. Often, families gather together to host the suppers at their private homes and so that everyone can partake, the dates are sometimes spaced apart throughout the month of November. Community members may often attend several Ghost Suppers and each individual that attends represents a spirit.

Generally, the foods that are prepared for the feast are those most enjoyed by the departed or a dish that they were remembered for making. Most often at a Ghost Supper one can expect to find meals of fish, venison, wild rice, fry bread, corn, squash, potatoes, and other traditional staples. A ceremonial fire is lit and maintained outside at which praying and a quiet time for reflection and remembrance is customary. Prior to the feasting, a prayer is said and a plate with a little bit of every dish is prepared and offered in the fire to honor those who are no longer physically with us. Typically, this time is for remembrance and fellowship with the living and the dead.

Besides food, gifts are set out and offered so that the spirits can partake of these offerings that they may be missing. Some of these gifts may include sema (tobacco), wiingash (sweetgrass), mshkwadewashk (sage), and kiishig (cedar). Non-traditional gifts may include candy, coffee, flowers, or some other favorite item that your loved one may be missing.

Traditionally, the Ghost Supper continues until all of the food is gone and at times they have been known to go on until the early morning hours or longer. Often, native communities host a community-wide Ghost Supper at a central location, which is what we do here at Little River.

Wegnesh: LRBOI Community Ghost Supper Aanii Piish: LRBOI Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Wenesh Pii: Friday, November 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your loved one's favorite dish to pass. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Everyone is welcomed to attend! Come remember and reminisce about your loved ones.

Hilt's Landing Begins!

Near the end of August, Little River Band of Ottawa tribal leaders gathered in Whitehall Township for a special event dedicating a new cultural park. Donors including the tribe helped break ground on an open-air museum that will teach Michigan history to generations of young people.

Michigan's Heritage Park at Hilt's Landing will be a new interactive museum park, managed by Muskegon's Lakeshore Museum Center, on 19 acres in Whitehall Township. The park is set to open by summer 2015.

From the tribe, Ogema Larry Romanelli and Council members Pat Ruitter, Mike Ceplina, Frankie Medacco, Gary DiPiazza and Speaker Virg Johnson all attended. There were four pipe carriers conducting the pipe ceremony including Jay Sam, Jimmie Mitchell, Jerry Ramsey, and Austen Brauker. Mitchell also gave the blessing.

Almost 100 people were in attendance for the important historical event. Ogema, Larry Romanelli, said the project fit in with the tribe's philosophy of long-term thinking. "We call it seven-generation thinking," he said. "This is one of those projects that fit that mold." The idea of the museum was hatched about five years ago, said Lakeshore Museum Center Director John McGarry, at a breakfast meeting with himself, former Whitehall Township Supervisor Dennis Babcock and John Hilt, a representative of the family that once owned the property. "We envisioned a place that will educate thousands of school children," he said. They also envisioned a place that would be a destination for people throughout the Midwest and be a boost to the area's economy. John Hilt read a memoir from his uncle, George Hilt, about vacationing on the property as a child. "I know he's somewhere looking at us, and beaming ear to ear," John Hilt said.

The park will have a 0.5 mile, handicap-accessible loop trail with eight historical exhibits along the way representing 10,000 years of Michigan History. The tour starts with an exhibit of pre-historic mastodons, and ends with a modern farm house. Exhibits describe American Indians, fur traders, settlers, Civil War camps and the logging industry in Michigan. "This is a great project, not only for the history part of it and the museum part of it, but for the tourism part of it," said Muskegon County Board of Commissioners Chairman Ken Mahoney. "I'm excited it's finally happening — and, it's paid for."

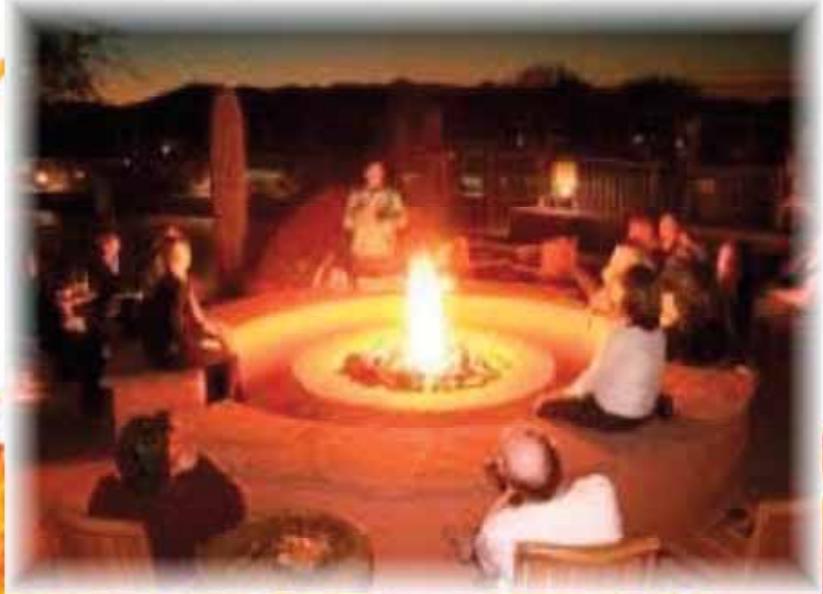
McGarry was quoted saying that 90 percent of the funds needed to run the park have been collected, but the museum is still asking the public for donations.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Fall Fire & Teachings
October 9-12, 2013
Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day

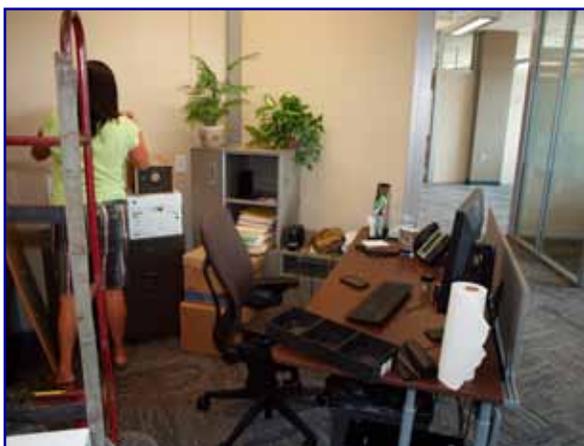
At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



For information, please call 1-888-721-8288, ext. 6891, 6893 or 6895
Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Historic Preservation Department

August 19th saw the starting of the caravan as the government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians began consolidating offices at the new Government Center on trust land near the intersection of US 31 and M-22, north of Manistee. By the end of the week, while there were still boxes around, the facility was starting to look more settled. George LeVasseur, the IT Director and coordinator of the move and his staff deserve a sound round of applause for managing what was a relatively painless move. Everyone came together on the effort and they all deserve thanks.





The Tribal Ogema and Council teamed up to cook lunch the week of the move to the new Government Center as a way to welcome staff during the move. IT Director George LeVasseur organized the move and took department by department and floor by floor to get everyone moved over with as little pain as possible. United Van Lines was contracted to move the boxes, file cabinets and what other items had to come over. They all did a great job on this very complicated move!



By the end of the week, most departments were functioning even if they still had boxes everywhere!



Kitchi Ti Kipi Singers



Pat Boda (LRBOI) is in the center. This is the Youth Drum out of Manistique, Mi. We are called the **Kitchi Ti Kipi Singers**. The other drummers are: to the right of Pat, John Miller, Tyler Hero, Dalton Kaiser, and Larry Campbell. This was at the Soo PowWow on July 6th and 7th. Pat sat on the drum with our group for both days of the event and helped chaperone the young drummers. We would like to throw a big Megwitch to Pat and The LRB.

John L. Miller
Field Superintendent
Sault Tribe Housing Authority

School Bells Ring

Preparedness Backpack

School bells are ringing for many students across the nation. As your child heads back to class, are they ready for emergency situations that can arise? Prepare yourself and children now to be disaster-ready throughout the school year.

In addition to keeping your emergency contact information up-to-date at your child's school, follow these steps:

- Find out where children will be taken if they have to evacuate the school;
- Ask if they store enough food, water and other supplies in case they have to "shelter-in-place;"
- Designate a friend or relative to pick up your children in an emergency and make sure the school knows who that person is; and
- Ask how they will communicate with families during a crisis.

Remember, back-to-school preparedness means more than buying notebooks and pencils! Visit the new Ready Kids site for valuable tools to help kids, parents and teachers prepare for emergencies.

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30th

6 pm -8 pm

Aki Madaazwiin

Community Center

Join us for some Halloween Fun
with other LRB families!

Line up your "spook up" car around the community center and for the Trunk or Treat Trail, bring some goodies to share with the little goblins who will be going car to car collecting them.

* Scary Halloween Treats *

* Costume parade *

* Spooky Games *

For more information
Call: Julie @
231.398-6740



Sponsored by: Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the Health of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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.

Remember

Tribal members are responsible for tracking their own purchases.
Do not rely on the Trading Post to track your purchases for you.

New Location: The Tax Office has moved to the New Government Center. The Tax Office is usually open Monday through Thursday from 7 am until 3 pm. Since the Tax Office staff is limited to one person, please be sure to phone ahead or schedule an appointment to make sure someone is available to assist you.

From the IRS News Service

Give Withholding and Payments a Check-up to Avoid a Tax Surprise

Some people are surprised to learn they're due a large federal income tax refund when they file their taxes. Others are surprised that they owe more taxes than they expected. When this happens, it's a good idea to check your federal tax withholding or payments. Doing so now can help avoid a tax surprise when you file your 2013 tax return next year.

Here are some tips to help you bring the tax you pay during the year closer to what you'll actually owe.

Wages and Income Tax Withholding

New Job. Your employer will ask you to complete a Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. Complete it accurately to figure the amount of federal income tax to withhold from your paychecks.

Life Event. Change your Form W-4 when certain life events take place. A change in marital status, birth of a child, getting or losing a job, or purchasing a home, for example, can all change the amount of taxes you owe. You can typically submit a new Form W-4 anytime.

IRS Withholding Calculator. This handy online tool will help you figure the correct amount of tax to withhold based on your situation. If a change is necessary, the tool will help you complete a new Form W-4.

Self-Employment and Other Income

Estimated tax. This is how you pay tax on income that's not subject to withholding. Examples include income from self-employment, interest, dividends, alimony, rent and gains from the sale of assets. You also may need to pay estimated tax if the amount of income tax withheld from your wages, pension or other income is not enough. If you expect to owe a thousand dollars or more in taxes and meet other conditions, you may need to make estimated tax payments.

Form 1040-ES. Use the worksheet in Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals, to find out if you need to pay estimated taxes on a quarterly basis. Change in Estimated Tax. After you make an estimated tax payment, some life events or financial changes may affect your future payments. Changes in your income, adjustments, deductions, credits or exemptions may make it necessary for you to refigure your estimated tax.

Additional Medicare Tax. A new Additional Medicare Tax went into effect on Jan. 1, 2013. The 0.9 percent Additional Medicare Tax applies to an individual's wages, Railroad Retirement Tax Act compensation and self-employment income that exceeds a threshold amount based on the individual's filing status. For additional information on the Additional Medicare Tax, find

questions and answers at the following link; <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Questions-and-Answers-for-the-Additional-Medicare-Tax>

Net Investment Income Tax. A new Net Investment Income Tax went into effect on Jan. 1, 2013. The 3.8 percent Net Investment Income Tax applies to individuals, estates and trusts that have certain investment income above certain threshold amounts. For additional information on the Net Investment Income Tax, find questions and answers at the following link; <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Net-Investment-Income-Tax-FAQs>.

See Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, for more on this topic. You can get it at IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Income Limits</i>
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

For each additional member add \$ 330.00

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

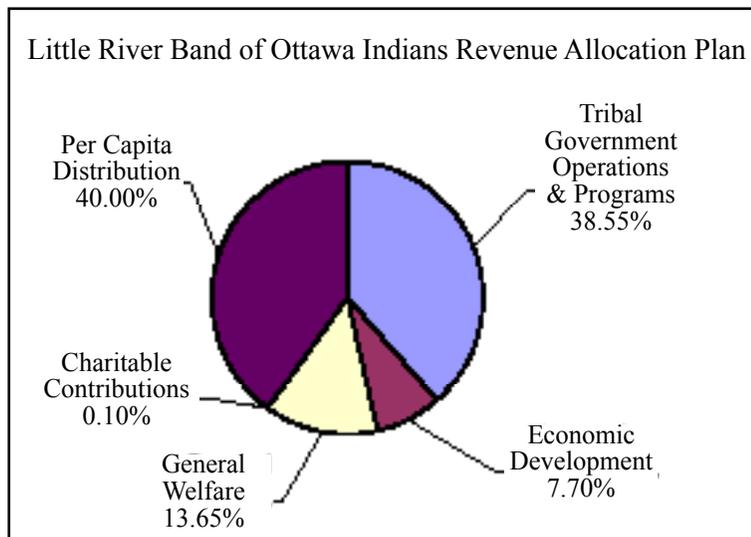
Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

Another reason to Love the commodity department

Another reason to love the commodity program. FDPIR clients survey question:
How does the commodity program help your household? It helps our household a lot I have no income and cannot get state help so the food is really helpful.

The chart below illustrates the allocation percentages designed for each category per the Revenue Allocation Plan.



This document will be reviewed and updated as necessary. It is recommended that you review the tribe's website often for additions to the Q & A information.

*Question and Answer
Per Capita Payments Brought to you by:
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Enrollment Department
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
1-888-723-8288*

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Per the LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN – Approved by Tribal Council Resolution 08-0123-20 Section 2. Purpose

2.02. The RAP shall allocate revenues generated by the Tribe's gaming enterprises towards the following purposes; the funding of tribal government operations and programs, providing for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, the promotion of the Tribe's economic development, donations to charitable organizations and per-capita distributions to tribal members.

1. Q. Who is the contact for questions about the Per Capita payments?

A. The Enrollment Department will assist you with questions or direct you to the Department or agency who can better answer your questions. Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288.

2. Q. How will the tribe know where to mail the check or Direct Deposit vouchers.

A. The checks and Direct Deposit vouchers are mailed to the last known address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you plan to move or have moved, contact the Enrollment Department for a Change of Address Form.

3. Q. What if I have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment?

A. If you have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment you must contact the Enrollment Department for an Address Correction Form. All Address Changes need to be submitted (15) Fifteen Days before the payment date. If you have not updated your information, this could result in a delay in receiving a payment. Returned UNDELIVERABLE mail is reported to the Enrollment Department. In the event a check or Direct Deposit voucher is returned, mailings will stop until the Tribal Member turns in an updated Address Form to the Enrollment Department.

4. Q. What if I do not receive the check in the mail or it is lost?

A. Contact the Enrollment Department to assist you.

5. Q. Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?

A. Yes, The tribe is obligated to notify you that Per Capita payments are subject to federal taxation. Per Capita is taxable income and the taxes assessed depend on your income bracket and location. The Tribe will automatically deduct applicable taxes from the per capita payments if they meet the Internal Revenue Service's threshold that would require the withholding. The payments may also be subject to state tax if you do not live in the tax agreement area. All Per Capita payments will be reported on the appropriate tax form and mailed to you by Jan. 31. We encourage you to contact a tax preparer for further tax questions.

6. Q. Who is eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. Per the *Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (ii)* be enrolled in the Tribe no later than the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, to be eligible to receive per capita distribution in the fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a qualified tribal member would need to have been enrolled with the tribe by no later than the last day of fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

Fiscal Quarters
(1) January thru March
(2) April thru June
(3) July thru September
(4) October thru December

7. Q. What are the age groups for Per Capita Payments?

A. Tribal Members who are eligible consist of two groups 18 to 54 and Elders 55 and up.

Use the chart below to determine eligibility for each quarterly payment.

Payment Date that you have to be either 18 or 55

December 15th / September 30th /
April 1st / December 31st / July 1th /
March 31st / October 1st / June 30th

8. Q. Are minor Tribal Members eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. No- Tribal members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to receive per capita distributions.

9. Q. What will the tribe do with Per Capita payments that are not claimed?

A. See Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8 (b) Use of Net Gaming Revenues: Individual Per Capita Distributions- Any net gaming revenues allocated for the purpose of funding per capita distributions that have not been expended on the last date of the fiscal year shall be reallocated to tribal investments.

10. Q. How are Per Capita payments disbursed by age group? Amounts illustrated below are an EXAMPLE and should not be misinterpreted as the amount that will be disbursed. Amounts will vary depending on net gaming revenues generated.

A. Payment amounts are determined by a point system. Adults age 18 to 54 receive 1 point and Elders Age 55 and older receive 2 points.

Example: Using the chart below the calculation for Elders is the point schedule multiplied by the number of Elders (2 x 715=1430). From this number the Allocation Percentage is calculated by using the points divided by the total of both groups points (1430 / 3929 = .3639603 OR 36.40%). From this percentage the Revenue Share is calculated by using the Net Gaming Revenue multiplied by the Allocation % (\$2,500,000 x 36.40% = \$909,900.74). The Revenue Share is then divided by the number of Elders (\$909,900.74 / 715 = \$1,272.59)

11. Q. Can Per Capita payments be garnished?

A. Yes, Per Capita distributions may be withheld to satisfy any court ordered judgment obtained by the tribe against the qualified tribal member or to satisfy court ordered child support obligations. Any amount remaining after satisfaction of the court ordered judgment or child support obligation shall be distributed to the qualified tribal member in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Plan.

12. Q. Can the payment be electronically deposited into a checking or savings account?

A. Yes, by completing the Direct Deposit form the payment may be deposited to the qualified tribal member's bank account. Contact the Enrollment Department to request the form and instructions. NOTE* If you plan to move you must update your address with the Enrollment Department. At any time a members information on file with Enrollment Department is determined incorrect the Direct Deposit for the member will be cancelled, until information is up to date.

13. Q. Can state and/or federal assistance programs be affected by Per-Capita payments?

A. The Tribe cannot provide guidance for all the agencies that require you to report a change in income. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning your specific questions about income based assistance programs. For example if you receive S.S.I., DHS, Commodities, please contact your agency.

14. Q. Can a member refuse these payments?

A. If the Tribal member meets the eligibility requirements of the Revenue Allocation Plan they will receive per capita payments. Many agencies will count these payments as available income to you even if you refuse the payments. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning these payments.

15. Q. Will Per Capita payments be the same amount each time?

A. No. The payments will vary depending on the amount of net gaming revenues generated each quarter. The Revenue Allocation Plan

allocates 40% of the net gaming revenues to per capita payments. The revenue allocation plan sets forth the amount the tribe can disburse to tribal members. The payments are made quarterly from the gaming revenues generated.

16. Q. Are the Per Capita payments considered income?

A. Many agencies count per capita payments as income. For further information contact the agency office with specific questions you may have.

17. Q. When are the Per Capita Payments made?

A. Per Capita payments will be distributed to qualified tribal members, on the first day of each fiscal quarter, January 1 payment will be issued December 15 .

18. Q. When will the amount of a Per Capita payment be announced?

A. The amount will be announced on the main switchboard announcement at least four (4) weeks prior to a distribution. You can reach the message announcement by calling the tribe's main number (231)7238288 or 888-723-8288 and listen to the directory prompt to the Per Capita Information extension. Due to end of the year close outs of accounting processes it is determined that the 2 quarter announcements will be delayed close to the disbursement date. This announcement will be posted when it is available.

19. Q. Is there specific information on the date when I will be eligible for per capita payments?

A.

1st. Quarter -January-March (Distributed Dec. 15)	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by September 30th .
2nd Quarter – April - June	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by December 31st .
3rd Quarter – July-September	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by March 31st .
4th Quarter – October – December	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by June 30th.

20. Q. Can I cancel a Direct Deposit request?

A. Yes, Direct deposit can be cancelled by submitting a Direct Deposit Cancellation form. Contact the Enrollment Department for this form to be mailed to you or download the form at www.lrboi.com. This form has to be NOTARIZED and submitted (5) five days before the payment date.

The Department handles the Bereavement Benefit Program, Per Cap Program and the Judgment Fund Distribution Program. The Department is responsible for address and name changes, Per Cap Direct Deposits, Per Cap Direct Deposit Cancellations and Per Cap Check Cancellations. The Department creates labels/lists for all departments as needed as well as creating and encoding Tribal I.D. cards for Tribal Citizens

PROCEDURE TO RECEIVE A TRIBAL I.D.

Purpose: To obtain a Picture Tribal I.D. with an expiration date on it.

Option 1: If the Enrollment Department has a picture of the Tribal citizen already on file, then two forms of documentation will be required from either Category A or Category B below:

Category A

1. Social Security Card
2. Credit Card/Debit Card
3. Bridge Card
4. W-2 or 1099 form
5. Pay stub containing your name and Soc. Security number.
- 6.Original Birth Certificate
- 7.U.S. School Record
- 8.Marriage License
- 9.Utility Bill
- 10.State Driver Education Certificate

Category B

1. Previous Tribal I.D. with photo
2. State Drivers License w/photo
3. Valid U.S. Passport w/photo
4. U.S. Military I.D. w/photo
5. State Department of Corrections Prisoner I.D. w/photo
6. U.S. High School or College I.D. w/photo
7. State I.D. w/photo

Option 2:If the Enrollment Department does not have a picture of the Tribal citizen already on file, then two forms of documentation will be required – one from Category A and one from Category B above; or

Option 3:If the Enrollment Department does not have a picture of the Tribal citizen already on file, and if the Tribal citizen does not have a valid form of picture I.D., then three forms of documentation will be required from Category A above.

Parent or Guardian of a child who is below the age of 18 must present their Driver's License or Tribal ID and sign for the applicant.

Individuals living outside of Michigan, must request for a New Tribal ID in writing.

ALL OLD TRIBAL I.D.S WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE. THESE BELONG TO THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

Make a difference for those battling cancer with your participation!



Boozhoo-greetings my friends,

I am excited to share with you that I am doing something very challenging but, very positive in the fight against cancer this year. I am participating in the St Vincent Cancer Walk 2013! I will be walking and raising as much as I can to benefit cancer patients and their families with support programs such as our fantastic art therapy group!

The name of my team is Our Native Webb. I am not only raising awareness of breast cancer but also an awareness of Native Americans who are battling this dreaded disease.

Please consider walking this journey with me, join the Our Native Webb team!

It would be a blessing to see a wall of pink shawls representing our people and this cause so, if you are a woman and you have a pink shawl please bring it along to cover your shoulders in honor of our sisters who are or were, in treatment. Think Pink! With or without a shawl, man-woman-boy or girl, come and walk with me!

If you are unable to join me in the walk, you still have an opportunity to join in the fundraising aspect by giving a tax-deductible gift to help provide survivor programs and services to patients and families during their treatment and beyond at St Vincents Cancer Care.

Together, we can make a difference! Kchi miigwetch-Thank you very much,
Teresa Webb- Anishinaabe kwe

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Great Lakes Leadership Academy seeks applicants

EAST LANSING, Mich. – The Great Lakes Leadership Academy (GLLA) is seeking individuals to apply for either the 2014 *Emerging Leader Program* or the 2014-15 *Leadership Advancement Program*. The Academy is dedicated to helping develop the next generation of leadership for communities and the food systems, agriculture, natural resources, manufacturing and environmental sectors of Michigan. It is conducted by staff of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University along with business and public sector partners from the state.

The *Leadership Advancement Program (LAP)* is designed to bring together leaders from diverse audiences and expose them to critical issues associated with the sustainability of Great Lakes communities along with innovative, equitable and inclusive approaches for addressing those issues. The LAP is designed for seasoned leaders seeking to enhance their impact on Michigan. The LAP consists of 12 sessions over 18 months and includes an international experience providing participants the opportunity to learn from the successes and challenges of another country dealing with similar issues.

The *Emerging Leader Program* is delivered over a seven month period, with three four-day sessions. Focus is on developing individual and organizational leadership skills and applying those skills in a collaborative fashion. The program provides classroom-based and experiential learning and is designed to provide an understanding of individual and organizational behavior. Participants also develop advanced communication and conflict management skills designed to help them become more effective leaders.

“The Great Lakes Leadership Academy provided an open atmosphere combined with an intensive learning environment to help me grow not only as a leader, but as a person and a professional. The experience I gained from the Emerging Leaders Program provided me with an opportunity to learn and practice leadership qualities and tools as well as interact with many other natural resource professionals who became friends and opened my mind to new perspectives. As a professional, this training program gave me an enthusiastic boost in my desire and motivation to become a better leader. Although I will be forever improving my leadership ability, this program gave me skills that were immediately applicable to my professional working environment”. Peter Wyckoff, Regional Engineer, Ducks Unlimited

Applications are being accepted now through September 30, 2013 for the 2014 Emerging Leader Program and the 2014-2015 Leadership Advancement Program at www.glla.msu.edu. Partial scholarships are available from GLLA for both programs to help offset the cost for those with demonstrated need. Questions should be directed to Vicki Pontz at pontzv@msu.edu, phone 517-432-8685. To learn more about GLLA programs or apply, visit www.glla.msu.edu.

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Casino Employment

Check out the new Employment Opportunities tab on the tribal website at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/resources/employment>

Our new preference ordinance is there along with links to website and job opportunities. All in one place for your convenience! Check out the exciting opportunities that await you at the Little River Casino Resort There are many ways to apply. Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530 Stop by our Human Resources Department located at 2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI

Monday – Friday 7am-5pm

Send your Application, Resumeand Cover letter to:
Little River Casino Resort Attn: Recruiting P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: (231) 723-4530 · Fax: (231) 723-1589

Email: recruiting@lrcr.com

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

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

Chairperson, Ron Pete
 Vice Chair, Rita Gale
 Secretary, Darleen Martin
 Committee Member, Connie Waitner
 Committee Member, Ron Wittenburg

Saturday November 2, 2013

8:00 am to 11:00 am

Registration & Information Booths Enrollment
 Updates and Voter Registration is available
 at Registration Table

9:00 am to 10:00 am

Ron Pete, Chairperson Elders Committee
 Welcoming Elders and Guests Opening Ceremonies
 & Warriors Posting of Nation Flags - Host Drum:
 Little Bird

10:00 am 11:00 am

Keynote Speaker: Deb Gutowski
 Being an Elder and The Path to Get Here Today

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Ron Pete- Chairperson Elders Committee Wendell
 Long – LRCR General Manager

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch – Buffet in the Event Center

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Presentation Speaker: Robin Carufel – LRBOI
 Clinic Director Topic: Future of LRBOI Health
 Care & Facilities

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Presentation Speaker: LRBOI Princess – Izzy
 Burger Topic: Meet our Princess & Living with
 Diabetes

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Presentation Speaker: Evelyn Szpliet – 211 Director.
 Topic: 211 Information and Referral Services

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Presentation Speaker: Lee Iverson – Members
 Assistance Dept & Noelle Cross – Elder Meals
 Topic: Title VI Elder Meal Program & Elder
 Nutrition

4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Ron Pete, Elder Committee - Summary of Events,
 Q & A, Gift Giveaway and Raffles

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Dinner – Served in the Event Center

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Karaoke & DJ by Starlight Entertainment

Sunday November 3, 2013

8:00 am to 9:00 am

Breakfast – Buffet in the Event Center

8:45 am to 9:00 am

Ron Pete, Elder Committee Chairperson - Welcome
 back!

9:00 am to 9:30 am

Presentation Speaker: Austen Brauker / Pat Wilson

9:30 am to 11:00 am

Presentation Speaker: Lucy Hunter – Boarding
 School Documentary

11:00 am to 11:30 am

Speaker: Ogema & Tribal Council - Closing Comments

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Speaker: Ron Pete, Elder Committee Chairperson
 Elder Committee Business – Closing of Ceremonies
 & Retiring of Nation Flags Meeting Adjourned

~Safe Travel Home~

Elders Meal Menu

General Information Meals served at Noon. There is a cost for Guest Meals \$5.00 and should accompany an Elder. Questions? Noelle Cross Phone: 231-398-6886 e-mail: 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.

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 Spaghetti Broccoli Fruit juice Tapioca	² Albacore Tuna Sandwich Minestrone soup Cheese cake bites	³ Pot Roast Red potato Carrots Birthday Cake!! Happy Birthday Elders	⁴	⁵ Elder Committee Meeting will be held at Casino.
Reminder! The Elder Committee Meal for October 5th 2013 will be located at the Casino. Activities: Wednesdays- Wii Bowling Day Thursday the 3th Birthday of the Month Monday the 14th Bingo Others TBD	⁷ Taco Bake Spanish Rice Beans	⁸ Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato Green beans Jell-O w/ fruit	⁹ Chili Corn Bread Steamed Carrots	¹⁰ Chicken soup Grilled cheese sandwich Frozen yogurt	¹¹	Thank you to Austen Brauker for donating the leftover nonperishable food items to the Elder Meals Program. I would also like to thank Angela Eagle for her food donations as well. Thank you Linda Wissner for the tomatoes from her garden!
	¹⁴ Ravioli /Sauce Veggie Blend Garlic Bread Stick	¹⁵ Grilled Fish Sweet potato fries Lemon Pie	¹⁶ Ham Potato Green beans Dessert	¹⁷ Chicken Breast Baked Potato Green beans Pudding	¹⁸ Muskegon Meal Please contact Noelle 231-398-6886 to RSVP	
	²¹ Chicken Pot pie Broccoli Cottage cheese Dessert Fruit cocktail	²² Breakfast for lunch!!!	²³ Potato Soup Ham Sandwich Carrots Peach crisp	²⁴ Meatloaf Mashed potato Broccoli Banana Pudding Banana pudding	²⁵	
²⁷ Menu subject to change with out notice.	²⁸ Bean Soup Fry bread Vegetable	²⁹ Corn Beef Caggage Carrots Cookies	³⁰ French dip Baked Potato Mixed Veggie Orange	³¹ Smothered Chicken Rice Veggie Melody		



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

August 19 Monday: Arrested a 40 year old Midland man for disorderly person! The intoxicated man was using the main doors as a urinal.

August 20 Tuesday: Tribal Police were dispatched to a PPO violation in the City. When Officers arrived, the man had fled. Police learned that there was a valid warrant for his arrest out of Reed City. Officers caught up with the 36 year old Reed City man a few blocks away and arrested him.

August 22 Thursday: Central Dispatch advised there was a cow loose on M-22 and Schoedel Rd. Officers got the cow back in the pasture without incident.

August 24 Saturday: A 40 year old Muskegon woman was arrested at M-22 and US-31 for driving while license suspended.

August 24 Saturday: A 63 year old Manistee man was arrested for OWI on US-31 near River Rd.

August 24 Saturday: Tribal Police arrested a 35 year old Manistee man for assault. He had assaulted a 10 year old non-family member at the Casino.

Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (Sept. 21st)
- *Veteran’s Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288.

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.

Murder Mystery Dinner



Lynn Saunders, Lee Ivinson and Charmaine Stone had fun 'Serving' at the Murder Mystery Dinner fund raising event last month which benefited the 2-1-1 program in Manistee. This program helps people to access services and obtain assistance from all over the county. There is a tribal component too! You can call 2-1-1, identify yourself as being a tribal member and they will direct you to programs just for tribal members.

The Manistee 2-1-1 program is one of the leaders in innovation in the country. It is also a key component of the county Emergency Management system and is used as the "official" information source for getting details out to the public during a disaster or incident

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

Kateri Circle

Halloween Gathering

Oct 20 , 2012 11 am to 3 pm
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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
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St. Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave
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furnished by the Kateri Circle
If you have any questions:
Patti Wlodkowski 231-670-1455
Email: pski839@gmail



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department currently has programs to assist prospective Homeowners, and existing homeowners, with Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance. The programs are available to Tribal Members who are buying, building, or planning to buy or build, or who have purchased a home and would have met the requirements of eligibility for any of the programs established in the Ordinance between September 21, 2005 and the date the Ordinance went into effect. It is available to members within or outside the Reservation or Trust Lands boundaries. There are no income requirements, and you can receive a combined amount up to \$5,000.00 and is based on 2.33% for Down Payment assistance and 1% for Closing Cost assistance which is calculated on the total purchase price. Please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department for additional information and applications, 231-398-6878.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Hvac maintenance

PURPOSE: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking proposals from qualified firms (“Contractors”) to perform hvac maintenance and repairs services on an on-call, as-needed basis.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: October 31st, 2013
CONTACT: Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas at (231)398-6804 or mlucas@lrboi.com.

Electrical maintenance and repairs services

PURPOSE: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking proposals from qualified firms (“Contractors”) to perform electrical maintenance and repairs services on an on-call, as-needed basis.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: October 31st, 2013
CONTACT: Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas at (231)398-6804 or mlucas@lrboi.com

LRBOI Tribal member and Elder Delano Peters is still at it, inventing cool items which can help people! Over the fall and early winter, Del introduced a new portable 'exercise' piece of equipment that can help young people improve their balance and ability to do gymnastics including as he says, "Teach them how to get started walking on their hands!"



Fred Ongcapin, J.D., LL.M
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October Pow Wow's 2013

Oct05-Oct06: Cherokee Nation of New Jersey 5 Nations Inter-Tribal Festival New Jersey Vasa Park, Mount Olive Twp, NJ

Oct11-Oct13: WPNAA Annual Gathering Cedar Creek Park, Belle Vernon, PA

Oct12-Oct12: Drums of Peace Powwow Peace Park, Janesville, WI

Oct12-Oct13: SWIFT HORSE WOMAN NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL RESCUE FIRE COMPANY #1, MOUNT AETNA, PA

Oct19-Oct20: Twentieth Annual Healing of All Nations Bending Water Park, Marion Station, MD

Oct19-Oct20: Cedartown Native American gathering Northwest Park, Cedartown, GA

Oct19-Oct20: HONOR AND REMEMBER Northwest Park, Cedartown, GA

Oct26-Oct26: Bacone College Fall Pow Wow Muskogee Civic Center, Muskogee, OK

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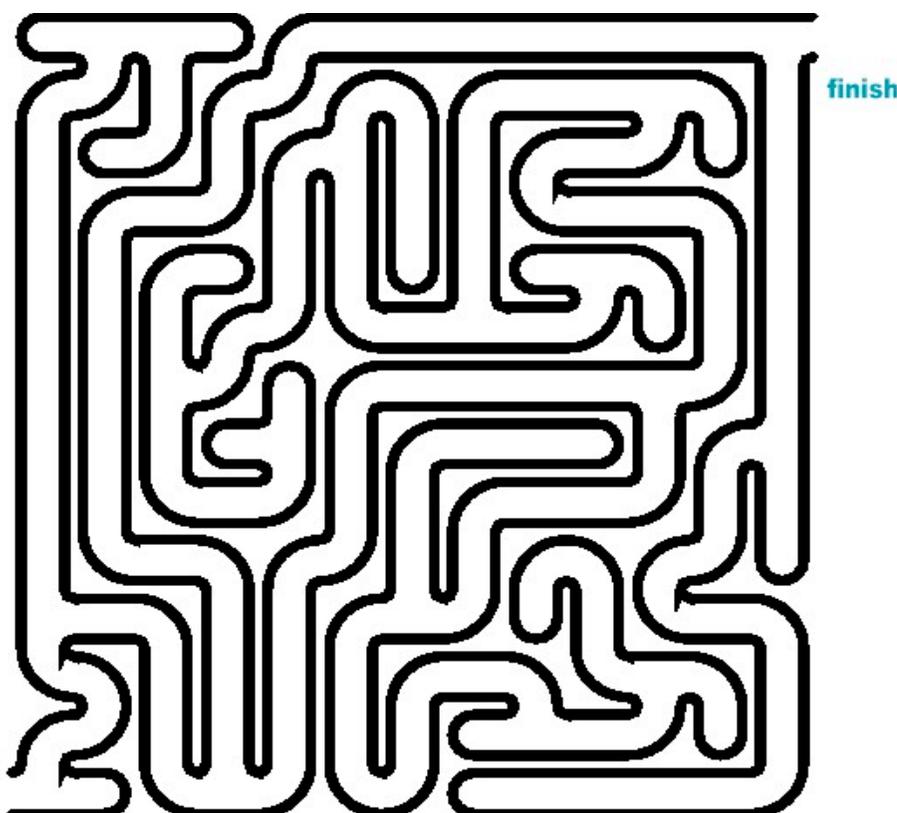
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HOW THE BEAR GOT A STUBBY TAIL

Long ago, some of the animals were different than today. Bear had a beautiful tail. Indeed, everyone thought it was the best. Long, luxurious and colorful, it was commented on by all. Soon Bear started to create reasons to show his tail off, to fan it or wave it in the other animals faces. The other animals were tired of this and asked Nanaboozhoo for help.

He waited for the lake to freeze, and then in disguise, walked out and cut a hole in the ice. He then piled many fish next to him and waited. Bear came by and seeing the fish, which he liked almost as much as his tail, he asked how they were caught. Nanaboozhoo showed him a lure, and it looked exactly like bear's tail. He told Bear to hold it in the water and wait for the fish to hold it, then snatch it out quickly. Bear did as instructed and lowered his tail into the water, waited and when he felt something grab the tail he leapt up, tearing his tail off except for a stub, as it was frozen in the ice. That is how Bear has a stubby tail today.



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 Wanah) 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.

BMCC offering three free classes to any tribal member

As a demonstration of Bay Mills Community College's commitment to providing educational opportunities to American Indian students throughout the United States, BMCC is offering three, three-credit online courses at no charge to members of federally recognized tribes:
NA103 - Native American Cuisine
NA110 - Native Americans: Sharing Our Culture and Traditions,
NAI29 - Native American Art and Artifacts: Cultural Interpretations

All others will be required to pay BMCC's "very reasonable tuition." As a tribal college, BMCC's funding is based on the number of students who are members of federally recognized tribes and tuition from all others, so the college is only able to offer free classes to those it is funded to serve. To apply online or for more information, visit www.bmcc.edu or call (906) 248-3354.

BMCC Fall EC218 and EN 107 courses offered at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center
BMCC is offering EC218, Developing Family Partnerships, and EN107, Public Speaking, for the Fall semester at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

The EC218 Developing Family Partnerships course begins on Monday, September 9, 2013 and is scheduled to run 5:30 - 9:20 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in the Hospitality Room. This course will run for 15 weeks. This is a 4 credit hour course.

The EN 107 Public Speaking course begins on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, and is scheduled to run 6 - 8:50 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in the Hospitality Room. This course will run for 15 weeks. This is a three-credit hour course.

Open to ALL tribal members, Sault Tribe team members and JKL School employees for \$30 registration plus \$10 per credit hour. Members of the Sault Tribe may qualify for BMCC's Board of Regents Scholarship, which may cover the cost of tuition.

Students may register for this class at the BMCC Main Campus prior to the first day of class or they may register onsite in the first day of class. For more information, contact Bay Mills Community College, 12214 W Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715; Phone: (906)248-3354; Fax: (906)248-3351
www.bmcc.edu

You can send your Member Submissions to currentscomments@lrboi.com

Name the Council Chamber Contest!



Tribal Members who are in school (K-12) are eligible to enter:

o You can either e-mail your suggestion to currentscomments@lrboi.com or
o Fill out the form below and mail it to Public Affairs or turn in to Public Affairs at the Fall Membership meeting on October 12th (table outside of Three Fires Conference Center)

- The deadline for entries to be received is October 21st
- You must include your name, age and tribal ID number with your entry
- Your choice should be in Anishinaabemowin or be something that can be translated into our language
 - The winner will be announced at the October 23rd Council meeting
 - You will be publicly congratulated during Open Session
 - The winner will receive a nice prize from Tribal Council
 - A plaque with the name they chose will be mounted in the Council Chamber and your name will also appear on the plaque to honor them
 - Your picture will be part of the story about the naming in the Currents



LRBOI Elder's

- Veronica Ann Burrows
- Kenneth Dwain Crawford
- Joyce Catherine Harrington
- Mary Lou Korhorn
- Madeleine Sophie Kunnen
- Ethelynn Emma Kunnen
- Cecil Francis Lamorandier
- Suzanne Moby
- Beverly Joyce Ninise
- Joann Pannill
- Russell Lee Peters
- Leo LeRoy Petts
- Frances Georgette Pitts
- Sharon Lynnette Reed
- Lance Carl Russ Jr.
- I James Kenneth Russ
- Edward Joseph Shalifoe Jr.
- Edward Lewis Tyler
- Sandra Mary Witkop

- Cheyenne Renner
- Lori King (Lost One
- Lori Fraley
- Heather Fraley
- Deb Renner
- Dale Mathews
- Sandy Renner
- Yvonne Theodore



Name the Council Chamber Contest!

Name: _____

Age: _____

Tribal ID number: _____

If Descendant then Tribal I.D. Number of parent.

Your Council Chamber Name Entry:

Why did you choose this name?

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Office of Public Affairs
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Manistee, Michigan 49660
Or email: currentscomments@lrboi.com

Mathew Sandel



Thirteen things I LOVE about Mathew Sandel

1. I love remembering how wonderful he felt the first time I held him in my arms.
2. I love him enjoying life and watching him learn and grow
3. I love his Big Happy Smile!
4. I love giving him sweet angel kisses before he went to bed.
5. I love playing Rummy with him.
6. I love his sense of humor
7. I love He and Hannah being wonderful friends
8. I love to hear him Drum. He made his first hand drum when he was 5 years old
9. I love to watch him two step. He and Hannah won 3rd place.
10. I love to see him hoop dance. He even taught the neighbor boy.
11. I love his kindness to our pets/ Buttercup adores him.
12. I love his relationship with my parents / Mathew and Grandpa drinking their coffee and cocoa in the mornings.
13. I love that he is exactly as God intended.

Happy 13th Birthday my darling!
I love you so dearly -Love Mommy Eagle



It was a busy Saturday in early September down in Custer as the Kwewok Circle, LRBOI Warriors Society, a Ludington ball team and tribal members gathered to help out a fellow tribal member!

In May of 2012, Robert and Dorothy Battice lost their home to a fire located just to the East of Custer Road, South of the community. They hadn't been able to get all the rubbish from the fire removed so that they could rebuild. Deb Davis of the Kwewok Circle in Manistee heard about the situation and got the volunteers rolling! Our Warriors paid for the dumpster, Kwewok provided lunch for everyone and the tribal Utility sent down a tractor with bucket and trencher.

Robert Battice, a tribal Elder, is extra special to the tribe because he is the only member still living on his allotted land in the Custer reservation area. He and his wife lived there from 1953 until it burned last year. Battice is a Korean war veteran and a tribal elder.



They were joined by about 30 folks, including extended family members and tribal employees who wanted to help out.

Around mid-morning, the tractor arrived with Clatus Cline and Council Member Gary DiPiazza in charge of the initial work. Clatus is an artist with the heavy equipment and in no time, the dumpster started filling up.



The work will continue and the family hopes to rebuild before too long. Thanks to everyone who helped out!



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LRCR checks handed out!

At the end of the month, Little River Resort Casino General Manager Wendell Long and Guest Services Manager Chad Eckhart presented checks to representatives from each of the five charities that were beneficiaries this year of the annual resort Charity Golf Outing. A total of \$53,991.00 was split between the Kwewok Circle, Vogue Theater, Manistee County Child Advocacy Center, 2-1-1 and Hospice of Michigan.

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