



“This issue of the *Currents* contains some items from the March *eCurrents*, our online newspaper. They are being run here for the convenience of Tribal Members who do not have access to the internet or who prefer their information in a regular printed fashion. We do encourage you to visit the tribes’ website at www.lrboi.com if at all possible to view the latest news through the *Currents*, *eCurrents* and the weekly *Rapid River News*.”



“Spring Membership Meeting 2014”

The Spring Membership Meeting was held April 12 at the Little River Casino Resort in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) and in the Three Fires Conference Center. See the article and photos beginning on page 2

Indian Village Camp



The 2014 Indian Village Camp dates are set and details of this year’s camp are shown on page 8. This very popular program run by our Peacemakers provides some excellent traditional training for our young folks and introduces many of them to skills and our culture in a whole new way.



Affordable Care Act Updates

The Affordable Care Act is in effect and there are specific differences for Native Americans. See some of the questions and answers about this important law beginning on page 16. Also, at the Spring Membership Meeting, Tribal Manager Jessica Burger and Members Assistance Coordinator Lee Iverson conducted two informational sessions on the law for the membership in the Three Fires Conference Center.”



GTB visits LRBOI

Leadership of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians visited the new Little River Government Center for a tour and discussion with Tribal Council.

See the article and photos in this issue of the *Currents*.

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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

The second weekend in April was the 2014 Spring Membership Meeting for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Approximately 70 people started the weekend off with the Ogema's Meet-N-Greet Friday night in the Three Fires Conference Room. This regular event (occurs before each Membership Meeting) was begun by Ogema Romanelli after he was first elected 7 years ago. At the popular meeting, tribal members are able to have a good conversation with the Ogema about tribal issues.



This year some of the topics were updates on the Muskegon Project; Bereavement Fund; Tribal Economic Development, possible impact of the Grand River Band if it were to become a recognized tribe and the new Currents schedule of printing every other month. Tribal Manager Jessica Burger and several department directors and staff members were on hand to help answer the questions.



An overview of the Muskegon project was given by Commerce Director Robert Memberto along with the news that the next day at the regular meeting, they would be handing out an extensive summary of the status. Primarily, it was being done to dispel rumors. All in all, the project is moving forward nicely. Ogema Romanelli even talked about the fact that he and Governor Rick Snyder (MI) have established a good level of mutual respect throughout the process. He added that they don't always agree but have a relationship that allows for meaningful discussion.

Possible changes to the Tribal Bereavement Fund were hotly discussed at both the Meet-N-Greet and the membership meeting. While nothing has been finally decided (at the time of printing), changes are being considered.



Robert Memberto gave an excellent overview of the tribes' economic development and pointed out that a number of projects are making us money and promise to be good for the tribes' economic health. One myth that he went out of the way to dispel was that the Trading Post was not making money. Since it opened, it has returned over \$600,000 to the tribes' coffers and hires 7 tribal members. He pointed out that 'since we got out of the restaurant business' the House of Flavors has been a good and profitable tenant for the tribe. More exciting projects are on the way. 400 copies of his report were distributed at the meeting.

One tribal member questioned how the Grand River Tribe would impact our Muskegon Project. Director Memberto, who is quite familiar with the process, gave the audience a full background on the Recognition process and the status of Grand Rivers' application. He also added that, if they are recognized, it could be up to ten years before they affected LRBOI. Both Memberto and Ogema Romanelli emphasized that, unlike other tribes, Little River has never opposed Grand River.



Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring addressed the Currents issue by recounting how, due to budget cuts, his department only had enough funding to print every other month. They continue to do monthly eCurrents which are online on the website as well as weekly Rapid River News issues which are also online. He encouraged members to send in their e-mail addresses so that they

could receive the Rapid River directly each week. A number of members voiced their opposition to the schedule and said that they wanted their printed paper back every month. Many tribal members are not comfortable accessing web-based news.



As usual at this meeting, Chief Financial Officer Steve Wheeler gave his comprehensive report on the state of the tribes' finances. Steve has used the same basic format for his reports which has allowed the tribal members to have a good way to compare, year-to-year.



A quorum was not present at the full Membership Meeting so no items of substance were brought forward for consideration.

Little River Band Departments have been working together on a community maple syrup project. Tribal Historic Preservation, Bedabin Behavioral Health, Peacemaking, and Education have been collaborating on a project which is happening thanks to Tim and Wanda Joseph of Brethren, MI, who have been kind enough not only to let us use their sugar maples for gathering sap, but are also going to be helping us use their sugar house to boil the sap down into ziiwaagmide, maple syrup.

Austen Brauker and Brian Gibson tapped the first three trees on Monday, March 10th, which was the official start of our 2014 maple syrup project. On Tuesday Julie Wolfe and Kenny Pheasant took the Nangosuk Language class kids out to try their hand at tapping a fourth tree. The kids were very excited to drill the hole, tap in the spile and watch the crystal clear sap come dripping out. Julie brought little cups so all of the kids were able to catch some of the sap and taste the first medicine of spring. Unfortunately none of us had a camera for that first day, but the kids had loads of fun, not only tapping the trees and tasting the sap, but splashing in the mud and water and getting boots stuck in the snow. They returned home nicely wet and muddy, having done a great job their first day of maple syrup making!



That week was only the beginning of the project. We still have to check the sap nearly every day. Maple sap requires cold nights but warmer days to run. We haven't been having much of that combination, so the sap has not been running very quickly, but as weather warms up it will begin flowing faster and we may need to empty the containers every day. Eventually we will have enough sap to begin cooking it down. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make a gallon of syrup, so it is going to take some time- probably two or three different day-long boiling sessions to get to a finished product and lots of work before that happens!



On Friday Julie took another, older group of kids out, joined by a couple of parents as well. No stuck boots and only a little mud splashing with this group. They tapped the last tree and as with the first group, all got to taste a bit of the sap. They also were able to check the trees that had been tapped earlier in the week and emptied the first buckets of sap that will eventually be boiled into syrup. They finished off the afternoon tobogganing and building a snowman, so they went home pretty wet too!



The maple sugaring season is sometimes short and sometimes longer, and always dependent on the weather. We aren't really able to specify a date or make long range plans about when buckets need to be checked, or when sap will be boiled. It may only be a day or two of notice. I don't know at which stage we will be when this is being read. I so hope that you are reading it in time to join us because it really is fun! We may have cooked the syrup down or we may still be in the process- but if you are interested in joining us and haven't had the chance, please contact Valerie Chandler in Tribal Historic Preservation, Yvonne Parsons in Education, or Julie Wolfe in Bedabin, to see about dates or times. Until the sap is done running and the syrup has been made, there will be fun work to do, and we'd love to have you join us!





April 2, 2014, the new Government Center had visitors from one of our sister nations, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. GTB Chair Al Pedwaydon was joined by Tribal Council Treasurer Jan Rohl and Council members Tom Shomin and George Antoine. Also visiting was Steve Feringa, the tribal Architect (who used to work with LRBOI Commerce Director Robert Memberto).



Downstairs, Speaker Johnson took great pleasure in showing off the Geothermal system which is a big part of our 'green' efforts for responsible energy management.



Our visitors also enjoyed stopping in at the Fitness Center and talking with Raven Lewis. GTB Councilor George Antoine even tried out some of the equipment.



In the Tribal Clinic, Shelly Kequam and Doctor Gilligan talked about the facility and challenges for Indian Health Care.



While in Council chambers, the two groups of leaders discussed some mutual challenges to the tribes and agreed to get together at a later date to come up with guidelines for mutual goals and actions.



The distinguished visitors came at the invitation of Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson. While here for the tour, our LRBOI Council members joined the tour and discussion including Recorder Sandy Mezeske, Pat Ruitter, Mike Ceplina, Marty Wabindato, Frank Medacco, Delano Peters, Gary DiPiazza. Along with Speaker Johnson, Robert Memberto (Commerce) provided a complete tour of the new Government Center. They took quite a bit of pride in pointing out the fascinating features of the new building...including everything from the pervious concrete systems to the special design for ambient lighting throughout the facility.



Following the tour, a Resort mini-bus picked up visitors and staff for a quick tour of Aki Maadiziwin and the Community Center. While there, they shared lunch with tribal elders. All of the Casino/Resort directors who were available as well as Wendell Long, General Manager, joined the group for lunch. Wendell even brought two trays of dessert for everyone to enjoy. Speaker Johnson commented after the visit that it was a pleasure to share our new facility with our GTB brothers and sisters and discuss more ways that we could work together more closely in the future.

Recorder Sandy Mezeske reported afterwards that the GTB visit was a major success and that our visitors were very impressed by our facilities and staff. She sent out a big 'Thank You' to the staff that helped with the tour.

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.

You can find the Withholding Calculator online at: <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.

Cigarette Purchase Limit Change is Coming

Beginning June 1, 2014, tribal members will be able to purchase 25 packs of tax-exempt cigarettes per month, for their personal use, at the Little River Trading Post. The annual quota allowed under the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan has not changed, but tax-exempt sales have decreased in the past year. Therefore, the limit is being increased to allow tribal members that choose to smoke an opportunity to purchase more tax-exempt cigarettes. As in the past, tax-exempt sales will be suspended when the annual quota is reached.

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

Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,110.00
2.	\$ 1,445.00
3.	\$ 1,780.00
4.	\$ 2,126.00
5.	\$ 2,489.00
6.	\$ 2,852.00
7.	\$ 3,187.00
8.	\$ 3,522.00
For each additional member add \$ 335.00	

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

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 three 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 and meeting place:

Binojeeuk Commission:	1:00 p.m., 1 st and 3 rd Thursdays – Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
Commerce Commission:	5:00p.m., 1 st Thursday of each month Commerce Department
Enrollment Commission:	5:30 p.m., 2 nd Tuesday of each month Enrollment Department
Gaming Commission:	5:30 p.m., Tuesdays Gaming Commission Office
Health Commission:	5:30 p.m., 1 st Tuesday of each month Health Clinic
Housing Commission:	9:00 a.m., 1 st Thursday of each month Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
Natural Resource Commission:	4:00 p.m., 2 nd Tuesday of each month Natural Resource Department

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

Committees:

Elders – 12:00 noon, 1st 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, 2014 to March 31, 2014

<u>Elders Committee</u>		<u>Binojeeuk Commission</u>	
Ron Pete – Chair	\$100	Leslie Studey	\$250
Darleen Martin	\$300	Vacant Seat	
Connie Waitner	\$300	Carol Gibner	\$625
Ron Wittenberg	\$300	Margery Lutz	\$375
Rita Gale	\$300	Sandy Deverney	\$625

<u>Liaisons</u>		<u>Liaisons</u>	
P. Ruiter – 3 out of 3 attended		M. Wabindato – 2 out of 5 attended	
S. Mezeske – 3 out of 3 attended		F. Medacco – 2 out of 5 attended	
V. Johnson – 3 out of 3 attended			

<u>Commerce Commission</u>		<u>Enrollment Commission</u>	
Connie Waitner	\$200	Katie Glocheski	\$300
Ron Pete	\$300	Diana O’Neal	\$300
Keith Sensabaugh	\$300	Charmaine Stone	\$300
Peggy Vriesman	\$300	<u>Liaisons</u>	
Kareen Lewis	\$300	S. Mezeske – 0 out of 3 attended	
		V. Johnson – 0 out of 3 attended	

<u>Liaisons</u>		<u>Health Commission</u>	
G. DiPiazza – 1 out of 3 attended		Diane Lonn	\$300
S. Mezeske – 0 out of 3 attended		Al Patricio	\$300
		Pamela Johnson	\$300

<u>Gaming Commission</u>		<u>Liaisons</u>	
Lee Ivinson	\$1,375	M. Wabindato – 1 out of 3 attended	
Dave Corey	\$1,750	D. Peters – 0 out of 1 attended	
Vacant Seat			
Joe Riley	\$1,750		
Debra Davis	\$1,500		

<u>Liaisons</u>		<u>Natural Resource Commission</u>	
M. Ceplina – 10 out of 13 attended		Michael Burmeister	\$300
F. Medacco – 1 out of 4 attended		Israel Stone	\$200
		Tom Guenthardt	\$300
		John Koon	\$200
		Charles Shaw	\$100

<u>Housing Commission</u>	
Judy Hardenburgh	\$300
Karen Love	\$400
Julia Chapman	\$400

<u>Liaisons</u>	
S. Mezeske – 0 out of 4 attended	
D. Peters – 1 out of 1 attended	

<u>Liaisons</u>	
M. Ceplina - 2 out of 3 attended	
G. DiPiazza - 1 out of 3 attended	

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The Story of Aki Maadiziwin

By Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant

I was approached by a group of people several years ago to come up with a native name for the housing project. I asked several questions about the project so that I could get a better idea to come up with the name. I was told to take my time and not to rush the request. As the construction of the roads went on they had discovered that a Red Tailed Hawk had built a nest right in the way of the road. Some wanted to plow right through it but we said "no", she was here first and has the right to raise her family there. After this incident it was not hard to come up with the name that I did, Aki Maadiziwin, All life living in harmony with the earth. The two words are meant to be pronounced together.

Work Session Attendance											
Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Marty Wabindato	Total Attending
03/03/14	Agenda Review	x		x	x	x	x	x			6
03/03/14	Legal Reform Act	x		x	x	x	x	x			6
03/04/14	Ombudsman Ordinance		x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
03/04/14	LRCR Financial Review		x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
03/06/14	Accessing Calendars	x	x	x	x	x	B	x	x	x	8
03/06/14	Muschigon Construction	x	x	x	x	x	B	x	x	*	7
03/07/14	Constitutional Amendments	x	x	x	x	x	B	x	x	x	8
03/10/14	Agenda Review	x	x	x	*	x	B	x	x		6
03/11/14	Donation Ordinance	x	x	V	*	x	B	x	x	x	6
03/13/14	Housing Rent	x	x		*	x	x	*	x		5
03/14/14	Meeting w/ LRCR Board of Directors	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x		6
03/14/14	Kwewok Circle	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x		6
03/17/14	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
03/17/14	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
03/17/14	Valliant Report	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
03/18/14	Wells Fargo	x	x	V	x	x	x	x		x	7
03/20/14	Gaming Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
03/20/14	Muschigon Construction	x	x	x	x	x		x	V	x	7
03/20/14	ICDBG Grant	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
03/21/14	MAST Points of Discussion	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		7
03/24/14	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/24/14	Legislative Move of Offices	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/24/14	Agenda Review	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/24/14	Constitutional Changes	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/25/14	Ombudsman Ordinance	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/25/14	Valliant Report	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/25/14	Charitable Donations Ordinance	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/25/14	Housing Rent	x	x	*	x	x	x	x		x	7
03/27/14	Gaming Ordinance	x	x	*		x	x	x	x		6
03/27/14	Land Acquisition	x	x	*	x	x	x	x			6
03/31/14	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
03/31/14	Burial Assistance Program Ord	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
03/31/14	Government Financials	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
	Total # of Work Sessions - 33	31	31	18	27	33	27	27	23	20	
	* - Business Related										
	V - Vacation										
	B - Bereavement										

Little River Band Tribal Events

- Positive Indian Parenting Classes Every Tuesday starting April 22-June 10, 2014, 5:30-7:30 for more information call Shelly Kequam @ 398-6707
- Elder's Committee Meeting May 3, 2014, Aki Community Center, Lunch served at noon meeting to follow
- Memorial Day May 26, 2014 Government Office's Closed
- Elder's Committee Meeting June 7, 2014, Aki Community Center Lunch served at noon meeting to follow
- Independence Day July 4, 2014 Government Office's Closed
- Jiingtamok 2014 — Pow Wow July 5 & 6, 2014 at the Tribal Gathering Grounds
- 21st Annual Anishinaabe Family Language/ Culture Camp July 25—27, 2014 at the Tribal Gathering Grounds, Bring your nation fl ag & gift for the giveaway. Lunch & Dinner provided, No registration fee, Breakfast on your own.

This is a four day wilderness camp program focusing on tribal culture and natural living skills, using the Peacemaking talking circle throughout. This camp is for prevention (to keep kids who are currently *not getting in trouble, on the right path*) and for intervention (to get kids who are starting to veer off track, back in the right direction). Indian Village Camp is something very powerful and positive for those who have found their way to the circle. It is a grass roots example of people helping people, and looking out for one another's best interest. It is based in inclusion and allowing everyone to be heard. It is a reconnection to our mother earth and learning to listen to the teachings of nature, a life changing experience for some.

Tentative Camp Dates for 2014:

JUNE 26-29..... JULY 10-13.....
AUGUST 14-17..... AUGUST 28-31

This 2014 season will be our fourth year of operation. Our staff are devoted to this program and experienced in being positive leaders for our youth. These adult leaders offer many highly skilled and specialized projects, focusing on our Anishinaabe culture, and the balanced ways of simple natural living. This is truly a community built and supported program, supported by our elders, veterans, elected officials, different tribal departments and parents. Indian Village Camp has shown very positive results since it began, through performance measures and data compiled for program assessment. Most of all, we can see the results happening in a way that cannot be described with quantitative analysis, or expressed as mere numbers, but in a way that can only be experienced through *quality, not quantity*.

The participants at Indian Village generally leave this camp with a feeling of having actually been a real part of an actual, working, tribal community. We try to empower them to find the best within themselves and give that gift back to their peer community. This sense of belonging, and responsibility to their friends, seems to generate a positive feeling about who they are as an individual, and about what they can offer back to the group in return. Some have said that it has helped with where they might want to go with their lives in the future. Simple communication and group cohesion is the foundation of this camp, talking through our problems, and using the seven grandfather teachings as the camp rules. The people always come first and the scheduled activities come second. This program is all about the people. No one is ever left out or left behind. Everyone does their part in the functions and duties of the camp. Participants cook their own food, as a group, over an open fire, in the communal longhouse. They haul firewood and bring water, as a team. They take turns cleaning up and saying a blessing in their own way. For shelter,

they stay in bent sapling wigwams, covered with canvas tarps. In our final talking circle, everyone goes around the circle and says one positive thing about everyone else in the group. Some of the friendship bonds continue on, long after the camp is over.

Camps usually start at 12 noon on a Thursday and ends at 12 noon sharp on a Sunday. This program is sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court, Peacemaking/Probation Department. Trained adult staff work all day and all night to keep programs moving and ensure safety. Indian Village Camp has four camps per season. Each camp is four days long.



ELIGIBILITY: All Tribally connected youth, 12-17, male or female, tribal members, descendants, of LRBOI or other tribes, non-members by special circumstance approval, such as from mixed homes. An application form is available at the LRBOI website or through the Peacemaking Department. All applications must be filled out by a legal parent or guardian.

For more information, contact the LRBOI switchboard at 1-231-723-8288 (hit zero for operator) or call the Peacemaking Department directly at 1-231-398-2240 to reach Austen Brauker, and 1-231-398-2239 to reach Peacemaking Supervisor Patrick D. Wilson. Email contacts are abrauker@lrboi.com or pwilson@lrboi.com.

To get an idea of what camp is like, you can search for "Indian Village Camp" on youtube, or just use the following links:

CAMP Overview Video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoNBitKVyKo>

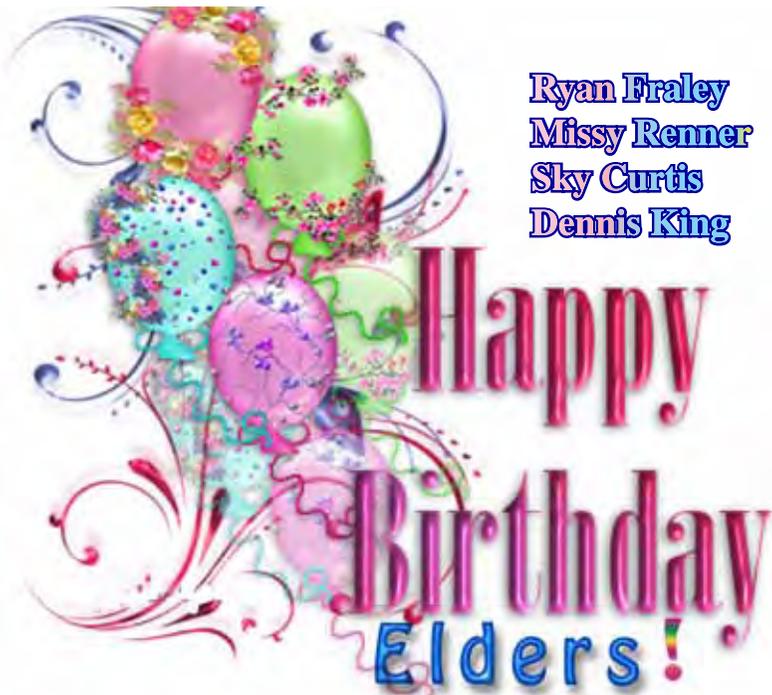
CAMP Program Activities Photo-Documentary:
<http://youtu.be/3hiWAMD7iWM>

We try to make each camp unique, though some projects are repeated again, at different times. Youth can come back as often as they like, and many attend camp several times over a summer. There is limited space (20 participants maximum) and so, it is best to make sure you get your application in before the available spaces fill up.

These are just SOME of the projects we have done in the past:

Making Hand Drums, Traditional Styled Lodge Building, Dream Catchers, Rattles, Necklaces and Jewelry, Herbal Salve and Plant Picking, Organized Camp Games, Beadwork, Traditional Pottery, Personal Bundles, Cooking Frybread, Hammering Copper Bowls, Carved Walking Sticks, Making Wooden Spoons, Building Wilderness Shelters, Throwing the Atlatl, Making Spirit Houses, Spruce Root Digging, Leather Crafts (medicine pouches or bags), Orienteering Navigation with and without Compasses, Making Sassafras and Cedar Tea, Processing Nut-milk, Maple Syrup Sugar, Making Birch Containers, Birch Winter Bark Scraping, Cedar Bark Containers, Bow Drill Fire-making, Survival fire-making, Making a Clay Oven, Deer Hide Scraping/Brain Tanning, Natural Twisted Cordage, Traps and Snares, Carved River Stone, Snowsnakes, Drum Circle/Music Jam, Barred Owl Calling, Night Vision Teachings, Birch Oil, Pine Tree teachings, Fire Safety and Survival Fires, Emergency Preparedness, Star Constellations, Hunting and Fishing Seminar, Traditional Foods, Plant Identification, Nature Walks, Tracking and Animal Calls, Bird Language, Elders Teaching Circle, Forest Service Job Opportunities, Mini-Pow-Wow and Drum presentation, First Aid and CPR Certification, Animal Meditation Movements, Eco-Presentations from Natural Resources, Welcoming Ceremonies from Various Volunteers, Peacemaking Talking Circles, Group Games. Culture Presentations: Clan Teachings, Water Ceremony Teachings, Naming Ceremony Teachings, Fasting Teachings, Women's Teachings, Men's Teachings, Medicine Wheel Teachings, Four Sacred Medicines, Storytelling and Oral Traditions, Sweat Lodge Talk, Dance Regalia Education, Anishinaabe Language.





Ryan Fraley
 Missy Renner
 Sky Curtis
 Dennis King



Adopt a Bed

Garden bed that is, if you would like to adopt a bed please call the office @ 398-6875 with the bed number you'd like to adopt, While they last, one per household. (beds are located next to the maintenance pole barn).

Spring Clean Up

Your Housing Department has reserved a dumpster for May 21 — May 28, 2014, which will be located on the N. Kaw gay Kaw bowe cul-de-sac. Items that are not allowed in the dumpster are tires, yard waste, liquid fl ammables and Freon appliance.

Neighborhood Garage/Yard

Sale this year, if you'd like to participate in this year's sale you will need to have a Concessionaire's Tribal Tax License which will be available in the housing offi ce after May 12, 2014, at no cost to you.

Garage/Yard Sale Memorial Week-end
 May 22-24, 2014 8:00 a.m.— 4 p.m. Daily

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Stark	Mavis	June
Zeeryp	Violet	Cecelia

Gratitude

On a daily basis, fi nd something you are appreciative of or fi nd something you are grateful for, Start a journal. A gratitude journal and go to it [and write] fi ve minutes a day." By acknowledging what you are grateful for in your journal, you'll become a deliberate attractor of positivity. "Did you know that appreciation, gratitude and love are the highest forms of spirit?" "You can only have one feeling at a time, and if you are noticing what you appreciate and noticing what you are grateful for, you can't be noticing what you don't like."

As more of your thoughts and words become positive, you'll start attracting more positive people and circumstances. "Decide today that you are going to reduce negativity in your life. Get in the habit of appreciating things."

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Must be Little River or a descendent

You will be judged on traditional knowledge, Dance, Personal interview.

For information on how to apply call

Kwewok Circle
231-510-4366

Annual Native soup Cook-Off



The Kwewok Circle held their Annual Native soup Cook-Off fund raiser on April 11th at the casino. The winners were Jamie Friedel 1st place for his soup and Felisa Moore 1st place for her Fry Bread. The runner up in both categories was Stella Gibson.



As an added bonus the winners will also have their soups featured at the casino as soup of the day. The Kwewok Circle would like to thank all the people who donated items for the silent auction and to our judges who took time to come to the cook-off.

SENDING OUT A CALL FOR YOUR **NATIVE AMERICAN RELATED BOOKS!**

We are asking for donations for any NATIVE THEMED BOOKS to donate to the NATIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS religious group at the OAKS CORRECTIONAL facility. This library is part of their religious freedom and right to worship in the Native way. We are hoping for spiritually uplifting books to help with their guidance toward the creator. Any books about Native culture, spiritual growth, indigenous language, traditions or history would be greatly appreciated. The Peacemaking Department has been corresponding with the prison group through the postal mail to help give guidance to these men. Community donations have so far brought them donations of a talking feather, a beaded eagle wing fan, a drum and stick, and some books. We will be making 20 brain tanned medicine bags for them as well. Please look through your book collections and see what you can spare. These guys really need your help and appreciate the love and support of all who give donations to guide them on a path toward the creator.

DONATION CONTACT: Austen Brauker Peacemaking/Probation Department 231-398-2240 abrauker@lrboi.com



The Kwewok Circle has been having a beading workshop every Monday in March and on March 31st they had their first graduating class. The Ladies and children came to learn the different styles of beading, which included the peyote stitch, appliqué, edging and how to make earrings. They ended the workshop with the making of a leather pouch.

The ladies got together every Monday 5:30-7:00 to share food and the art of beading. Some of the projects that were completed with the beading techniques learned were a peyote stitch key chain, beaded earrings and a leather pouch. The Kwewok Circle would like to invite anyone interested in learning the art of beading to contact the Kwewok circle at 231-510-4355.



Attention Vendors

Applications are now being accepted for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
19th Annual Jiingtamok
July 5 & 6, 2014

Do you make **baskets, jewelry and beadwork, pottery, quillwork, leather-made items such as drums, dance sticks, pouches, regalia** or some other native art or craft?

Why not sell them at the Jiingtamok?

All native arts and crafts are needed!

Applications (including vendor letter and map) are available by visiting the tribal website www.lrboi-nsn.gov or at the Historic Preservation office located at 2608 Government Center Drive in Manistee. To request an application by email, postal mail or for more vendor information, please contact Valerie Chandler: Email: vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov (231) 723-8288, ext. 6895 Toll-free 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895.

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!"



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Smoking Policy at GovCtr

The Maintenance Department would like everyone to be aware that the designated smoking area located behind the Government Complex just off the cafeteria has been moved 20 feet away from the building. The previous smoking area was too close to the building and causing smoke to get into the buildings ventilation system.

We thank you in advance for using the new designated area that is now
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LRBOI Warriors Society

This article is from memory and at 74 need I say more? We made many new Canadian friends several who have been to our Little River Language camps. Six or eight eagle staff's had been expected and 24 were actually in attendance. The Aamjiwnaang tribe of Sarnia's buildings are new with a big gymnasium suited for sports or tribal events. We all felt great power of the Eagle staffs. Pokagon will host this years' Eagle staff gathering (more details will be announced).

The Traditional Drum was Blue Wolf, Blue because some were O.P.P and some Sarnia police. In the seal of the United States of America Eagle's left talon are arrows. One may be broken, together will not be broken. In that sprit our Eagle staffs together are difficult to break our sprit.

Thanks to Luke from Blue Wolf, George Martin head veteran, Amrbrose Recollect Fire Eagleman and all that made this happen
John G. Shano, Commander
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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line, in tribal newsletters, and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

- ✓ www.lrboi-nsn.gov
- ✓ Rapid River News Weekly
- ✓ Tribal Government Buildings
 - ✓ Global E-mail
- ✓ Michigan Works Offices or Website
- ✓ By calling the HR Department

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Fax: (231) 398-9101
E-mail: agiltz@lrboi.com
Phone:(231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

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, 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@lcr.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)

Commission Openings!

Even though most committee positions have been filled, the tribe continues to seek applications from qualified members interested in serving upon the Commerce, Gaming, Housing, Binojeeuk, Enrollment, Health and Natural Resources Commissions.

Ogema Romanelli is building a pool of tribal members who are interested in sitting on a Commission. Members are invited to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact our office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

Venture Plan Online

Venture Plan Online is an eight-week business plan training program. From the initial steps of clarifying your goals and business concept to setting up your marketing and financial plans, this online workshop-based course guides you through the business planning process. If you are starting a business or already running one, Venture Plan can help you shape your company for growth. Online access to small business experts, business planning software, and a pipeline of resources are key to this unique online learning opportunity. Fee includes Palo Alto LivePlan software, access to a MI-SBDC business consultant, online resources through Palo Alto and webinar access. An Online Orientation will be held on the Monday before each start date. For questions please email sbdc@gvsu.edu.

All registrations must be received one week prior to the start date of the course. NOTE: NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED 7 DAYS PRIOR TO PROGRAM START DATE.

Speaker(s): Cathy Kaiser

Veterans' registration is offered at no cost with proof of military service. Please contact sbdc@gvsu.edu for assistance and registration.

Fee: \$ 149.00

WFD Development & Training Program can be used to pay for Program. Contact David Hawley in Workforce Development for more information. LRBOI Commerce Department.

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

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.

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288.

Council News

Work Session Attendance											
Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Marty Wabindato	Total Attending
02/03/14	Ethics Ordinance		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
02/03/14	Agenda Review		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/06/14	Strategic Planning		x		x	V	x	x		x	5
02/06/14	LRCR Financial Review		x		x	V	*	x	x	x	5
02/10/14	Gross Gaming Tax Ordinance		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/10/14	Ethics Ordinance		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/10/14	Agenda Review		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/10/14	Kwe wok Circle		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/10/14	Valliant Report		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
02/11/14	Gaming Enterprises BOD 2010 Act		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/11/14	Frederick Peebles		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/11/14	Elder Health Care Assistance		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
02/11/14	Review of Candidates		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
02/13/14	Strategic Planning	x			x	x	x	*	x	x	6
02/13/14	Larson Snow Removal	x			x	x	x	*	x	x	6
02/14/14	Board of Directors Update	x	x		x	x		x	V		5
02/17/14	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
02/17/14	Legal Reform Act	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
02/17/14	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
02/17/14	Alliance for Economic Success	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
02/18/14	Housing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/18/14	Strategic Planning Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/18/14	Windows XP Operating System	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	8
02/20/14	Strategic Planning	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/20/14	Cost Savings	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/20/14	Cost Savings #2	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/21/14	LRCR Board of Directors Interview	x	x		x	x	x	V	V		5
02/24/14	Sonosky Chambers		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/24/14	Agenda Review		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/24/14	Ethics Ordinance		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
02/25/14	Tribal Seal Ordinance	x	*		*	x	x	x	x		5
02/25/14	Legislative Office Space	x	*		*	x	x	x	x		5
02/27/14	Commodities Building	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	7
02/27/14	Rehabilitation for Licensure Ord	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	7
02/28/14	Consent Decree	x	x		x	x		V	x	x	6
02/28/14	Government Financials - Dec 2013	x			x	x		V			3
	Total # of work sessions - 36	20	31	14	34	34	28	31	28	29	

* - Business Related

V - Vacation

Note - Delano Peters was sworn in 2/12/14



Tribal leaders from across Michigan gathered in Lansing at the end of February for a series of meetings which addressed a wide range of topics....all of importance to the 70,000 tribal citizens in the state!

February 25th: On the first day in Lansing, tribal leaders, staffers and liaisons from a number of programs and disciplines met for several hours to discuss collaboration strategies. Dave Murley, Deputy Legal Counsel, Office of Governor Rick Snyder, invited leaders and/or another designees to the Tribal Liaison Meeting at the Lansing Center.

In a free-ranging discussion, the gathered liaisons talked about their challenges in working together and in collaborating to meet the needs of our communities. One item that came out clearly in the discussion was that the tribes need to work at educating our counterparts in tribal government about the tribes, our culture and also about our sovereign status. Overall these discussions were judged to be productive and the tribal leaders expressed their appreciation for having Mr. Murley attend and take part on behalf of the Governor. Murley voiced support for the effort of the tribes in working with their counterparts on the state side and encouraged state departments to also work with tribes.

That evening, a legislative reception was held which allowed the leaders to meet with Lansing legislators, staff and lobbyists who work regularly on tribal issues. This evening event allows for some good communication in a less formal setting.

February 26th: The next day, the tribal leaders (including Ogema Larry Romanelli and Council members Mike Ceplina and Gary DiPiazza from LRBOI) met starting at shortly after 7 a.m. at the offices of Clark Construction. At 8 a.m. UT of MI President Homer Mandoka (the Nottawaseppi Chair) officially opened the meeting. Ogema Romanelli just finished two terms as the President and is now holding the seat as the Treasurer of United Tribes. The meeting went throughout the day and concluded around 3 p.m. The agendas for these meetings are always very full and this meeting was no exception. A number of presentations from agency representatives such as Stacey Tadgerson, Director of Native American Affairs from Michigan's DHS to Jason Allen, the Senior Policy Advisor for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency were made.



The leaders passed a number of resolutions at this meeting including:

- United Tribes of Michigan Opposition to Nuclear Waste Facility Near Lake Huron Shore
- United Tribes of Michigan supports Affiliation with the National Tribal Emergency Management Council for Purposes of Mutual Aid and Coordination in Emergencies
- United Tribes of Michigan Seeks More Equitable SAMHSA Funding
- United Tribes of Michigan Support for Colleges and Universities Full Funding of MITW initiative (*Michigan Indian Titon Waver*)



What it Means for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs)

Q. I'm an American Indian/Alaska Native. What do I need to know about the Health Insurance Marketplace?

A. The Health Insurance Marketplace will benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) by providing opportunities for enrolling in affordable health coverage. You might be eligible to enroll in a private health plan in the new Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace). Or, you might be eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). There will be one application to determine whether you are eligible for a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP. (Note* Michigan will participate in the Medicaid Expansion on April 1st)

Q. Why do I need health insurance coverage if I receive services from the Indian Health Service, a tribal program, or an urban Indian health program?

A. The Affordable Care Act does not change your eligibility to get health care through the Indian Health Service, or tribal or urban Indian health programs (I/T/U). AI/ANs who enroll in a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP, can continue to receive services from their I/T/U the same way they do now. But by enrolling in a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP, AI/ANs benefit by having greater access to services that may not be provided by their local I/T/U, and the tribal communities benefit through increased resources to their I/T/U programs.

Q. What if I already have insurance through my job or am already on Medicaid?

A. If you have health insurance through your employer or have health care through a government sponsored program such as Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Veterans Affairs or TRICARE, there is nothing you need to do—you are covered.

Q. As an AI/AN, am I required to have health care insurance?

A. Members of federally recognized tribes, other AI/ANs, and other people (like the spouse or child of an eligible Indian) who are eligible for or get services through an I/T/U will be exempt from (don't have to pay) the shared responsibility payment. So, you do not have to apply for health insurance, but you must apply for this exemption by submitting: Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider.

(*Note –No Minimum Essential Coverage Requirement: AI/ANs eligible for Indian Health Service, tribal health service, or urban Indian health care do not have to have health insurance. However, the benefit of participating in the Market Place will provide improved health status by reducing the money spend in contract health that the exchange will pay for and utilizing these dollars to provide services to more Tribal Members.)

Q. How can I apply for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment?

A. To get an exemption, members of federally recognized tribes may apply through the Marketplace or provide the appropriate information when they file their federal income tax return or follow instructions on the Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider form. AI/ANs who aren't members of federally recognized tribes, but who are eligible for or get services from an I/T/U, must apply through the Marketplace and will need to verify their AI/AN status or eligibility for services through an I/T/U.

Q. Where can I get the Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider form?

A. This form is available at Healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596 or call your Tribal Health Clinic 888-382-8299.

Q: Will I be able to enroll in the Marketplace, Medicaid, or CHIP even if I qualify for an exemption?

A. An exemption from the shared responsibility payment won't prevent AI/ANs from enrolling in a Marketplace health plan, Medicaid, or CHIP and they might qualify for certain protections under Medicaid or CHIP, or might qualify for tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. In addition to financial documents, you might need your tribal documents to qualify for some of these special protections.

Q. Will I be able to get assistance with paying the cost of my premium if I enroll in a Marketplace health plan?

A. While AI/ANs are NOT exempt from paying premiums, they may be able to get lower costs on monthly premiums through a new tax credit that is paid to insurance plans each month to reduce an individual's premium. Eligibility for the tax credit depends on income, family size, and access to other coverage. Members of federally recognized tribes can use tax credits to pay for premiums for certain plans and still receive cost-sharing reductions as well. The type of cost-sharing reduction depends on income and whether an individual is enrolled in a zero cost-sharing plan or limited cost-sharing plan. (Note*- Tax credits are effective immediately, to lower costs on monthly premiums.)

Q. Are there special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in Medicaid?

A. AI/ANs who are eligible for or get services from an I/T/U, including Contract Health Services, are exempt from Medicaid premiums and enrollment fees and, if they have ever used one of these programs, they are also exempt from other cost sharing, such as copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. Certain Indian resources and payments are not counted for Medicaid eligibility. AI/ANs can continue to get services through an I/T/U even if the I/T/U is not a provider in a managed care network. (Note* April 1st Michigan will participate in the Medicaid Expansion)

Q. Are there special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in CHIP?

A. AI/ANs are exempt from all cost sharing, and certain Indian resources and payments are not counted for CHIP eligibility. AI/ANs can continue to get services through an I/T/U even if the I/T/U is not a provider in a managed care network.

Q. What are the special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in the Marketplace?

A. Members of federally recognized tribes with a household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (roughly \$70,650 for a family of 4 in 2013 or \$88,320 for the same family in Alaska) who are also eligible for the tax credit won't have any out-of-pocket costs like co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles for services covered by their Marketplace health plan.

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

- Members of federally recognized tribes are eligible for monthly special enrollment periods. (Note* federally recognized tribal members can enroll in the Marketplace after the March 31st deadline.)
- Regardless of income, tribal members who enroll in a Marketplace health plan will not have any out-of-pocket costs such as co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles for items or services furnished directly by an I/T/U or through referral under Contract Health Services.
(You must coordinate your care with an I/T/U to receive this protection.)

Q. Can I change my plan?

A. A member of a federally recognized Tribe can change their enrollment status in any plan through the Marketplace once a month. The drawback is that if a plan is changed it does not go into effect until the following month.

Q. What are the benefits of Enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace for AI/AN?

- A visit to a Tribal clinic or hospital can be billed to insurance and in turn there will be more resources for your clinic to assist more tribal members.
- Insurance will pay instead of Contract Health Services (CHS)
- Health care needs can be met.
- Tribal families will have the security and peace of mind knowing they have health coverage.

How to Apply:

You can apply for the Marketplace and Medicaid/CHIP coverage three ways:

1. Online at www.healthcare.gov 2. By mail, or in person with the help of a Navigator or other enrollment assister. 3. Telephone help and online chat will be available 24/7 to help you complete your application.

Call 1-800-318-2596 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) Open enrollment starts October 1, 2013. Coverage starts as soon as January 1, 2014. For more information, contact: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Health Clinic 888-382-8299 This information is provided by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and The Department of Health and Human Services



March 21, 2014

Increase Proposed for Indian Health Service Budget

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: (301) 443-3593; newsroom@ihs.gov

President Obama's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget authority for the Indian Health Service (IHS) includes a 4.5 percent increase. The proposed IHS budget appropriation request for fiscal year 2015 is \$4.6 billion, which represents a \$200 million increase over the fiscal year 2014 appropriation. Tribal consultation is fundamental to the IHS budget process, and the proposed budget incorporates tribal priorities and recommendations. IHS website: <http://www.ihs.gov> **Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.**

The budget request supports and expands the provision of health care services and public health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The request includes:

- An additional \$50 million to help obtain health care from the private sector through the Purchased/Referred Care program (formerly known as the Contract Health Services program). This program allows for the purchase of essential health care services that the IHS and tribes do not provide in their local facilities.
- An additional \$71 million to support staffing and operating costs at four new and expanded facilities.
- An additional \$30 million to fully fund the estimated amount of contract support costs for new and expanded contracts and compacts in fiscal year 2015. This will help tribes cover the cost of administrative functions for compacts or contracts established under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.
- An additional \$31 million to address medical inflation costs.

- Additional funding to pay costs for new tribes and restoration of reductions in the fiscal year 2014 operating plan.

Funding was also included to complete construction on three health care facilities (the Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.; the Northern California Youth Regional Treatment Center in Davis, Calif.; and the Ft. Yuma Health Center in Winterhaven, Calif.) and to continue construction on one facility (the Gila River Southeast Health Center in Chandler, Ariz.).

If the proposed budget is enacted, the IHS discretionary budget will have increased 38 percent since fiscal year 2008. The IHS fiscal year 2015 proposed budget is available online at <http://www.ihs.gov/budgetformulation/congressionaljustifications>

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Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.

The budget request supports and expands the provision of health care services and public health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The request includes:

- An additional \$50 million to help obtain health care from the private sector through the Purchased/Referred Care program (formerly known as the Contract Health Services program). This program allows for the purchase of essential health care services that the IHS and tribes do not provide in their local facilities.

- An additional \$71 million to support staffing and operating costs at four new and expanded facilities.
- An additional \$30 million to fully fund the estimated amount of contract support costs for new and expanded contracts and compacts in fiscal year 2015. This will help tribes cover the cost of administrative functions for compacts or contracts established under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.
- An additional \$31 million to address medical inflation costs.
- Additional funding to pay costs for new tribes and restoration of reductions in the fiscal year 2014 operating plan.

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April is National Minority Health Month

There's quite bit that might be done with the subject of minority health - the following email "blurb" (in bold) might serve as individual/tribal motivation to overcome current and past obstacles and otherwise encourage the achievement of better health (no matter how it's defined) – the following is just a small sample of the information that seems to be online (pertaining to this subject) –

Health Equity & Disparities

Health Equity

Health equity is attainment of the highest level of health for all people. Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities.

National Health Disparity

A particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social or economic disadvantage. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater social and/or economic obstacles to health and/or a clean environment based on their racial or ethnic group; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.

(Source: <http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlid=34>)

Maajiidaa Fitness Center Policies

Bezbig: Consult your physician before using the exercise equipment and/or exercising.

Niizh: For your safety appropriate attire is required at all times.

- You must wear full-back, sleeveless or full, non-mesh (Mesh: any knit, woven, or knotted fabric of open texture.)T-shirts.
- Athletic bottoms must be worn and covering at least five inches of your thigh.
- Close-toe athletic shoes must be worn.
- No dangling jewelry.

If attire other than the above requirements is worn, you will need to change your outfit before you begin your work out.

Nswi: Profanity and abusive language will not be tolerated.

Niiwin: Smokeless tobacco and/or smoking are not permitted anywhere in the facility or within a thirty foot perimeter of the building.

Naanan: Weapons, sharp objects, objects that may explode/become a projectile or any object that might inflict harm to a person or damage to the facility are prohibited on the premises; these items must be reported to the management for patron safety concerns.

Ngodwaaswi: No horse play, physical or verbal fighting will be tolerated in or on the premises of the facility.

Niizhwaaswi: Please refrain from bringing food on the premises.

Water fountains are available on the premises; water brought into the center must be in a push/pull/straw cap container at all times to prevent spilling which can damage machinery/facility equipment.

The Fitness Center is located in the lower level of the Government Center in Manistee, MI.

April 2014 News Letter

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	Household Size	Income Limits
	1.	\$ 1,110.00
	2.	\$ 1,445.00
	3.	\$ 1,780.00
	4.	\$ 2,126.00
	5.	\$ 2,489.00
	6.	\$ 2,852.00
	7.	\$ 3,187.00
	8.	\$ 3,522.00

For each additional member add \$ 335.00

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

”From The March online Currents' u deer the 'Draw their Attention'”



L. Brooks Patterson

February 11, 2014

I. BROOKS PATTERSON
OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Matthew Wesaw, Executive Director
Department of Civil Rights
State of Michigan
Capitol Tower Building
110 West Michigan Avenue. Ste. 900
Lansing Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Wesaw and United Tribes of Michigan:

On January 30, I met privately with Mr. Matthew Wesaw. He informed me why my statements from three decades ago, recently resurrected in The New Yorker magazine, were so hurtful to the Native American community. I was unaware of the entire sordid episode of Native Americans facing extinction through the imposition of disease filled blankets. I apologize for my ignorance of history and I want you to know that it was never my intent to disrespect Native Americans.

I hope that my record shows that I have been a longtime supporter of the Native American community and that I have nothing but the greatest respect for your culture and history. That is why I published the enclosed map about the history of the Native Americans in Michigan that I, in turn, have shared with the grade schools in Oakland County. We did the research here at the County and we attempted to identify and recreate some of Michigan's most important historic facts.

I have included with this letter of apology 15 copies of the map that we published. Again, I am sorry for any comment that offended you and other Native Americans. Please accept my apology.

IBP/ks

Enclosures

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WATERFORD MI 48328 · (248) 858-0484

At the United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Lansing on February 26th, one issue was a statement from the Oakland Executive L. Brooks Patterson, uttered 3 decades ago but resurrected by a publication recently. The statement was hurtful to Native Americans from everywhere.

Matt Wesaw, the former Nottawaseppi Chairman, a retired Michigan State Police Officer and the current Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights took action and asked for a meeting with Patterson. Wesaw went in, not in his official capacity but as a Michigan Tribal Citizen. He addressed Patterson's comments and explained to the executive just how hurtful his comments about turning Detroit into a 'reservation' were to Indians everywhere.

The letter printed here was received from Patterson's office as a result of Matt stepping forward to educate the executive and it was well received by the assembled tribal elected leaders. One of the points that came out of the United Tribes meeting was that we, as tribal people, need to help educate those who make hurtful comments and statements.

Matt received a round of applause for his actions in addressing this slight to all Native Americans.

Cold, Sunny, and Fun!

It may not have been of Olympic standards, but the LRBOI Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament took place on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Thirty-three competitors and many spectators braved the wind of a winter's day for the annual Tournament held at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center. Although the local area has received record-breaking snowfall, some people thought it was unheard of to hold our annual event in March, but our decision proved to be on the right track.

The track was a bit of a bother and finished on the day before the event. The Housing Commission Maintenance Staff provided an excellent snow pile base earlier for the track, but delays in the track cutting allowed for it to be somewhat glacial when the first efforts to place the track were done. Walking on the crust where the track should be, the Historic Preservation Director, Jay, and his assistant, Keith, tried hitting it with shovels to crack the surface and then tried to pull the core cutting device lead to about five feet of track. There was a plan based on warmer (relatively) weather and so Friday afternoon the track would be cut into the base. Dave Corey used his invention to cut the track and Jay smoothed and iced it later that night. As usual, the track contained a 'Jay standard S curve'. Anyone can have a straight downhill or level track; ours has character (at least it no longer has its 90-degree curve). Water was added to the track, in the form of a cold rain, then by a secret means to smooth the track. In the morning, snow had accumulated and deer had stepped in the track, making for needed repairs. Once patched and brushed, it was ready. A true black diamond track if there ever was one, waited with its curves and some loose snow.

The competition was "serious" and the throws were made, measured and occasionally commented on by other competitors. Mike Ceplina and others volunteered to assist and the event ran without a hitch. Many "newbies" threw a snake for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed the competition alongside the seasoned champions. Some friendly ribbing was exchanged between competitors and more experienced throwers offered advice as well.

After the competition, everyone gathered inside for a potluck lunch featuring a variety of excellent dishes as well as some visiting. Coffee and hot cocoa were provided by the Food and Beverage Department of the Little River Casino Resort, which was greatly appreciated. The Little River Casino Resort also provided long-sleeved t-shirts with the Goonignebig sleeve logo and the casino logo for everyone.

Each competitor received a small participant gift and each winner received a placement medal as well. The 2014 Goonignebig Tournament winners and participants were:

Ages 1 -4 Boys:

1st: Nolan Pontiac – 5ft. 9 in.
2nd: No competitor
3rd: No competitor

Ages 1 -4 Girls:

1st: Dannika Berentsen – 19 ft. 9 in.
2nd: No competitor
3rd: No competitor

Ages 5 -8 Boys:

1st: Blake Wandrych – 46 ft. 6 in.
2nd (tie): Cameron Mitchell – 16 ft. 3 in.
2nd (tie): Liam Edmondson – 16 ft. 3 in.

Ages 5 -8 Girls:

1st: Madison Johnson – 41ft. 7 in.
2nd: Shenoah Collier – 26 ft. 2 in.
3rd: No competitor

Ages 9 – 12 Boys:

1st: Emerald Lawrence – 69 ft. 9 in.
2nd: Jesse Cabarrubia – 64 ft. 2 in.
3rd: No competitor

Ages 9 – 12 Girls:

1st: Lexi Johnson – 63 ft. 9 in.
2nd: Jasmine Cabarrubia – 42 ft. 8 in.
3rd: No competitor

Ages 13 – 17 Boys:

1st: No competitor
2nd: No competitor
3rd: No competitor

Ages 13 – 17 Girls:

1st: Josclyn Cabarrubia – 96 ft.
2nd: Jalissa Cabarrubia – 81 ft. 8 in.
3rd: No competitor

Ages 18 – 35 Men:

1st: Forrest Steele – 105 ft. 6 in.
2nd: No competitor
3rd: No competitor

Ages 18 – 35 Women:

1st: No competitor
2nd: No competitor
3rd: No competitor

Ages 36 – 54 Men:

1st: Brian Gibson – 161 ft.
2nd: Gary DiPiazza – 118 ft. 8 in.
3rd: Dean Martz – 113 ft. 2 in.

Ages 36 – 54 Women:

1st: Kathy Gibson – 104 ft.
2nd: Julie Wolfe – 103 ft.
3rd: Teresa Wabsis – 100 ft.
Bonnie Kenny – 86 ft. 3 in.
Melissa Waitner – 83 ft. 1 in.

Ages 55+ Men:

1st: Richard Bailey – 175 ft.
2nd: Dale Chandler – 158 ft.
3rd: Ron Wittenberg – 99 ft. 4 in.
Jim Gibson – 73 ft. 5 in.
Ron Pete – 70 ft. 2 in.

Ages 55+ Women:

1st: Karen Bailey – 160 ft. 8 in.
2nd: Sandy Mezeske – 105 ft.
3rd: Julie Martz – 70 ft. 5 in.
Linda Soller – 54 ft. 6 in.
Stella Gibson – 53 ft. 7 in.
Connie Waitner – 39 ft. 5 in.

Congratulations to Richard Bailey for achieving the longest throw of the day in the men's category which was recorded at 175 feet and to his wife, Karen Bailey, for achieving the longest throw of the day in the women's category which was recorded at 160 feet and 8 inches! Congratulations to Emerald Lawrence for achieving the longest throw of the day in the boys category which was recorded at 69 feet and 9 inches and to Josclyn Cabarrubia for achieving the longest throw of the day in the girls category which was recorded at 96 feet! Each of these competitors received a backpack bag filled with a hat, note pad, and other prizes for their accomplishments.

Another backpack bag filled with prizes was awarded to the competitor with the best looking snowsnake used in the competition and it was awarded to Ron Wittenberg. His snake was very detailed and included a cool tongue! Two embroidered "Distant Hugs" scarves were donated by Kenny Pheasant and used as door prizes; the lucky winners were Sandy Mezeske and Rita Gale. Lastly, a handmade dreamcatcher was given to the person with their birthday closest to the date of the Tournament (March 15th) and it was given to Rita Gale; her birthday was March 14th – Happy Belated Birthday Rita!

The event requires that a "Miigwech" go out to those who make it all possible: to the Tribal Council and Ogema for supporting cultural events; to the Housing Department for plowing and piling the snow; to the Little River Casino Resort for the hot beverages and t-shirts; to Dave Corey for cutting the track; to the families and people that made the potluck meal into a feast; to the competitors and spectators, whom without, there would be no event; to Mike Ceplina (standing in for a staffer) for his efforts in measuring distances; to other volunteers who returned snakes, helped measure and relay the distances; and to Mack Brushman, Valerie Chandler, and Terri Tyler for all of their work in making the event go smoothly.

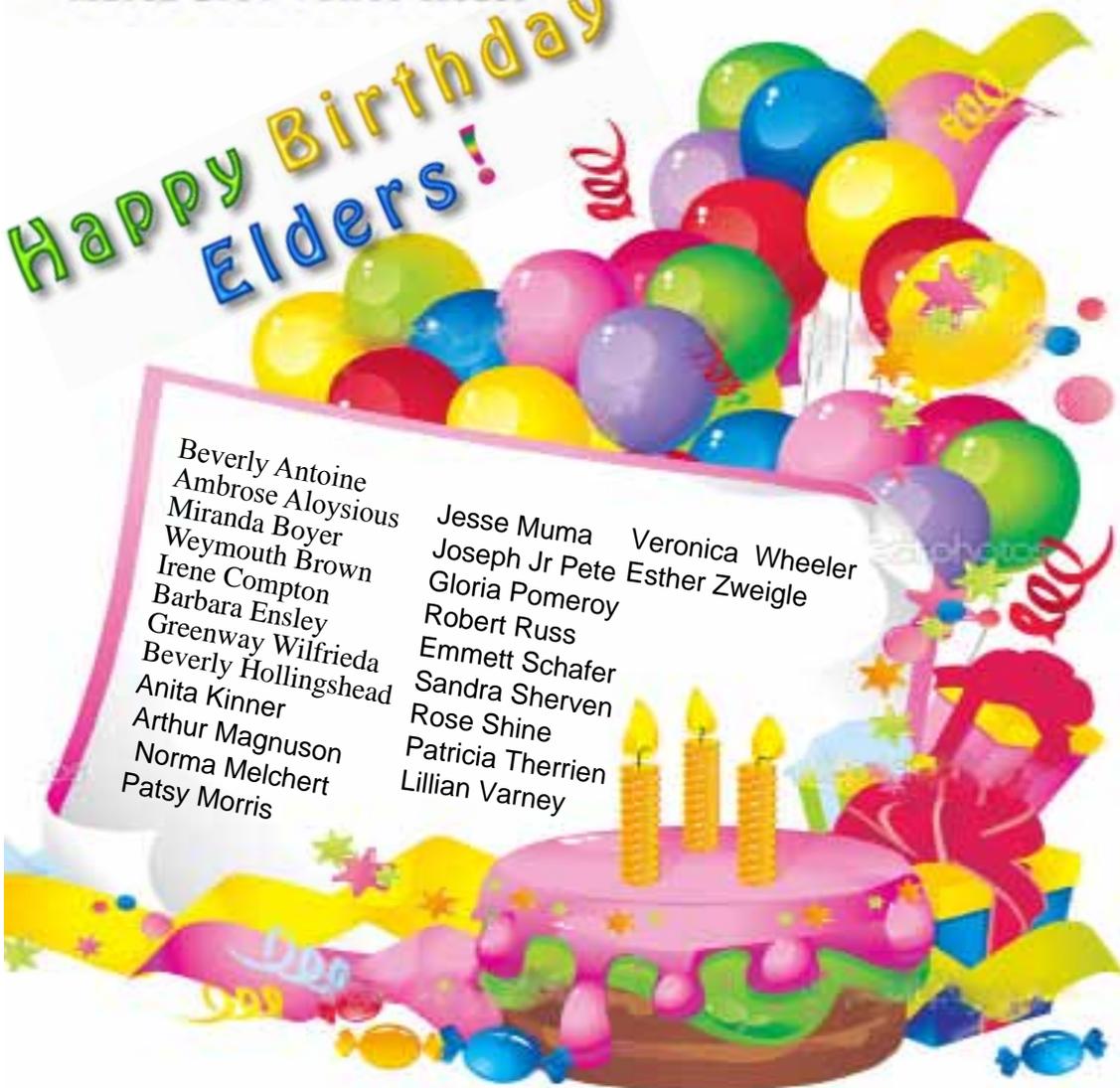
We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and that we'll see you again at the tournament next year! Oh, and by the way, the track should still be there, for grudge matches or practice....

Annual Goonignebig Tournament

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Happy Birthday Elders!



Beverly Antoine	Jesse Muma	Veronica Wheeler
Ambrose Aloysious	Joseph Jr Pete	Esther Zweigle
Miranda Boyer	Gloria Pomeroy	
Weymouth Brown	Robert Russ	
Irene Compton	Emmett Schafer	
Barbara Ensley	Sandra Sherven	
Greenway Wilfrieda	Rose Shine	
Beverly Hollingshead	Patricia Therrien	
Anita Kinner	Lillian Varney	
Arthur Magnuson		
Norma Melchert		
Patsy Morris		

Snow Zombies



Hi Everybody
Just to brighten up your day, just a little.
Everyone knows that zombies are slow, dead and not to smart. But sometimes what they do just isn't right. Myself and My Nephew, Deacon made this snow sculpture.

Patrick D. Wilson

**“Hopefully the last snowy story we have to run for a while!”
Team Currents**

Election Board update!

The LRBOI Election Board is releasing a breakdown of how many registered tribal members we have in each of the voting districts. It will be a great way to see how our registered tribal population has spread over the land. Here are the numbers:

At Large – 1,144 also Total Registered Voters
9 County – 625
Outlying - 519

EASTER DINNER

By Donation

Serving

Noon until 2pm

AKI Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manninac, MI 49660

Easter Sunday

Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w Gravy,
Stuffing, Corn, Green Beans, Bolls, Dessert.
If you would like to bring something please do so.

Please let Cassie (286-2853),
Brendy (286-4584) or Anniston (286-2344)
know if you'll be able to join us, and the
EASTER BUNNY too!

Proceeds will benefit the
Indian Village Camp
that will be held during
the summer of 2014



Happy
Easter
My Darling's
Hannah &
Mathew

Love,
Mommy
Eagle



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Court oversees the Tribe's Peacemaking/Probation Department. This program is utilized by our judges (and the community) to mediate contested issues between parties within a cultural framework. As a probation office, they oversee probationers sentenced by this Court and at the request of other Courts. Our Peacemaking/Probation Department is just down the hall from the Court offices in the Justice Center on Domres Road. We have two very special employees working within that office. Patrick Wilson is the Director of Peacemaking/ Probation and Austen Brauker is a Peacemaker and Probation Officer.

We're very proud of all the work Pat and Austen have accomplished and how their innovative ideas have been passed on to other Tribes and other communities. In 2012, Patrick and Austen were invited by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in Massachusetts to present information and advice about our Peacemaking Department and how it functions. The Mashpees paid for Pat and Austen's plane tickets, lodging, and food. In 2013, the Peacemaker's were invited back to the Mashpee Reservation. Austen was available and he flew back to Massachusetts to give a refresher course and more in-depth training to the Wampanoag Tribe.

Both Patrick and Austen will be training folks in Washtenaw County at the 22nd Circuit Court in the latter part of June. Judge Timothy Connors, Circuit Court Judge, was so impressed with our Peacemaking Department and its philosophies; he wrote and received a grant to start a Peacemaking Program in his own county. Both of our Peacemakers will be guiding and contributing to their endeavor.

Patrick Wilson has been invited by Fox Valley Technical College to be a presenter at the Biennial Gathering of Peacemaker's in Sulphur, Oklahoma the latter part of April of this year. Our Peacemaker's are making a name for their Department in the realm of Tribal Peacemaking and in extending the traditional values and teachings of the Little River Band.

The Peacemaking Department will be presenting their own "Third Annual Peacemaking Conference" to be held at the Little River Casino Resort June 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2014. This conference was the brainchild of Mr. Wilson. He has tirelessly worked on all the planning and scheduling that a conference this large would entail. He has invited many well-known speakers to present at the conferences and this year will bring more fresh perspectives to the attendees who come from all over the United States. Austen functions as an emcee and trainer at the conference in between trying to organize his "baby" which is Indian Village Camp.

3rd Midwest Peacemaking Conference
"THE DEBWEWIN OF PEACEMAKING"

The Location: Little River Casino Resort, Manistee Michigan

June 11th, 12th, and the 13th.

The Keynote Speaker
**State of Michigan Circuit Court Judge
Tim Connors**

"Affirmation of positive actions can and should be a part of State Court Justice Systems.
Peacemaking Courts can guide us. We have much to learn."

Guest Speaker
David Raasch

Retired Tribal Project Specialist for NCJTC at Fox Valley Technical College,
Former Chief Judge of the Mohican Nation Tribal Court.

Regular Registration
Starts April 1 and ends May 24th, 2014
Registration fee is \$350.00
(Early Registration fee is \$300.00 and Ends March 31, 2014)

Little River CASINO RESORT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Wilson at 1(231) 398-2239 or 1(231) 398-3405
Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Hosted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court, and the Peacemaking/ Probation Department

Austen is busy trying to accumulate donations and funding for Indian Village Camp this year. The camp was funded by a grant for three years but the grant ended and there is no money to operate the program this summer. The Casino has volunteered to provide the food and to help to raise funds for the camp. Austen will be asking for additional funding from Tribal Council to provide the rest of the required financing.

The "at risk" youth (and just being young puts most kids in that category) who are able to come and spend four days in a wilderness camp filled with tons of cultural activities, leave with a new-found appreciation of themselves and what it means to be "Indian." One of our elected officials picked up his grandson from camp last summer and before the door on the car was closed, his Grandson said: *I want to come back next year. It was awesome!*

The Court felt that recognition was in order for both of these brilliant Tribal gentlemen. We appreciate all that they do for the Court, the Tribe and the Manistee community in general. Thank you from Judge Daniel Bailey and the Court Staff.



APRIL Elder Meals Menu 2014



It is going to be getting warmer Elders!!!! I think we are all ready for some warmer weather and sunshine! The sun helps your body produce vitamin D. So take your time while getting the mail, take the long way. Go out side on an afternoon to do some bird watching, I would enjoy taking a short walk with you after our Elder Meals.

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions Phone: 231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com
Volunteers are needed to help with meals if interested please contact Noelle.

Meals served at 12 o'clock

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.
- Guests Meals are \$5.00

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Angus Dog's Sweet potato fries Macaroni Salad Dessert	2 Savory Roasted Chicken Parsley Rice Beans & Peppers Dessert	3 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Dessert	4	5 Elder Committee Meeting Lunch at Noon
6	7 Salisbury Steak Roasted Potato Creamed Corn Dessert Language Class	8 Chicken Breast Baked Potato Green Beans Dessert	9 Pork Roast Sweet Potato Mixed Veggies Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	10 Lasagna Garlic Bread Broccoli Dessert	11	12 Membership Meeting
13	14 Baked Fish Mac N Cheese Peas & Carrots Dessert Language Class 12:30	15 Beef Ravioli Green Beans Peach Cobbler	16 Pot Roast Red Potato's Creamed Corn Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	17 Hamburger Sweet Tater Tots Baked Beans Corn Dessert Activity: Bingo!	18 Muskegon Meal !! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	19
20	21 French Dip Potato Wedges Peas Dessert 	22 Roasted Turkey Baked Potato Green Beans Dessert EARTH DAY	23 Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potato Corn Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	24 Chicken Salad Sandwich Pasta Salad Carrot Coin Dessert	25	26
27	28 Spaghetti & Meatballs Veggies Garlic Bread Dessert Language Class 12:30	29 Chicken salad on wheat bun Baked Potato Dessert	30 Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling			
	Wednesdays' Wii Bowling! Friday the 1st Birth- day of the month!	TBD: BINGO CARD DAY	Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.		Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	

The 2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest is underway!

The contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all Native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose.

Essays are to be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following: Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected; Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community; Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings; and Suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Contest winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities. The essay submission deadline is April 22.

Those students who are interested in participating can visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website, www.nativewriters.hklaw.com, for official contest rules and to view past winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline, April 22, 2014, through the contest website. Up to five contest winners will be announced in mid-May.

During the week of July 20, 2014, the contest winners will receive an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C. The group's activities will include an honor ceremony at NMAI; a tour of the NMAI Cultural Resources Center where tribal objects can be viewed and studied; educational symposia for students and their teachers; and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Winners will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

The contest debuted in 2006 in Red Lake, Minnesota, in response to the March 2005 shooting by a Red Lake High School student of five fellow students, a teacher, a security guard, members of his family and then himself. Holland & Knight's Charitable Foundation developed this contest with the hope that the Red Lake community would find healing by promoting its rich culture and traditions. In the following years, the program has evolved to serve all Native American communities.

Cost Sharing Guidance

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(This letter was recently received by your tribal government. Please share with any of your young people who might be interested. Editor)



July 27 – August 2, 2014

Greetings from the Multicultural Business Programs at Michigan State University! We are writing to invite you to learn more about our pre-college program for Native American high school students interested in learning more about college, opportunities in business, or who just want to gain a set of professional skills that will put them ahead of their peers.

The **Native American Business Institute (NABI)** is a weeklong pre-college summer program for Native American high school students that will be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2014-2015 school year. Participants work with MSU admissions officers, college counselors, tribal community leaders, and corporate representatives in a seven-day "business boot-camp" that prepares students for the college and exposes them to numerous academic and professional opportunities.

NABI students:

- Develop Time Management & Study skills
- Receive tips & strategies for gaining admission to college
- Learn how to navigate the financial aid/scholarship jungle
- Form lifelong friendships with other Native youth, MSU students, & MSU support staff
 - Strengthen communication and interpersonal skills
- Attend corporate, cultural, and leadership development workshops
- Cultivate a deeper appreciation and understanding of their culture
- Foster networks with business leaders and other professionals
- Expose students to various careers and opportunities in business
- Most importantly—they learn how to **WORK HARD & PLAY HARD!**

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK or ONLINE

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Native-American-Business-Institute/132110503559513> <http://mbp.broad.msu.edu/nabi/>

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND NABI?

IABI Participants:

Develop time management & organizational skills

Strengthen communication & interpersonal skills

Attend corporate, cultural, and leadership development workshops

Cultivate a deeper appreciation and understanding of diversity and its importance

Foster networks with business leaders and other professionals

Exposure to various careers and opportunities in business

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NABI Participant w/ Andrea Rush, Founder & CEO of Rush Trucking



WHAT IS NABI?

The Native American Business Institute (NABI) is a weeklong pre-college summer program held on the campus of Michigan State University for Native American high school students that will be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2014-2015 school year. Interested in learning useful and transferable professional skills, about various careers in business, and about college in general. This program is **FREE** to all selected participants! Participants work with MSU admissions officers, college counselors, tribal community leaders, and corporate representatives in a seven-day "business boot-camp" that prepares students for the college application process and exposes them to numerous academic and professional opportunities.



NABI Participant w/ Enterprise Rent-A-Car Recruiter



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EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
April 22, 2014 to June 10, 2014
5:30 TO 7:30

AKI COMMUNITY CENTER
2953 Shaw Be QuoUng Dontz Road
Manistee

Traditional Parenting Lessons of the Storyteller
Lessons of the Cradleboard Harmony in Childrearing
Traditional Behavior Management Lessons of Mother Nature
Praise in Traditional Parenting Choices in Parenting

TRADITIONAL ANISHINABE WAYS TO PARENT IN A MODERN WORLD

Presented by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Family Services Department

Facilitators: Shelly Kequam 398-6707 and Kathy Lagerquist 398-3705

Class is free

*Call for Child Care
231-398-6707 or 231-398-3705*

Meal Provided

Aanii

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 25th, 26th & 27th 2014. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters may be asked to present 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 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, 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 by 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 we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration.)

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 1, 2014

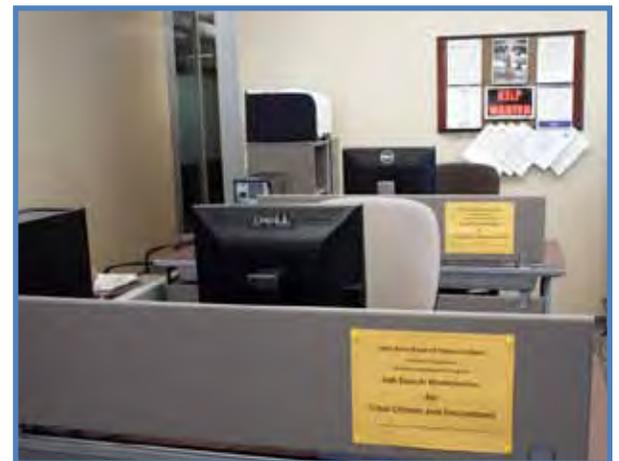
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398-6842 to learn more!



Workforce Workstations are ready to go! The Tribal Workforce Development Office has announced that they now have two workstations setup in the Government Center for use of tribal citizens who have signed up with Workforce Development. The workstations will allow for computer searches for jobs; places to create or fine-tune your resume or even participate in educational activity that will help you advance your career. The workstations are located on the first floor of the new Government Center in the Commerce Department area.

You must be registered with Workforce Development to use them.



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Women's History month 2014

Naabidin giizis (Snow crust moon)
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The Kwewok Circle would like to honor our Native Women for Women's History month 2014. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has some diligent and noteworthy women, past and present, who have contributed in some way to our tribal heritage and history, well-being of our native people, or influenced others to aspire to something greater in life. Perhaps a name or two has already come to mind and yet others may need someone to bring forth their contributions. Most of these women are humble by nature and some may not realize the impact they have made, but regardless of criteria, these women are leaders that deserve our recognition as part of Women's History Month during the month of March.



Rose Shalifoe-Known to many as "Grandma Rose", Rose Shalifoe was a tireless advocate for anishinaabe people of west Michigan. Sent to boarding school in Mt Pleasant at the age of 5, Rose was forbidden to speak our language or celebrate our culture. As an adult she worked hard to regain her ethnic heritage, and worked hard to support her Indian community, organizing celebrations for Indian children and seniors, speaking at pow wows, and sharing her knowledge with school children in the Muskegon area. Well known for some of the best fry-bread, Rose's Food Stand was one of the oldest documented Indian food stands in the state of Michigan. We recognize the contributions of Rose Shalifoe to our Little River Band community and honor her during Women's History Month.



Margaret Chandler-If not for the work done by Margaret Chandler, the history of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians would have been very different. With her years of service with the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association on behalf of what would become the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, her meticulous recordkeeping and her unflagging commitment to the political recognition of her community were paramount to federal reaffirmation. From her early support of treaty rights to her service on the first Board of Directors Margaret dedicated her life to her community. Her contributions were recognized by the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, and we choose to recognize them now during Women's History Month.



Katherine Glocheski-Katherine Glocheski (Aunt Katy) has long held a place of prominence in the Little River Band community. Along with her sister Laverne Oren, and her mother, Helen Wahr, she worked hard to help maintain an active Ottawa community in the Manistee area. Katy worked diligently in gathering signatures and enrollment information required by the federal government in the effort of the tribe to receive federal reaffirmation. In 1994, Aunt Katie testified before the United States Congress describing her life growing up at Indian Village, and the hardships and struggles of the people to maintain their community and assert their treaty rights. Her strong and moving testimony ended with Katie telling the Congressional members that "if we Indians would have had stronger immigration laws, we would not be here today." For her extraordinary efforts and contributions we recognize Katherine Glocheski.



Deb Gutowski-In 1980, Deb Gutowski became the first woman pipe carrier in our community. In addition to being a spiritual advisor, Deb has provided more than 20 years in the Indian Education programs in Muskegon and Reeths Puffer schools, sharing her knowledge of tribal culture and history with the Indian students there. She has spent 10 years as Director of Native Ministry with the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids and has been caretaker of the Kateri Tekakwith Native American Center and 3 burial grounds of our people. For her commitment to the people of Little River Band we recognize her efforts and her place among the women of our tribe.

The Healing of the Women of Our Nations

The healing of the women of our nations,
Removing the chains of oppression,
Removing the chains of marginalization,
Removing the chains of racism,
Removing the chains of sexism,

Grounded firmly into the Earth,
Grounded into the wisdom of the ancestors,

The healing of the women of our nations,
Traditions,
Language,
Culture,
Visibility,
Voice,
Rising up,

The healing of the women of our nations,
Is the healing of us all.

Cecelia Lapointe



There are so many women
in our families and lives
that need to be honored.

The Kwewok Circle would
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you would like to honor.

We would like a brief
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would like to honor.

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334 Manistee, MI149660.

(What's happening now)
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Naabidin giizis (Snow crust moon)
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- Golf for 4 at Manistee National Golf Resort
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- Quarter-page recognition in official program
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Foursome - \$400 Employee Rate for LRBOI/LRCR

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- Box lunch for 1 at Manistee National Golf Resort

Shotgun start on July 11, 2014 is 10 a.m. at Manistee National Golf and Resort with registration starting at 9a.m. Additional dinners may be purchased at the door for \$35. **Team roster must be received by June 16, 2014.**

Contact Chad Eckhardt at (231)398-3821 or chade@lrcr.com with questions.

CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2014

Saturday - April 5th
at 8pm

Christopher Cross
Jack \$25, Queen \$35, King \$40

Saturday - April 19th
at 8pm - **SOLD OUT**

Scotty McCreery
Jack \$30, Queen \$45, King \$50

Sunday - May 4th
at 3pm

Bobby Vinton
Jack \$30, Queen \$40, King \$50

Friday - May 23rd
at 9pm

Hotel California - Eagles Tribute
Jack \$20, Queen \$25, King \$35

Saturday - June 7th
at 8pm

The Mavericks
Jack \$20, Queen \$30, King \$40

Saturday - June 21st
at 8pm

Grand Funk Railroad
Jack \$30, Queen \$40, King \$50

Friday - June 27th
at 9pm

Robert Cray / Mavis Staples
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More upcoming shows to be announced soon.
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