

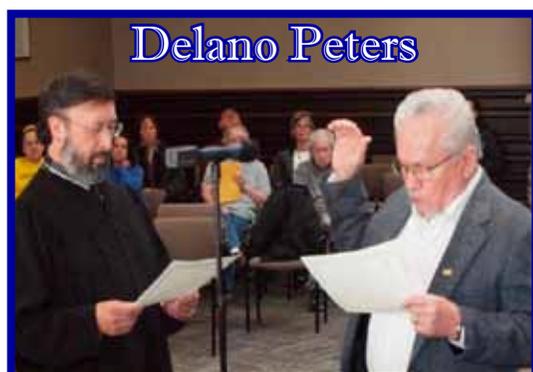


At a special meeting of the LRBOI Tribal Council, Resolution #14-0207-029 was adopted by a vote of 7 in favor, one against.



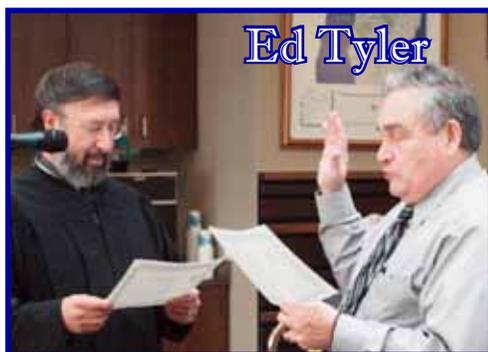
Kim Alexander

The resolution was for the 'Removal of Kimberly Alexander, Tribal Council Representative, From Office for Gross Misconduct and Malfeasance While In Office.' The hearing was conducted in the Three Fires Conference Center in Manistee. Ms. Alexander has been removed from Tribal Council.



Delano Peters

Ogema Romanelli, keeping in compliance with the Constitution, appointed Elder and Warrior Society member Delano Peters to fill the open seat. The sitting Council approved the appointment on a 7 in favor and 1 abstention. Del Peters was seated after a brief recess.



Ed Tyler

Ed Tyler was sworn in as the newest member of the Election Board at Tribal Council on February 12th.



Our Warriors are still looking for LRBOI Warrior Society Volunteers who would like to serve on a Rifle Team for 21 Gun Salute.



Ogema Romanelli and 2-1-1 Director Evelyn Szpliet during a tour of the Government Center.”



flexible bandages and a variety of sizes of Band-Aids. The hospital supplied 300 bags of supplies! From the Tribal Public Safety Department, Officer Rodriquez and his K9 companion Edo were there to show the families about police dogs. Edo enjoyed all the attention too!



Over 200 Mothers & Sons came through the doors for the event even though it had to be rescheduled due to a really bad snow storm.

When it was all done, Brandy said that the extra bags of goodies were going to be used as prizes in an on-going challenge to the classes regarding Emergency Management.



This was a beautiful example of our tribal and non-tribal communities coming together to help everyone out!

Sometimes plans just come together, in spite of challenges! This was the case in early February when Manistee Public Schools, Westshore Medical Center, the American Red Cross, Michigan State Police, Manistee Public Safety, Manistee County Sheriff’s Department, Consumers Energy, the Tribal Emergency Response Team (TERT), the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Tribal Public Safety all pulled together to help train young students about Emergency Planning.

The tribe got involved when two of our wonderful ladies from LRBOI Accounting, Melanie Ceplina and Brandy Martin started talking about setting up an event to teach youngsters about Emergency Planning for a Mother & Son event.



They approached the TERT leaders (Larry Gibson from Gaming and Glenn Zaring from Public Affairs) who then ran with the ball and started gathering items, medical kits and handouts for the event. They raided the TERT supplies for everything from hand sanitizer to gloves and masks. Zaring is on the Hospital Foundation Board and he hit them up for bags of goodies including cold packs, 4x4’s,

On Wednesday, February 05, 2014, Evelyn Szpliet, the Executive Director of Manistee 2-1-1 visited the tribal offices, took a tour and spoke to the tribal council during open session.

Szpliet came to thank the tribe for their participation and support of the 2-1-1 system which serves residents all over central western Michigan including the whole tribal area covered by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This system helps residents reach out to agencies and other organizations that can help families in need. If you identify yourself as a ‘tribal citizen’ you are automatically directed to services reserved for native tribal members.

Lee Ivinson from Members Assistance is a current 2-1-1 Task Force member and Glenn Zaring from Public Affairs was one of the founding Task Force members who helped start the service several years ago.



Aanii Tribal Members,
Tribal Council would like to wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We have been very busy during 2013. On May 15, 2013 we swore in new council members—Gary DiPiazza, Frankie Medacco, Shannon Crampton and Marty Wabindato and we seated Virgil Johnson as the new Speaker and Sandy Mezeske as the new Recorder. Also sworn in were the new Election Board, Carol Gibner, Diane Lonn and Terry Burmeister. Judges sworn in were Judge Angela Sherigan and Appellate Judge Cindy Champagne.

In 2013, Tribal Council approved 399 resolutions including 78 budget modification and 9 supplemental appropriations which is actually up from the previous year of 342 resolutions, 52 budget modifications and 5 supplemental appropriations. In August we moved to our new government center and what a beautiful building it is. Our hope is that each tribal member will someday come and visit your center. It is very spacious and beautiful. We are truly blessed as a tribe to be able to build a center to house your government.

Our Legal department has gained a new Attorney; Michelle Bostic joined us on December 9, 2013. Michelle is very energetic and passionate to learn our ways and laws. She is going to be an asset to our department.

We are happy to say that, with the hard work of Kathleen Bowers and Grace Hendler, all of the Tribal Council minutes are caught up-to-date and once the minutes and resolutions are approved, they will be posted on the web. This has been done to improve efficiency and ease of access.

The Council has been meeting with the Little River Casino and with the Little River Band Accounting Department each month to review the financial statements. This has proven to be very beneficial and we will continue to meet each month to be fiscally responsible to you our members. Tribal Council will also meet with the Resort's Board of Directors to keep our communication line open. This will also help to better serve our membership. We continue to hold our weekly council meetings every Wednesday and are very happy to announce that many of the management from the Resort are attending our meetings along with the new General Manager who attends every meeting. We, as council, appreciate their attending and we thank them for coming. We are also very pleased to see many elders attend our weekly meetings. It puts smiles on our faces to see so many being able to get out during our SNOW fall season.

The Indian Preference Ordinance was approved which was a great effort by the Council and we are revisiting it again to fine tune it. Others for 2013 include, the Sex Offender Registration Ordinance, Gross Gaming Tax ordinance, Natural Resource Commission and the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013.

The first week in January we developed a priority list for 2014. We identified 27 ordinances to work on and there are seven already on our work session calendar. We also have drafts of new ordinances to create including a Criminal Law and Order, Donation Policy, etc. Other drafts we have are for a Workman's Comp and an Ombudsman Ordinance. Your elected officials will be very busy in 2014! Your Tribal Council is here to answer any of your questions or concerns. We believe that to get a fair and honest answer is to call us.

Please take the time to call us with your questions, you elected us and we answer to you.
Chi Miigwech
Sandy Mezeske- Tribal Council Recorder

THINK SPRING!

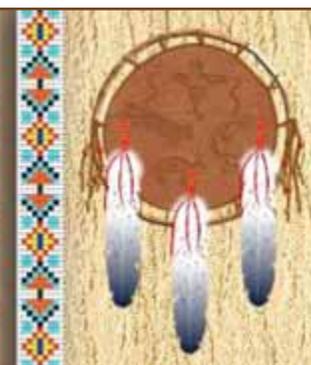
February Elders meeting at Aki



The LRBOI Tribal Elders gathered at Aki Maadiziwin on Saturday February 1st, for a good meal of Ham, Green Beans and Scalloped potatoes. They also were given a presentation by Glenn Zaring (Public Affairs) and Lee Ivinson (Members Assistance) on the tribes' text messaging options for delivery of emergency and other important information. Zaring also addressed the new *Currents* print schedule and the new *e-Currents* which comes out every month on the 15th. The changes were brought on by reduced budgets.

The Binojeeuk Commission will be meeting in the conference room of the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center from now on. They had been meeting in the Government Center.

The next scheduled meeting is February 20th at 1 p.m



Work Session Attendance											
Date	Work Session Title	Kimberly Alexander	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Marty Wabindato	Total Attending
01/03/14	CFR - 292.17 J2		x	x	x		V	x	x		5
01/03/14	CFR - 292.17 DEFG		x	x	x		V	x	x		5
01/03/14	CFR - 292.17 E		x	x	x		V	x	x		5
01/06/14	CFR - 292.17		x		x		x	x			4
01/06/14	Agenda Review	x	x		x		x	x			5
01/09/14	Strategic Planning	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
01/09/14	2014 Priorities		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/10/14	Bereavement Ordinance		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/10/14	Shoreline Project	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	7
01/13/14	Valliant Report		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
01/13/14	LRRCR Financial Report Review		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
01/13/14	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
01/13/14	Commissions Ordinance		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
01/14/14	Recorder's Currents Article	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
01/14/14	Donations	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	7
01/14/14	Treatment as a State for EPA	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
01/14/14	Gathering Grounds Project	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
01/17/14	Random Drug Test Policy	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	x	7
01/17/14	LRRCR Board of Directors		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/20/14	Tribal Council & Ogema Ethics Ord		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/20/14	Agenda Review		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/20/14	Board of Directors Act		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/21/14	Kwewok Circle		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	7
01/21/14	Ombudsman Ordinance		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/21/14	Workmans' Comp Draft		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/21/14	Gross Gaming Tax Ordinance		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	7
01/23/14	Strategic Planning		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/23/14	Meeting Procedures Ordinance		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/24/14	Letter of Support				x	x	x	x			4
01/27/14	Agenda Review		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/27/14	Financial Statement Review-Nov		x		x	x	x			x	5
01/30/14	Commodities		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/31/14	Paul Mackety Contract				x		x	x	x	x	5
	Total # of work sessions - 33	9	31	20	33	26	30	31	18	23	
	* - Business Related										
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THE NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS INSTITUTE 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/>

Submitted by the LRBOI Commerce Department

1/30/2014 Page Content

WASHINGTON – In an op-ed to be published in the January 31, 2014 editions of McClatchy Newspapers, Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew discusses *myRA* - a simple, safe and affordable starter savings account to help low and moderate-income Americans begin building towards a more secure financial future.

***myRA*: A start to a secure retirement**

Over the past five years, our country has accomplished a number of big things. The economy has grown stronger after being shaken to the core by the worst recession in our lifetimes. Our businesses have created more than 8 million jobs. The financial system is more resilient, with better protections for consumers and investors. And investments in domestic energy production have helped put the promise of American energy independence in sight.

In the meantime, health care costs have grown at their slowest rates in years while millions of families now have access to affordable health care coverage so they are not one hospital visit away from falling into financial ruin. Our auto industry is surging even as home values are rebounding. And the federal deficit has been cut by more than half.

So we have made clear progress. But we all understand that we are not where we want to be yet. Too many Americans cannot find a job. Too many Americans who do have a job are not getting paid enough to support their families and make ends meet. And too many Americans do not have the skills they need to succeed in today's economy. As President Barack Obama made clear in his State of the Union address, it is time to focus on restoring opportunity for all. That means helping

to make sure more Americans can take part in our growing economy and build some economic security for the long term. To get that done, we are putting forward real, concrete solutions to our most pressing problems—from college affordability and job training to fair wages and a stable retirement.

Now, when it comes to retirement, you would think that the vast majority of working Americans would be putting some money away for their future. But the truth is, many are not. For millions of working men and women, it is not easy to save for the long haul. Many employers do not offer a retirement plan. And setting up a retirement account and maintaining it can often be too difficult, expensive and time-consuming.

The statistics paint a stark picture. Only about half of all workers have access to an employer-based retirement plan, such as a 401(k). And left on their own, few workers save. It is estimated that fewer than one out of 10 eligible workers actually contribute to an IRA.

Still, every American deserves the chance to build a secure retirement. That is why the Obama administration has designed a new way for working Americans to start saving for the future. This program, which will begin later this year, is called *myRA* or My Retirement Account.

This account is designed to help low- and middle-income workers, who are too often overlooked or ignored, begin saving for retirement. We are talking about the waitress who is holding down two part-time jobs to support her kids; the recent graduate who landed a job but is grappling with student loans; the janitor who has never been given the chance to invest in a retirement account.

Here is how *myRA*, which is simple, safe and affordable, will work.

You will be able to start saving with an initial deposit of as little as \$25 and contribute as little as \$5 each payday. If an employer chooses to participate, contributions are made through automatic payroll deductions, making them hassle-free.

There are no fees—100% of any contribution goes into the account and is invested in a Treasury security. That means it will be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, will earn the same interest rate that is available to federal employees for their retirement savings, and the balance will never go down.

Finally, *myRA* is not tied to any one employer—it belongs to the worker, not the workplace. In other words, the account is portable and can be easily rolled into a Roth IRA. And if *myRA* savers ever need to, they can withdraw their contributions tax-free, at any time.

MyRA is a specific way in which we can help hardworking Americans save for the future. But there are other things we can do. In particular, the President has consistently called on Congress to help tens of millions of middle class Americans save for the future by opening up access to automatic IRAs in the workplace.

And we will continue to look for ways to help increase economic security, strengthen the middle class, and provide more ladders of opportunity into the middle class. That is how we will help make sure every American can take part in this recovery. And that is how we will help usher in a stronger, more prosperous future for our country.

Jacob J. Lew is the secretary of the Treasury.

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The year of the Native voter?

Only if more folks register and then show up at the polls, by Levi Rickert. The following piece was posted in Native News Online in January. This is not an endorsement of any candidate or party.

Editor MARK TRAHANT

Could this be the year of the Native voter?

That's a tall order for a population that's less than one percent of the country. But American Indians were key contributors to winning coalitions in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Montana two years ago and there is the potential to do even better this time around.

Three things have to happen first, though. There must be candidates who are inspirational. Next, there must be organization and money. And, third, American Indians and Alaska Natives have to actually vote.

Step one is on target. There are already more high profile candidates for office in 2014 than in any election I can recall. For example, former Colville tribal chairman Joe Pakootas is running against Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers in Washington state. This is a tough race, but Pakootas has a great election narrative: How he turned around a money-losing tribal enterprise and made it profitable, creating jobs along the way.

The candidacy of Byron Mallott for governor of Alaska has to be at the top of any list. Mallott has the ideal resume. He's a member of the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, and a clan leader of the Kwaashk'i Kwáan of the Raven people. He has worked in state government and as the chief executive of Sealaska corporation. Mallott was mayor of two towns including Juneau, the state capital.

Mallott's path to the Democratic Party nomination is clear so he will face incumbent, Republican Gov. Sean Parnell.

Parnell, it seems, has gone out of his way to be on the other side of Alaska Native issues. The governor rejected Medicaid expansion, saying the federal Indian Health Service is good enough health care access for Alaska Natives. This is absurd. There is not enough money in the Indian health system. But at the same time he tells the federal government to cover health care for Alaska Natives, the governor demands sovereignty over subsistence hunting and fishing asking for a Supreme Court review of the Katie John case. This set of facts ought to be enough to motivate Alaska Native voters.

But that requires follow through on the next two steps, organization (including money) and then actual voting. I looked at the last election, precinct by precinct, and turnout by Alaska Natives in villages ranged from a low of 25 percent to 71 percent. It was mostly lower (with a couple of exceptions) than the statewide turnout and by a wide margin, ten, twenty and even thirty points. It's these kind of numbers that led the National Congress of American Indians in 2012 to declare a "civic emergency" regarding voter registration. The NCAI report calls for voter registration at

Indian health facilities. This is the perfect solution for the 2014 election: Encourage people to sign up for health insurance and register to vote at the same time. Imagine how the Alaska's politics would be if the Alaska Native voter registration was higher. (New Mexico has the highest percentage of Native American voters at 77 percent.) Alaska Natives could have a bigger share of the electorate than in any other state. Alaska has extraordinary challenges that limit Native voting. The logistics of a high turnout election are daunting, much more complex than in any other part of the country, and state institutions continues to depress turnout and throw up barriers to limit Alaska Native voters. That's why the payoff could be that much sweeter. Alaska Natives could be the key bloc that elects governors, senators, and, federal representatives, pretty much determining the state's future.

So here's the thing: This will be a be low turnout election anyway. Americans get excited over presidential elections and then fade into the background two years later. Indian Country is the same. We vote in presidential years, but there is even much more potential to swing elections two years later. That time is now.

So that means if Indian Country does get organized, and folks actually vote, then the power of that Native vote is amplified. There is time to make 2014 the year of the Native voter.

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National Native Network Formalizes Plan to Reduce Smoking & Cancer by Native News Online Staff

TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA — As part of a nationwide partnership, the National Native Network recently met to formally organize a five year plan to positively impact American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations experiencing tobacco related and cancer health disparities. In keeping with the spirit and the mandate of the program, as well as the policy of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health, the event was held at a smoke free facility, The Signature at the MGM in Las Vegas.

Last October, the National Native Network through the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM) was awarded a grant from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health, to educate, communicate and promote implementation of effective community and clinical interventions to reduce the high rates of commercial tobacco use and cancer among the AI/AN population.

The effort uses partners from tribes and tribal organization across the U.S., including the Cherokee Nation, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, California Rural Indian Health Board, and the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board. The National Native Network seeks to reach tribal communities and populations across all regions of the U.S. with tools, trainings, and media in commercial tobacco use and cancer prevention and control. Materials developed from the group will be available for all tribal nations in the U.S. and beyond.

"We are off to a solid beginning this year by having an invigorating kick-off meeting with all of our partner nations," said Derek J. Bailey, ITCM Government Relations and Tribal Policy Consultant. "We are excited to continue the work of promoting tobacco cessation and prevention, and also increasing cancer awareness that results from the addictive use of commercial tobacco."

A 2011 report by the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention shows that 31 percent of the current adult smokers in the U.S. were Native American, far higher than any other ethnic group. Studies also show that cigarette smoking is responsible for about one in five deaths annually, or more than 440,000 deaths per year.

An estimated 49,000 of these smoking-related deaths are the result of secondhand smoke exposure to adults and children alike who do not smoke.

The CDC's Office on Smoking and Health has worked collaboratively with the National Native Network across Indian country to develop a culturally specific tobacco education training and technical assistance program over the past several years. The new funding period for the next five years will expand these efforts to address both commercial tobacco and cancer. The training and technical assistance addresses various types of methods and best practices to educate, increase awareness and provide culturally traditional teachings for the sacred use of tobacco, which in its pure form is recognized by many tribal nations as a sacred element.

"Through meaningful collaboration, a team-focused approach, and strong social media impact, our National Native Network group looks forward to furthering programming that will positively impact all ages within our American Indian/Alaska Native communities," Bailey said.

For more information on the National Native Network, please call Derek Bailey (231) 715-6424. For more information about Keep It Sacred, please visit www.KeepItSacred.org

What is Dating Violence?

Dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner.

A Pattern of Behavior

Calling dating violence a pattern doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time. Every relationship is different, but the one thing that is common to most abusive dating relationships is that the violence escalates over time and becomes more and more dangerous for the young victim.

Who Experiences Dating Violence?

Any teen or young adult can experience violence, abuse or unhealthy behaviors in their dating relationships. A relationship may be serious or casual, monogamous or not, short-term or long-term. Dating abuse does not discriminate – it does not see gender, sexual identity, economic status, ethnicity or religious preference.

Dating Violence is a Big Problem

- Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.

- One in three girls in the US is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

- One in ten high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.

- One quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical or sexual abuse or date rape. Why Focus on Teens?

- Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, almost triple the national average.

- Among female victims of intimate partner violence, 94% of those age 16-19 and 70% of those age 20-24 were victimized by a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend.

- Violent behavior often begins between the ages of 12 and 18.

- The severity of intimate partner violence is often greater in cases where the pattern of abuse was established in adolescence.

- About 72% of eighth and ninth graders are 'dating.' Don't Forget About College Students

- Nearly half (43%) of dating college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors.

- College students are not equipped to deal with dating abuse – 57% say it is difficult to identify and 58% say they don't know how to help someone who's experiencing it.

- One in three (36%) dating college students has given a dating partner their computer, email or social network passwords and these students are more likely to experience digital dating abuse.

- One in six (16%) college women has been sexually abused in a dating relationship. Long-lasting Effects

- Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting the victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior and further domestic violence.

- Being physically or sexually abused makes teen girls six times more likely to become pregnant and twice as likely to get a STD.

- Half of youth who have been victims of both dating violence and rape attempt suicide, compared to 12.5% of non-abused girls and 5.4% of non-abused boys.

Lack of Awareness

- Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse.¹⁷

- Eighty one percent of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue.¹⁸

- Though 82% of parents feel confident that they could recognize the signs if their child was experiencing dating abuse, a majority of parents (58%) could not correctly identify all the warning signs of abuse.¹⁹

What Does Dating Violence Look Like

Teens and young adults experience the same types of abuse in relationships as adults. This can include:

- Physical Abuse: Any intentional use of physical force with the intent to cause fear or injury, like hitting, shoving, biting, strangling, kicking or using a weapon.

- Verbal or Emotional Abuse: Non-physical behaviors such as threats, insults, constant monitoring, humiliation, intimidation, isolation or stalking.

- Sexual Abuse: Any action that impacts a person's ability to control their sexual activity or the circumstances in which sexual activity occurs, including rape, coercion or restricting access to birth control.

- Digital Abuse: Use of technologies and/or social media networking to intimidate, harass or threaten a current or ex-dating partner. This could include demanding passwords, checking cell phones, cyber bullying, sexting, excessive or threatening texts or stalking on Facebook or other social

If you or a loved one is in a violent relationship, please get help. There are resources and advocacy available.

For information and advocacy please contact:
LRBOI Family Services Department
Janeen Codden

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinator
jcodden@lrboi.com

231-398-6719

~HEARTS ARE NOT FOR BREAKING. LOVE IS RESPECT~

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Teen Dating Violence
Prevention Awareness Month

Dating & violence should not be a couple

Ten Warning Signs of Abuse

While there are many warning signs of abuse, here are ten common abusive behaviors:

- Checking your cell phone or email without permission
- Constantly putting you down
- Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- Explosive temper
- Isolating you from family or friends
- Making false accusations
- Mood swings
- Physically hurting you in any way
- Possessiveness
- Telling you what to do

March 15
~~February~~
22, 2014

Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament

Location: LRBOI Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

→ **Competition starts**
at 10:00 am ←

Age Categories

- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1-4 | 13-17 |
| 5-8 | 18-35 |
| 9-12 | 36-54 |
| 55+ | |

Potluck Lunch
Please bring a dish to pass

NO all metal snakes are allowed
(Please read the guidelines)

- Competitors **MUST** be registered
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Competitors **MUST** be on site and ready when their name is called

Tournament is dependent upon the weather—
prior to event, check for cancellation/delay

Everyone is invited to attend and participate! Come enjoy the fun!

Registration the day of the event will be from 9-10 am or you may pre-register by calling 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov



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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Invites you to the 21st Annual 2014 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp



Friday, July 25:

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8:30am Opening Ceremony
9:15am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops
12:00pm Lunch
1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops
5:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Talent Show

Saturday, July 26:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)
9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops
12:00pm Lunch
1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops
5:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Jimgtamck (Pow wow)
Giveaway & Closing

Sunday, July 27:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)
9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops

- No Registration Fee
- Lunch & Dinner Provided (Breakfast on your own)
- Camping available (first come, first serve)
- On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- Location: 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI
Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the Little River Casino Resort

- "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
- For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
- We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
- Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway Gift
- The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit www.lrbol-nsn.gov or www.anishinaabemdaa.com for updates. Some presentations/workshops may include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



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For more information, please contact:

Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892, 231-590-1187 or Terri Tyler: 231-398-6891

Email: kpheasant@lrbol-nsn.gov or tyler@lrbol-nsn.gov



LRBOI's Natural Resources Department is excited to announce that we have successfully captured adult burbot in the Manistee River. This is the first scientific assessment that we are aware of where burbot migrating inland from Lake Michigan to spawn have been captured.

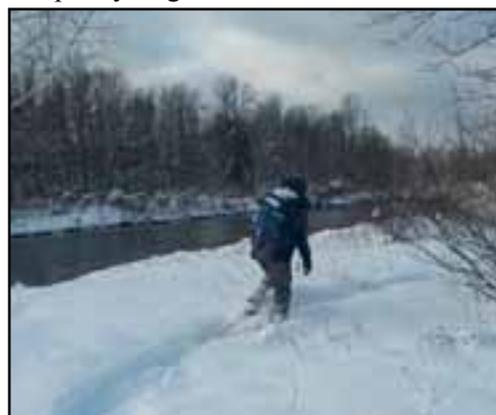
Burbot, a member of the cod family, are one of two deep-water native predatory fish species still present in the Great Lakes, lake trout being the other. For most of their life, they inhabit some of the deepest waters in Lake Michigan, only coming into shallower waters in the coldest part of winter to spawn. They are occasional captured by commercial fisheries and assessment crews, but their elusive behaviors have limited extensive sampling and have left many questions unanswered.

LRBOI's Natural Resources Department has identified Age 0, 1 and 2 year old burbot in several of our streams during summer electro-fishing surveys. Beginning in 2012, the Natural Resources Department began to look at when and how adult burbot are using the Manistee River system.

Our winter burbot surveys target adult spawners migrating into the Manistee River. A total of nine traps are fishing along outside bends of the Manistee River in 2-3 meters of water. We are currently using three types of traps; fyke nets, slat traps and traditional traps (made of willow). Traps are checked and re-baited two to three times per week.



These winter surveys have many challenges including hiking across creeks and wetlands, checking traps beneath shelf ice along the river, and balancing strenuous activity and warmth. The reward, on the other hand, definitely outweighs the challenges, and includes the remarkable winter landscape, observing the coping of fish and wildlife within their environment and plenty of good exercise.



If you have any questions about the project please feel free to contact Dan Mays, Natural Resources, 231-723-1594.



Once a burbot is captured the fish is measured, weighed and tagged. We also collect a small piece of their fin for genetic analysis. All burbot are released back into the frigid water where, unlike our staff, they seem completely content with the cold.



Luke Updyke harvested a nice 9 point buck in Newaygo County in September 2013.



Spring Fire & Teachings!

The Spring Fire will be lit on April 9th at sunrise at the lodge behind the Government Center next to the Gathering Grounds. The Spring Fire and Anishinaabek Teachings will begin at that time and go through the Spring Membership Meeting on Saturday the 12th. The fire will go down at sunset on the 12th. For more information on this important gathering, contact Valerie Chandler in Tribal Historical Preservation at extension 6895

Wild Rice Stuffing

- 1 cup raw wild rice
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 4 oz. can mushrooms
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme

Cook rice in boiling broth. Saute celery, onions and mushrooms in butter for 2-3 minutes. Combine all ingredients. Makes about 6 cups or enough to stuff a 10 pound turkey. Also great with any wild game

Wild Rice Salad

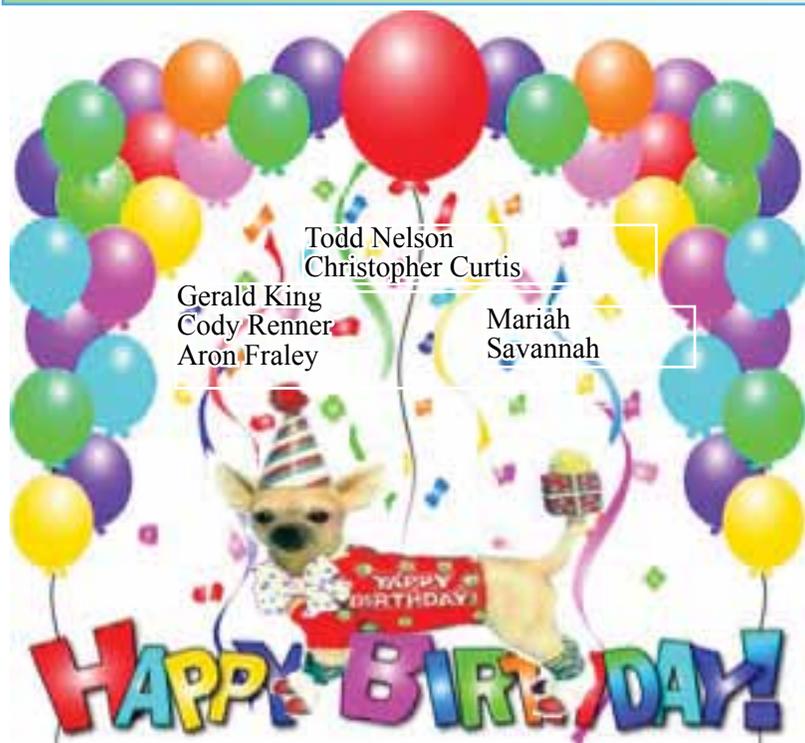
- 2 cups cooked wild rice, chilled
- 2 large unpeeled red apples, diced
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup plain non-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Toss apples with brown sugar and lemon juice. Stir in celery and rice. Blend together yogurt and mayonnaise. Toss with salad ingredients and chill.

Wild Rice Casserole

- 1/2 lb. bacon (diced)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup celery (diced)
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 medium onion (diced)
- 1 can mushrooms
- 1/2 green pepper (diced)
- pimento (optional) adds color
- 1 cup wild rice

Accent and seasoned salt
Wash wild rice and place in boiling salted water. Boil about 20 minutes or until partially done, drain. Fry diced bacon; pour off grease as necessary. Leave enough grease to saute onions, celery and green pepper--add when bacon is nearly done. Place in casserole, adding water to cover. Place in medium oven (350 degrees F) for approximately one hour. Serves 6. Optional: Chopped chicken can also be added.



Todd Nelson
Christopher Curtis
Gerald King
Cody Renner
Aron Fraley
Mariah
Savannah



Guess who turned 50 on January 14th?

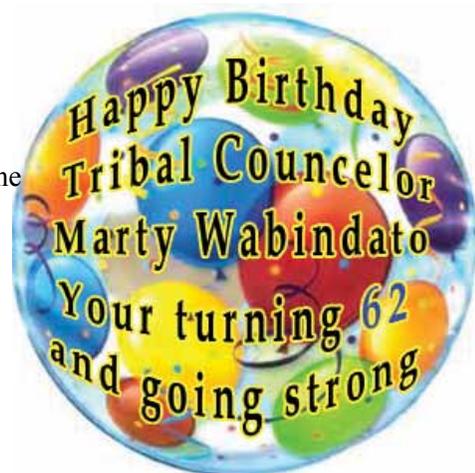
Happy Birthday Sally Garvin! Love, your family!

Elder's Birthday's in January

Antoine Charles Jr.	Hale Garry Lee	Nickleson Julia ~
Burmeister Glen Harvey	Howell Phyllis Ann	O'Connor Juanita Marie
Cantu John	Jonaitis Romaine Delores	Peshaba Virginia Marie
Compeau Allan Raymond	Koon John Lavern	Schurino Rita Ann
Congleton Donna Jean	Lempke Anna Mae	Stuck Augusta Gertie
Fraly Darlene Francis	McCauley Mary E.	Treanor Patsy Darleen
Guenthardt Anna Jean	McClellan Ann Therese	Van Patten Bettie Ann

Elders Birthdays in February

Burmeister Larry John	Tyrrell Marva Kathryn
Cantin Sandra Jean	VanSlyke Sherron Lee
Crawford Douglas Arthur	Willard Greta Mary
Dean Kenneth Erwin	
Gardner Caroline Jean	
Gibson Stella	
Hammond Mary Elizabeth	
Kohls Celia	
McPherson Patsy Ann Christine	
Medawis Henry Jr.	
Nida lone Louise	
Petts Robert Lee	
Rhodes Frank Leo	
Shilkey Gerald Daniel	
Skinkle Therese Ann	
Stone Louise Marie	
Thomas Loretta Agnes	



TO HONOR Wayne Stiller
Wayne Stiller was a Brother of mine. We did not have to see each other all the time. He's A Brother from another Mother you see. He was from the West side of the state between Muskegon and Manistee. An Odawa (a Trader), at Pow Wows we would meet. He was always one of my favorites, to shake his hand and greet. He was Little River Band of Odawa you see, so very proud of his Anishinaabe ancestry He liked to fish and be outdoors, and he always shared Wayne would give you whatever he had, and he's a man that always cared

One time Wayne had a very large DRUM STICK, I had to have it, I pray! There is a man named John Warren and his drum, he will become a Chief some day! (lol)

Wayne worked hard and long all his life. He loved all his family before and through all of his recent strife. He worked in public safety, that was his occupation. He served us all, we're proud, throughout this American Nation.

We went to ceremonies together and to Pow Wows we would attend. He was more to many others ,like Dad and Uncle Buck, but he was more than my Pow Wow friend

He was always gifting and giving...right to the very end. I will miss you Wayne Stiller, but now I smoke my pipe in pride. For you Wayne (My Nijiji), I send Prayers for you, to help your spirit, make it to the OTHER SIDE .Mkade Miigwan 1/2014

Mr. Wayne L. "Buck" Stiller, age 67, of Lakewood Club, MI, received eternal comfort and peace with his Creator on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 following a brief yet brave battle with cancer. The only son of Roy and Grace (Olk) Stiller, Buck was born in Muskegon, MI on October 31, 1946. A faithful member of the Ottawa Band of Little River Indians, Buck selflessly dedicated his time, talents and heart to his people.

For 15 years, Buck served the Arizona Department of Corrections while living in Apache Junction, AZ and for the remaining 15 years of his career he served with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department. During his retirement, Buck, known also as "Chief", attended and many times participated in numerous Pow Wows and tribal meetings. Artistically inclined, he especially loved working on his wares which he sold at many Pow Wows throughout Michigan. Close to his heart, he loved his family, tribe and fishing. Most importantly, Buck leaves much to be remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



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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Shirley's version of the "Rice Spirit" painting that she did for the American Indian Heritage month poster.

It is available in the Manistee area at the Natural Resource office (call Bonnie) and at PeaceMaking (at Austen Brauker's office at the Justice Center)

Shirley M. Brauker
1048 Silver Road Coldwater, Michigan 49036
260-243-9027 email: sbrauker@gmail.com

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

LRBOI Warrior Society

Looking for LRBOI Warrior Society Volunteers who would like to serve on a Rifle Team for 21 Gun Salute LRBOI has announced that they will be having election of New Officers at this November's Warriors meeting.

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.

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@lrcr.com

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

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

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.

