



More funds through CORA

NR Director Mitchell reports on more funding coming to the CORA tribes due to intense work on Capitol hill. See the details inside.

NRC resolutions on Bear and Elk hunt 2014



The LRBOI Natural Resource Commission release two resolutions. One dealing with the establishment of licenses for this year's Elk and Bear hunt and the other concerning commercial fishing helpers.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Grand Entries 19th Annual Jiingtamok

Saturday: 12pm & 7pm

Sunday: 12pm

Special Performance By:
The Haudenosaunee
Singers & Dancers



July 5 & 6, 2014

Tribal Gathering Grounds
Manistee, MI

Host Drum: Painted Rock

Co-Host Drum: Little Hawk Singers

Invited Drum: Mskwe Keshick

Invited Drum: Sons of the Three Fires

Invited Drum: War Party

Invited Drum: Elk Trails

Invited Drum: Southern Straight

Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Dancers (Saturday):

Brian Loney & Leticia Flores

Head Dancers (Sunday):

Paul Syrette & Renee Diehlman

Emcee: Derek Bailey

Arena Director:

Philip Memberto

Miss Little River
Princess Contest

Honorarium for First 5 **Show-up**
Drums (Must Register On-Site)

Dance Contest: **Winner Takes**
All for Each Category

Over \$4,500
In Cash Prizes!

Drum Contest:
1st Place \$1,500
2nd Place \$1,000

FEMA comes calling



Tribal liaison Bill Sulinkas The Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Tribal Liaison came to Little River to consult with the tribe about relations with the federal government. See more details inside this issue.

An award for the new office



Elmers representative Jeff Marceau presented an award to the tribe because of a design element to the new Government Center. See inside for photos and details

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

Emergency Management protocols will be available upon request and per authorization by the Office of the Ogema as they constitute secure

Treaty Rights Protection Funds

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced recently that the successful advocacy of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has paid off in a very big way, to the tune of \$1.6 Million dollars added to Tribal base funding.

The announcement came from Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn earlier this spring to Ogema Larry Romanelli with his appreciation for the Tribe's Natural Resources Director, Jimmie Mitchell and Mitchell's role in serving on the drafting team for Tribal Interior Budget Council over the past three years.

The \$1.6 Million will be distributed to the five CORA Tribes with LRBOI's portion increasing its Treaty Rights Protection funds with an additional \$319,000/annually. In 2012, Mitchell was appointed to the Tribal Interior Budget Council by BIA Regional Director, Diane Rosen, complete with additional funds to cover his travel expenses.

Mitchell acknowledged the Assistant Secretary's announcement with mixed emotion. "The immense despair occurring within the 566 Tribal Nations rests at the feet of the Federal Government. It is very difficult to continue to explain over and over again how the Federal Government's failure to provide adequate funds, continues to erode Tribal Sovereignty and the very future of our Nation's ability to provide services to our Citizens is greatly threatened."

Mitchell expressed further that the needs of all LRBOI programs are being heard in Washington DC through his appointment and despite the personal hardships he faces in doing this important scope of work, he remains hopeful that effective advocacy is the only solution the Tribe has in response to the devastating effects of sequestration and the other limiting impacts we as a Nation, face.

www.lrboi.com.

LRBOI receives recognition for Government Center



The underlying sandy soils of the site also worked well for this option, but posed challenges during construction because of blowing and drifting. The aggregate base under the pervious concrete, used for stormwater storage after the parking lot was open to traffic, also had to be protected during construction which made the concrete placements complex.



At Tribal Council session on June 4th, Jeff Marceau, a representative of Elmers' presented an 'Award of Excellence' to our tribe from the Michigan Concrete Association. The award announcement said that, "The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians wanted to pursue a green criterion for their site development and building construction of a new Government Center. Part of this initiative made pervious concrete parking an attractive option for site retention and a reduction of the impervious surfaces."



The award was received by Tribal Council Speaker Virg John and Ogema Romanelli.



This review is part of the governments' efforts to make sure that tribes have input on the rules used to declare emergencies. This 'declaration' is part of the FEMA efforts to provide resources to tribes in the most efficient way possible to respond to potential disasters while still maintaining a respectful relationship that recognizes tribal sovereignty.



The federal government has been reaching out to tribes this year for input on emergency management issues as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) operations. An example came to Little River as the Tribal Liaison for FEMA Region V, Bill Sulinckas, visited the Government Center and spent a morning early in June on a presentation and discussion with elected leaders and key staff members. Sulinckas reviewed the first draft of the 'Tribal Declarations Policy' with the Ogema, eight members of our Tribal Council, numerous involved staff and even a representative of the resort emergency management group.

Some of the questions discussed seem quite basic (how do you define a 'tribal member'; what is your reservation land and can non-resident tribal members be included if they live on reservation land, etc. etc?). However, the answers are critical because each of the 566 federally recognized native sovereign nations has differences that make applying



'one-size-fits-all' planning unproductive and can even be an impediment to successful recovery.

Much of the discussion was on the process for declaration but also touched on the need for Mitigation Plans and planning to maximize opportunities for the tribes. (Please see the story on *Tribal Mitigation* elsewhere in the *Currents*).

The next step is for FEMA to finish gathering comments from the tribal nations, leaders and citizens. Everyone can make comments or suggestions by going to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov. Following this, the next draft of the Declarations Guidance will be made available and posted for public comment.

Getting ahead of the problem



Mitigation for Tribal Governments: Protecting Tribal Communities and Resources (E0582). That is the name of a course that two LRBOI employees took in May at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmetsburg, Maryland. The goal of the course was to teach tribal employees how to create, file and implement what is called a Tribal Mitigation Plan.

Several years ago, the tribe finished an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) while

also becoming compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). A lot of work was involved aimed at making sure that the tribe would be able to call upon the federal government, primarily through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, better known as FEMA.

While this preparation is primarily for natural hazards (floods, earthquakes, forest fires etc.), the basics also address other disasters or incidents which could affect tribal lands and people including 'man-made' (terrorist) incidents, plane crashes and similar occurrences.

With the passage of the Robert T. Stafford Act and in the wake of the Sandy Recovery Act, it has become necessary for tribes to have these Mitigation Plans before they can apply direct to the President of the United States for what is called a 'Declaration'.... basically a presidential agreement that yes, the tribe has a disaster and that the federal government is authorized to help out.

Without the Mitigation Plan, we could easily lose out on assistance in recovering from disasters...something that would be

devastating to the tribal nation.

While going through the training there was one surprising moment when a slide came up in the PowerPoint that showed a Health Fair at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center. (See the photo)

The training was attended by LRBOI Safety Officer Mary Velikan who has written the COOP, most of the EAP and has been the primary driver behind the NIMS compliance. Also in attendance was LRBOI Director Glenn Zaring who has been a leader in Emergency Management and Preparedness for the tribe. He is also on the Executive Board of the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC).

They are shown here with Sophi Beym (Navajo), Adjunct Instructor at EMI and a former New Mexico State Hazard Mitigation Officer and Tim Zientek, (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), Adjunct Instructor at EMI and the Safety Director for his tribe.

Next, Little River will work to apply for Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grants that will provide funding and guidance which will make the tribe, its lands and its neighbors safer for the future.

Council News

Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Marty Wabindato	Total Attending
04/01	NRC - Chapter 1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
04/01	Old Casino		x	x	x		x	x	x		6
04/01	Indian Preference	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
04/01	Time Clocks		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
04/03	Muschigon	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
04/04	LRCR Financial Review	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
04/07	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
04/07	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
04/07	Priorities for Tribal Council	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
04/08	Honorariums	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
04/08	Day Care Center	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	7
04/10	Audit Presentation	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	7
04/11	LRCR Board of Directors	x	x	x	x	*	x	x		x	7
04/14	Ethics Ordinance		x	x	x	x	*	x	x		6
04/14	Valliant Report		x	x	x	x	*	x	x		6
04/14	Agenda Review		x	x	x	x	*	x	x		6
04/14	Health Insurance		x	x	x	x	*	x	x		6
04/15	Legal Reform Act	x	x	V	x	x	*	x		x	6
04/15	Update on Commodities Building	x	x	V	x	x	*	x		x	6
04/15	Round Table Discussion	x	x	V	x	x	*	x		x	6
04/17	Constitution	x	V	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	7
04/17	Muschigon Construction	x	V	x	x	*	*	x	x	x	6
04/17	Renovation Presentation	x	V	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	7
04/17	Burial Assistance	x	V	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	7
04/21	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		x	7
04/21	Valliant Report	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		x	7
04/21	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		x	7
04/21	Health Insurance	x	x	x	x	x	x	V		x	7
04/22	Legal Reform Act	x		V	x	x		x	x		5
04/22	Commodities Construction	x		V	x	x		x	x		5
04/22	Indian Preference	x		V	*	x		x	x		4
04/22	Gov Financial Report Review					x					1
04/24	Constitution	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
04/24	Campground Upgrade	x		V	x	*	x	x	x	x	6
04/25	Health Insurance	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
04/28	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
04/28	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
04/29	Round Table Discussion	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
Total	Work Sessions 38	31	28	23	36	34	23	33	26	26	

* - Business Related
V - Vacation

Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Marty Wabindato	Total
05/01	Constitution	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/01	Muschigon Construction	*			x	x	x	*	x	x	5
05/01	20th Anniversary of the Tribe	x			x	x	x	x		x	6
05/02	Final Meeting of Commodities	x		x	V	*	x	x	x		5
05/05	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/05	Housing Commission Ordinance	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/05	Agenda Review	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/05	2015 Budget Not to Exceed	x	x	x	*	x	x		x	x	7
05/06	Board of Directors Act	x	x		*	x	x	x			5
05/06	Round Table	x	x		*	x	x	x	x		6
05/06	LRCR Financial Review	x	x		*	x	x	x	x		6
05/06	Gross Gaming Tax Ordinance	x	x		*	x	x	x	x		6
05/08	Constitution	x	x		*	x	x	x	x	x	7
05/08	Meeting with MDOT	x	x		*	x	x		x	x	6
05/08	Burial Assistance	x	x		*	x	x	x		x	6
05/09	Charitable Donations Ordinance	x	x		*	x		x	V		4
05/09	Budget & Appropriations Ordinance	x	x		*	x		x	V		4
05/12	Ethics Ordinance	x	*	x	*	*	V	x	x		4
05/12	Agenda Review	x	*	x	*	*	V	x	x		4
05/13	Commissions Ordinance	x	*		*	x	V	*		x	3
05/15	Constitution	x	x	x		x	V	x	*	x	6
05/15	Muschigon Construction	x	x	x		*	V	x	*	x	5
05/15	Status of fish in our fishing zone	x	x	x		*	V	x	*	*	4
05/15	LLC & Holding Company	x	x	x		x	V	x	*	*	5
05/16	Board of Directors Act	x	x		x	x	V	x	x		6
05/16	Sugar Shack	x	x		x	x	V	x	x		6
05/19	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/19	MDOT Letter	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/19	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/19	Honorariums	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
05/20	Rehabilitation for Licensure Ord	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/20	Nets	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/20	Criminal Code	*	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	*	6
05/22	Constitution	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	7
05/22	Meeting w/ S. Kequom	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/22	Tax Department Report	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
05/22	20th Anniversary of the Tribe					x				x	2
05/23	Donation Considerations	x	x			x	x	V			4
05/27	4th of July Planning	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
05/27	Madigan Insurance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
05/27	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
05/29	Constitution	x	x		*	x		*		x	4
05/29	Muschigon Construction	x	x		*	x		*	x	x	5
05/29	Hearth Act	x			*	x		*		x	3
05/30	Board of Directors	x	x		*			*	x	x	4
05/30	Burial Assistance		x		x	x					3
05/30	Financial Review	x	x		*	x		*	x	x	5
Total	Work Sessions - 47	43	39	18	20	40	29	34	32	28	

* - Business Related V - Vacation B - Bereavement

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Department of Commerce
2014 Workforce Development Program

Internship Program

Policy:

To recruit, assist, and offer LRBOI Tribal Citizens and Tribal Preference Students the work experience in an assortment of positions that are needed Tribal wide. LRBOI via its' government, enterprises, and business entities has the ability to offer the Tribal Citizen/ Preference College student(s) an educational internship in almost any field of study.

Examples:

law enforcement, accounting, legal, marketing, social work, medical, administration, construction, etc. Commerce Department will budget ten (10) Internship positions per fiscal year. Applications are accepted January 1st and positions are filled on a first come first served basis.

Description:

The internship experience is designed to provide LRBOI Tribal Citizen and Preference Students with the opportunity to gain supervised experience in a work setting for which academic credit is earned. Internships are valuable to LRBOI Tribal Citizen and Preference Students because the internship can be included on their resume and in interviews as work experience.

LRBOI gains an opportunity to help LRBOI Tribal Citizen and Preference Students by participating in the educational process and the opportunity to identify potential applicants for the future.

LRBOI gains the following benefits by offering internships:

- Interns perform functions that will assist more experienced employees
- Interns can complete special projects that would otherwise go undone
- Interns can assist on short-term assignments
- LRBOI gains access to a motivated and skilled labor pool
- Interns can be used to carry out functions during periods of peak load

Definition of Internship:

The Internship Educational Grant Program (applications available through the LRBOI Commerce Department) is only open to LRBOI Tribal Citizen and Preference Students that meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen or Tribal Preference (Descendant) and at least 18 years of age.
2. Applicant must have a 2.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.).
3. Applicant must be in a degreed program at an accredited College or University.
4. Length of Internship paid by the Work Force Development Program is 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour.

Applicant shall only receive educational grant payment or wage being paid for Internship Program (If any wage is available). Applicant shall not receive wage in addition to educational release time. Tribal citizen employees of the Tribe and or its enterprises shall not be paid the hourly internship wage in addition to their educational release time. Students on academic or disciplinary probation will not be permitted to enroll in an internship.

Priority of Internships:

1. LRBOI Tribal Citizens that need to complete an internship as part of their degree
2. LRBOI Tribal Citizens enrolled in an accredited college or university
3. LRBOI Descendants that need to complete an internship as part of their degree
4. LRBOI Descendants enrolled in an accredited college or university
5. LRBOI Tribal Citizens High School Graduates enrolled in an accredited college or university (GPA requirement waived since no GPA has been established)

6. First time applicants are given priority except for Tribal Citizen and Descendant that meet #1 and #3 above.

Assignments for Interns:

Internship tasks should be planned ahead of time, and short- and medium-term projects are better than the same assignment day after day.

It is recommended a mix of projects requiring team collaboration involving other employees and projects assigned to the intern alone, to be handled from start to finish and not too much administrative work.

Look for projects that employees may never get around to because they lack the time. Learning objectives need to be structured so that they are result and competency based. LRBOI will continually guide the student toward increased responsibility and learning opportunities will increase with each additional work assignment.

Length of Internships:

All internships must be based on a minimum number of hours per week. Director and Intern will develop a work schedule. Full time internships are approximately 6-10 weeks. An individual is only allowed (1) one internship per fiscal year.

David A. Hawley

Workforce Development Specialist
(231) 398-6842

E-mail: dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

Look here for more information

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/membership-services/commerce>

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit
is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 25 packs per Tribal
member, beginning June 1, 2014

TAX LICENSE REQUIRED FOR SALES HELD ON TRIBAL LAND

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance (#05-100-08) at 8.03 says that a tax license is required for any sales on Tribal and trust lands. Individuals or groups that use Tribal facilities, such as the Aki Maadiziwin community center, must obtain the appropriate Tribal Tax License before the event. This also applies to Tribal members selling merchandise at the Little River Casino Resort. The current penalty for failure to obtain a license is \$50 per unlicensed seller.

There are two types of tax licenses available. The traditional Tribal Tax License is issued annually and is for businesses operating on a permanent basis throughout the year. The Little River Trading Post is an example of a business that operates under a regular Tribal Tax License.

The Concessionaire's Tribal Tax License is issued to sellers that will be selling merchandise at a specific event for a limited time. The form for remitting Tribal tax is included on the tax license and the tax is due within 3 business days after the event. This eliminates the need to file regular quarterly Tribal tax returns. An example of someone that operates under a Concessionaire's Tribal Tax license is an artist or crafter that sells merchandise at the Little River Casino during membership meetings.

If you plan to sell merchandise on Tribal land, or if you are planning an event on Tribal property that involves selling merchandise, contact the Tax Office to obtain a Tribal Tax License.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE LICENSED TO SELL MERCHANDISE

Nonprofit entities engaged in a retail sales activity of any kind on Tribal and trust lands are required to have a Tribal tax license. The fact that the receipts or profits from such sales may be used for otherwise exempt purposes is not material. The Tribal Tax Ordinance follows Michigan law for retail sales tax. Please refer to MAC Rule 205.140 (5)

If a Tribal entity was selling something to your nonprofit organization, to be used for carrying out the organization's purpose, you may be able to make a valid claim for exemption. However, sales by a tax-exempt organization are not exempt simply because of the nonprofit status of the organization. For example, when food is provided by a nonprofit organization at an event where an admission fee is required or a donation is made, the food is subject to Tribal tax.

When you register for your Tribal Tax License, the Tax Officer will be able to advise you if any statutory exemption(s) may apply. Therefore it is important to fill out the registration form completely and legibly so you can be contacted if questions arise. The Concessionaire's Registration Form (for one-time events) can be found online at www.lrboi-nsn.gov. Call the Tax Office if you have questions about your fundraising event at 231-398-6874.

U.S. Supreme Court's Bay Mills Opinion Lauded as Tribal Sovereignty Victory

WASHINGTON — Tribal leaders are calling Tuesday's U.S. Supreme Court opinion in the "Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community" as a stunning victory for American Indian tribes, reaffirming the doctrine of tribal sovereign immunity.

In 2010, the Bay Mills Indian Community, based in Brimley, Michigan, opened a off-reservation casino some 90 miles south in Vanderbilt in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Arguing the Bay Mills Indian Community opened the casino without proper federal government permission on non-tribal land, the State of Michigan took its case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Tuesday's decision said the State of Michigan's authority does not supersede tribal sovereignty.

The off-reservation casino has been closed since some time in 2011. After yesterday's ruling, it was still unclear this morning when the tribe will reopen the Vanderbilt casino. When reached by telephone by the Native News Online, a tribal spokesperson the tribe is "studying the situation."

However, the tribe did issue the following news release on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling:

"Congress and the Supreme Court have long recognized that a state cannot interfere with an Indian tribe's sovereignty. We are gratified that the Court reaffirmed that longstanding principle today. Bay Mills, a federally recognized tribe, depends for its livelihood on revenues from gaming activities conducted in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The Court's decision affords proper deference to Congress' judgment, and it will ensure that tribes like Bay Mills can continue to fund tribal education and perform other sovereign functions."

Praise for the Court's opinion came from others in Indian country.

"This is a good day for tribal governments," said National Congress of Indians President Brian Cladoosby and Chairman of the Swinomish Tribe. "Congratulations to the Bay Mills Indian Community!"



The Little River Casino Resort is excited to announce the implementation of a new yield management system that will help yield room rates based on seasonality. This smart business move will allow our Casino management to capitalize more effectively on the tourism business which is a major part of our NW Michigan economy.

The new system will help us to identify when we can obtain a higher rate structure for our guest rooms, based on demand. Our guests can expect for rates to be higher during times when our business is in high demand as well as expecting the rates to be lower during times when our business is in low demand.

The Resort is pleased to announce that they will continue to offer discounts to our Tribal Members. Our Tribal Member discount will now be a set 20% discount which will be based off the recommended rate identified by our yield management system.

We are very happy to announce that during special events such as our Spring Membership Events, Fall Membership Events, Elder Events, Pow Wow Events, Specials, and other events arranged by the tribe and applicable to group blocks, attendees will receive a significant discount which will be shared as events are planned and executed.

Other Casino Resort discounts include:
Food and Beverage = 20% (Thursdays 50%)
Gift Shop = 25% off

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2014 Elk Permit Application

The Natural Resources Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Elk permits for the 2014 Season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to: LRBOI Natural Resources Department, 2608 Government Center Dr, Manistee, MI 49660 or call the Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594. **Natural Resources must have a copy of your Hunter Safety Certificate where applicable.**

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for an Elk Permit
Need not be present to be selected

Application must be submitted/
postmarked by **Monday June 30,**
2014 at 5:00 pm

Questions or comments please call:
866-723-1594

Drawing and information meeting will be held July 12, 2014, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Aki Community Center.

Name: _____ Tribal ID#: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Elder: _____

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Commission has released two resolutions from their meeting of May 27th. The first concerned the annual Elk and Bear season and the second addressed reinstatement of Helper's Licenses for commercial fishing.

NRC Resolution 14-0527-23 authorized an extension of the application period for the annual elk and bear tag lottery and scheduled a date for the lotteries. The resolution concluded that the 2014 application period for the tags is extended to June 30, 2014. *(See the printed applications accompanying this article)*

Furthermore, the resolution says that the NRC 'shall host a lottery on all applications for elk hunting tags for the 2014 season,' on the 12th of July at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center in Manistee. *(Editor's note: the time of the lottery has not been established at press time.)*

In addition, the resolution concludes that the NRC shall submit amendments to the elk and bear hunt regulations for the 2014-2015 seasons, no later than June 11th, 2014.

The NRC also addressed commercial fishing helper's licensure in Resolution 14-0527-24 and authorized the immediate reinstatement of all commercial fishing helper's licenses and allowed for the issuance of commercial fishing helper's licenses by the Natural Resources Department.

Both Resolutions from the 27th were adopted on a 3-0-0 vote and may be seen on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2014 Bear Permit Application

The Natural Resources Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for **Black Bear permits** for the 2014 Season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to: LRBOI Natural Resources Department, 2608 Government Center Dr, Manistee, MI 49660 or call the Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594. **Natural Resource must have a copy of your Hunter Safety Certificate where applicable.**

Application must be submitted/
postmarked by **Monday June 30,
2014 at 5:00 pm**

Questions or comments please call:
866-723-1594

Drawing and information meeting will be held July 12, 2014, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Aki Community Center.

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a Black Bear Permit
Need not be present to be selected

Name: _____ Tribal ID#: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Please list your hunting unit preference in the spaces below.

Hunting units :
Baldwin, Gladwin, Red Oak, Newberry, Gwinn, Baraga

Primary Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice

HELP WANTED:

Seeking people willing to help Change a Lifetime!

Did you know there are nearly 14,000 Michigan children in foster care? These youth need stable, loving care until they can either safely reunite with their families or establish other lifelong relationships with a nurturing adult. Often times our native children have to leave their communities, culture, and the life that they know just to be in a home with safety and stability. This is especially true in Northern Michigan, where

nearly all of Benzie/Manistee children in foster care are placed outside of their county. You have the power to do something positive that will "Change a Lifetime" for a young person in foster care.

We are looking for tribal members who are willing to become foster parents for our native children. Tribal members who have faith in themselves and in children, who believe they can make a difference in a child's life, who are willing to take a chance, and who are willing to learn.

But am I qualified?

There are a lot of myths out there that prevent good people from taking the step to become a foster parent such as; you have to be rich, or you have to be a stay at home parent. These myths couldn't be further from the truth.

Please join us June 16th from 6-7 pm at Aki Maadiziwin for an open house to set the record straight about who can be a foster parent

Sponsored by the Binojeeuk Commission

~Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu~

~June 2014~



Meals served at 12:00 Noon
Monday—Thursday
No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who Reside with Elders.
Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food supplies.

Tip of the Month:
Summer is here! Time for some natural vitamin D. Vitamin D helps your body to absorb calcium. Sunlight converts cholesterol to vitamin D in your body. Get out and enjoy yourself! There are many summer time activities for everyone! Read a good book. Plant some flowers or a garden. Just remember to stay hydrated everyday especially during warm days of summer and use sunscreen for extended exposure to the sun.

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesdays—Wii Bowling
Other Activities: Birthday of the Month

Menu subject to change with out notice.
Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chicken Wild Rice, Peas & Sherbet Language Class	3 BBQ Beef Sandwich Cole Slaw & Strawberry Shortcake	4 Ham, AuGratin Potatoes Asparagus & Dessert Wii Bowling	5 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Dessert	6	7 Elder Committee Meal
8	9 Beef Stew Fresh Broccoli & Dessert Language Class	10 Fish Fillet, Mixed Veggie, Roll & Dessert	11 Angus Burger, Mac n Cheese, Veggies & Dessert Wii Bowling	12 Lasagna, Veggie, Garlic Bread, Sherbet	13	14 Flag Day 
15 Happy Father's Day!	16 Roast Beef, Potato & Carrots Dessert Language Class	17 Goulash, Carrots, Potato & Dessert	18 Chicken Salad, Macaroni Salad, Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fruit Wii Bowling	19 Spaghetti, Mixed Veggie, Garlic Toast & Dessert	20 Friday Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231-398-6886 Lunch served at noon	21 First Day of Summer! 
22	23 Taco Bar Fry Bread, Veggie & Dessert Language Class	25 Ruben Sandwich, Macaroni N Cheese Cauliflower Dessert	25 Chef's Choice Wii Bowling	26 Breakfast for lunch!	27	28
29	30 Chicken Breast Mashed Potato Veggie Blend					

Happy Birthday!

Jean Aber
Carolyn Ashby
Fern Barber
Gerald Battice
Lorraine Ceplina
June Dart
Stephanie Dysard
Charles Furman
Shirley Holman
Richard Lambert
Barbara Miller-Bassette
Marvin Nadiger
Linley Peterson
Erland Riihimaki

Martha Rohmosser
Dorothy Rozell
Leroy Smith
Henry Theodore
Roger Van Brocklin
Charlotte Vega
Norman Wellman
Darlene Wilson



GRADS!

Carlos W. Rivera



My family and I would like to congratulate Carlos W. Rivera, my son, as he begins another chapter in his life. We love you Carlos and wish you success and happiness as you begin to build on to your years with fond memories! Love, Familia

Mallory Sprague



During my trip here, I double-majored in ' International Studies and Psychology, but I found my most important lessons to come from those around me. As a resident advisor, traveler, and volunteer, I have found inspiration in a lot of unexpected places. Whether learning to deal with the headache that is group work, or just the right way to construct a paper Mache pterodactyl, U of M has afforded me a lot of

opportunities-- but shout out to my incredible friends, family, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for encouraging me to take advantage of it all. I will need all the strength, kindness, and creativity that I have learned from you all to take to Senegal- where I will be volunteering with the Peace Corps. For your continued support: Miigwech, Merci, and Thank You!

Muma Grand Family Reunion!



we want to cordially invite you to the **Muma Grand Family Reunion.**

We are having a sharing time of fond memories of Grandma and Grandpa Muma. Lottie and Gene's family will be celebrating Michael and Ashley's Graduation from High School So please bring your new graduate so we

can celebrate together.*. We plan to have festivities of Music so please bring your instruments. We have a lot of talented family members so please come and join the fun

Bring a Dish to Pass (Indian Tacos & Fry Bread will be provided)
Silent Auction (proceeds will help cover cost of pavilion) **Special Guest Speaker** ~ Willard Bontrager will be sharing family memories)

Entertainment

Date: Saturday June 28, 2014

Patrick & Anora O'Conner starting at 4p.m. (Shirley Crane's Son & Daughter in-law)

Time: 1:30 p.m or Indian Time

Place: Palmer Park in Mancelona

Activities:

Baseball
Horse Shoes
Cards
Family Socialization

RSVP:

Sandy McCaslin Shirley Crane (Hand)
sandram@lrcr.com 231-675-6499
231-510-3548

If you have, any items you would like to donate for the silent auction, please feel free to do so. Thank you! Megwetch!

God Bless!

Hally Dixon



Hally Dixon, 2014 Kearsley High School graduate, 4.002 GPA, will be attending Michigan State University in the fall, Honors Competitive Scholarship recipient, John and Sarah Hannah Scholarship recipient, and MSU Genesee County Alumni Club Scholarship recipient. Love, Jodie Dixon

Don Wilkerson



Don Wilkerson is graduating with honors from the Masters of Accounting program at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. Don would like to send a *very* special thank you to his two children, Landon and Chelsea, and his beautiful wife, Andrea for all that they have done to show their *love* and support. They are the motivation for all he does, and continue to motivate him, both as a father and a leader. He would also like to thank all of those in the Native community for their continued support and friendship *over* the past 5 years. Izhadaa Giizhigowaande! ~ Go Blue!

Source Water assessment And it's availability

Consumer Confidence Report is controlled by radio telemetry. The Water Storage Tower is monitored by our staff for needed level changes due to seasonal, fire related emergencies and/or maintenance concerns.

The Little River Band Utility Department would like to report that last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. The LRB Utility vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and we are proud to report to you that we have not violated a maximum contaminant level. The Source Water Protection Plan has been completed and is available for review the plan will be implemented to protect the areas around our

source water from inadvertent contamination.

We are currently EPA certified for testing of Total Coli-form / E-coli of which we sample for three times a month for a total of 9 samples per month.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards.

Our water system is classified as a "Community System" based on the population served which has been established in accordance with the U.S. EPA guidelines which is 8,189 customers served daily.

In August of 2013 we were in the process of having one of our wells cleaned as preventative maintenance. During the course of this work the pump was removed from the well and placed out of service. The other well failed to run during the night causing a loss of pressure in the system. It took approximately 6 hours to troubleshoot and place that second pump back in service. Due to the loss of pressure we were required to issue a boil water notice, water was made available to residences in the Aki Madiziwiin housing area and a boil water notice was distributed. Chlorine residuals were taken and the system was flushed. Bacteriological samples were taken and were absence of any bacteria. Based on the Chlorine residuals and the bacteriological sample the boil water advisory was lifted and service resumed as normal. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused and we will continue to strive to provide safe fresh potable water to our customers served by the L.R.B.O.I. Utility Department Water Distribution System.

Monitoring and reporting violations

The Utility Department has tested for various contaminants since the previous CCR from July 1st 2012 to the present. Contaminants detected along with their detection level are in this report. Samples tested for other contaminants were "not detected" in your drinking water!



Educational Statement for lead

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of plumbing materials used in your homes. You may wish to have your water tested if you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home. You may also flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using your tap water. Additional information concerning Lead levels is available from the **Safe Drinking Water, Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

see sample results listed for lead and copper

Free Well Water Testing Screening For Nitrates & Nitrites



**Bottle Drop Off Date
July 8, 2014**

**Bottle Drop Off Date
July 8, 2014**

**Bring your sample of water
in a small clean jar to the:**

**The Little River Band
of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resource Department
159 Brickyard Road
Manistee, Michigan 49660
(231) 398-2180**

**Bring your sample of water
in a small clean jar to the:**

**Manistee Conservation District
8840 Chippewa Hwy (US31)
Bear Lake, Michigan 49614
(231) 889-4761
9am-4pm**

For Further Information (231) 889-4761

Samples can be from Private wells only. Results of testing are confidential

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA and the Tribe requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Contaminants (units)	Mg/L MCLG	mg/L MCL	Our Water	Low	High	Sample Date	Exceeds	Typical Source / Health Effect
DBPR Disinfection by-product rule TTHM; (Total Trihalomethanes) <i>Results are in mg/L</i>	0.0005	0.080	0.0028mg/L	NA	0.0064	7/16/2013	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection using chlorination. Some disinfectants and disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) have been shown to cause cancer and reproductive effects in lab animals and suggested bladder cancer and reproductive effects in humans.
Bromodichloromethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0011mg/L			7/16/2013		
Bromoform	0.0005	0.080	No Detect			7/16/2013		
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0012mg/L			7/16/2013		
Chloroform	0.0005	0.080	0.0005mg/L			7/16/2013		
Dalapon No Detect and Halo acetic acids:			0.001					Same as Above
Bromochloroacetic Acid			0.001	N/A	No Detect	7/16/2013		
Dibromoacetic Acid			0.001	N/A	0.001	7/16/2013		
Dichloroacetic Acid			0.001	N/A	No Detect	7/16/2013		
Monochloroacetic Acid			0.002	N/A	No Detect	7-16-2013		
Total Halo acetic Acids			0.01	0.06	0.001	7-16-2013		
Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	AL	Our Water			Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Nitrate (well #1)				10 ppm	1.4 ppm	7-16-2013	No	Run off from fertilizer use; Leaching from Septic tanks, sewage; Erosion from natural deposits.
Nitrate (well # 2)				10 ppm	1.1 ppm	7-16-2013	No	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.
Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	AL	Our Water			Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Lead 90%	0.015 mg/L	0.015 mg/L				6-26-2013	No	Lead and copper enter the water system primarily through plumbing material. Exposure to lead and copper may cause health problems ranging from stomach distress to brain damage.
Copper 90%	1.3 mg/L	0.32 mg/L				6-26-2013	No	

For more information
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Phone: 231-398-2299
Attn: Utility Supervisor Fax: 231-723-2321
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Units Description: NA: Not applicable ND: Not detected NR: Not reported-p MNR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) Ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) is a unit for measuring radioactive concentrations. The curie (Ci) unit is the activity of 1 gram of pure radium 226. Pico is a scientific notation term which means 1×10^{-12} Important Drinking Water Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water

system must follow. MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Indian Preference Business

Are you a business owner that owns 51 percent of your business? Are you a member of a Federal Recognized Indian Tribe? If so, your business may qualify for Indian Preference. To get registered with the Little River Band, please contact **Michelle Lucas at 888.723.8288.**



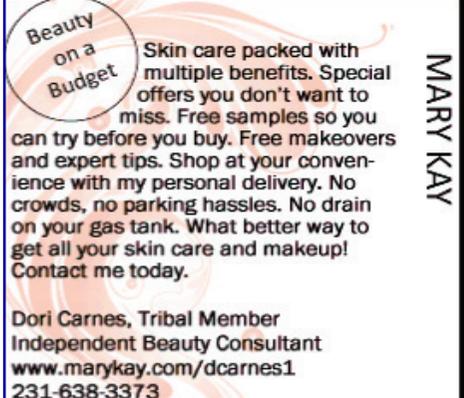
- Tree Removal • Chipping •
- Bucket Truck Specialist •
- Insurance Work • Firewood •
- Stump Grinding •
- Brush Clearing •

MITCH THEODORE
 94 N. Park St.
 Muskegon, MI 49442
 Office 231-788-2123

Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288. Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first.



Beauty on a Budget
 Skin care packed with multiple benefits. Special offers you don't want to miss. Free samples so you can try before you buy. Free makeovers and expert tips. Shop at your convenience with my personal delivery. No crowds, no parking hassles. No drain on your gas tank. What better way to get all your skin care and makeup! Contact me today.

MARY KAY
 Dori Carnes, Tribal Member
 Independent Beauty Consultant
www.marykay.com/dcarnes1
 231-638-3373



Eve Salisbury
 Independent Beauty Consultant
 (231)571-0627
crafterlady1940@comcast.net
www.marykay.com/ysalisbury

MARY KAY

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.



GREAT LAKES PET MEMORIAL & CREMATORY
Pet Cremation Service & Memorial Products
 • Great Lakes Pet Memorial & Crematory •

Pick-Up Service - 24 Hour Service
 Discounts for LRBOI Members
 Tribal Member Owned!

Custom Urns ♦ Books ♦ Glass Art ♦ Jewelry
 Personalized Stones ♦ Burial Markers ♦ Engraving

Traverse City
 (231) 421-1370

Scan Me!


www.GLPetMemorial.com



Shirley M. Brauker
 1048 Silver Road
 Coldwater, MI 49036
 260-243-9027
sbrauker@gmail.com
www.moonbearpottery.com

This story is an account of the coming of age of a young Native American boy on a bear hunting trip in Canada. He finds himself through personal events and Spiritual awakening that he encounters. He realizes

the importance of seeing and understanding the little messages the Universe gives us every day. He has many decisions to make that eventually help form the man he becomes. He carries these teachings with him throughout the rest of his life. He grows in personal strength and wisdom, through the choices he makes.



10% Off To Tribal Members
DiPiazza's Pizzeria
 1358 LEONARD ST. NW
459-2754

SUN - MON 4:30 TILL 9:00 PM
 TUES - WED - THURS 4:30 TILL 10:00 PM
 FRI & SAT 4:30 TILL 12:00 AM
 LUNCH THURS & FRI 11:00AM - 1:30PM

HOME OF THE LARGEST PIZZA IN GRAND RAPIDS & WEST MICHIGAN
Big Di's 30" XXXL
 CHECK OUT OUR DEALS AT
WWW.DIPIAZZASPIZZERIA.COM
 Tribal Member Owned

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@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)

Michigan Indian Family Olympics



Its time to start training for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. The 2014 Games will take place on Friday, July 18th in Mt Pleasant, MI

Be-Da-Bin Prevention Program would like to invite all tribal member families that are interested in attending the 27th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics to pre-register. We are looking for participants of all ages, shapes and sizes! This event is to promote health and wellness through a family fun day of physical athletic events with mainly track and field events. The 2014 games will take place on Friday, July 18, 2014. Our department is arranging a trip to Central Michigan University (in Mt. Pleasant) to compete in the Olympics. Please contact Julie Wolfe at BeDaBin to sign up at 1-888-723-8288 ext 6740.

All are welcome to join us and help represent our community.



Wanted Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society please email vjohnson@lrboi.com or rmemberto@lrboi.com for application and or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being

an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Ski Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meeting are followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Aanii:

Finally, Spring is here in Upper West Michigan after a long, snowy winter.

I am having a difficult time trying to keep up with the Currents new schedule of one month hard copy and the next month an E-Currents. Personally, I think the Currents should be a hard copy each month unless the member requests otherwise. I will be working to try and make that happen in the future. We continue to work on the tribal fishing program and Tribal Council

recently put out another RFP to contract out the removal of any problem fishing nets. The nets are scheduled to be removed by the end of May. Tribal Council will also be working on revamping the fishing program.

A major event is being scheduled to honor the tribe's 20th anniversary of reaffirmation. Both the tribal Government and the Resort are working together to prepare for the event. Keep watching the Rapid River news for updates.

Declining government budget continues to be a focus of attention which we are continually monitoring. Revenues at the resort are down from previous years but the Casino/Resort Board of Directors continue to work at solutions to increase revenues.

We continue to work at our Muskegon Project and our focus is turning to doing some economic development on the property, hopefully on the Sternberg side. We are in contact with the State and Federal governments as we work to get through the red tape to get our Muskegon Casino up and running. We have worked out an agreement with MDOT for them to purchase sand from the area to be used in their work on local highways. You may see loaders and a variety of heavy equipment near the "hill" area on the property. Until next month...

Little River CASINO RESORT

It appears that spring has finally come to Little River Casino Resort. The hardest winter in the history of the resort is now in our rearview mirror, and we can now move forward to an exciting summer. I'm truly looking forward to my second summer in Manistee. Western Michigan is one of the most beautiful places that I've been, and it is truly an honor to live here. Beside the great "Pure Michigan" outdoors that we have to attract guests to our resort, we also have several great entertainment events. Our summer starts on Friday, May 23rd with *Hotel California*, the world-famous Eagles tribute band, but that is just a warm-up to June when we have four BIG shows.

We are hosting *The Mavericks* on Saturday, June 7th. This great country group never ceases to please. The end of June hold the best week of concerts in the history of the resort. It starts on Saturday, June 21st with Michigan's own Grand Funk Railroad and ends with the Grammy award winning Mavis Staples and Robert Cray on June 27th. In the middle, we are proud to host the open show of Alice Cooper's tour. Alice is using Little River to rehearse his new show where he opens for the farewell tour of *Motley Crue*. After he perfects his show, he will unveil it at Little River on Thursday, June 26th. Please show Alice that Little River hospitality while he makes us his temporary home. We have more exciting show for August that we will announce shortly.

This summer is the 15th anniversary of the casino. All of our great Team Members are anxious to show you their top customer service and hospitality. Please come help us celebrate 15 years of being the best casino in Michigan. We are proud to be your casino.

Beautiful Podium

The Tribal Council would like to thank [Lonnie Ballard](#) and [Mike Burmeister](#) for the beautiful podium both presented to Tribal Council. The hands of a true craftsman added beauty to our Lodge. From the bottom of our hearts "Chi Miigech" to all who made this possible.

Virgil Johnson
Sandy Mezeske
Pat Ruiter
Shannon Crampton
Del Peters
Frankie Medacco
Gary DiPiazza
Marty Wabindato
Mike Ceplina



Thank you so very much!!!!





The cordial meeting gave the tribal leaders and the governor the opportunity to publicly address concerns and lend strength to our sovereign position within the state.



Tribal leaders from the United Tribes of Michigan met on May 12 at the Soaring Eagle Casino with Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. Each year at this time the leaders of the sovereign tribal nations meet with the current governor of the state to discuss issues of importance to both the tribes and the state.

From Little River, Ogema Larry Romanelli and Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson led our delegation which also included Council member Gary DiPiazza, Commerce Director Robert Memberto and Executive Counsel Damian Fisher.

Shortly after a working lunch by the tribal leaders, the Governor joined them in a formal setting to discuss issues. Jennifer Wassegijig, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Tribal Chaplain began the meeting with prayer followed by a greeting and opening statement by Steve Pego, Tribal Chief.

Following the formal discussion, gifts were exchanged. From Little River, Ogema Romanelli and Speaker Johnson presented a beautiful hand-beaded talking stick to the Governor.



Governor Snyder then gave a few opening remarks which were followed by each leader at the table taking five to ten minutes for a presentation on issues of importance to the Tribal nations. The topics were ranging from the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver to Water concerns to invasive species fears, sovereignty of tribal nations and even a brief touching on the subject of the state Wolf Hunt...something vehemently opposed by the tribal leaders.

The gift was made by Linda Hoover and it rested in a doeskin pouch with beading by Deb Davis.

This is some of the pictures from the Princess Prep 2014 we had on Saturday. All of the girls had fun. We all learned a lot from our Kwewok from our community.

Speakers were Alyce Glitz, Jessica Berger, Janine Sam, Princess 2010-11 Katie Crawford and our current princess Isabel Berger. Our teacher for the fancy shawl was Elizabeth Gonzales. We all had a chance to learn how to Fancy Shawl Dance.

The food for the event was prepared by volunteer Jamie Friedel. The girls came from as far away as Wisconsin to learn what it takes to be the Little River Princess. The knowledge they were offered will be valuable in the future if they decide to enter the circle to become Princess of the Little River.



Blue Bird Houses



- This is a picture of the finished Bluebird houses that were made on May 30th at LRBOI.
- The kids and adults all had fun that day and everyone left with a finished birdhouse.
- Deb Davis from the Education Department said that, "I would like to thank Dave Corey for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and help the kids build their Bluebird houses." Deb also thanked others who helped to make this event a success.



Prayer Request



Submitted by Terry Webb:

As his grandmother, I pray for him but, my heart is so worried. This is my firstborn grandson, Anthony Webb. He has just been deployed to Kuwait. He went straight into the army after graduation. He is 19 years old. I told him how proud I was of him and that he is a Strong Warrior like his daddy.

He responded with "I get it from my Gammy!"

He says that because of the cancer journey that I went on. I fought like a girl and won!

Please add him to your prayer list, if you would.

Miigwetch

“Wawiinge maadaadiziwin”.
“Beginning a journey with wellness”

Talking Circle 12-Step meeting

Wenesh pii: Every Wednesday @ 3:30pm
Aanni pish: BeDaBin Conference Room

We meet weekly to support healing thru a holistic approach to wellness including recovery of all forms utilizing anishnaabe values and teachings to encourage the adoption of a healthy, balanced lifeway by reclaiming our place in the circle of life

More information:

Dottie 231-398-6741 Or Julie 231-398-6740



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

Attention Vendors

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

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

Kawewok Circle

You can become a Princess!

Miss LRBOI Princess Isabel Burger 2013-14



Imagine yourself being crowned Miss LRBOI Princess

What an honor!

You will travel to make personal appearances to represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as a role model for our people and the other young ladies aspiring to become princess.

You will receive a Crown, Sash, Flowers, a photo shoot and many extras including being treated as royalty. The runners up will receive a sash, flowers and a gift certificate.

Requirements to apply

Age 13-18

Single, no dependents

Full regalia

Must have knowledge of customs and traditions.

All have to write a short bio about yourself. Share goals, ambitions, education, family, your interest and hobbies

Must be Little River or a descendent

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

For information on how to apply call
Kawewok Circle
231-510-4366

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDIPIR) 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 FDIPIR 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

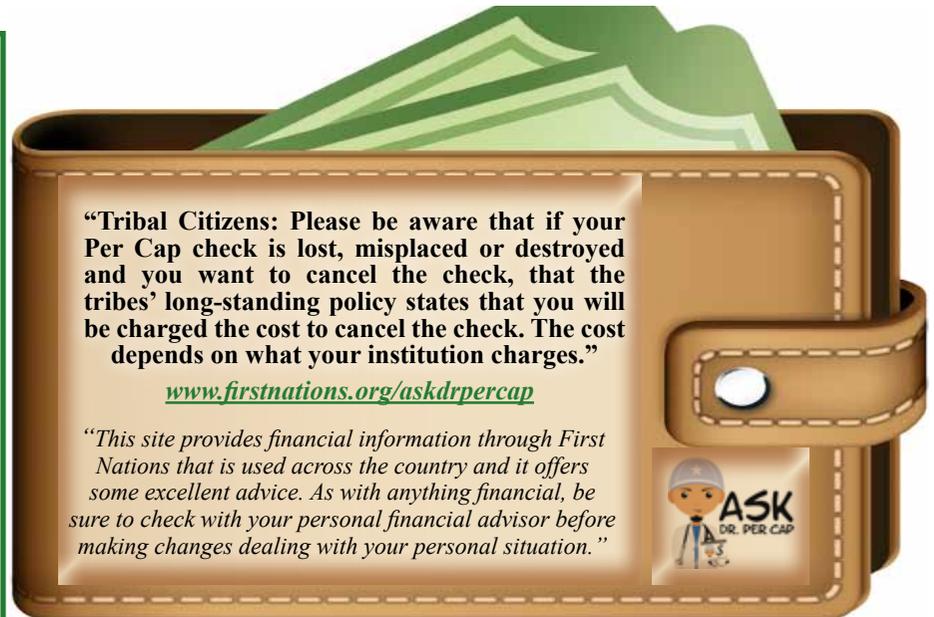
Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,110.00
2.	\$ 1,445.00
3.	\$ 1,780.00
4.	\$ 2,126.00
5.	\$ 2,489.00
6.	\$ 2,852.00
7.	\$ 3,187.00
8.	\$ 3,522.00

For each additional member add \$ 335.00

Office hours are
8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

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

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



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

www.firstnations.org/askdrpercap

“This site provides financial information through First Nations that is used across the country and it offers some excellent advice. As with anything financial, be sure to check with your personal financial advisor before making changes dealing with your personal situation.”



Free Legal Help for Low-Income Native Americans

Michigan Indian Legal Services may be able to help you with your legal issue. MILS Attorneys can handle the following types of cases in Tribal Court:

- ◆ Child Welfare
- ◆ Eviction
- ◆ Juvenile Delinquency
- ◆ Criminal Defense
- ◆ ICWA-MIFPA
- ◆ Appellate Cases*
- ◆ Guardianship*
- ◆ Other Matters

*Available in State Court Proceedings

To find out if we can help you with your legal issue, call us at (231) 947-0122 or toll free at (800) 968-6877. Our office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.mils3.org.

Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services to low income Indian individuals and tribes to further self sufficiency, overcome discrimination, assist tribal governments and preserve Indian families.

(231) 947-0122 ♦ (800) 968-6877

www.mils3.org



Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for young children, and properly restrained children have a more than 50 percent greater chance of surviving a crash. When driving with children, you should always use the appropriate car seat or seat belt. If you are a Tribal family with children 12 years of age or younger, and want to provide greater protection for your children when they are riding in your vehicle, then we encourage you to participate in our **Child Car Safety Seat Education Program**.

Benefits of the Program

- Find out the most appropriate safety seat for your child
- Learn the proper way to install your car safety seat
- Receive a new car safety seat for each eligible child absolutely free!



Qualified staff will be available to assist in the selection of a car safety seat and provide instruction on how to properly install and remove each safety seat.



Locations and Dates

Saturday, July 5, 2014
LRBOI Government Center
(during the 19th Annual Jingtamok)
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 2014
LRBOI Government Center
(during the 21st Annual Anishinabe Language and Culture Camp)
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Steve Parsons at 231-398-6810.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

2014 Child Car Safety Seat Education Program This program is made available through a grant provided by the Federal Highway Administration Tribal Transportation Safety Fund

Sturgeon Program 2014



The Lake Sturgeon program's 2014 field season is just getting underway with the arrival of spring. We currently have the sturgeon rearing facility deployed at Rainbow Bend.

As the season continues the Natural Resource Department would like to keep you updated with progress throughout the season by placing updates on the Lake Sturgeon webpage at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/lake-sturgeon-program>.

Check often for up to date news, tours, and contact information, and information regarding the 11th Annual Sturgeon Release Ceremony



The OLC Bravehearts Archery Team were the 2013 JD Target National Collegiate Archery Champions, Pictured are Michelle LeBeau, Edwin Fills Pipe, Elaine Yellow Horse, Nick Gibbons, Cammie Griffith, Ray Hernandez, Akeswic Milk, and Coach Joe Flood

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.

Positive Indian Parenting Honoring Children by Honoring Our Traditions

EVERY MONDAY EVENING
JULY 14TH 5:30 TO 7:30
1101 W. Hackley Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49441

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

Grant Opportunity

The Little River Band Housing Department has recently received an extension for the ICDBG to assist prospective Homeowners with Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance. This program is available for first time Homeowners.



Must be 21 years of age



Must be an enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Michigan residence only



Maximum amount allowed is \$12,000.00



It is based on 4% Down Payment and 4% Closing Cost on the total purchase price of the home, \$150,000.00 max



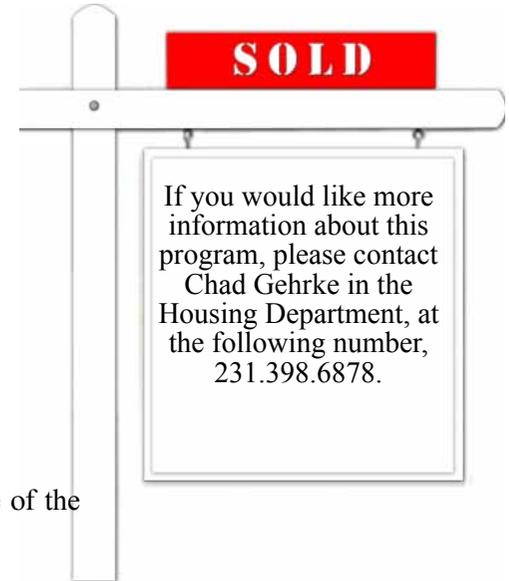
The home must be the members Primary Permanent Residence for a minimum of FIVE years



Household Income must be below the 80% Median Income for the area or the nation whichever is higher



Closing must be completed by September 30, 2014 as that is the last day this grant is available to us





Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 W. Hackley Ave
Muskegon, MI 49441

Santana Aker
231-398-6654

Join the
First Nations
Development
Institute

Time?
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Want to Purchase a Home?

When?
June 9th - June 13th, 2014

Financial Skills for Families Classes

These classes will help you:

-  Understand the requirements of home loans,
-  learn how to become accepted for a loan.
-  Determine your credit score, and build a plan to improve that score.
-  Know how Debt to Income Ratio determines your eligibility for a home loan.

Get Your hands on a home of your own

The education department is offering financial classes to any LRBOI Tribal Citizen that wants to own a home, and who would like to better understand the process of buying a home. The classes will use the First Nations Instructional tools and workbooks, and help LRBOI citizens create a financial plan to help them achieve their goal of owning their own home.

Smoking Risks are more deadly now than they were 50 years ago.



Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, April 22, 2014. Nearly 14,500 people die every year from commercial tobacco use in Michigan according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Teens are being targeted as their replacements. Every adult who dies early because of smoking is replaced by two new, young smokers, one of whom also will die early from smoking as reported in the 50th Anniversary of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health.

For decades the tobacco industry has been encouraging children to start smoking. Images that make smoking appealing to youth are still highly visible in our society. For instance, they are found in movies and on tv, in video games, in retail advertising, and online.

As a result of tobacco industry marketing and other influences, more than 3,200 children younger than the age of 18 smoke their first cigarette every day. Nearly 9 out of 10 smokers start before the age of 18. If you use commercial tobacco products, how old you were when you tried your first "smoke" or "chew"?

Cigars today are no longer the "big stogies" that our grandfathers used to smoke. Flavored tobacco products have become increasingly common in the United States. These product's, contain flavors like vanilla, orange, chocolate, and coffee, just to name a few, and are especially attractive to youth. They are widely considered to be "starter" products, establishing tobacco habits that can lead to a lifetime of addiction. All tobacco products, including flavored tobacco products are as addictive and carry the same health risks as regular tobacco products.

Smoking risks are more deadly now than they were 50 years ago. Scientist have identified more than 7,000 chemicals and chemical compounds found in tobacco smoke. Of those, at least 70 of them are known to specifically cause cancer.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan received a Tribal Support Center/SEMA (Strengthening and Educating Michigan's Anishinabe) grant through the Centers for Disease Control to work with Michigan's federally recognized tribes to reduce commercial tobacco use in their tribal communities, eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke, promote tobacco cessation, and prevent youth initiation to commercial tobacco use.

As a result of these efforts the media campaign; "Don't be a Replacement, Be an Original" was adapted from the Rhode Island Department of Health's own youth media campaign to fit into our tribal communities in Michigan warning youth about the dangers of commercial tobacco use and to inform them of the tobacco industry marketing tactics they are exposed to each day enticing them to try their products.

According the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, tobacco industry marketing continues to spend \$8.8 billion (or more than \$24 million per day) nationwide. An estimated portion spent in Michigan on marketing each year is \$276.1 million, or \$23 million per month.

The Be Original campaign is designed to inform and educate our youth, and adults, to make healthy lifestyle decisions which will enable them to have a long and healthy life free of commercial tobacco.

The campaign kick-off will be held at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Office at 2956 Ashmun Street (near the corner of 3 Mile and Ashmun) on Tuesday, April 22nd at 2:30 p.m. Please join us if you would like to learn more about the campaign. For more information please contact the ITC Office at 906-632-6896.

ANNUAL AVON WALK FOR BREAST CANCER CHICAGO RAISES \$4.7 MILLION



Thank You to everyone who supported me with donations, thoughts & prayers, well-wishes and good words of encouragement. With all of your help, I DID IT! MIIGWECH!!!!

2,200 Women and Men Participate in the 39.3 & 26.2 Walk; Seven Local Breast Cancer Organizations Receive Grants
The Avon Walk Chicago – the fourth of eight 2014 Avon Walks across the country – attracted 2,200 participants from 36 states and Washington, D.C., as well as Canada, the U.K. and Ireland. In addition, 276 breast cancer survivors and 329 men joined together to raise lifesaving funds for breast cancer.

Grants were awarded to help provide navigation and support services for 1,500 medically underserved women undergoing screening, diagnostic testing, or treatment, support for patient navigation services, to screen more than 15,000 women and help hundreds needing assistance, as well as Universities and Hospitals with ongoing research.

23 Physicians from 14 countries will begin their four – eight week course of clinical training at 12 leading Avon Foundation-funded U S breast cancer centers.



Happy Birthday

Nancy Ann Bower
Thomas John Bray
William Morgan Compeau
Emilio Cantu
Robert Wendell Cantu
Eugene Paul Cram
Frank John Crampton Jr.
Carlos Eagle
Regina Mae Forbes
Joan Connie Hanson
Mary Lou Hoffmeyer

Phyllis Leah Kott
Virginia Lenartowicz
Martin Kay Lilleberg
Charlott Ann Paszkowski
Alvin Dean Patricio
Violet Ann Peterson
Eugene Richard Ramsey
Harvey Alfred Ray
Allan Gerold Ray
Lillian Rodriguez
Norma Somers
Jacob Peter Wabindato

Brad Jr Curtis
Mark Cross
Sharon Cross
Robert Hart
Alan Renner
Mitch Theodore
Lillian Virginia
Theodore (June 4th)
on her 90th
Birthday.



Corey Wells on
May 4th harvested
a Sturgeon from
Black Lake,
Michigan Weighing
in at 71 lbs. and
measured 63"
**Congratulations
Corey!**

Karen Draper
Harvested an eight point
buck on November 15,
2013 **Congratulations!**



Johnathan Moore



The fish was caught in the wee hours of the morning just before sunrise on March 11th 2014 in Manistee Lake at the boat launch area across from Mancino's. Bait used was fresh Steelhead spawn. He was using a medium action spinning rod with 10lb test line. He said that when it bit it would just barely move the tip of his

pole. He waited till he thought it had the hook in its mouth, tightened his drag and set the hook. He said it felt like nothing he's ever felt before. There was no give and just a steady pull. After tiring the fish out he had to beach it because it wouldn't fit in his Steelhead net. The fish was 52" long and weighed about 50lbs. He said it was a very strong and healthy fish and is glad to see they are thriving in our area. It was returned back to the water and swam off majestically. It was one fish He is always going to remember catching. I am proud of him, he has always loved fishing and this was quite the accomplishment.... for any Fisherman!



Kelli L. graduating with an Associates Degree in Office Systems Education from Muskegon Community College.



Congratulationto Brian Theodore Sr on earning his Associates Degree from Muskegon Community College! He received the degree in ceremonies Saturday May 3rd in Muskegon.





Late in April, a special program was debuted for preference employees at the Little River Casino Resort. General Manager, Wendell Long and the Director of Tribal Development, Israel Stone unveiled the new development program in presentations in the Three Fires Conference Center. The background to the program is that over the years it had been identified that our tribal members were often not being given the training that they needed to be successful in their professions.

Skill sets were not developed and the comment was often heard that members were, “being set up to fail” by putting them in positions where they faced a serious uphill battle due to lack of training and experience.

INTRODUCTION

- The purpose of the Sevens program is to create opportunity for Tribal Citizens and people of preference through:

Empowerment
Enrichment
Education
Training
Continual Professional Development

Enter the new focus upon Tribal Development and you have a new, comprehensive program entitled “*Sevens*”.

The program is based upon the Anishinaabek culture and our teachings such as the *Seven Grandfathers*. Look over the first few PowerPoint slides of the presentation given to preference employees and you will get a taste of one of the greatest programs to come along... one dedicated to our members and their success.

SEVENS PROGRAM

What is Sevens?

- Anishinaabek Culture is the foundation.
- Sevens is the highly customized development process that utilizes a combination of Best Practices and the IDP process.
- Every preference employee will be accounted for in the program.
- An Individual Development Plan will be developed on and semiannual calendar year.

THE FOUNDATION

- The foundation of the program is based upon the Seven Grandfather Teachings.
- The Seven Grandfathers encompass all the qualities and characteristics that we would desire in a leader.
- Applying these Teachings to our daily lives as well as our career will guide us to be better employees and citizens.

Conservation Officer Shoot Team



Northwest team. Finally taking first place was the team from the Great Lakes Region. Each member of the team was presented with an embroidered sweatshirt.

It was a great honor for me to represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a member of the NAFWS Great Lakes Region Shoot team and I look forward to competing again at the Great Lakes Regional shoot this September.



Last year at the NAFWS Great Lakes Regional Conference I made the Conservation Officer Shoot Team. Last week at the NAFWS National Conference the Great Lake

Team competed against two shoot teams from the Pacific Northwest Region and the Great Plains Region.

During the competition each five member team had to shoot at automated targets from the 3, 7, 15, and 25 yard lines for a total of 60 rounds. Each team had to shoot that course three times.

The Great Lakes team comprised of

Captain Bill Bailey from Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Conservation Officer Roger Willis from Little Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Sgt. Robert Robles Jr. from Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and Chief Game Warden Terry Metoxen from Oneida Tribe of Indians. Our fifth team member was unable to make it to the conference. After all the shooting was finished and the targets were all scored the winners were announced at the conference banquet. Taking third place was the team from the Great Plains region. Taking second place was the team from the Pacific





Golden egg winner 0-2 yr
age group Arriella LaPine



2 Golden egg winner
3-6 age group Achilles
Peterson



Golden egg winner 7&up
age group Andre Pontiac W/
lil sister Joselyn



Please note that this is the egg hunt
Sponsored by BEDABIN on Saturday
on the Fundraiser that was held by
Sandy Meseke





As our tribe approaches another election cycle, we wanted to state the Currents policy regarding candidate ads, advertisements or statement well in advance so as to help our candidates with their campaign planning. Here are the two policies in effect at this time regarding 'advertising' in our tribal media.

LRBOI Office of Public Affairs Standard Operating Procedure

Political Announcement policy for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its enterprises

Political announcements will be only accepted during a declared election period! Candidate announcements for each office will be of equal size and will offer the opportunity to include the candidates' picture along with copy and contact information. When listed in the newspaper, candidates will appear grouped by office and in alphabetical order by their last name. Endorsement ads will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the candidate to submit their information.

Size and Design the size and design of the candidate announcements will be processed in the following fashion to ensure fair competition. The size of the available space for each candidate will be determined by the Office of Public Affairs ahead of time. Space will be made available for a candidate photograph and a predetermined amount of written copy (a set number of words as measured by Microsoft Office Word Count).

Ad formats. Not all graphic programs work for our computers and we will not spend time trying to work with non-standard programs that are unsupported by the tribe. Candidates will be requested to submit their photographs (digital) and to submit their copy (wording) via e-mail. Just include the wording in the body of your email to: gzaring@lrboi-nsn.gov and aeagle@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Submission and Deadlines

All candidate information must be submitted in accordance with publication deadlines. The deadlines are as follows:

Little River Currents – the first business day of the month by 5 p.m.

Rapid River News – Monday morning by 8:30 a.m.

Concert Line Up

June 21. 8pm. Grand Funk Railroad

June 16. 9pm. Alice Cooper

June 27. 9pm. Robert Cray Band & Mavis Staples

Little River
CASINO RESORT
Little River. Big Fun.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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

Or Current Resident

LRBOI Office of Public Affairs Standard Operating Procedure

Internal Advertisement policy for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its enterprises

The following references the department policy for Internal Advertisements which run in the tribal newspaper, the Currents, the Rapid River News and which appear upon the tribal website.

Explanation: The purpose of running ads and announcements in the Currents is to promote Tribal programs for the information and benefit of the wellbeing of the Tribal Membership and surrounding community.

The Office of Public Affairs does not charge for advertising and is solely supported by tribal dollars. Ad space is made available for tribal enterprises and members, free of charge, to advertise their products and services.

Ad Approval: All Ads & Ad designs are subject to approval from the Graphic Layout Artist and or the Public Affairs Director. Every effort will be made to submit final ad proofs to the originators of the ad for their timely approval.

Duration of Ads: Ads that are 1/2 page or full page will not exceed a duration of one month or more without approval from the director. It will be at the request of the submitting department to plan which month(s) they would like to run their advertisement and this must be communicated to the Office of Public Affairs clearly.

Size and Design: All ad sizes will be reasonable in design, but text will be limited in a rational manner. Ads that contain more than a paragraph of text will need to be submitted as articles by their respective departments or members.

Ad formats: Please contact the graphic artist before submitting ads to ensure that your computer design program is compatible with the tribes' computers. Not all graphic programs work for our computers and we will not spend time trying to work with non-standard programs that are unsupported by the tribe. Always check with the designer beforehand! As usual, the department will assist with creation of ads when possible.

Submission and Deadlines □ All departments will need to reasonably notify Public Affairs if they are planning on running an advertisement at least one week prior to the deadline. This will allow time for design and planning of the advertisement. All ads must be submitted in a reasonable time. The deadlines are as follows:

Little River Currents – the first business day of the month

Rapid River News – Monday morning by 8:30 a.m. Contact for publications:

Director Glenn Zaring, 231.398.6872 gzaring@lrboi-nsn.gov

Graphic Designer Angela Eagle, 231.398.6840 aeagle@lrboi-nsn.gov