

On September 30, 2014 Little River Casino Resort was named as the 2014 IEBA Casino of the Year at the close of the (IEBA) conference in Nashville, Tennessee, where the awards ceremony was held.

“Woohoo! On behalf of the GREAT Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little River Casino Resort and our GREAT employees, we thank you for this prestigious award,” said Wendell Long, General Manager of the Little River Casino Resort when he accepted the award from the presenter.

During the ceremony, other venues and individuals were recognized for their achievements, including Little River’s entertainment buyer, Kell Houston. Presenters included the Oak Ridge Boys, T.G. Sheppard, and Vince Gill. During the conference, the Doobie Brothers were inducted into the IEBA Hall of Fame and they also performed at the end of the ceremony.

The Little River Casino Resort prides itself on being one of the premier entertainment destinations in Michigan. Every year some of America’s favorite headliners come to our stage. Over the years we’ve booked many different acts with great success from various musical genres, comedy, and even a well- received magic show.



The Little River Casino Resort is a wholly-owned enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

20th Anniversary

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was reaffirmed by President William Jefferson Clinton on September 21st, 1994. In honor of the event there were two celebrations. The one for the overall community on September 18th, was combined with a Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce ‘Business After Hours’ and the one for the tribal family was a full-blown dinner on September 20th at the Makwa Endaat in the casino resort.



Candidacy Packets next month!

The next tribal election has been declared and Candidacy packets will be available on November 3rd.



Open seats
3 Tribal Council
9-county
1 Tribal Council
at-large

Open seats
Ogema;
2 Election Board

Open seats
1 Judge
2 Appellate Judge

Be sure to check out the full details on page 8.



Take Back The Night

Domestic Violence is a major issue in tribal communities and our Family Services Department and others are actively working to educate and inform our people about the problem and how to handle it in a good way. Last month there was a very nice remembrance walk at Aki Maadiziwin Housing with presentations and ceremony. Go to page 11 for pictures and details.



November Native Vote: “We are less than one month away from another national election and it is imperative that you, as tribal citizens and American citizens, participate in the election and the choices that are being made which will affect us now and into the future. Remember our 7th Generation teachings, that we must think and act in such a way that we work to improve the world for our people well into the future. Sitting out or saying that, ‘Our vote doesn’t matter’ is not a choice. Your vote does matter and your voice as a Native American does matter! Study the issues and the candidates and get out to vote. It is your right and your responsibility.”

Ogema Larry Romanelli, LRBOI

A commentary reprinted from Native News Online. ANCHORAGE, ALASKA This election cycle, Mark Trahant, the Atwood Chair at the University of Anchorage, has been writing commentaries on various aspects of the importance of the Native vote, which can be in some cases the tipping point that influences who wins or loses an election

“Why vote?”

One. Because voting is an act of sovereignty. The late Billy Frank Jr. used to articulate [2] different ways that we practice sovereignty today. Taking a fish is an act of sovereignty. Using an eagle feather is sovereignty. Or picking berries.

I would add voting to that list. There’s a great example going on right now: the Independence vote in Scotland [3]. Every Scot citizen, 16-years and older, will have a say about their future country. But that voice is only possible now because of Scotland’s participation in the United Kingdom’s electoral process. The idea of returning power had to be ratified in Parliament, a proposition demanded and promoted by the elected representatives from Scotland. Other countries have gone to war over independence. But Scotland is voting. The ultimate use of sovereignty.

Two. Because too many folks don’t want you to vote. Too many government officials are taking steps to make casting a ballot harder [4], limiting early voting options, alternative polling spots, or failing to account for native languages. Across the country there are lawsuits [5] seeking resolution.

But the smartest act of defiance is to vote. Every vote is reprimand of the philosophy to limit access. One of the worst examples of that notion surfaced last week when a Georgia state senator said [6] he preferred “educated voters” to any increase from new voters.

Three. Because climate change is real and any candidate who says it’s not, should be ruled out as a leader. The science is clear 97 percent of all peer-reviewed [7] papers say the same thing: Global warming is real and humans are the cause. (This graphic from NASA is one way to see it for yourself. [8])

Why does this matter? Because our political leaders are going to have to make tough choices in the years and decades ahead on issues. Indian Country is already being impacted and that will only get worse as communities will need significant new resources for mitigation or even relocation. If you vote for your children, this might be the most important single reason.

Four. Because the Affordable Care Act matters. American Indians and Alaska Natives have been calling for full funding for the Indian health system for, well, since the Treaty era in the 19th century. But never in the history of the country has Indian health been adequately funded. For all it’s problems, the Affordable Care Act opens up a mechanism [9] to significantly increase the revenue stream for Indian health.

And the alternative from critics?
There is not one.

April 25, 2012, at a news conference on Capitol Hill, then Tulalip Tribal Vice Chairman Deborah Parker told her powerful personal story about abuse. Her story carried on YouTube [10] and across the nation via social media as well as legacy media changed everything. The Senate passed the measure. Then the House leadership supported an extraordinary [11] deal. According to Talking Points Memo: “The Rules Committee instead sent the House GOP’s version of the Violence Against Women Act to the floor with a key caveat: if that legislation fails, then the Senate-passed version will get an up-or-down vote.”

That made it possible for Congress (and the president to sign into law) the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act.

Six. Because friends matter. Even when they disagree. Most of the time, anyway.

The Violence Against Women Act is a good example of why friends matter. Oklahoma’s Tom Cole was able to convince his Republican leadership about the importance of the act. This law would not have happened without him. Cole, and Idaho’s Rep. Mike Simpson, have been important voices within the Republican caucus on

matters ranging from VAWA to the limiting the damage from sharp budget cuts. And that brings me to seven ...

Seven. Because there should never, ever be another Alaska Exception. If the Violence Against Women Act represents the best in politics, the Alaska Exception is the opposite. Alaska has epidemic levels [12] of sexual violence and rape. So what does Congress do? It takes away a tool that tribal communities might be able to use to turn the situation around.

What’s worse is that the exception was inserted into the bill by Alaska Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski who owes her election to Alaska Native voters and corporate spending. (I know this undermines Reason Six.) The Washington Post said last month [13]: “Now, after pressure from Alaska Natives, Murkowski is reversing her position and trying to repeal the provision she inserted.” There are no heroes in Congress on this provision, including Alaska Sen. Mark Begich, a Democrat, who also supported the exception. He, too, has reversed himself.

The promise unfulfilled is that Congress would revisit this issue. Something that has yet to happen. But this whole episode should be a warning; a never again moment.

Eight. Because Congress must pass a Carcieri fix. The Supreme Court ruled in 2009 that limits what land the Department of Interior can take into trust. This has significant impact on tribal economic development. Montana’s Sen. Jon Tester, chairman of the Indian affairs committee, told Indian Country Today Media Network that while he [14] believes in a clean fix, “many of my colleagues in the Senate don’t agree.”

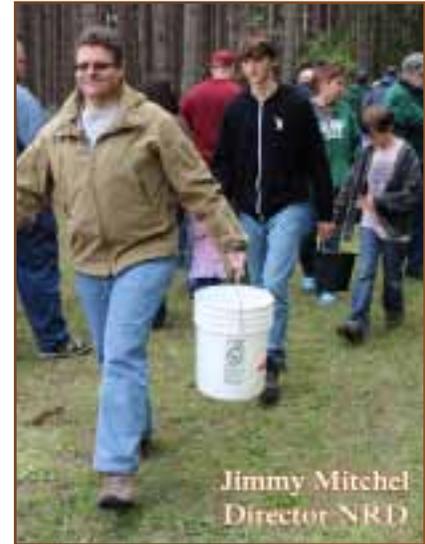
The way to change that is pressure from voters.

Nine. Because your votes counts more than the gazillions spent by those with money. Turn on a television and you see that money at work, ad after ad, dark images, somber music, and words about the evils of certain candidates. Politics should be about ideas and policies more than personality. What do we want out of government? How do we pay for that? Those are the big questions. The best way to do that is to ignore the campaigns and just vote.

Ten. Because women matter. More than half the population of the country is female yet representation is only about one-fifth in the Senate and even less than that in the House. As The Washington Post reported [15] this week: “The Congress has always been and continues to be the domain of white men.” I think of the words of the late Wilma Mankiller. [16] She said Cherokee treaty negotiators asked the United States team, “Where are your women?” Cherokee women often accompanied leaders at negotiations and so it was inconceivable that the federal government would come alone. There must be balance if we want to become the democracy that we can be.

Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Marty Wabindato	Total
09/02	Constitutional Amendments	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
09/02	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
09/02	Dennis Gartland & Niergarth	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	7
09/04	Muschigon Construction	x	x	V	x	x	x	V	x		6
09/04	Handbook	x	x	V	x	x	x	V	x	x	7
09/05	SORNA	x		x	x	x	x	V	x	x	7
09/05	Protection Against Defamation	x		x	x	x	x	V	x	x	7
09/05	Meeting Procedures Ordinance	x		x	x	x	x	V	x	x	7
09/05	Government Financial Report	x		x	x	x	x	V	x	x	7
09/08	Athletic Commission	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
09/08	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
09/09	Contracting Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
09/09	Gaming Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
09/11	Workers' Compensation Ord	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
09/11	Travel Reguulations	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
09/11	20th Anniversary Celebration	x		V	x	x	x	x		x	6
09/15	Valliant Report	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	7
09/15	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
09/15	LRCR Financial Review	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
09/15	LRCR Board Interview	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
09/15	LRCR Board Interview	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
09/16	Gov Employee Relations Act	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	7
09/16	Indian Preference Ordinance	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	x	7
09/16	Benefits Presentation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
09/18	Pharmacy Budget Review	x	x		x	x	*	x	x	x	7
09/18	CHS-EHAP Budget Review	x	x		x	x	*	x	x	x	7
09/18	Utilities Budget Review	x	x		x	*	x	x	x	x	7
09/18	Education Budget Review	x	x		x	x	*	x	x	x	7
09/18	Commodities Budget Review	x	x		x	*	x	x	x	x	7
09/18	Fitness Center Budget Review	x	x		x	x	*	x	x	x	7
09/19	Legal Counsel Reform Act	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		7
09/23	Sound System	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
09/23	Agenda Review	x		x	x	*	x	x	x	x	7
09/23	Round Table w/ Ogema	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
09/25	Concerned Citizens Group	x	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	8
09/25	Meeting Procedures Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	x	8
09/25	SORNA Amendments	x	x	x	x	x	*			x	6
09/25	Gov Financial Review	x	x	x	x	x	*			x	6
09/25	Honorariums Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	*			x	6
09/26	Board of Directors		x		x	x		x			4
09/29	Indian Housing Review Plan	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
09/29	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
	Total # of Work Sessions -42	41	32	29	41	37	29	30	31	39	
	* - Business Related										
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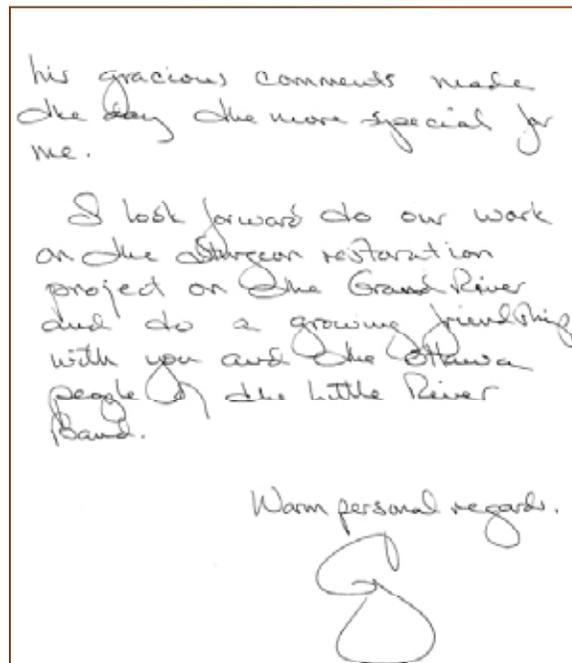
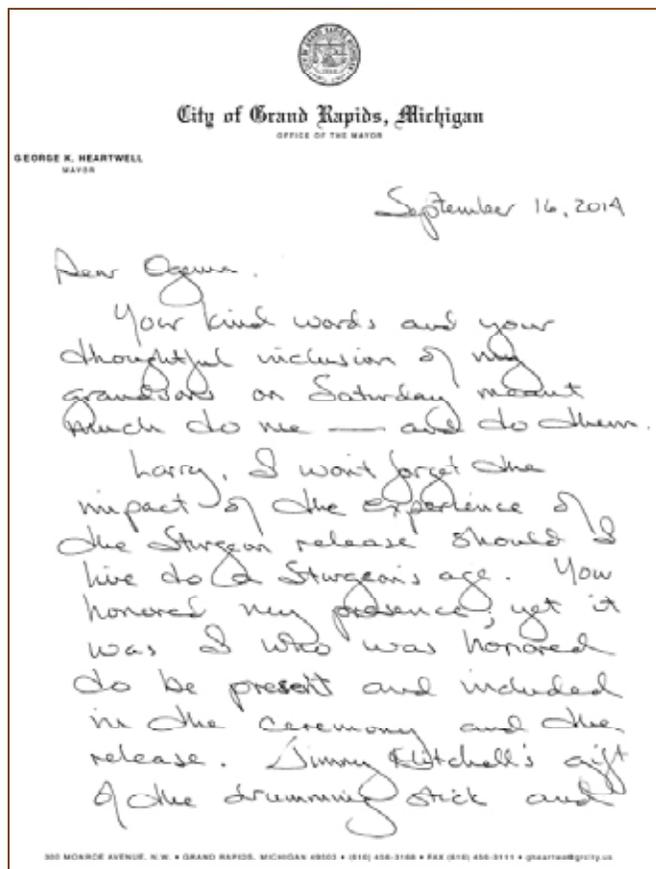
One more year of sturgeon released into the Manistee. Every release is special in its own way. Highlights of the ceremony were the drum, the Bissell family placing an 11th eagle feather on the sturgeon-eagle staff, and songs being sung at the boat launch sending the sturgeon off in a good way. Many federal and state agency partners participated including the US Forest Service who have been on the journey with us from the beginning. A new addition to the day was Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell and his four grandchildren celebrating 11 years of sturgeon in the Manistee and hoping that one day soon there will be a rebirth of sturgeon in the Grand River. The Natural Resources Department once again thanks all of the participants; those who have attended many and those who have attended their first! We eagerly await next years sturgeon rearing season knowing that in only a couple years we will begin having streamside reared fish (that all of you have released) return to the river to spawn! We will be there to greet them.



GR Mayor appreciates 'Nme Release Ceremony

This year, Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, a long-time friend of Ogema Romanelli, attended the 'Nme Release Ceremony at Rainbow Bend and was very appreciative of what the

tribe is doing. The Mayor was especially pleased when his grandson had the opportunity to release one of the young sturgeon. He wrote this letter



The LRBOI has been administering Clean Water Act programing under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency authority since 2001. Through those programs LRBOI staff collect seasonal water samples for nutrients as well as assess fish and bug communities to look at the health of the waters on the reservation. All of this information is reported to a federal database where Tribal and State data is then used to make regional decisions. LRBOI has the opportunity to expand federally funded water programs to include looking at nonpoint source issues that affect Tribal lands. Implementing these programs on Tribal lands strengthens the Tribes sovereignty and right to self-determination.

What is Nonpoint Source Pollution?

Nonpoint source pollution (NPS) comes from oil, pet waste, pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer, road salt, bacteria, sediment, and any other contaminant that ends up on the ground naturally or from human activity. Rainwater and snowmelt picks up these contaminants as it washes over yards, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and fields and deposits them into lakes and streams as nonpoint source pollution. Common sources of nonpoint source pollution include:

- Excess fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides from agricultural lands and residential areas
- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from urban runoff and energy production
- Sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and eroding streambanks
- Salt from irrigation practices and acid drainage from abandoned mines
- Bacteria and nutrients from livestock, pet wastes and faulty septic systems
- Atmospheric deposition and hydromodification



What can LRBOI do with an approved program?

With an approved program we can determine where sources of NPS pollution are in the watershed and prioritize restoration projects and implement measures to reduce pollution. Eligibility in the program gives LRBOI the opportunity to apply for funding through the federal government to help in complete restoration projects and continue monitoring to make sure they work as planned.

We can all start reducing NPS pollution now!

- Dispose of oil and household chemicals properly
- Maintain septic tanks
- Use fertilizers as directed on the labels

We have drafted an assessment report and management plan that looks at waterbodies in the Big Manistee River Watershed and determines where there may be NPS issues. It also outlines restoration projects and partner agencies that may also have resources to improve water quality.

We would like your input, comments and questions on the plan! You can help us determine what projects/problems are most important and where we should focus our effort!!

The plan can be found on the LRBOI web site (www.lrboi.com) as well as in hard copy at the government center (2608 Government Center Dr. Manistee MI, 49660).

Please send comments in writing to:
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Manistee MI 49660



THE SEVEN DIRECTIONS

By Austen Brauker

Among many tribes we find the common teaching of the medicine wheel. The medicine wheel is made up of the four cardinal directions, East, South, West and North. There are many different teachings associated with this basic template and these teachings will vary from region to region and from tribe to tribe. Different colors and different animals will be associated with these four directions, depending on where you travel, and depending on who happens to be giving the particular teaching. Generally, the medicine wheel teachings begin in the East, where the sun rises, and then follow the direction of the sun in a clockwise manner around the circle. Each direction is paired with different lessons and has unique attributes that usually correspond to certain core elements such as the changing seasons, the different times of day or the different ages in the life-path of a developing human being.

For example, East would often be associated with sunrise, with the springtime and with little babies being born into the world. The Southern direction would follow with summertime, high noon and young adulthood. The West would be the realm of autumn, or harvest season, represented by the sunset time of day and with older adulthood. The Northern direction would be associated with winter, with nighttime and with old age.

Each of these cardinal points on the circle is considered a doorway to the teachings represented by that direction. It is common for a person to call out for help or give thanks to these four directions during a ceremony or while asking for a blessing during a prayer. Different tribes will have different names for the four directions, as well as including the names of specific spiritual helpers who sit, or stand, or reside in those directions, given charge of watching over their particular doorway and its teachings. These are the first four directions.

The fifth direction is usually considered to be downward. It is an acknowledgment of the feminine energies of water and earth. This direction signifies all of the nurturing qualities required to give life and provide sustenance. When we acknowledge the earthward direction it includes all of the plants and animals, the elements and minerals, the rivers and lakes, the mountains and valleys. The earthward direction also includes all of the tiny creepers and crawlers and all of the energies contained beneath the ground.

The sixth direction is up, or skyward. This direction is generally a masculine energy encompassing the elements of fire and air. It also includes all of the energies of the universe and the unknown realms beyond our normal perception. If we draw a line between all of the opposing six directions, east and west, north and south, up and down, we will find the seventh direction.

The seventh direction is the inward direction. It is the place where a person is centered and balanced between all external things and all internal things. The seat of the seventh direction is often considered to be the heart. Each person carries the seventh direction with them wherever they travel. We are always at the center of the universe because we are always holding the seventh direction inside of us. When we are mindful of being balanced within these seven directions we achieve a state of equilibrium and harmony.



Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Awarded \$850,000 to Help Create Healthier Tribal Communities in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin

Lac du Flambeau, WI -- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council was awarded a grant of \$850,000 for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC) to address chronic disease prevention and health promotion. GLITEC's "Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change" (BALAC) Program aims to prepare and equip Tribal leaders and communities to assess, plan and implement policy, systems and environmental changes needed in order to prevent chronic diseases and promote health.

GLITEC serves 34 Tribes in the three-state Indian Health Service Bemidji Area of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, including 4 Urban Indian Catchment Areas in Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. Working through established community coalitions, health care providers and partners, the BALAC Program will encircle the community with tools, training and technical assistance and resources to increase capacity, collaboration, and communication to address the burden of chronic disease. Tribal elected and traditional leaders will serve as the cornerstone for strategy implementation through increased involvement and visibility in leading and facilitating community change.

In 2015, BALAC will develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to all Area Tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs. The RFP features a community-based response to: reduce use of commercial tobacco and decrease exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, increase access to and consumption of healthy food and beverages, increase support for breastfeeding, increase health literacy, increase opportunities for physical activity, and strengthen team-based care and community-clinical linkages to promote health and prevent chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Four awardees will customize effective environmental, policy and

systems approaches to address chronic disease risk and build cross sector partnerships. All tribal communities in the three-state area will be offered an opportunity to select any service described on a menu of services and resources listed on the comprehensive approach model.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced nearly \$212 million for 193 grant awards to all 50 states and the District of Columbia to support programs aimed at preventing chronic diseases, which included the GLITC award. Funded in part by the Affordable Care Act, these awards will strengthen state and local programs aimed at fighting these chronic diseases, the leading causes of death and disability in the US, and help lower our nation's health care costs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will administer these grants.

Kristin Hill, GLITEC Director, said, "The human health impacts and financial cost of managing chronic diseases among Tribal communities in the Bemidji Area (MI, MN and WI) is American Indians in this region have the highest cardiovascular disease rates, the second highest diabetes rates and second highest cancer rates of any American Indian population nationally. Although chronic diseases are among the most common and costly health problems in the country, they are also among the most preventable,"

CDC Director Tom Frieden said, "These grants will enable state and local health departments, national and community organizations, and other partners... to help us prevent heart disease, cancer, stroke, and other leading chronic diseases, and help Americans to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives."

For more about Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and our prevention and wellness programs, visit glitic.org.

Contact: Kristin Hill, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center
September 29, 2014
715-588-3324 x193 khill@glitic.org

Cobell Settlement

As recipients of the award from the Cobell Settlement continue to be located, you are encouraged to seek more information at <http://www.indiantrust.com>, or to call the Indian Trust Settlement Hotline,

1-800-961-6109. There are 14 Michigan Tribes included on the website's listing, and names may appear in multiple or incorrect places on those lists.

If your name is there, you are encouraged to follow-up by going to the website or calling the hotline.



Public Comment

October 15-November 15, 2015

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Non-Point Source Assessment Report
and Management Plan

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Natural Resources Department has prepared a non-point source (NPS) assessment report and management plan to evaluate NPS impacts to and the condition of water resources. This includes assessment of priority water bodies that influence conditions on Tribal trust lands and areas within the 1836 Reservation. Section 319 of the Clean Water Act enables the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to assist tribes in addressing NPS pollution on their trust lands and in waters that have a nexus to their reservation waters. This plan will be submitted to US EPA after public comment has been taken into consideration. LRBOI is now seeking public comment to strengthen and assist in development of the plan.

The plan is available for review at:
2608 Government Center Dr.
Manistee MI, 49660

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.





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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288**

← Announcement of General Election →

Date of Election: April 24, 2015

Offices to be Elected:

- Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District (three seats)
- Office of Tribal Council - At Large District (one seat)
- Office of Tribal Ogema - (one seat)
- Office of Election Board - (two seats)
- Office of Chief Judge - (one seat)
- Office of Appellate Judge - (two seat - 1 Elder & 1 Attorney)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

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For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Ogema -To run for the Office of Tribal Ogema. a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

For Candidates for the Office of Election Board --To run for the Election Board, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

For Candidates for the Office of Chief Judge or Appellate Judge -To run for the Office of Chief Judge or Appellate Judge, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available	November 3rd
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due	December 1st
Slate of Candidates certified	December 12th
Last day to withdraw candidacy	December 19th
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election	January 9th
Ballots due and Primary Election Day	February 13th
Deadline for Primary Election recounts, disputes, challenges	February 20th
Ballots mailed out for General Election	March 27th
Ballots due and General Election Day	April 24th
Deadline for General Election recounts, disputes, challenges	May 1st

Announcement of General Election

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For Candidates for the Office of Election Board --To run for the Election Board, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

Election Board Office Hours Nov.2014/Dec. 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Manistee Office 11-1	4 Muskegon Office 11-3 <hr/> Manistee Office 12-3	5	6 Manistee Office 10-1	7 Manistee Office 12-3	8
9	10 Manistee Office 12-3	11 Closed for Veteran's Day	12	13 Manistee Office 10-1	14 Manistee Office 1-5	15
16	17 Manistee Office 11-1	18 Muskegon Office 11-3	19 Manistee Office 12-3	20 Manistee Office 10-1	21 Manistee Office 8-12	22
23	24 Manistee Office 11-1	25 Muskegon Office 11-3	26 Manistee Office 12-3	27 Closed for Thanksgiving	28 Closed for Thanksgiving	29
30	1 December Manistee Office 2-5	Deadline to sign up to become a Registered Voter was September 26				

On September 21st, 1994, then-President William Jefferson Clinton signed the Reaffirmation papers for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and thus reaffirmed our tribal nations' existence and position as a Native Sovereign Nation, a dependent sovereign nation within the United States of America.

On September 20th, 2014, the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) at the Little River Casino Resort was the scene for a dinner gathering of approximately 700 tribal members and guests who came together to celebrate the reaffirmation of our tribe. Tribal Council arranged for the celebration which featured speeches and presentations regarding our history and especially the history of the reaffirmation process. Jim McClurken, who authored the tribal history book, *Our People, Our Journey* spoke of the times and shared bits of the history that many had never heard.

Some of the guests included elected officials from other area governments and one of them, Mitch Deisch, City Manager of Manistee, Michigan commented that he had no idea of the struggles that we went through in gaining recognition from the federal government. Also, Congressman Dan Benishek spoke and congratulated the tribe on their success a nation. Tribal member Phil Memberto was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening; Urban Nation blessed us with drum song and the Director of the Tribal Historical Preservation Department, Elder Jay Sam and Natural Resource Director Jimmie Mitchell opened the ceremony in a good way with a pipe ceremony. Both Jimmie and Jay spoke of the meaning of the celebration to our people and our nation.

Both our Ogema Larry Romanelli and our Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson also took the opportunity to speak to the Tribal families and invited guests.

K'Chi Miigwech goes out to many people who help make this historic event happen, our warriors, historic preservation and tribal council. A very special thank you goes to Valerie Chandler (Historic Preservation Department); Kathleen Bowers (Legislative Admin.) and the team from the Little River

Casino Resort. This amazing staff planned and executed this wonderful event. As we continue this journey for many years to come, let us remember our ancestors, our history and our teachings and help us to walk the path that Creator has set before us.



LRBOI Family Services held their annual Take Back The Night anti-Domestic Violence observation the evening of October 7th out at the Aki Maadiziwin Housing Area and they had almost 50 people join in the event.

Sujean Drake and Jason Cross set up the event this year and Julie Wolfe, from BeDaBin, hopped into her usual outstanding role as the moderator.

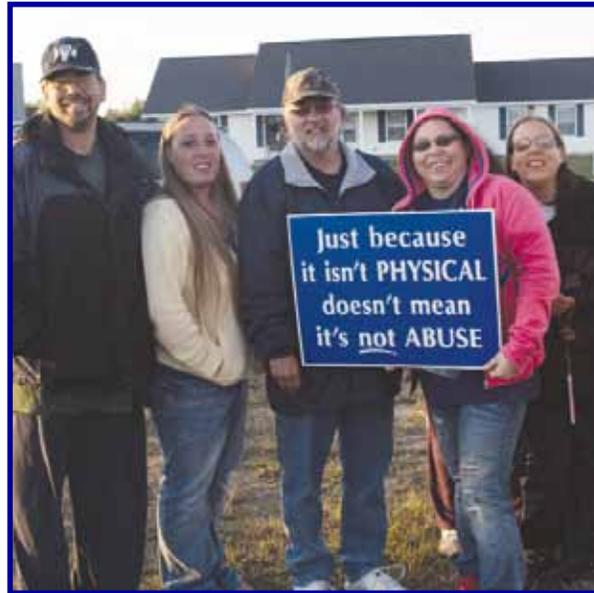
The event included handouts, snacks and presentations on the subject. Melissa Alexander, a member of the advisory board for the Domestic Violence program and a former Tribal Police Officer, gave a talk on the subject of

Domestic Violence. She was followed with a traditional presentation and song from Wabose.

To wrap up the event and following the walk, everyone got involved with the lighting and releasing of paper lanterns. That was exciting

as the sky was clear at sunset and the lanterns going up were so beautiful. Julie asked everyone who was releasing a lantern, to also say a little prayer for someone who they knew was facing Domestic Violence issues.

Thanks to everyone who participated and who supports this important work.



Opportunity for Veterans Kauffman FastTrac Salutes Military Veterans

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Congratulations to the entire Resort Staff on a GREAT summer and a GREAT August. The Resort had the best month in four years and the best month since the opening of the Gun Lake Casino. (Gun Lake Casino had a significant effect on Resort revenues when it opened in 2011 since it was major competition much closer to our richest market, Grand Rapids.) Over the last week of August, we had the busiest slot machine of all of the slot machines in slot manufacturer WMS fleet across the entire country. This is the first time ever that the Resort has even been in the top 20. This is very impressive!

Not only was it a great month on the casino floor, Food and Beverage showed an increase in revenue and the Hotel had record revenue and profit due to modern effective management techniques. We are also pleased to announce that the Dealers had their highest tips ever and the Slot River Guides also had a great week with their tips.

The entire Resort is moving forward as a team led by the eleven Directors (seven who are proud Tribal Members of the Little River Band). As we move into the fall, we will be concentrating on running the business even better and increasing our customer service even more.

Congratulation again to all of the hard working Team Members at the Resort for a super summer!

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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.

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)

LRBOI Warriors Society



Tribal Council Member and Warrior Del Peters represented LRBOI and carried our Eagle Staff.

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

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

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

Food Distribution Program

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

**USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Monthly Income Standards September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015**

Household Size Income Limits

1.	\$ 1,128.00
2.	\$ 1,466.00
3.	\$ 1,805.00
4.	\$ 2,153.00
5.	\$ 2,519.00
6.	\$ 2,886.00
7.	\$ 3,224.00
8.	\$ 3,562.00

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

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.

*Safe Travels
and Happy Holidays!*

The Elder Committee invites you to the annual Christmas Party.



**December
6th**

When: Saturday December 6th 12 Noon to 4 pm

Where: Little River Casino Resort in the 3 Fires Conference Center
Doors will be open at 11 am with events to begin at Noon.

Accommodations: The Elder Committee has arranged a small block of rooms for the evening of this event at a cost to you of \$59.00.

Please call the Hotel at (231) 723-1535

To reserve your one night stay ask for Elders Conference Block and provide this block code- **FAL120514**.

The last day to reserve a room is **Saturday November 29th, 2014**. Your room rate for this block will be \$59.00. Entertainment will be provided by Tribal Youth Raffle of prizes presented by the Elder Committee

Special Activity this Year! – We will be having a Christmas gift exchange!

Bring a gift and receive a gift! Rules for the Christmas gift exchange:

1. Please bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$15.00 in price.
2. Women please bring a gift for a woman and Men please bring a gift for a man.
3. Label your gift to: Man or Woman.
4. When you arrive at event, there will be tables marked where your gift to be pla.
5. When announced, each person who brought a gift will chose a gift.

*When all gifts have
been chosen, we will
then open them!*



*Sincerely,
Elder Committee*

OCTOBER Elder Meals Menu 2014

**TBD: BINGO
CARD DAY**

Questions? Or Volunteer opportunities Contact Noelle Cross Phone: 231-398-6886 E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Little Changes That Can Make A BIG Difference! 1. Drink More Water and be active 2. Eat Breakfast 3. Watch Your Portion Sizes 4. Make Half Your Plate Fruits and Vegetables 5. Prepare Healthy Snacks			Wednesdays' Wii Bowling! 1 Fish Sandwich Minestrone Soup Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	2 Pork Roast Red Potatoes Mixed Veggies Dessert	3 Birthday of the month! 	4 Elder Committee Meeting Lunch at Noon
5	6 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato Veggie Blend Dessert	7 Mexican Cornbread Casserole Dessert	8 Chicken Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	9 Lasagna Garlic Bread Broccoli Dessert	10	11
12	13 Baked Fish Mac N Cheese Peas & Carrots Dessert Language Class 12:30	14 Beef Ravioli Green Beans Peach Cobbler	15 Pot Roast Red Potato Creamed Corn Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	16 BBQ Chicken Tater Tots Baked Beans Green Beans Dessert Activity: Bingo!	17 Muskegon Meal !! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	18
19	20 French Dip Potato Wedges Veggie Blend Dessert	21 Breakfast for Lunch	22 Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potato Corn Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	23 Meat Loaf Mashed Potato Broccoli Dessert	24	
26 Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000	27 Bean Soup Fry Bread Coined Carrots Dessert Language Class 12:30	28 Chicken salad on wheat bun Potato Salad Dessert	29 Roast Beef Roasted Potato Green Beans Dessert Activity: Wii Bowling	30 Chef's Choice	31 	Meals served at 12 o'clock No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder. Guests Meals are \$5.00 Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food. Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Committee

2014 ELDER'S CONFERENCE

We hope this finds you well. It is time to welcome everyone back for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2014 Elders Conference. The Committee has worked diligently to come up with a two day event that we hope you enjoy.

Again we would like to remind you that anyone living outside of the 50 mile radius of Manistee is entitled to a one night stay at the Resort. In order to make this as seamless as possible we have made available a block of rooms for this event. You can contact the Hotel directly to make your reservation for the one night stay.

Conference Dates
November 8th & 9th

Please call the Hotel at
(231) 723-1535

To reserve your one night stay ask for Elders Conference Block and provide this block code- FAL110714 . The last day to reserve your room is Saturday November 1st, 2014.

Festivities will begin at 8 am Saturday the 8th with registration and information booths. The full meeting agenda will be available at that time. For questions or concerns please feel free to contact Connie Waitner (231) 398-3952 or Ron Pete (231) 398-4017.

Miigwetch!

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

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians "Coming Together"

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elder Committee

<i>Vice Chair, Rita Gale</i>	<i>Secretary, Darleen Martin</i>	<i>Committee Member, Connie Waitner</i>	<i>Committee Member, Ron Wittenburg</i>	<i>Chairperson Ron Pete</i>
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Saturday November 8, 2014

8:00 am to 11:00 am	Registration & Information Booths Enrollment Updates and Voter Registration is available at Registration Table
9:30 am to 10:30 am	Ron Pete, Chairperson Elders Committee - Welcoming Elders and Guests, Opening Ceremonies & Warriors Posting of Nation Flags - Host Drum: Little Bird
10:30 am 11:30 am	Ron Pete- Chairperson Elders Committee
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch – Buffet in the Event Center
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Department of Veteran Affairs – Veteran Services - Lisa Eurick
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Medicare/Medicaid – Area Agency on Aging – Jim Verville
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Members Legal Assistance - Mary Witkop
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	LRBOI Public Safety – TBD
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Ron Pete, Elder Committee - Summary of Events, Q & A , Gift Giveaway and Raffles
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Dinner – Served in the Event Center
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Entertainment: Karaoke!!

Sunday November 9, 2014

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast – Buffet in the Event Center
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Ron Pete, Opens up the Meeting – Reading of Elder Committee Election Results
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Wendell Long - General Manager
10:00 am to 11:30 am	Open discussion
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Ron Pete - Closing Comments – Retiring of the Flags and Drum

Proceeds from the Elder Conference Raffle will benefit: The Warrior Society
~Safe Travel Home~

KWEWOK CIRCLE PRESENTS

October 15, 2014
5:30pm-7:30pm

Aki community Center
Bring a dish to pass

All materials provided
Pumpkin painting
&
carving



Krystal Davis 231-510-4633

We will be providing non-candy Halloween snacks
and also having pumpkin food with recipes
Come bring your family and spooky stories

Once, chi mewinza (a long while ago), the Anishinaabek lost some of them. They had lost their mnaadendimowin (respect) for Aki (Earth), and the Wesiinhak (animals) and plants. They didn't hold manisokewinan (ceremonies) before the deer hunt and make offerings. When they took a deer's life, no apology or honoring was given: gaawiin giibiigitinaasiin sema (no tobacco was put down). The gewese nininwok (hunters) were convinced the firearms made hunting almost too easy. Overkill became common. Wawashkeshak provided wiyaas (meat), pshwegin (leather), sinew and several other items. They felt the disrespect keenly. After a council with the other Wesiinhak, amik(Beaver), waaboz (rabbit), wzhashk (muskrat), and makwa (bear), it was decided to withdraw further and have no contact with the Anishinaabek. Mahiingan (wolf) even said the Anishinaabek have forsaken our teaching them how to hunt. Wawashkeshak moved off and hid; others followed. The Anishinaabek could not find them. Without wawasheshak wiyaas, peboon (winter) was hard. The next year was worse, and so on.

Finally, the Anishinaabek asked for help. Nanaboozho (first man) spoke with Wawashkeshak and returned to explain, scornfully the insult and disrespect. The Anishinaabek said they would apologize and show proper mnaadendimowin (respect) for the sacrifices of others, limiting their take to need.



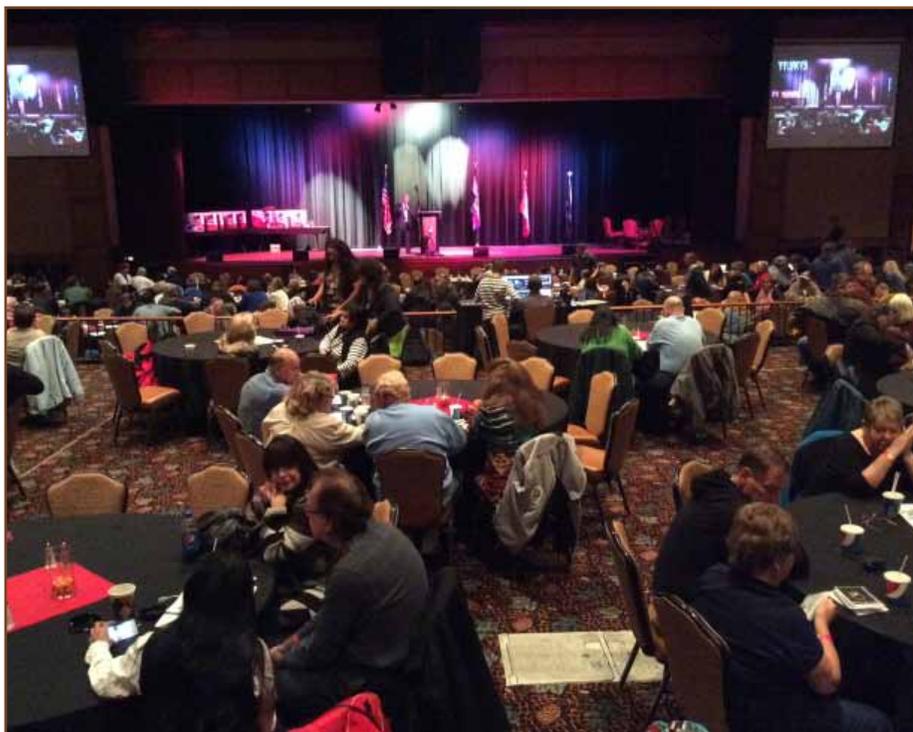
The Wawashkeshak returned. But, if the Anishinaabek don't remember their promise, Wawashkeshak may vanish, never to return.



Halloween Fun Word Search

bat	pumpkin	g h o s t s b a t n t
black	scare	b o l h s p o o k y p
broom	skeleton	v o b a w i t c h o u
cat	spider	a t l l b r o o m w m
costumes	spirits	m q a l n i g h t l p
ghosts	spooky	p j c o s t u m e s k
halloween	vampire	i n k w a s c a t p i
hoot	witch	r s k e l e t o n i n
monster		e j e e m u m m y d f
moon		i m o n s t e r q e v
mummy		m o o n o e s c a r e
night		
owl		





At the Fall Membership Meeting (at the departmental information tables) an initiative was announced regarding the need for tribal foster care homes.

Here is the full announcement:

“At the annual LRBOI Membership meeting on October 11, 2014, Tribal and State representatives came together to raise awareness of the need for Tribal Foster Care homes in and around our area. LRBOI Binojeeuk Commissioners, Marjorie Lutz and Sandra DeVerney along with State Licensing worker Darcy Munger from the Department of Human Services joined in offering guidance to becoming a foster parent.

An informational meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2014, 5-7pm at Aki Cultural Center. If being a foster parent is something you are interested in, please mark your calendar and join us for this important event. Light refreshments will be served.”



Princess Reads to the youth



Tyler Perry

“What I've found about it is that there are some folks you can talk to until you're blue in the face--they're never going to get it and they're never going to change. But every once in a while,

you'll run into someone who is eager to listen, eager to learn, and willing to try new things. Those are the people we need to reach. We have a responsibility as parents, older people, teachers, people in the neighborhood to recognize that.”

— Tyler Perry, *Don't Make a Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries on Love and Life*



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2014 Abinooji Jiingtamok /Children's Powwow

Friday, November 21st 6pm till 8pm

~ At Kennedy Elementary Gym ~

550 Maple St Manistee, Mi

This event is open to the public!

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There is a block of rooms at the casino for this event at the tribal rate of \$59.

Just mention it is for the children's pow-wow.





Chad Young harvested a nine eight point on October 15th In Leelanu County. The deer weight 170 pounds.



John Modjeski harvested a 5X4 Elk on September 12th in Antrim County. I don't know what the weight is but it's a big one. Congratulations John



Denita McAlpine harvested a nice black bear on September 20, 2014 in the Baldwin Unit. Congratulations Denilta!



Karen Draper harvested a 5 point buck with a bow on October 1st in Lake County. Congratulations Karen!



Thomas Berentsen, youth hunt 2014. Wow! You sure know your stuff. Congratulations on a successful hunt. Love ya, Kathy Gibson, Mom



Lacy Moore harvest a nice black bear in Lake County September 22, 2014 Congratulations Lacy!

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Marvin and Elaine (White Cloud) Pointer Will be celebrating their 60th. Anniversary Oct. 23 rd. at The Little River Casino They had 5 children, Marlaine, Tim, Marvin Jr. Decesed, Aalan deceased, and Money, 7 grandchildren, and a number of Great grandchildren.

Marvin retired from MDOT and Elaine is currently chairman of the board of directors. Will be celebrating their 60th. Anniversary Oct. 23 rd. at The Little River Casino They had 5 children, Marlaine, Tim, Marvin Jr. Decesed, Aalan deceased, and Money, 7 grandchildren, and a number of Great grandchildren. Marvin retired from MDOT and Elaine is currently chairman of the board of directors.



Looking for Talent



Children of all ages
can audition.



Auditions at Aki set for
October 29, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Deb Davis 231-510-4366

If you have a talent we would like to see it!

If you know someone or would like to be in the Elders Christmas Show call Deb Davis 231-510-4366

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2014 LRBOI Children's Christmas Party

Please register your children for this event by
Friday November 21st.
We need an accurate count of who will be attending.
Failure to register by deadline will result in your children
not receiving a gift.

Party is open to Tribal and descendent children age 0 to 17.

When: Sunday December 7th ~Mark your Calendar~

Time: 11 am to 3 pm ~Buffet lunch at Noon~

Where: LRCR ~Makwa Entertainment Center~

To register please call:
(231) 723-8288 or toll-free 888-723-8288 and ask for:

Gina Guenthardt - Ext. 6620

Kathy Gibson - Ext. 6617

Lee Ivinson - Ext. 6718



Children must be present at event to receive a gift, no exceptions will be allowed.
Children must be accompanied by their adult at all times.