

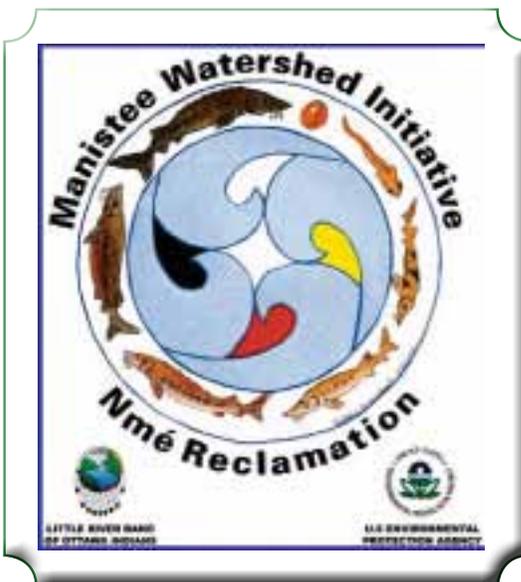


Sanitary Sewage Disposal Agreement



“Usually the news talks about governments competing with each other or arguing over things like jurisdiction. That’s one reason that the Sewer Signing Ceremony at Tribal Council on September 10th, 2014 was so special. The Tribal Council Lodge was filled with tribal and non-tribal alike who had gathered to celebrate the five government agreement on having the Tribal Utility Department provide sewer services to the burgeoning corridor of US 31 north of M22. The governments involved included the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the State of Michigan, Manistee County, Manistee Township and the city of Manistee. See the article on page two to review the press release and see photos from this event.”

2014 ‘Nme Release Ceremony



There was a beautiful ceremony at Rainbow Bend this year to celebrate the release of more young ‘Nme (Sturgeon) into the Manistee River. Of special note this year was the attendance of Grand Rapids Mayor Hartwell and two of the organizers of the effort to re-introduce the Sturgeon to the Grand River. See inside for the article from the LDN on the release



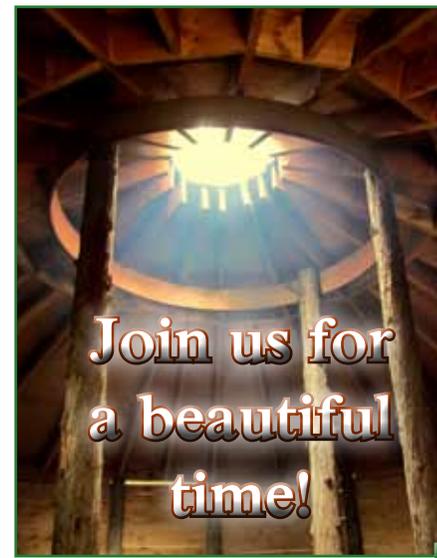
LRCR Success Story

Bucking the trend among Indian Casinos, Little River had a great month. See the details inside this issue



Special times with the Fall Fire

There has a been a change in the times for the Fall Fire and Teachings this year to make the event more convenient for folks to attend and learn. See inside for the flyer and for the agenda.



A Sweet Deal



Meanwhile, the Band had plans to add an extra 200,000 gallons per day capacity to their existing, highly-rated, tribal sewer system that was already servicing the Little River Casino Resort, the Trading Post gas station and convenience store, the Band's Justice Center, its Community Center, its brand new Government Center and the Aki Maadiziwin residential housing subdivision. The Band's sewage treatment plant expansion is now in its final stages and demonstrates the Band's determination to move beyond its successful gaming operations and into economic and community development projects like this one, which will both improve regional infrastructure and provide the Band with sustainable non-gaming revenues.

in their service, and the City of Manistee and Manistee Township still have to agree on water rates and proper rights of ways for development in the district.

Overall, these intergovernmental agreements will set the stage for development of vacant land and underutilized properties in the commercial corridor of US-31; increasing the tax base for the township, county and school district; establishing sustainable water & sewer revenues for the Band and the City; and creating jobs for the residents of Manistee County.



"This example of intergovernmental development and cooperation during a time of increasing budget challenges is something of which we can all be proud", said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli.

"A special signing ceremony was held on September 10th in the Tribal Council Lodge Room. It was followed by a feast catered by F&B at the Little River Casino Resort.



Deadline to sign up to become a Registered Voter is September 26

In what may serve as a successful model for intergovernmental cooperation between Indian Tribes and local governments, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Manistee Township have both approved a Sanitary Sewage Disposal Agreement that paves the way for new construction of the LRBOI Tribal Sewer Line Extension in Manistee Township and allows the Band to extend its commercial sewer line to service customers along the US-31 corridor in Manistee County north of its intersection with M-55.



With the Alliance for Economic Success of Manistee acting as a neutral facilitator, representatives of the tribe, county, city and township came together to discuss their mutual challenges and opportunities. After extensive study and negotiation, all of the units of government passed resolutions of support to pursue working together on this area of vital interest to all. The plan is to have the City of Manistee continue to provide water in the proposed commercial district and receive water revenue, while Manistee County abandons its existing force sewer main that needed to be replaced and have the Band provide the new sewer line and receive sewer revenue, while Manistee Township grants Rights of Way to the City and the Band for water and sewer thus allowing for expanding, profitable development of the district. The LRBOI/Township Sanitary Sewage Disposal Agreement is the first of the three proposed agreements to be approved. The Band and the City of Manistee still have to agree on water/sewer billing for the district so that customers will have no noticeable difference



The City of Manistee's existing water line and Manistee County's existing sewer line currently serves the area but that sewer force main is failing and serves only four customers. The lack of available sewer service has hindered commercial development along that US-31 corridor in Manistee Township for years. At a time of tight budgets for all governments, the City of Manistee, Manistee Township and Manistee County all were facing the substantial costs of upgrading several lift stations as well as the cost of a new sewer line to provide those needed infrastructure improvements along US-31.

Work Session Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Marty Wabindato	Total
08/04/14	Gaming Ordinance	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	*		5
08/04/14	Agenda Review	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/04/14	Indian Preference	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
08/05/14	LRCR Financial Review		*	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
08/07/14	Muschigon Construction		*		x	x		x	x		4
08/11/14	Workers' Compensation Ord.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	B	8
08/11/14	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	B	8
08/11/14	LLC Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	B	8
08/12/14	Indian Preference Ordinance	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	B	6
08/12/14	Financial Report	*	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	B	5
08/12/14	Round Table	*	x	x	x	*	x	x	*	B	5
08/14/14	Board of Directors Act	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x		7
08/18/14	Priority List	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/18/14	Agenda Review	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/18/14	Tribal Court	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/19/14	Right to Work	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	V	x	7
08/19/14	Strategic Plan	x	x	x	V	x	x	x	V	x	7
08/21/14	Commodities Building	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	V	7
08/21/14	Indian Preference	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	V	7
08/22/14	Board of Directors	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	7
08/25/14	Baseball Donation	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/25/14	Valliant Report	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/25/14	Agenda Review	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/25/14	LLC Ordinance	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
08/26/14	Health Insurance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		8
08/26/14	Round Table	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		7
08/26/14	Commodities Building		x	x	x		x	x			5
08/28/14	Daycare	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		7
Total #of Work Sessions-28		21	17	24	23	23	27	28	20	11	

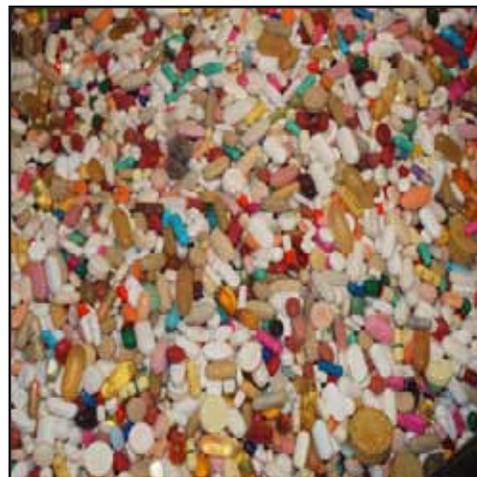
* -Business Related, V -
Vacation, B-Bereavement

The August 27th Tribal Council meeting is now online with audio only.

LRBOI Drug Take-Back Program



The LRCR Board of Directors will be holding a public comment period on September 26th at 6pm in The Lodge at the Tribal Government Building. Only Tribal Members with a Tribal ID are invited to attend. The Board will provide feedback to comments received at the August 22nd comment period.



Unused prescription pharmaceuticals are a major danger and have to be disposed of properly to protect people and our lands and waters. You will soon be seeing announcements about how on September 27th, the Michigan State Police will once again hold their Drug Take-Back Day event as part of their work with other law enforcement agencies in helping citizens to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs.

Interestingly enough, the LRBOI Tribal Public Safety Department on M22 in Manistee helps this effort all year long. In mid-September, Detective Jim Grabowski showed the Currents the most recent collection of almost 40 pounds of pharmaceuticals which have been turned in.

The Tribal Police are trained in the proper handling and disposal of these prescription pills and want to remind you that you can turn them in during office hours. They do accept liquids, inhalers, patches or syringes where the MSP does not!

According to the MSP, additional drug collection sites can be found by going to the website www.dea.gov. Remember... use this valuable service to help protect our environment.

Do not flush these items down the toilet as they can end up polluting our water supply!



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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
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← 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

For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District and At-Large District.

To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District or the At Large District, 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 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

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 p.m.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on April 24, 2015. The ballot counting will also take place in the Lodge and the counting process begins at 12:00 p.m.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from November 3, 2014 through December 1, 2014 has been included in this mailing.

Please note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations chapter 2, section l(d): "If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 60 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election."

Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election is Dec 15, 2014.

Last day to register to vote for the General Election is February 23, 2015.

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an eligible voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines.

Registered Voters are responsible for maintaining their current physical/ mailing address with the Enrollment Department. Ballots will be mailed to the address on file in Enrollment.

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 is September 26				

Come remember and reminisce about your loved ones

**Wegnesh:
LRBOI Community Ghost Supper**

**Aanii Piish:
LRBOI Aki Maadiziwin Community Center**

**Wenesh Pii:
Friday, November 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please bring your loved one's favorite dish to pass.

Beverages and tableware will be provided.

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone is welcomed to attend!

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Fall Fire & Teachings

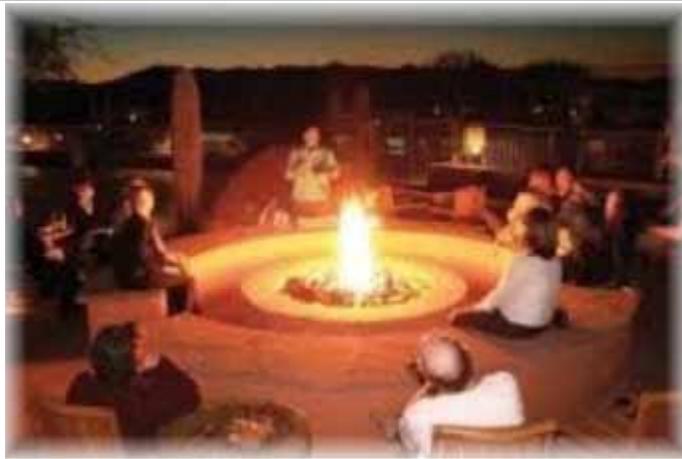
October 9-12, 2014

Tribal Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge
Behind Little River Trading Post gas station in Manistee, MI

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

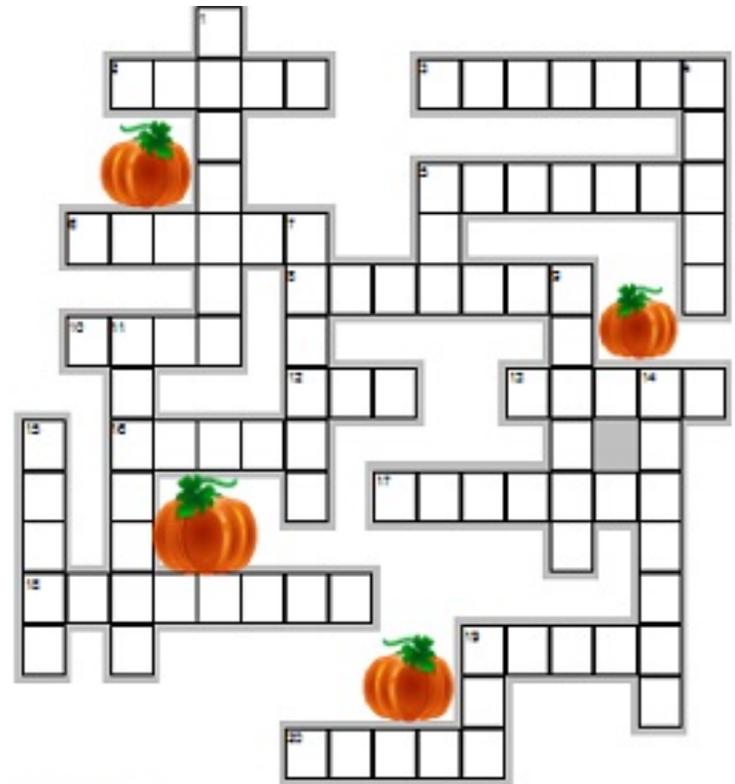
At the conclusion of the last teaching, Thursday through Saturday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



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Fall Cross Word Puzzle



3-letter words

BAT
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4-letter word
MOON

5-letter words

BROOM
GHOST
NIGHT
SCARY
TREAT
TRICK
WITCH

6-letter words

SPIDER
SPOOKY
SWEETS

7-letter words

CARVING
COBWEBS
COSTUME
LANTERN
OCTOBER
PARTIES
PUMPKIN

8-letter words

SKELETON



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2014 Fall Membership Meeting

The Fall Membership Meeting will be held **October 11th** at the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) at the Little River Casino Resort. The Ogema's Meet and Greet will be **Friday evening (the 10th)** in the Three Fires Conference Center from

When calling the LRCR hotel front desk for room reservations for meetings this fall, individuals may reference FALL MEMBERSHIP 2014, ELDERS CONFERENCE MTG 2014 and ELDERS CHRISTMAS 2014 for the blocks.



Thursday, October 9

Agenda is subject to change as necessary *Location for each session is at the Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge unless otherwise noted

Time Presenter(s)/Teacher(s) Teaching/Discussion Sunrise George Martin, Jack Chambers, Pwaaganak, Sunrise Ceremony & Lighting of Sacred Fire

(6:30) Brian Matrious, Jimmie Mitchell (All pwaaganak are invited and welcomed to participate)

J.D. Gibson

Philip Memberto, Mike Medawis Morning Honor Songs & Don Underwood (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums & sing)

Michelle Reyna, Arianne Gray Water Ceremony Janine Sam & Georgianna (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate) Walkington

8am Breakfast (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

9:30am All presenters/teachers present Why we have the Sacred Fire & Anishinaabek Lifeways that would like to contribute Teachings

11:30am Break/Lunch (At Aki Maadiziwin Community Center with our Elders)

1:30pm All presenters/teachers present What are our Sacred Medicines, their uses and Taking that would like to contribute Care of Them

2:45pm Break

3pm George Martin & all presenters The Importance & Care of Eagle Feathers that would like to contribute

4:45 Break/Dinner (At Aki Maadiziwin Community Center)

6pm All presenters/teachers present The Importance of Our Anishinaabe Name & How We that would like to contribute Receive Our Name

7:30pm All Singers present who would Honor Songs like to participate

Everyone is welcomed to attend at any time and share their teachings and knowledge. Please come with a good heart & good intentions for a good outcome.

Firekeepers: Sunrise – Sundown (Philip Memberto & Gary DiPiazza) Sundown – Sunrise (James Beard & TBA)



Friday October 10

Agenda is subject to change as necessary *Location for each session is at the Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge unless otherwise noted

Time Presenter(s)/Teacher(s) Teaching/Discussion Sunrise All Pwaaganak present Pwaaganak, Sunrise Ceremony

(6:30) (All pwaaganak are invited and welcomed to participate)

Philip Memberto, Mike Medawis Morning Honor Songs & all other Singers who would (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums & sing) like to participate

Punkin Shananaquet & all other Water Ceremony Kwe who would like to participate (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate)

8am Breakfast (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

9:15am Punkin Shananaquet & all other Why we have Water Ceremonies, Skirt Teachings & Kwe who would like to participate Grandmother Moon Ceremonies

10:30am Break

10:45am Frank & Rochelle Ettawageshik Four Direction Teachings & Finding Balance in Our Anishinaabe Communities

12pm Lunch (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

1:30pm Paul Syrette & all others who Fasting & Different Rites of Passage would like to contribute (For Adults & Youth)

2:45pm Break

3pm All presenters/teachers present Sweat Lodge Teachings for Men, Women & Youth who would like to share

4:15pm Yebishawn Oldshield, Renee Jingle Dress Teachings, Origins, and the Journey Diehlman & all Kwe who would of Jingle Dress Dancers like to share

5:30pm Dinner (At Aki Maadiziwin Community Center) Provided by Wolf Clan People

6:45pm Brian Loney Family Anishinaabe Talk Phrases & Prayers for Meals

7:30pm All Singers present who would Honor Songs like to participate

Everyone is welcomed to attend at any time and share their teachings and knowledge. Please come with a good heart & good intentions for a good outcome.

Firekeepers: Sunrise – Sundown (Philip Memberto & Gary

Saturday October 11

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Time Presenter(s)/Teacher(s) Teaching/Discussion Sunrise All Pwaaganak present Pwaaganak, Sunrise Ceremony (6:30) (All pwaaganak are invited and welcomed to participate)

Philip Memberto, Mike Medawis Morning Honor Songs & all other Singers who would (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums & sing) like to participate

Punkin Shananaquet & all other Water Ceremony Kwe who would like to participate (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate)

8am Breakfast (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

9:15am All presenters/teachers present The Seven Grandfathers & the Seven Rascal Teachings who would like to share

10:45am Break

11am Frank & Rochelle Ettawageshik Four Direction Teachings & Finding Balance in Our Anishinaabe Communities

12pm Lunch (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

1:15pm Dave & Punkin Shananaquet Your Anishinaabe Clans & Colors, Clan Feasts and When They are Held

3pm Break

3:15pm Austen Brauker The Wooden Spoon & Copper Bowl Making

4:30pm Break

4:45pm Brian Loney Family Anishinaabe Talk Phrases

5:30pm Dinner (Gathering Grounds Pavilion) (6:30) (All pwaaganak are invited and welcomed to participate)

6:45pm All presenters/teachers present Drum Teachings (Big Drums, Hand Drums, and other who would like to share Sacred Drums)

8:30pm All Singers present who would Honor Songs like to participate

Everyone is welcomed to attend at any time and share their teachings and knowledge. Please come with a good heart & good intentions for a good outcome.

Firekeepers: Sunrise – Sundown (Rueben Ramone & any other community Fire Keepers) Sundown – Sunrise (Jim Beard & Helpers)

Philip Memberto, Mike Medawis Morning Honor Songs & all other Singers who would (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums & sing) like to participate

Punkin Shananaquet & all other Water Ceremony Kwe who would like to participate (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate)

8am Breakfast (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

8:45am All presenters/teachers present When do we give Sema for our Naming Ceremonies who would like to share and Who do we give the Sema to?

10am Break

10:15am Dave & Punkin Shananaquet Clans: Colors, Clan Feasts & When Feasts are Held

12pm Community Feast General Overview

3pm Miigwech for Attending and Have a Safe Trip back Home

Fire extinguished
Firekeepers: Rueben Ramone & TBA

Sunday October 12

Agenda is subject to change as necessary *Location for each session is at the Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge unless otherwise noted

Time Presenter(s)/Teacher(s) Teaching/Discussion Sunrise All Pwaaganak present Pwaaganak, Sunrise Ceremony (6:30) (All pwaaganak are invited and welcomed to participate)

Philip Memberto, Mike Medawis Morning Honor Songs & all other Singers who would (All singers are invited to bring their hand drums & sing) like to participate

Punkin Shananaquet & all other Water Ceremony Kwe who would like to participate (All Kwe are invited and encouraged to participate)



The 2014 Indian Village Camp season has come to a close. This season was filled with laughter and learning as we taught our children over four separate four day camps about Odawa culture and wilderness living.



The air at this sacred location has been filled again with the voices of our young people, playing and singing, telling stories and sharing their lives in the sacred talking circle, sharing feasts and creating traditional crafts. Their footprints on this special place are renewing the connection of our tribal members to this land, and it has become revitalized again, special to a whole new generation.

The stories about the families who lived in this location are rekindled in the minds of our youth as they hear about the way people once lived, what it was like in days past, how the community interacted, remembering those who came before them, contemplating on the way things were.

has empowered them to realize that they are the next generation of tribal leaders. We have shown them, through positive example, that we care for them and that we are responsible for the people that they will eventually become.



I am so proud of our tribe for providing these children with such a spiritually uplifting and strong lodge in which to gather and learn. This year we had an incredible outpouring of support from the community to help raise funds for making this year's camp possible. Tribal Council also matched the funds that were raised from these outside donations.



These campers are building their own stories there, creating new experiences at Indian Village Camp, making friends and memories, but at the same time, learning why Indian Village has such a dear place in the hearts of those who remember their own times there.

This program has been a great gift to our tribal youth, inspiring them to explore their tribal identity, sparking an interest in traditions and crafts, but most importantly, giving them the seven grandfather teachings for future use, and a sense of belonging to the community. This program has let our youth know that we really care about their wellbeing and

Our children are the seeds of tomorrow. The way in which we nurture them, the example that we show to them, this will be the way that they will grow, becoming competent and caring adults. Thanks to you all for allowing us to continue the tradition of caring for our young ones. Thanks for showing them that we care.



On behalf of the youth, the camp staff, and all of those who have participated in making this program possible, we thank the community for seeing the value in sharing our beautiful culture, sharing it with this precious resource, the young people of our tribe. Chi Miigwetch.”

by Austen Brauker

Opportunity for Veterans Kauffman FastTrac Salutes Military Veterans

Kauffman FastTrac® is offering a complimentary ten-week entrepreneurship course to support U.S. military veterans interested in starting businesses after their military careers end. FastTrac® New Venture™ for the Veteran Entrepreneur is designed to teach the skills needed to successfully launch a business. To date, FastTrac has educated nearly 500 veterans as they pursue business ideas and turn them into realities. The online course begins Sept. 29.

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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.

If you have any questions about the Resort, please come to the Open Session of the Board of Directors on Friday, September 26th at 6pm in the Lodge Room in the Tribal Government Center.

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

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

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

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



FEMA September is National Preparedness Month

America's PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through drills, group discussions, and exercises.

The second National PrepareAthon! Day is September 30, 2014 and will revolve around taking the actions to prepare for these six specific hazards:

- Earthquake Tornado
- Flood Wildfire
- Hurricane Winter Storm

Campaign Goals

The goal of this campaign is to increase the number of individuals who:

- Understand which disasters could happen in their community
- Know what to do to be safe and mitigate damage
- Take action to increase their preparedness
- Participate in community resilience planning

What can I do?

- Register to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and provide details about the activities you're planning.
- Plan your own local community or organizational preparedness event
- Participate in discussion forums online with like-minded community members
- Learn the actions to take for disaster preparedness and practice them!

Where can I find more information?

For more information about disasters, preparedness, and ways to get involved in America's PrepareAthon!, click here to access the America's PrepareAthon! Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions.

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.

Webinar: "Building a More Resilient Nation: National Preparedness Month and America's PrepareAthon!"

- Watch the webinar
- Read the webinar transcript

Stay in Touch

Email: prepareathon@fema.gov

Twitter: @PrepareAthon follow the conversation #PrepareAthon

To move people to action, the President, through Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8), has directed all federal agencies to work with their stakeholders across the country to "coordinate a comprehensive campaign to build and sustain national preparedness, including public outreach and community-based and private-sector programs to enhance national resilience..."

*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



Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions.

Phone: 231-398-6886

E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com

Volunteers are needed to help with meals
if interested please contact Noelle.

Tip of the Month: It's never too late to GO Healthy! You can even start small: ride public transportation, change eating habits, get active, reconnect with a long-lost friend, join a ballroom dance class, or follow guidelines on how to safely move around the community. Try something new and be willing to learn.

Meals served at 12 o'clock

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.
 - Guests Meals are \$5.00
- Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Offices Closed Labor Day	2 Turkey & Swiss on Wheat Bread Macaroni Salad Dessert	3 Roasted Chicken Parsley Rice Beans & Peppers Dessert <i>Activity: Wii Bowling</i>	4 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Dessert	5	6 Elder Committee Meeting Lunch at Noon
7	8 Hamburger Steak Roasted Potato Creamed Corn Dessert <i>Language Class 12:30</i>	9 Broccoli Chicken and Rice Casserole Steamed Carrots Dessert	10 Pork Roast Sweet Potato Mixed Veggies Dessert <i>Activity: Wii Bowling</i>	11 Chicken Marsala Garlic Bread Broccoli Dessert	12	13
14	15 Baked Fish Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Dessert <i>Language Class 12:30</i>	16 Club Sandwich Broccoli Slaw Fruit Cup	17 Pot Roast Red Potato's Creamed Corn Dessert <i>Activity: Wii Bowling</i>	18 Hamburger Sweet Tater Tots Coleslaw Dessert <i>Activity: Bingo!</i>	19 Muskegon Meal !! RSVP Noelle 231-398-6886	20
21	22 Office Closed Reaffirmation Day	23 Roasted Turkey Baked Potato Green Beans Dessert	24 Meat Loaf Mashed Potato Corn Dessert <i>Activity: Wii Bowling</i>	25 Breakfast for Lunch!	26	27
28	29 Spaghetti & Meatballs Veggies Garlic Bread Dessert <i>Language Class 12:30</i>	30 Soup and Sand Dessert	Deadline to sign up to become a registered Voter is September 26			
	Wednesdays' Wii Bowling! Friday the 1st Birth- day of the month!	TBD: BINGO CARD DAY	Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.		Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	

Listed below are Tribal Members who have undeliverable addresses on file with the Enrollment Department. Please contact the Enrollment Department to update your address by calling (888) 723-8288 and ask for Diane at ext. 6712, Jessica at ext. 6713 or Joe at ext. 6720. The Enrollment Department will be closed September 17th-19th due to a Annual Michigan Enrollment Department Meeting.

Adamczak	Jeffrey	Thomas	
Audette	Robert	Lewis	
Bailey	Solomon	Buck	
Battice	Alleah	Rose	
Battice	Dakota	Scott	
Battice	Gina	Michele	
Battice	Robert	Justin Michael	
Boyer	Derek	Anthony	
Cardona	Linda	Taylor	
Cisneros	Fidencio		III
Cogswell	Randall	Charles	
Connors	Joshua	Nehemiah	
Curtis	Kristopher	Wilson	
Curtis	Sky	Daniel	
De Verney Rivera	Carlos	Wab-Mgizeh	
DeBoer	Ben		
DeVerney	Douglas	Wade	Jr.
Deverney	Michelle	Lynn	
DeYoung	Lloyd	John	III
Diver	Renee	Lynn	
Elmers-Kirkton	Amy	Joy	
Fleury	Micah	Jeremiah	
Fox	Larry		
Frome	David	Arthur	Jr.
Galbraith	Adam	Dean	
Garza	Maria	Jeanette	
Gaul	Kayla	Jean	
Genia	Ilana	Lane	
Genia	Keally	Shea	
Genia	Marcus	Dean	
Genia	Nisa	Meara	
Gonzalez	Arlan	Blackwolf	
Hathaway	Larry	Ray	
Hewitt	Christopher	Scott	
Hubbeling	Gianni	Dailisia Irene	
Johnson	Jordan	Denise	
Johnson	Thomas	Dawayne	
Lambkin	Wilma	Jean	
Lawrence	Andrew	Blue	
Margret	Robin	Melissa	
Mathews	Rodney	Lee	
McLain	James	Melvin	Jr.
Merkel	Janet	Jean	
Michalski	Laurie	Ann	
Micko	Gerald	John	Jr.
Minaker	John	Charles	
Nicholson	Alana	Marie	
Nickerson	Charles		
Nida	Daniel	Lee	
Olivarez	Adam	Isaac	
Ortega	Gavino		
Peshaba	Mark	Charles	
Plato	Vincent	Anthony	
Reel	Mary	Katherine	

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Reffitt	Christopher	Chad	
Reinel	Davonne	Lee	
Rose	James	Allen	Jr.
Sanchez	Skylar	Ann	
Shalifoe	Koko	Maurice John	
Snow	Joshua	Christopher	
Sprague	Anthony	Dean	
Swenson	Heather	Jean	
Taylor	Allan	Forrest	
Trevan	Octavian	Thunder	
Trevan	Rachael	Patience	
Tyler	Bert	William	II
Tyler	Jerry	Scott	
Ude	Sarah	Kay	
VanAmburg	Frank	William	
Wabindato	Pauline	Marie	
Wallenstein	Sheila	Meadow Marie	
Williams	Lucinda	Lee	
Williams	Megan	Lynn	
Wilson	Christopher	Cash	
Wilson	Roger		Jr.
Wolfe	Emilie	Denise	
Wood	Melaine	Rae	

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

Safe Travels to All!

Where I'm From

BY: Jasmine Cabarrubia

I am from my ancestors

I am from 1836 Reservation

I am from Jiingtamok

I am from Round Dances

I am from Native American Church

I am from a large Anishnabe Nation

I am from I'm From is Creator

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Grand Rapids mayor takes part in event, tells of plans to restore the rapids to the Grand River

BROWN TWP — Ninety-one young sturgeon were released into the Manistee River at Rainbow Bend during a Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ceremony Saturday.

The fish have been reared over summer in a nearby by “fish starter” trailer — the first ever portable, streamside rearing station. Water is piped in and out from the river so the young sturgeon, 4-8 inches in length as of Saturday, are raised in actual river water before the release. This is the 11th year LRBOI’s Natural Resources Department has successfully reared and returned the native species back into the river.

Ultimately the sturgeon will spend most of their lives in the Great Lakes, where they have a potential to reach 65 inches or more in length and more than 100 pounds (in Michigan). According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, male sturgeon can live 55 years and

females can live 80 to 150 years.

According to Jimmie Mitchell, head of the LRBOI Natural Resources Department, the 91 sturgeon released this year bring the total for the program so far to about 800 sturgeon.

The fish are all tagged so they can be identified later if found in various surveying work by the tribe and other organizations such as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, members of which both were on hand and participated in the ceremony and release Saturday afternoon at the U.S. Forest Service’s access site at Rainbow Bend where the fish starter trailer is stationed.

“It’s really a story of collaboration,” Mitchell told the Daily News. “Everybody has been really good.”

He tells how the USFS offered to run power to the fish starter trailer, which originally was powered by a generator which created noise that disturbed other users of the

The 91 young sturgeon released Saturday are down in numbers from the 370 reared and released in 2013, Mitchell said, but a significant



increase from the first year when three were released. “We were jacked about three fish,” Mitchell recalled of that first year.

Saturday’s events began with tours of the fish starter trailer, activities such as sturgeon decals for children and the young at heart, and free DVDs about the sturgeon recovery effort.

LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli, after participating in a drum circle to open the ceremonial portion of the release, talked about the significance of the effort.

Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell spoke of efforts under way in his city to reintroduce the rapids to

the Grand River by removing dams, a plan still a couple years from fruition.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is helping in the project which would restore a large, traditional spawning ground for Great Lakes sturgeon.

Mitchell said he gets the feeling Heartwell is a spiritual ally and presented him with a drum banger carved in the form of a sturgeon.

If and when the rapids are restored in the Grand River, Mitchell said the tribe would “be looking at putting sturgeon in that water.”

Ludington Daily News.

Gregory AD (the folks who did our Sturgeon video) have announced: “We are absolutely delighted to let you know the “Nme” documentary has been accepted for screening at the Voices from the Waters International Traveling Film Festival! Here’s a comment from their website “Due to its growing popularity, this year we

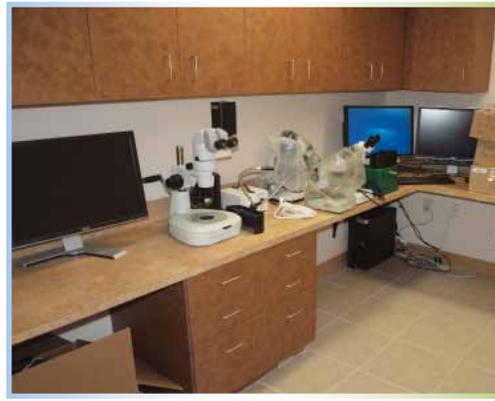
have already received 145 films from 27 countries and more are on its way... We will be screening at the festival the very best of them, about 40 to 45 aesthetically crafted works – all of them, a must watch.” Here’s the web address www.voicesfromthewaters.com

“We owe Austen (Brauker) a big thank you for making the initial contact and getting the film short listed. And each of you, for supporting the project from day one! Acceptance into this festival is a huge and well deserved honor to each of you for all your years of dedicated work!”

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Department moved last month to the former Tribal Health Clinic building on 9th street in Manistee, MI (just South of the flashing light at the top of the 8th street hill). The renovations to the building for the various offices of the Natural Resource Department use were completed recently and the long-anticipated move was finally made.

Imagine if you will moving labs, equipment and offices for around 30 people in a week's time! It was a well-planned chaotic event but it has been successful. Thanks to everyone for helping out with the move!

The phone numbers, email addresses and other contact information for the department are all the same, just the location has changed.



Recovery Celebration

At the end of August, LRBOI BeDaBin Behavioral Health held their annual Recovery Celebration at the 5th Street Beach Pavilion in Manistee. This was a family celebration in recognition of recovery and wellness efforts within our tribal family and community.

The event was well attended with approximately 45 folks coming in. Each year, the event grows.

This time there were games, giveaways and Jamie Friedel brought a big stack of Frybread for everyone's enjoyment. At 7 p.m. Speaker Anthony "Tony" Davis came in and gave his wonderful message to everyone. There was even Recovery Bingo, and Door prizes. You can tell by the photos that a good time was held by all.



A big Miigwech to the BeDaBin program for their wonderful work for our people!



Salmon Season is here!

Fall Salmon Harvest in Streams and Rivers

Many opportunities exist for the harvest of salmon in the streams and rivers of the 1836 Ceded Territory, including hook and line, spears, bows and hand nets. These opportunities are similar to past years and your Tribal ID card serves as your fishing license.

All Streams and Rivers except the Little Manistee River:

Hook and line, spearing, bowfishing and handnet techniques may be used.

For hook and line fishing:

- No permit or harvest reporting card is needed.
- 5 fish per salmon species per day, all must be at least 12 inches long.

For spears, bowfishing and handnets:

- Permits are not required but a harvest reporting card must be acquired from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department and must be returned within 7 days of harvest.
- 5 fish per salmon species per day, all fish must be at least 12 inches long.
- Spears are not allowed in 4 Upper Peninsula streams - Chocoday, Mosquito, Big Two hearted and Little Two Hearted. All other methods are allowed.
- Atlantic salmon shall not be speared in the Torch Lake watershed.

Chinook Harvest on the Little Manistee River:

The Little Manistee River is an egg-take and salmon harvest facility operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The weir is used to block Chinook salmon so eggs can be collected. The eggs collected at the weir are sent to State Fish Hatcheries where they are raised and stocked all over Michigan. Eggs are also supplied to other states. In the 2007 Inland Consent Decree the State and the Tribes agreed to protect the Chinook salmon in the Little Manistee River during egg collection while maintaining opportunities for Tribal harvest. Regulations and opportunities for the Little Manistee River Chinook salmon harvest are presented below:

- From September 1st to November 14th, spears and bows may be used to harvest salmon from 300 feet below the weir to the south end of Manistee Lake (See fishing regulations Table 6, Note 3 for specific locations). Hook and line may not be used in the Little Manistee River below the weir to harvest salmon during this period.

- Permits and harvest report cards are required and can be acquired at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department. Permits must be requested at least 8 hours prior to the time of harvest. Harvest report cards must be returned within 7 days of harvest. You must carry your permit with you when bowfishing, spearing, or netting.

- There are weekly quotas established and permits will be allocated until the quota is met for the week. Total allocation for the 2014 season is 300 fish for all five 1836 Treaty Tribes. Permits will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

- If/when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources meets its Chinook salmon egg take goals for the year there will be no quotas.

- Hook-and-Line fishing is closed in the southern end of Manistee Lake from September 6 through October 15 (See Fishing Regulations 6.04.G).

- Hook-and-Line fishing, bowfishing, spearing, and hand netting are allowed above the weir (no permit needed, you do need to fill out a harvest report within 7 days).

Please contact the Natural Resources Department for more information: (231) 723-1594.

Tax-Exempt Quotas

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 Exempt Purchases for Resident Tribal Members

The implementation date for the Tax Agreement was April 1, 2004. Consistent with the Tax Agreement which recognized the Tribal tax exempt status of the Tribal government and Resident Tribal Members, the Tribe has chosen to authorize Tribal Members to use Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax for specific purchases listed below. A Tribal Certificate of Exemption must be presented to the vendor before purchasing the item. No refunds will be allowed for taxes on the purchase of the items covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption. Certificates must be issued by the Tax Office located in the Governmental Center. Normal business hours for the Tax Office are Monday through Thursday from 7 am to 3 pm.

Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption:

- Motorized vehicles (cars, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles)
- Modular or Mobile homes
- Construction materials for affixation to personal residence
- Tangible personal property for treaty fishing

The Tax Agreement requires that Resident Tribal Members follow certain procedures and file certain forms to receive the exemption. A Resident Tribal Member/Tribal Entity Claim form must be completed and submitted to the Tax Office before the Tribal Certificate of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax can be issued. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information" or they can be picked up at the Tax Office. Application form must be completely filled out, signed and returned to the Tax Office before a certificate will be issued.

Joint Purchases – A Resident Tribal Member shall qualify for a 50 percent exemption on purchases that are made by a Resident Tribal Member, or their non-Resident Tribal Member spouse, and exclusively titled in both their names.

NEW: Resident Tribal Members will be required to provide Proof of Residency when requesting a Tribal Certificate of Exemption.

Resident Tribal Members must plan ahead and get their paperwork completed in advance to insure that they receive their Michigan sales tax exemption at the time of purchase. No refunds are allowed on sales or use tax paid at the point of sale.

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 October 1, 2013 & October 1, 2014

	Household Size	Income Limits	
	1.	\$ 1,110.00	
	2.	\$ 1,445.00	
Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.	3.	\$ 1,780.00	Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00 Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson 1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715
	4.	\$ 2,216.00	
	5.	\$ 2,489.00	
	6.	\$ 2,852.00	
	7.	\$ 3,187.00	
	8.	\$ 3,522.00	
		For each additional member add \$ 335.00	

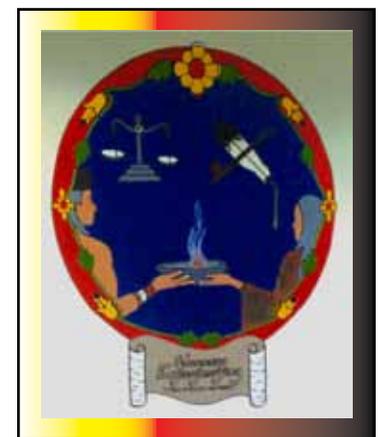
Over the years there has been a disconnection between boys growing up and learning to become men. The Anishinaabek have “Rites of Passage,” that were practiced and taught in

the past. Those rites have slowly gone by the wayside over time and in some cases have disappeared completely. This has left some of our young men lost and trying to understand what it means to be a man. We have many young men in our Tribe who are desperately seeking guidance. Many of them do not know where to go or who to turn to.

through “Rites of Passage” provides self-worth, confidence and personal responsibility. It also gives young men the guidance, morals and values they need to be strong independent men.



The men of this community would make an indelible mark on our future by sharing their wisdom, knowledge and experiences and providing positive support to our young men. Please consider being a mentor.



It has been said there are “ten million” single mothers in the U.S. This indicates to me that there are too many young men that have no father in their homes or no father figures in their lives. The transition from boy to man is hard enough without some direction, guidance, or a connection to our Anishinaabek Odawa ceremonies. We end up with adults who have no concept of what it entails to become a man. This is where the Rites of Passage come into play. Learning

I have done some preliminary research on programs that would help us organize our own group. One of the entities is called “A Band of Brothers”. We would begin by utilizing their experiences and protocols that have helped them fulfill their goals of mentoring young men to become productive members of society. We would create real goals and objectives to incorporate our Odawa Aninhinaabek ceremonies into a program that would guide and support our own male- children on their path to adulthood.

The Peacemaking/Probation Department is asking for adult male volunteers who reside in our community who may be interested in developing this program and being a part of a Men’s group. Please call or contact Patrick Wilson at 1(231)398-2239 or email: pwilson@lrboi.com

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2014 Fall Membership Meeting



The Ogema's Meet and Greet will
be Friday evening (the 10th) in the Three Fires Conference Center
from 7p.m. to 9p.m.

The Fall Membership Meeting will be held (October 11th) at the
Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) at the Little River Casino Resort.

8am- Registration

9am-12pm- Booths Open

12pm- Lunch

1pm- Formal Meeting

A Prayer of Thanks for Food

Ngizhemanidoom, sema ngiimiinagoo wiinamaayaan nangwaa.
Gagwejimin wiizhiwendamaan maanda mijim miinawa zhiwenmishinaang nangwaa.
Miigwech ndinaanaanik gewe wesiinhak, okaanak, bineshiinhak, miinawa giigonhik,
kinagwa gwayaa gaabigitnaamwat wiinwa bimaadiziwaan maanpii akiing niinwe wiimaadiziiyaang.
Miigwech ge ndikaadami netawging miinawa maanwaang gaamiizhiyaang wiimijiyaang
wiizongziyaang nangwaa. Miigwech ngizhemanidoom miigwech.

English translation...

My creator. Tobacco was given to me to pray today.
I ask you in a good way to bless this food and to bless us today.
We say thank you to all those animals, wild and domestic, the birds and the fish.
Everyone that gave up his or her lives here upon the earth, so that we can live.
We also say thank you for the vegetables and the fruits that you have given to us,
so that we can have strength today. Thank you my creator thank you.