Robert Memberto-ba
Commerce Director walks on

Sunday, July 6th Robert unexpectedly passed away. A fire was lit that day in our ceremonial lodge and a pipe ceremony was held at noon on Monday the 7th.

On Wednesday, the 9th, a massive memorial and feast was held in the Makwa Endaat with representatives from many tribes, agencies and groups…all gathered to pay their respects and tribute to this wonderful man.

(See more on Robert inside this issue)

Welcome Our 2014 Princess

Angel Shaw

Mini-Pow Wow a hit!

Dancers, singers and Urban Nation (drum) put on a demonstration mini-pow wow for Forest Festival visitors at Douglas Park on the 4th of July. This was a lot of fun and visitors to the area enjoyed.

2014 Forest Festival Parade

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians took part in a big way in this years’ parade with units from the Warriors Society, a drum, dancers and singers. The community loved it!

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Miigwetch from our The Historic Preservation office, all Dancers, and Drummers who participated in Manistee’s National Forest Festival Parade and mini-Jiingtamok on Friday, July 4, 2014. We appreciate your commitment and beautiful representation which showcased our tribal heritage. Miigwetch for showing our local community the talent and cultural diversity our people possess.
My name is Angel Shaw
I am 13 years old. I am a Jingle Dress Dancer. I help make the dress I wear. One of my many hobbies is hoop dancing. One of my goals is to be on the A-B honor role. I was real close this year.

Being Little River Princess is an honor for me because; it has been a dream of mine for a long time. I would love to go to other Jiingtamok’s to showcase my skills as a Jingle Dress Dancer. I love to dance and sing on drum.

I really love to hang out with my family and friends, they make me laugh and I love to laugh and smile. I love to make other laugh and smile with me.

Thank You
Angel Shaw

I’ve been blessed with two beautiful Tribal Member daughters who served well in their roles as LRBOI Princess; Chelsea Bromley in 2006 and Isabel Burger in 2013. I look forward to meeting our new Princess this weekend.

Kchiimiigwech to all the Kwewok who have stepped up to the challenge of being Princess.

Everyone should have a role model—and live as if they truly are one, every day.

Jessica L. Burger

The 2014 Miss Little River Princess is Angel Shaw. She won the coveted title during the Jiingtamok on the weekend of July 4, 2014 and will follow Izzy Burger who has done an outstanding job during her reign in 2013.
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Growing up in the Ludington area, she attended the Chamber school as a young girl. Irene’s fondest memory of school is of her 16th birthday when her mother bought her a blue taffeta dress from the local store. “It was a special dress because my mother made all my clothes, she was a great sewer but like all young girls I was sick of homemade clothes and wanted something store-bought” she said. “I loved that dress”.Irene is bi-lingual in French and English since her father was from Canada. “My father didn’t speak English and couldn’t even ask for a loaf of bread when he first got here” she said. Irene’s father spent every summer working as a foreman at the Christensen Log Camp and after years of traveling between Michigan and Wisconsin, her family settled in Land O’ Lakes when she was 18.

In 1925 she met Walter Dickman at the local tavern ran by his mother and soon after they were married. “I never wanted to marry a farmer, even though I liked a few of them, because I didn’t like how they had to milk cows” she said laughing. “My uncle would always tease me and say ‘I suppose next time I see you, you will be coming from the barn with 2 milk pails and sh*t between your toes”

Irene and Walter spent 47 happily married years together in Land O’ Lakes where they co-owned the local Ford dealership and raised their 4 children, Ruth, Bob, Carolyn and Jerry. Walter was 75 when he died in 1973 and since that time Irene has lived alone in the home that Walter built for her in 1963 on the Wisconsin River.

The Little River Band’s Article IV for membership criteria uses the 1870 Annuity Payroll of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and specific Chiefs listed on that roll. Additionally the Tribal Constitution cites that a person can be a member if they trace back to anyone who resided in four specific counties as listed in the 1908 Durant Roll:

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 - Eligibility for Membership. An individual is eligible for membership in the Tribe, if he/she possesses at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood, of which at least one-eighth (1/8) degree must be Grand River Ottawa or Michigan Ottawa blood and: (a) Is a lineal descendant of a member of the historic Grand River Bands who resided in Manistee, Mason, Wexford or Lake Counties in the State of Michigan, who was listed on the schedule of Grand River.
What is the Durant Roll?
The Durant role was a federal judgment fund distribution roll prepared to determine which Indian people were eligible to receive a per capita share of the monies awarded by the federal court in judgment RG 75 Docket 27978. (35 Stat. 8-27). These moneys were to be distributed in per capita payments.

To prepare for this distribution, the BIA hired Special Agent Charles McNichols to develop a roll of living descendants of the Ottawa and Chippewa Bands.

McNichols arrived in Michigan expecting to find small numbers of Indians in small communities of mixed bloods. What he found instead was a sizable number of Ottawa and Chippewa living together in separate Indian communities.

It was my impression, and I believe it to have been yours, that there were but a few hundred of said “Ottawa and Chippewas of Michigan.” Your letter of instruction made no mention of bands of full bloods living around Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and the straights. (McNichols to A.C.I.A, Nov.10, 1905 OIA-LR 90738-1905)

In fact, McNichols found that there were thousands of Michigan Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, many with full blood, that were living in various geographilocations with their chiefs.

Based on this discovery, McNichol’s contacted Interior and suggested that the chiefs of each band be allowed to determine whether a particular person: (1) was or was not a member of their band, and (2) should or should not be included on this new federal roll. The clear evidence of Indian lineage that McNichol’s had hoped to find in local records did not exist and McNichols felt that the certification of the Chief should be sufficient evidence for inclusion on the roll. (Larabee, Acting COIA to Sec. Of Interior, Nov. 10, 1905 OIA-LS Vol. C. 268:438)
A beautiful story came to light this last month regarding membership at Little River. Diane Lonn, Enrollment Director and Valerie Chandler from Tribal Historical Preservation reported that three brothers had been adopted out and lost contact with their families...but are now back with us. Here’s how Valerie put it:

“The three brothers are Steven McKinnon, Mark McKinnon, and Brian McKinnon. They were all adopted out at a young age and their mother's name was Madeline (nee Bailey) Loza. Two of the brothers were actually named Stephan (Steven) and Dwayne (Mark) but in adoption, their names changed.

Last year they came up to fish at Tippy Dam area and someone asked them if they belonged to the Tribe in Manistee and at the time they weren't even sure if they were native or not, but the other fisher told them to go to the casino to find out if they might be members, so they did and were referred to the government. They spoke with Diane (Lonn) who found they indeed were members and also referred them to THP.

Upon talking to the men, I remembered I had a photo of the lady they told me was their mother. I printed off the photo which was the first photo they had of her other than her driver's license and they were so happy.

They asked if I had more info and I told them I would look and perhaps find something, which I did - I found where their mother was buried and printed off a copy of the photo of the headstone along with the address of the cemetery (the Indian cemetery in Hart).

They decided to go visit and clean up their mother's grave and came across some native looking people already there. The brothers asked where they might find their mother's grave and the people there were astounded because it turned out one was a cousin and one remembered babysitting for them and they had been looking for the brothers for over 40 years. They found their mother's grave well-kept and it was a coincidence that they all were there at the cemetery that day because the group that was there normally tends to the yard monthly but were running two weeks behind and just decided to go that day. They showed the brothers where they had other relatives buried as well as their father which they did not know about along with relatives on his side. The people took them to their childhood home which they vaguely remembered.

The brothers asked what clan they were and were told from the relatives that they are turtle clan. When they visited their childhood home, it just so happened that a turtle crossed their path and they took that as a sign. Since then, they have reconnected with a brother they never met and are still looking for a sister they have not met. Steven is looking to relocate to tribal housing and get a job at the casino because he feels this is where he belongs. All of the life they have felt lost and wondered where they belong. “

Thanks to our dedicated staff at Enrollment and Historic Preservation for helping bring some of our people home.
Tribe well represented in parade

For the first time in several years, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was represented in the Forest Festival Parade! As usual, one of our Tribal Public Safety vehicles helped lead the parade through Manistee but then, unit #30 started off with our Warrior’s Society. Their unit was actually a hit because of a mishap! As the unit made the first turn by the Blue Fish restaurant, it stopped running. Not to be deterred by such an inconvenience, a number of strong folks got behind and pushed the unit through the parade to the cheers and delight of the entire line of spectators. As they passed the old offices at 375 River Street, a photo was taken showing them having a ball and rolling right along with big smiles for everyone. Afterwards, someone commented that we had a real ‘Rez’ car in the parade….go figure!

Following our Warriors, the tribe delighted viewers with a float built like a cedar lodge with Elders and Tribal Council members on board. They had a drum and a number of dancers following along demonstrating our culture. The only question heard along the route was, “Why did they stop dancing?” To which someone replied, “Because they were tired and needed a break!” Did you ever try dancing on asphalt????

Close behind, the Little River Casino Resort came by with their entry, again showing their support for the community and the tribe.
The Muskegon Chronicle reported in late June that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners passed another resolution in support of the LRBOI efforts to build a casino in that area. Citing economic growth, recent advancements and a request for more formal support, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, June 24, unanimously passed a resolution to support Little River Band of Ottawa Indians’ plans to build a casino in Fruitport Charter Township.

“The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners believe such support to be beneficial and in the best interest of the county and its citizens,” the resolution reads.

Commissioner Chair Ken Mahoney said Robert Memberto, Tribal Commerce Director, indicated earlier this month that the proposal had recently moved closer to approval and that the tribe needed updated resolutions of support.

The project has been in the planning stages for more than five years.

Mahoney said Fruitport Township Supervisor Brian Werschem had also asked the county to issue formal support for the $100 million, Class III casino operation, which would be located near the Lakes Mall and would include hotels and a retail outlet.

In October, Gov. Rick Snyder allowed the project to advance to the federal level by signing a waiver but did not actually approve an amendment to the tribe’s compact with the state. That measure would also need the approval of the state legislature.

At the time of the 2013 announcement, casino supporter and state Sen. Goeff Hansen (R-Hart) said the process encompassed an “information gathering process” and a federal review of the tribe’s Fee to Trust Application.

The tribe operates the Little River Casino and Resort in Manistee and owns more than 200 acres of land in Fruitport, including the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack site, which it purchased in 2008.

County and township officials passed a similar resolution of support in 2008 and lined up an operating agreement.

The casino plans also garnered support from the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, which issued a statement in 2012 that was written without using the words “casino,” “gaming” or “gambling.”

The document goes on to contend that the casino would also benefit neighboring counties and requests that Snyder, Hansen and state representatives Collene Lamonte (D-Montague) and Marcia Hovey-Wright (D-Muskegon) support the casino operation “in the most expedient manner.”
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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be hosting this training conference

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 6pm
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For more information, please contact Kenny Pheasant at 231-398 6892

Thursday, July 24:
Training begins in the Lodge / Tribal Council Chambers. This will be the third meeting between the Tribes in the last three years.

Some may say that this is the first time that this is happening, but belief is that our people have been doing this for hundreds of years and we are just carrying on what our ancestors have already done.

If you wish to attend, please coordinate a dish to pass with either Melanie Ceplina at 231-398-6855 or Laura Sievert at 231-398-6827.

*This feast is being coordinated by LRBOI Language Students
That said, there’s no better way to describe the life of Robert Memberto.

MUSKEGON, MI – One of the great idioms of the deceased is to describe them as larger than life. It helps categorize an aura of enormity that goes beyond the physical being of man to a place where memories live and legacies thrive.

Robert J. Memberto

Memberto also was well respected for work in the Grand Traverse Bay Band Economic Development Department and his time facilitating economic partnerships with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Small Business Administration and the Department of Labor, among many others.

He was the executive director of Grand Traverse Bay Band Economic Development Department for nine years prior to serving in his most recent capacity with LRBOI.

But to those who knew him best, Memberto -- or Bobby Joe, as he was known to close friends and family -- was the type of man both to frustrate you and make you laugh at the same time -- larger than life at every turn.

«He was focused on trying to help the tribe, help the tribal community and Michigan,» said Glenn Zaring, director of public affairs for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. «He loved Michigan. He was bold and brash and arrogant sometimes but, at time same time, you just wanted to give him a big hug.»

Memberto graduated from Oakridge High School, playing football for Jack Schugars, and Muskegon Community College and served in the United States Army. According to the LRBOI website, he also attended Ferris State University and Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, majoring in criminal justice and business administration, respectively.

He is survived by his wife, Shelly; their seven children, Cory Duplantis, Ryan Memberto, Anthony and Aaron Vaughn, and Rylee, Raquel, and Sophie Memberto; his mother, Evelyn (Memberto) Herbert; his brother, Brian D. Memberto (Kim); and his uncle, Philip R. Memberto along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph J. Memberto; his uncle, William D. Memberto, his stepfather, Douglas Herbert, and his brother, Bradley R. Memberto.

A memorial event will be held in his honor at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 at the Event Center at the Little River Casino Resort, 2700 Orchard Highway, in Manistee.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners and the entire administrative staff, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you, Robert’s family and the entire Little River Band of Ottawa Indians family. Robert was a great guy and fun to be with in both a work and social setting. He will be greatly missed by all of us. I especially appreciate his ability to find ways in which we all worked together for the benefit of the entire community. It is my hope that we can carry on with that mission.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend his memorial today due to other commitments. The County will be represented by Chairman Hilliard and other representatives.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist his family or the Little River Band during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Kaminski
Manistee County Controller/ Administrator
The Governor is unable to attend tomorrow’s memorial for Robert but wishes to send his condolences to his family and all the members of the LRBOI. Please pass along our condolences to Larry and all.

Dennis C. Muchmore- Chief of Staff
Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan

The news is so sad and sudden. Please know we are thinking of you and Robert’s family.

If there is anything we can do, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Take care.

Stacie M. Bytwork
Executive Director
Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce

My sad news! Our good friend Robert J. Memberto has been called back to the Spirit World by the Creator. I do not have any details, and quite frankly I was hoping I was wrong when I heard ~ but sadly it is true.

Those who know Robert, know that he has dedicated his life to his Tribe, the tribes he has worked for and in the spirit of the Three Fires Confederacy through the United Tribes, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, and many other Inter Tribal Associations for which he has been a part. When our differences threaten our common good, Robert was always there to find a way to reach across rez lines to pull us together. It is with this thought that I am extremely sad but also very proud of the life that this young warrior lived.

Please take a moment and send a message to his family via his facebook page (linked below) or through some other means. On a personal note, I ask that before you lay down to sleep tonight, please put some tobacco down or say a little prayer for Robert's family and also to give thanks to his ancestors for the leadership he has shown to bring our people ~ the Anishinabeg people together.

Aho! (Aaron Payment, Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Band)

Releasing Robert

We are all saddened by the unexpected passing of our colleague Robert Memberto-ba. We recognize that he was a warrior, friend and relative to many in our community. As is our Little River Band of Ottawa Anishinaabe lifeway, a sacred fire was lit to facilitate his journey to the next life; the fire was started at Sunrise on July 5, and will burn to Sunset on July 9, 2014. All are welcome to go to the lodge to pay their respects and offer prayers for Robert-ba and his family.

We can never know why a person is taken from us; Robert-ba’s time clearly was shorter than we all expected it to be here on Aki. We can keep his family in our thoughts, we can offer good words and remember him well.

Godspeed Robert-ba.
KchiiMiigwech for touching our lives.

Jessica L. Burger
Tribal Manager

“Tribal Public Safety Officer Pat Gilles was on duty at the time Robert was discovered and he wanted to pass on his thanks to West Shore Community Hospital, Dr. Michael Barna and the 2nd floor nursing staff for their care and assistance to the family during this trying time.”
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* Memorial Day
* Independence Day
* Labor Day
* Reaffirmation Day (Sept. 21st)
* Veteran’s Day
* Thanksgiving Day
* Friday after Thanksgiving Day
* Christmas Eve Day (Half 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.

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

D.J. Vanas is internationally-acclaimed motivational storyteller and a leadership and personal development expert. He is also the author of the celebrated book The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement and a newly released novel Spirit on the Run. D.J. is a tribally-enrolled member of the Odawa Nation, a former military officer and shows organizations how to practically apply the power of the warrior spirit and its principles to perform at their best, stay resilient and thrive in tough, changing environments. For twenty years, he’s delivered his dynamic programs in 49 states and overseas to over 5,000 audiences including Walt Disney, NASA, IBM, Subaru and hundreds of tribal governments, communities and schools. He’s also been invited to the White House to speak – twice. D.J. can be found online at www.nativediscovery.com

This story is an account of the coming of age of a young Native American boy on a bear hunting trip in Canada. He finds himself through personal events and Spiritual awakening that he encounters. He realizes the importance of seeing and understanding the little messages the Universe gives us every day. He has many decisions to make that eventually help form the man he becomes. He carries these teachings with him throughout the rest of his life. He grows in personal strength and wisdom, through the choices me makes.

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Merrill G. (Berry Moon)
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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](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](http://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:

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**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)**

Wanted Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society please email [vjohnson@lrboi.com](mailto:vjohnson@lrboi.com) or [rmemoryto@lrboi.com](mailto:rmemoryto@lrboi.com) for application and or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Ski Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meeting are followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.
The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie hosted a Commercial Fishing Vessel Examination Course June 10-12, 2014 at the Chi-Mukwa Facility in Sault Ste. Marie. Fire Prevention and safety devices training was held in the CORA parking lot and vessel examinations held at the Bay Mills Conservation/Biological Offices in Bay Mills for 25 CORA Member Tribal CO’s, GLIF-WC Game Wardens, Keweenaw Bay CO’s and MST2’s from Coast Guard Duluth. Instructors for the course were Chief Cindy Reavis and Lt. Ryan Brady from the Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, VA along with assistance from David Belliveau of the Coast Guard Head Quarters in Washington, DC and MST1 Benjamin Gilmore of Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie.

The course is originally held for 5-days in Yorktown and addresses safety issues for ocean-going vessels as well but as the CORA Member Tribal CO’s only deal with vessels on the Great Lakes, the course was designed to address the safety requirements and regulations for Great Lakes vessels. The CORA Member Tribal CO’s will be certified to perform the vessel examinations on commercial fishing vessels on the Great Lakes to assist the Coast Guard in covering the 1836 Treaty ceded-waters to ensure the commercial fishing vessels are safe by having the proper safety equipment on-board which will keep the commercial fishermen safe as possible. This is the second time this course has been made available in Michigan as the first was done in 2011 at the CORA Offices with 15 CORA Member Tribal CO’s certified at that time.

Graduation was held on June 12th with all 25 CO’s receiving a certificate of training completion from Capt. Steve Teschendorf of Sector Sault Ste. Marie. The final step for the CO’s to become a certified examiner is to perform an examination with a Coast Guard representative to receive final authorization that all requirements were met to become a certified examiner. Vessel examinations, or better known to the fishermen as Dockside Inspections, are done on a volunteer basis but Congressional regulations are in the works to make the inspections mandatory for vessels fishing 3nm (nautical miles) from shore on a yearly basis. All other vessels within 3nm will still be done on a voluntary basis. Word at this time is this requirement could take place in early 2015. Fishermen will be notified if or when the regulations take effect.
Chief Warden Bailey, Sgt. Robles, CO Willis lighting off flares.


Group photo after outdoor training – backrow – MST2 Williams, Capt. Donald Carrick, MSGT Heiter, Lt. Dean Parish, CO Derek Parish, Officer Tom Shampine, CO Everitt Ekdahl, CO Dale Goodreau, Officer Mike Povey, Game Warden Terry Carrick, Officer George Parish, CO Roger Willis, Officer Tom Shampine, CO Janelle Cook, Sgt. William Schofield, Warden James Chambers, CO Mike Brown, Officer Alan TenEyck, Front Row: Game Warden Steve Amsler, Sgt. Robert Carrick, Chief CO Kevin Willis, Sgt. Robert Robles, CO Brandi Johnson-Cook, Chief Warden William Bailey, CO Tim Tilson and Officer Sam Gardner.

Attendees

Bay Mills:
Grand Traverse Band:
Capt. Donald Carrick, Jr.
Chief Warden William Bailey
Lt. Dean Parish
Warden James Chambers
Sgt. William Schofield
Sgt. Robert Carrick
CO Derek Parish

Sault Tribe:
GLIFWC
Officer Tom Shampine
Game Warden Terry Carrick
Officer George Parish
Game Warden Steve Amsler
Officer Mike Povey
Officer Sam Gardner
Officer Alan TenEyck

Little River Band:
Little Traverse Bay Bands:
Sgt. Robert Robles
Chief CO Kevin Willis
Sgt. Mark Szynski
CO Roger Willis
CO Mike Brown
CO Matt Umlauf
CO Brandi Johnson-Cook
CO Janelle Cook

Keweenaw Bay:
Coast Guard Duluth:
CO Timmy Tilson
MST2 Williams
CO Dale Goodreau
MST2 Heiter
CO Everett Ekdahl
MANISTEE — Featuring a handful of speakers across three days, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians’ third annual Midwest Peacemaking Conference has attracted interested parties from around the nation.

Peacemaking — an age-old method of conflict resolution — attempts to strengthen personal relationships after a wrongdoing by creating a dialogue between the victim and offender. The method is making a return to the public, and some say that the LRBOI is out in front leading the charge.

“People are really impressed with the knowledge and experience from the speakers,” said Patrick Wilson, LRBOI peacemaking head. “They are learning a lot and taking away what I had hoped that they would take away, and that’s a better understanding of what peacemaking is about and what peacemaking can do.

The conference’s keynote speaker, Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Tim Connors, is the first in the nation to adopt peacemaking in a state court. Connors talked with the audience on Thursday about the need for state justice systems to adopt tribal peacemaking practices.

“When we look at the wheel (in peacemaking), we look at the recognition and the need to get back to healthy communities, we have to look at the effect on the body, the heart, the mind and on the spirit,” Connors said. “All four are equal and all four are necessary. “Here is the fundamental problem, the state justice systems, in fact the entire current system, relies completely on two elements in the wheel, and disregards or absolutely will not consider the other two,” Connors continued. “Our system is completely built on the body, actions it undertakes and the applications of laws that are generated to control those actions.”

Not all cases work for peacemaking, but it provides an option for justice systems, Wilson said. According to both Wilson and Connors, peacemaking can be used in cases involving family members, neighbors, businesses or any instance where personal relationships would continue beyond the crime. The aim is to make the wronged party feel whole rather than punishing the wrongdoer.

Connors attended last year’s LRBOI peacemaking conference and became inspired to ask the Michigan Supreme Court to test the practice in his court. The high court agreed, and allowed Connors to begin a pilot peacemaking program.
Next year’s conference will focus on peacemaking around the world, Wilson said, because the conference has grown to the point where an expansion is warranted.

Also at the conference were other speakers from both state and tribal courts, who have discussed a variety of topics. The conference is designed to educate and help others in setting up their own peacemaking programs.

The conference was comprised of lawyers, students, teachers, professors and others from around the country who were interested in peacemaking. It continues with speakers today at the Little River Casino Resort and ends at noon.

By Eric Sagonowsky
Manistee News Advocate

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Court Docket

Friday, July 18, 2014

09:45 a.m.  McManamey v. McManamey  12036DM  Motion Hrg.
10:00 a.m.  Neglect/Abuse  07188NA  Review Hrg.
01:30 p.m.  Neglet/ Abuse  09053NA  Continuation Hrg.

Thursday, July 24, 2014

10:00 a.m.  Adoption Hearing  14132AM  Adoption
11:00 A.M.  LRB v. Gibner  14152TM  Pretrial

*Docket is subject to additions or deletions based on new filings.
Who Is Covered under Michigan’s Medicaid Expansion

June 27, 2014 – More uninsured adults are provided coverage under the Healthy Michigan Plan. The Healthy Michigan Plan is a Medicaid expansion that opened for enrollment on April 1st. Up to half a million Michigan residents may be qualified for the new plan.

The Healthy Michigan Plan offers health care benefits at low costs to work with your health and budget. These benefits are available to Michigan residents who are between 19-64 years old, with annual incomes of up to $16,000 for a single person or $33,000 for a family of four. Individuals cannot be enrolled in or eligible for Medicare or other Medicaid programs.

Take a step toward your healthy future with the Healthy Michigan Plan that covers a wide variety of health care services that help with medical needs. For more information about what the Healthy Michigan Plan covers, eligibility, and how to apply, visit www.HealthyMichiganPlan.org or call (855) 789-5610.

District Health Department #10 also offers enrollment assistance (by appointment) if needed. Please contact your local office at the number below if you need help completing your application.

Crawford County: 989-348-7800  
Mecosta County: 231-592-0130  
Kalkaska County: 231-258-8669  
Missaukee County: 231-839-7167  
Lake County: 231-745-4663  
Newaygo County: 231-689-7300  
Manistee County: 231-723-3595  
Oceana County: 231-873-2193  
Mason County: 231-845-7381

Summer is finally here! What better ways to enjoy the sun and warm weather than with a dip in the pool, a baseball game, or neighborhood BBQ! And while summer is a great time to sit back and enjoy the weather, heat hazards can turn a picnic into panic. Heat can be harmful because it pushes the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. It’s important to always be prepared, so that the only heat you're feeling is off the grill!

According to Ready.gov, here are a few simple things you can do inside and outside of your home to beat the heat:

- Build an emergency supply kit;
- Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation;
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes or awnings;
- Never leave children or pets, older adults or disabled persons alone in closed vehicles; even for a minute, because it could be deadly; and
- Drink plenty of water, even if you aren't feeling thirsty.

Local weather forecasts are a great way to stay aware of upcoming temperature changes. Learn how to get tuned into local alerts and warnings with American’s PrepareAthon! Be Smart-Know Your Alerts and Warnings guide. For more information on keeping it cool this summer, visit the National Weather Service’s Beat the Heat website and check out these videos from Heat Awareness Day!
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

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

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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
A plan that came together
The expansion and diversification of economic enterprise by the tribe has always been of interest to our members and a fine example finally came to a close in early June. As Commerce Director Robert Memberto said in an e-mail to the tribal leadership:

“It is with great pleasure that I announce that yesterday 6/2/2014 in Lansing in a joint meeting with LRBOI, MDEQ, and the AG’s Office that a consensus agreement was reached regarding the jurisdictional issues that were preventing the US 31 Sewer project from moving forward. A MOU between the Tribe and State is/will be developed to handle the unique jurisdictional challenges. Governor’s Office, MEDC, MDEQ, and LRBOI are all on board and agree this is a prime example of multiple units of governments working together and a shining example of a Tribal Government working proactively with local units of government.

The project will move forward and the US 31 Sewer Line Project will become a reality. This has been a lengthy process for all involved and working together we have achieved a common goal.

LRBOI will be meeting with Manistee Township on Monday to address an issue that came to light in regards to the Sewer Agreement between the Township and LRBOI. The only negative aspect to this process is so much time has elapsed that our engineer and our internal project staff are in agreement that this project will start next year in the Spring of 2015. On behalf of Ogema Romanelli, LRBOI would like to thank the County, City, and Township for working together to make this a reality for all of our communities.

I guess looking back at the process there are many positive; we have all gotten to know each other much better, our respective units of government worked together for a common goal, and we had some laughs along the way. The best line I have heard from this process is from Tim Ervin (AES), “The real money is in the movie rights”.

Tom Kaminski, the Manistee County Administrator alluded to the event in his note to the Manistee County Commissioners:

Please review the good news regarding the US 31 Sewer project. The only disappointing news is that the project will not take place until next year, but I believe it will be well worth the wait. Thank you to Robert Memberto, Ogema Larry Romanelli and Tim Ervin (AES) for all of their hard work in making the project a reality. I will provide more information as I receive it.

Thanks,
Tom

This opportunity to make use of our outstanding Utility Department facility and services for the betterment of the tribe and the community also makes economic sense as we will now have more long-term paying customers for our services.

In addition, this agreement further strengthens support for our continual close working with Michigan Governor Rick Snyder’s offices. The Governor’s office was instrumental in moving this project through its’ final approval steps. Relationships take a while to build but when done properly reap rewards for all of the players.
Cadillac, MI – During a meeting on June 27, 2014, the District Health Department #10 Board of Health approved a recommendation from Medical Director, Dr. Robert Graham, calling for precautions related to the use of e-cigarettes. “E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices which heat a liquid, typically propylene glycol, to a vapor,” said Dr. Graham. “The liquid usually contains nicotine, and many also contain a flavored ingredient that can be attractive to children.”

The flavoring itself is not toxic. “The acute toxicity of propylene glycol is very low,” said Dr. Graham. “The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recognizes propylene glycol as generally safe for use as a direct food additive, including frozen foods such as ice cream and frozen desserts(1).” The same cannot be said for nicotine.

According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the number of calls to poison centers involving e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine rose from one per month in September 2010, to 215 per month in February 2014 (2). More than half (51.1%) of the calls involved young children under age 5.

Poisoning from e-cigarette liquid can occur by ingestion, inhalation, or absorption through the skin or eyes. “E-cigarette liquids as currently sold pose a threat to small children because they are not required to be childproof, and they come in candy and fruit flavors that are appealing to children,” said CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden.

References:
(1) Code of Federal Regulations: 21CRF184.1666
(2) CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, April 4, 2014 / 63(13); 292-293
Chelsea Marie Bromley, Little River Band member, who was also LRBOI Tribal Princess in 2006, received two Master's Degrees from Eastern Michigan University, located at Ypsilanti, Michigan, in Children's Literature and Literature. Chelsea achieved perfect 4.0 grade point average in both programs. Faculty at EMU also recognized her as the Outstanding First-Year Writing Instructor for 2013-14, as she taught several Freshman Writing undergraduate courses at EMU while attending full-time as a student to achieve her degrees. Chelsea will be speaking at the Children's Literature Association Conference in South Carolina, where she will also be recognized for her award winning essay, "New Picturebook, Old Cinema." Her Master's Thesis is titled, "Brave New Forms: Adaptation, Remediation and Intertextuality in the Multimodal World of Hugo Cabret" which will be published through EMU's library. She has presented her academic research at numerous conferences across the United States.

Chelsea earned dual Bachelor of Arts Degrees in English and Screen Arts & Cultures from the University of Michigan in 2010; graduating with high honors in both programs with a 4.0 grade point average. She attended U of M after receiving the President's scholarship upon her graduation from Onekama High School, where she was the class Valedictorian. Chelsea is the daughter of Jessica and Fred Burger of Manistee, and Tim Bromley of Hart, Michigan. Her sisters are Isabel Burger, who attends Manistee High School and serves as LRBOI Princess 2013 and Olivia Burger, who is currently employed with Delta Airlines, attending flight attendant academy in Atlanta, Georgia.

New Rotary President: LRCR’s Group Sales Manager, Anna Mann, was installed last week as the Rotary Club of Manistee’s newest President, a post she will hold until July of 2015. The mission of Rotary is service above self, and the Manistee club works on volunteer opportunities within our local community (Community Kitchen sponsorship, roadside clean-up, Blossom Boulevard watering, etc.) and international opportunities (construction of a school in the Dominican Republic, most recently).
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