



Elder Chairman Ron Pete
at the 2014 conference

Elders Conference 2014

Elders and family gathered at the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) early in November for the annual meeting. Two full days of presentations, events, entertainment and discussion made this an outstanding conference.



US Attorney General conference



US Attorney Patrick A. Miles Jr and his staff including Jeff Davis, a long-time advocate in Indian Country, visited Little River as part of their regular meeting with Michigan tribes to review relationships and opportunities to work together in supporting the laws of our lands.

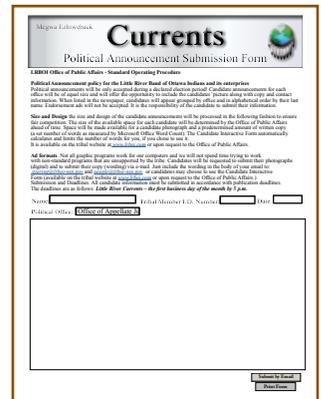
Halloween at Little River



Halloween 2014 was a blast at Little River with an Employees Party put on by the Clinic Staff and a big party for the youngsters at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center. The costumes were great and everyone had fun. See the pictures on pages 17 and 18.

Currents goes High Tech

The Office of Public Affairs is going high-tech to help you share information! Inside the paper, you will find our first fully operational, interactive forms. These forms (Tribal Members Hunting, Letters to Santa and Member News) are designed so that you can fill them in on your computer and e-mail them directly to us. Give them a try!



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Emergency Management protocols will be available upon request and per authorization by the Office of the Ogema as they constitute secure information designed to protect the lives and investments of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, their members, employees and property.

These notices are required under Resolution #13-0411-069



Sean Adams, President and Stacy Bytwork, Executive Director of the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce attended the October 15th session of the Tribal Council to make a presentation to the tribe. The Chamber of Commerce presented the tribe with a certificate of recognition on the anniversary of the tribes' 20th anniversary. The tribe and chamber joined together for a well-attended September 'Business After Hours' at the Little River Casino Resort to honor the tribal anniversary. The 21st of September was the official holiday recognizing the Reaffirmation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, signed by President William Jefferson Clinton. For some years now, tribal representative from the government and resort have participated with the Chamber and it's various boards and committees



Senator Levin comes to LRBOI



Retiring Senator Carl Levin visited the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on Saturday, the 18th of October to gather more information on the recent multi-government sewer development and to see firsthand, the tribes' new Government Center.

Senator Levin was greeted by Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson and Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring. Speaker Johnson and Director Zaring gave the senator a tour of the facility ending with a look at the Lodge (Council chamber) on the 2nd floor. Johnson took great pride in telling Senator Levin about the 'Pure Ottawa' approach to the design and construction of the building using Michigan materials and labor for the vast majority of the facility.

On the issue of the sewer project, Speaker Johnson gave a recounting of the precedent setting cooperative agreement between the tribal government, the state of Michigan, Manistee County, the City of Manistee and Manistee Township. Johnson shared some of the thought behind the project and emphasized how by working together, all of the governments could accomplish something good for the future of the entire area.

To provide more information for the Senator, Director Zaring gave the Senator a copy of the latest Currents which had an extensive story on the project. (go to the website to see the paper at: www.lrboi.com) He also gave Senator Levin a copy of an informational handout prepared by Public Affairs for use at the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Reaffirmation of the tribe in 1994. Senator Levin said that he remembered the occasion.

The Senator was in town as the guest of honor for the Don Jennings Award Dinner at the Little River Casino Resort, an annual gathering of the Democratic Party in Manistee. As part of his tour, the senator toured the Little Manistee River Weir, the Vogue Theater and the tribal government center. He was escorted by Tim Ervin of the Alliance for Economic Success in Manistee.



Work Session Attendance											
Date	Work Session Title	Delano Peters	Michael Ceplina	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Marty Wabindato	Total
10/02/14	Legal Counsel Reform Act	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			7
10/03/14	Protection Against Defamation	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	7
10/06/14	LRCR 2015 Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
10/06/14	Board of Directors	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
10/06/14	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
10/07/14	Contracting Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/07/14	Per Capita Direct Deposit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/07/14	Round Table	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/10/14	Department Budget Reviews	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/13/14	Government Emp Relations Act	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
10/13/14	TTIP - Transportation	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
10/13/14	Agenda Review	X	*	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
10/13/14	Financial Review	X	*	X	X	X		X	X	X	7
10/14/14	Contracting Ordinance	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
10/14/14	Gaming Ordinance	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
10/14/14	Health Care	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
10/16/14	Muschigon Construction			X	*	*	X	X			3
10/17/14	Indian Preference Ordinance	X	V	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
10/17/14	Meeting Procedures Ordinance	X	V	X	*	*	X	X		X	6
10/17/14	Constitutional Amendments	X	V	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
10/20/14	Government Emp Relations Act	X	X	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	8
10/20/14	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	8
10/20/14	Kwewok Circle	X	X	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	8
10/21/14	Family Services Budget Item	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/21/14	Burial Assistance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/21/14	Round Table w/ Ogema	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/21/14	Child Care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
10/23/14	Wells Fargo	X	*		*	X	X		X	X	5
10/27/14	Audit 2014-2016	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X		7
10/27/14	LRCR Board Appointments	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X		7
10/27/14	LRCR Financials	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X		7
10/28/14	Contracting Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	8
10/28/14	US Attorney General	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	8
10/28/14	Meeting with Court	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	8
	Total number of Work Sessions 34	33	22	32	31	29	27	33	27	26	

* -Business Related V - Vacation

November 5, 2014

Fellow-Citizens,

The Board of Directors of the Little River Casino Resort takes very seriously its responsibility to deliver exemplary financial results to the Tribe so that all its members may share prosperity, independence and pride. We undertake the role that has been entrusted to us with a glad and serving heart.

In fact, it could be characterized that We Want the Tribe to Win at business! We Want to Win at our roles in the business, too!

In order to Win at Business, we would like to respectfully share some information with you:

Dollars that are not received by the Resort because of providing discounts that use up the profit on meals, events or other functions and which serve a small number of users cannot be distributed to the Tribe, and then cannot show up in per capita sharing. Therefore, it ultimately benefits everyone to stop those discounts and capture those dollars for distribution which can positively affect all of our people. To be respectful and plainly honest, to achieve these good and right business goals, all Resort-offered tribal discounts shall be ending effective January 1, 2015.

This does not mean that the Tribe and its citizens will not be treated with great care as guests, nor be able to enjoy the Resort it so proudly owns!

When those dollars are distributed to the Government for the proper division of operating funds and per capita, the Resort would be more than happy to host events or provide services, certificates, and products that the Government pays the Resort for through its (post per cap) operating budget. In fact, it is rightly and properly a privilege and responsibility of Government leadership to determine what benefits should be available and provided to its citizens; not the Resort.

We thank you for the trust you have placed in us, and thank you for the many good words that you have shared with us recently that encourage us to be strong leaders in producing great business results.

Respectfully,
Elaine Porter, Chairperson

TRIBAL DISCOUNTS - FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Why is the Resort doing this?

The Board of Directors of the Resort feels that the purpose of the Resort is to provide profits to the Tribe to fund Per Cap payment and help fund Tribal Government Operations. While the Board still supports giving individual Tribal-Members discounts these discounts are not for-a-legitimate-business purpose so the Decision to give the benefits should lie with the Tribal Government and their elected officials, not The Board of Directors of the Resort. Providing discounts and Resort services to the Tribe materially affects the distribution from the Resort to the Tribe.

How does this affect me?

Although Tribal Members will no longer be receiving discounts at the Resort unless funded by the Tribal Government, the extra distribution will lead to an increase of Per Cap payments. The true profits of the Resort will now be subject to Per Cap instead of the profits after Tribal incentives.

Can the Tribal Government continue to fund the discounts?

Yes, the Tribal Government can continue to fund the discounts if they feel that it is the best use of the Limited funds to fund the Tribe. The Tribal Government is constantly analyzing budgets to ensure that The Tribe as a whole receives the greatest benefits from the funds available.

Will this end the Free Play that is given out at the meetings?

Yes, it will end the Free Play unless the Tribal Government feels that it is important enough to continue to fund Free Play out of its budget for Tribal benefits. Free Play alone was reducing Resort distributions by over \$100,000 per year. This money will now be going through Distributions and to the Per Cap.

Will there still be \$50 rooms for the Tribal Meetings?

No, there will not still be \$50 rooms for the Tribal Meetings, but the Resort will provide a group block at a reasonable rate. (Less than \$100 per night.)

**For further information, please
contact the board at
BoardofDirectors2@lrcr.com**



Every year, the United States Attorney and their staff from the Western District of Michigan visit the various tribal nations from their regions. The year, on October 28th, US Attorney Patrick A. Miles Jr and staff came to the Lodge at Little River to meet with their counterparts and with elected leaders.

These meetings are valuable because they bring together the top agencies and personnel to discuss issue, new laws, enforcement and sentencing options and larger issues.

At this meeting, updates on the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization (VAWA), Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Victim Witness Issues, Domestic Violence issues and a lot more were discussed. Miles enforcement priorities were

- 1) National Security
- 2) Violent crime
- 3) Protecting vulnerable individuals (e.g. child pornography)
- 4) Financial Fraud (e.g. organized crime)
- 5) Civil Rights (i.e. criminal corruption)



Executive Counsel Damian Fisher asked US Attorney Miles for some specific parameters and guidelines that might help tribal legal know when to bring in the federal office.

Natural Resources Director Jimmie Mitchell inquired into the status of tribal use of some facilities and Tribal Manager (and Interim Clinic Director) inquired into some aspects of Prescription Drug Abuse enforcement that would protect the tribe and our physicians. Miles talked about a couple of “special projects” (pertinent in Indian Country) like this including:

- 1) **Prescription Drug Abuse and**
- 2) **Prisoner reentry into communities (recidivism)**

One value of these annual meetings is that our tribal elected leaders get to have a frank and open discussion with some of the top law enforcement experts in the state on questions that they have regarding the whole system.





Members Submissions

As in any community, mutual respect and cooperation are key elements to success. Our Community consists of people from different places, cultures, and beliefs. Please write your submissions in a respectful manner. Be straightforward and sincere, and assume good faith. Avoid personal insults, verbal attacks and generally disrespectful, offensive, or abusive messages as these will be either edited or deleted.

Your Name: **Date:**

Category:

Congratulations Angela Eagle
You caught fish in a bucket!
You Rock!

Example

We would love to share photo's and memories with our tribal community. If you would like to share please click on the e-mail submit button.

We attached the link for hunters submission form to this page for you to save and use.

https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI_Hunters_Submissions.pdf

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Congratulations Buttercup
You graduated Potty Training
I love you very much!

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

← Announcement of General Election →

Date of Election: April 24, 2015

Offices to be Elected:

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

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

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

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

Election Board Office Hours Nov.2014/Dec. 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Declaration of Candidacy Packets available November 3rd						
Declaration of Candidacy Packets due December 1st						
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	Candidate packets may be picked up from the Election Board during office hours. Deadline to sign up to become a registered voter is December 1, 2014				

Tribal Council held a forum-style work session on Tuesday, October 21, 2-14, in the Lodge at the Government Center. Many Tribal Members attended and voiced their opinions on the proposed changes to the Bereavement Assistance Program.

Tribal Council is continuing to take any changes to the ordinance under advisement. At this time, the Bereavement Assistance Program Ordinance is still in effect as it has been for many years and there are no material changes being implemented at this time.

Tribal Members are encouraged to look at Tribal Council's calendar and attend future work sessions if able and to share their opinions with their Tribal Council Representatives in writing and by email to comments@lrboi.com. Council sessions are listed on the website to help you know when they are meeting on this and other important issues. Go to www.lrboi.com and click on the Tribal Council tab.

Tribal Police Department update



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians cross-deputation agreement with the Manistee County Sheriff's Office was temporarily suspended by Sheriff Dale Kowalkowski on November 4th.

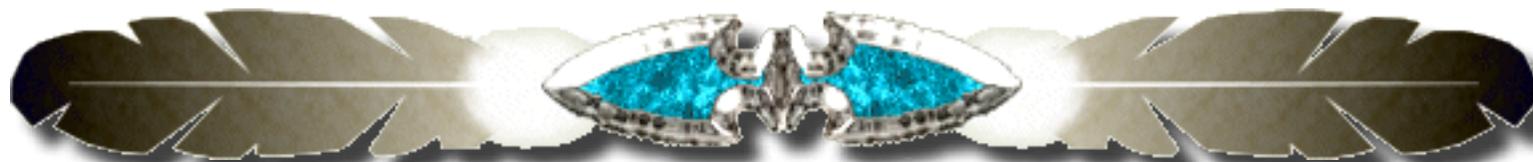
This is an internal Human Resource/Personnel issue within the sovereign tribal nation and the tribe's public safety and conservation enforcement division are handling this situation appropriately. Contrary to allegations by the Sheriff, LRBOI has a well-established and clear chain of command and supervisory structure in place which is sufficient to operate the tribal government.

Internal investigations and suspensions happen in any public safety department in the normal course business. There are procedures in place to handle investigations and a professional chain of command is in place to keep the department operating contrary to some media reports.

Unlike the Sheriff, the Tribe respects the integrity of the investigation and the privacy and professionalism of the employees involved and is not commenting publicly on the investigation.

Ogema Larry Romanelli assured tribal members and the public today that they are still being protected on our tribal lands by a respected staff of federally trained law enforcement officers.

This is a press release from the LRBOI Office Public Affairs



"The teachings are for all, not just for Indians... The white people never wanted to learn before. They thought we were savages. Now they have a different understanding, and they do want to learn. We are all children of God. The tradition is open to anyone who wants to learn."

-- Don Jose Matusuwa, HUICHOL

In the summer of 1994, a white buffalo calf was born. This means that now is the time for all races to come together. The Elders say that at this time a voice from within will speak to everyone. It will say now is the time to forgive, now is the time to come together. Are we willing to do this? Are we willing to quit judging other people? The Elders say, He will be talking through people of all races and gender. We need to open our hearts and welcome our brothers and sisters.

GVSU announces new project to document the experiences of urban Native Americans

In the last half of the 20th century, a little known program that still impacts American Indian lives today was administered by the federal government. Called "The Urban Relocation Program" this program created one of the largest movements of Indians in American history. Yet the full scope of this massive social experiment and its impact on multiple generations of Native Americans remains largely undocumented and unexplored.

Called "Gi-gikino'amaage-min: Defend Our History, Unlock Your Spirit," this project aims to create the first archival collection focused on the urban Native experience in West Michigan. The project represents a partnership among Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) Kutsche Office of Local History, Native American Advisory Board, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Special Collections and Archives. This program is funded in part by Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the

Humanities. The project will kick off on Thursday, November 13 with a community gathering from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nottawaseppi uron Band of the Potawatomi Northern Health Center, 311 State Street S.E. in downtown Grand Rapids. Free food and refreshments will be provided. Individuals are encouraged to bring photos, letters, or other two-dimensional materials they would like to have scanned for inclusion in the project. The event is free and open to the public. A "Campus Dialogue" will be held on Wednesday, 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on GVSU's Allendale campus in the Mary Idema Pew Library's Multi-Purpose Room. Part of the Native American Heritage Month celebration, this event aims to increase awareness on campus about the importance of the urban Native experience in Michigan, as well as providing direct ways faculty, staff, and students can get involved. The public is also encouraged to attend this event. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/kutsche or call (616) 331-8099. Contacts: Belinda Bardwell, GVSU Native Advisory Board Phone: (616) 780-0391 Email: Linbardwell@yahoo.com Levi Rickert, Native News Phone: (616) 301-1350 Email: levi@nativenewsonline.net Steve Naganashe Perry Phone: (231)357-6191 Email: edubigfoot07@yahoo.com Melanie Shell-Weiss, Kutsche Office of Local History Phone: (616)331-8059 Email: shellm@gvsu.edu Kristie Scanlon, GVSU Office of Multicultural Affairs Phone: 616-331-2177 Email: scanlok@gvsu.edu

A Helping Hand for our Community

Joan M. Gamache
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Manistee, MI. 49660
November 4, 2014

Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry
Catholic Community of Manistee
254 6th St.
Manistee, MI. 49660



Little River Band
Tribal Government
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI. 49660

To the Employees of the Little River Band Tribal Government:

On behalf of the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your very generous donation of 702 lbs. of groceries to the food pantry. Also, a special thanks to Tammy Bowen and Mary Thomas for their help with this food drive.

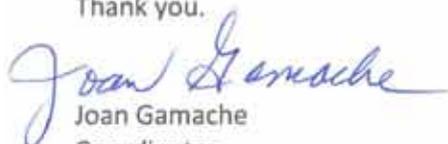
We believe that God is guiding our efforts to provide for those who are having difficulty meeting their basic need for food. It is worth the continued help of wonderful supporters, like you that this food pantry is available to residents of our community who are food insecure.

At the October 10 pantry, we served 147 shoppers and (417 household members) and we distributed 6,510 lbs. of groceries and 428 lbs of meat.

Our next food pantry is Friday, November 14, from 10:00-12:00. We ask for your continued prayers and support for the food pantry as we enter the holiday season.

God Bless You!

Thank you.


Joan Gamache
Coordinator



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." Mt. 25:35

MOONBEAR POTTERY & INDIAN ARTS

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



Shirley will be at Eiteljorg Indian and Western Art Museum, where she will be the "Artist in Residence" for the month of November. She is excited about sharing her knowledge with the Indy community. She will also be giving a lecture on "Prejudice" to Purdue University students.



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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

The Committee consist of the following:

Commander	John Shano
Vice Commander	Vacant
Secretary	Virgil Johnson.
Treasure	Vacant
Sargent of Arms	Chuck Nelson.
Chaplin	Raymond Zeeryp

American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc. (AIVMI) is a native-led organization whose mission is to advocate for a clearer understanding of the involvement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander veterans in wartime.

To help achieve its mission, AIVMI is collaborating with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) to build an American Indian Veterans Memorial Exhibit at the Education Center at the Wall (www.vvmf.org) near the Vietnam Memorial on the National Mall in Washington DC to honor our "First American Veterans". The American Indian Veterans Memorial Exhibit will highlight the bravery, contributions, and sacrifices of the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander veterans during their service in the American military.

The Education Center at the Wall will give context to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial by placing those who served in Vietnam within the long tradition of American Military Service. Across the street from the Vietnam Memorial, and in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, the Education Center at the Wall will be a technologically innovative space where visitors will come face to face with those who gave their lives in service to this country.

AIVMI is also working to establish a clearing house to disseminate and catalog information about American Indian, Alaska Native and Pacific Islander veterans. For example, in Vietnam, American Indians had the highest per capita participation of any other minority group, and the highest number of casualties, but they are not recognized at the Vietnam Wall, as are three other groups. The "Three Servicemen Statue" at the Vietnam Memorial was dedicated in 1984, and represents a "Caucasian, Afro-American, and Hispanic" soldier; nowhere is there mention of any American Indian, Alaska Native, or Pacific Islander soldier.

<http://aivmi.org/>

Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

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



The LRBOI offices
are only
closed for official
business over the
Christmas Holiday
from Noon
December 24, 2014
to 8am.
January 5, 2015!

But if you call Now
we can help you
schedule around it

1-888-723-8288



*Safe Travels
and Happy Holidays!*

The Elder Committee invites you to the annual Christmas Party.



**December
6th**

When: Saturday December 6th 12 Noon to 4 pm

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

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

Please call the Hotel at (231) 723-1535

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

The last day to reserve a room is **Saturday November 29th, 2014**. Your room rate for this block will be \$59.00.

Entertainment will be provided by Tribal Youth Raffle of prizes presented by the Elder Committee



*Sincerely,
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!

November Elder Meals Menu 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000	<p>Tip of the Month: Winter months may keep you from being active outside. Chair exercises for seniors are gentle on the body and are generally safe for most people to do. It's always a good idea to talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise program, but you're not likely to injure yourself doing chair exercises. Give it a Try!</p>					<p>1 12PM – 1PM Elder Committee Meeting Aki</p>
2 12PM – 1PM Taco Bar, Dessert	3	4 12PM – 1PM Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dessert aki	5 12PM – 1PM Pork Roast, Sweet Potato, Mixed Veggies, Dessert aki	6 12PM – 1PM Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Dessert Aki	7	8
9	10 12PM – 1PM Baked Fish, Mac N Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Dessert Aki	11  Office Closed To Honor our Vets	12 12PM – 1PM Beef tips and Noodles, Veggie Blend, Dessert Aki	13 12PM – 1PM Meatball sub, Sweet Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Dessert Aki	14 12PM – 1PM Muskegon	15
16	17 12PM – 1PM French Dip, Potato Wedges, Peas, Dessert Aki	18 12PM – 1PM Roasted Turkey, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dessert Aki	19 12PM – 1PM Smothered Pork , Chops, Mashed Potato, Corn, Dessert Aki	20 12PM – 1PM Chicken Salad, Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Carrot Coin, Dessert Aki	21	22
23	24 12PM – 1PM Spaghetti & Meatballs, Veggies , Garlic Bread, Dessert Aki	25 12PM – 1PM Roasted Chicken, Baked Potato, Veggie Blend, Dessert Aki	26 12PM – 1PM Hot Beef Sandwich, Dessert Aki	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving 	28	29
30		TBD: BINGO CARD DAY	<p>Meals served at 12 o'clock No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder. Guests Meals are \$5.00 Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food. Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.</p>			

From a letter to the Currents

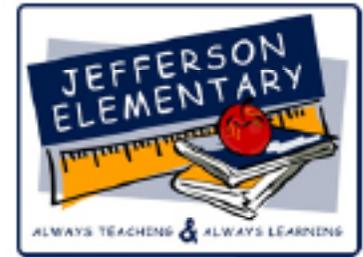
We are writing to you on behalf of the M.A.P.S. Jefferson & Madison Action Team for Partnership (ATP). I was hoping that you might possibly be able to do some kind of write up in the tribal paper regarding a generous donation we received from the Elder's Committee. On October 10th from noon to 6pm at the Manistee Paintball Extreme we held our 3rd annual Fall Festival Fundraiser. It was a fun filled day enjoyed by many students and their families. Due to their generous donation of numerous drinks, chips and candy we were able to raise \$1700.00. Proceeds from this and other fundraisers are used to fund any educational needs or programs needed in the classroom and school. We have also helped sponsor class field trips. Without generous community members like the Elders Committee, we would not be able to do so much for our students.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please contact me if there is any other information I need to provide. I look forward to hearing from you.

Tracy Robinson
ATP President

Andy Huber
Principal Jefferson

Matt Kieffer
Principal Madison



**You are invited to join us for
THANKSGIVING DINNER
On Thanksgiving Day**

Serving at Noon until 2pm

**AKI Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI**

**Dinner will be Turkey, Mashed
Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Green
Beans, Rolls; but if you would like
to bring something please do so.**

**Please let Connie (398-3952) OR
Sandy
(299-4584) know if you'll be able
to join us.**



Tribal Historic Preservation and BeDaBin are holding a special class (through November 18th) at the Aki Community Center for tribal young ones. At one class near the end of October, the youngsters learned about Fire Safety Month (October) through a visit from the Manistee Township Fire Department.



4 units including a Brush Truck, EMS van, a pumper and regular fire truck were in the parking lot at Aki for the children to explore under the careful watch of Fire Fighters.



Julie Wolfe and Kenny Pheasant helped the kids to split into groups which then went with different Fire Fighters for displays of equipment. They learned about the gear that Fire Fighters have to wear and got to try on various parts of the uniform. The children got to get up into the cab of the fire trucks and even got to go to the Brush Truck and try their hand at operating a fire hose (you should have seen their faces when they pulled the handle and started spraying water!)



At the medical van, they took turns taking blood pressure and getting a lesson in the equipment that an Emergency Medical Technician has to have available every time they are called out.



This was a wonderful educational opportunity for the young ones...thanks to THP and BeDaBin!



Trunk or Treat



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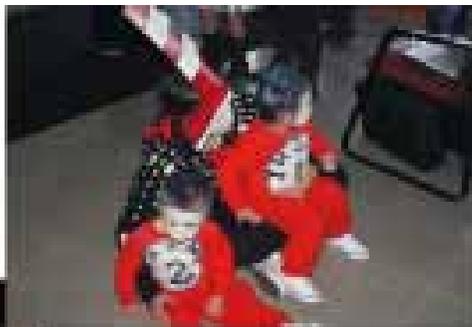
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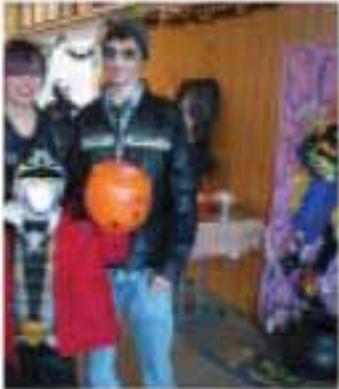


Thank you Julie Wolfe, Be-da-bin, and all their helpers for making last night's Trunk or Treating a fun event! My kids had a great time and it looked as if the community enjoyed it as well!

Thank you again for sponsoring this family fun activity ☐



Boo!



TRUNK OR TREAT



“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.” Mother Teresa.

With these words below the question, “Why are we here today”, a group of caring ladies gathered in the conference room at Aki Maa-diziwin in late October to look at the whole question about providing foster care for our young people who are left without families to care for them. Darci Munger, Services Specialist with the State Department of Human Services gave a presentation to a number of tribal ladies to dispel myths and to discuss opportunities.

Part of the presentation was to dispel some of the myths around foster care including, “I couldn’t be a foster parent because I’m not married and am not rich. I don’t even own a home!” The fact is that you do not need to be married, rich or a homeowner to be a foster parent. There were many other myths around the whole subject and they were addressed at Aki.

The tribe is not licensed at this time to provide foster care but they are working on it. Darci told everyone that her department is definitely trying for cultural service(s) but it does take 4-6 months to get a license.

For more information on becoming involved in fostering, please go to: michigan.gov/hopeforahome or call 1-855-MICKIDS. Here at Little River, contact Sujean Drake (6734) or Jason Cross (6736) in Family Services.



**REGISTER TO VOTE IN
OUR ELECTION!**



**Voter Registration forms are
available Monday through Friday from
the Enrollment Department at the
Government Center in Manistee.**



Happy Birthday
Tribal Elders

Beatrice Bahr
Robert Battice
Judy Bennett
Conzueala Forrest
Alyce Giltz
Isabelle Golden
Carol Kelsey
Joyce Kutz
Daie Lones
Lottie McCaslin
Gerald Micko
La Dona Pratt
Donna Schultz
Daniel Somerville
Danny Stewart
Vernita Weesaw

November 16
Happy Birthday to Mikey Wolfe.
Love, Michael Wolfe



Israel Stone harvested a 35 pound Bobcat in Manistee County on November 2, 2014



Israel Stone harvested a nice eight point buck weighing dress out 189 pounds. October 17th
His beautiful daughter Finely loves her dad.

The Best Gift Ever!



Congratulations Kyle Eagle
Granpa of baby Eli



Happy Thanksgiving
From Team Currents!

What if you woke
UP **TODAY**
with only the things
that you
thanked
God for
yesterday?

Yesterday
I loved you
Thankful I can
Love you
forever
My
Darlings
Hannah and
Mathew
Sandel



Michael Ceplina harvested a nice 7 point buck the second week in September in Manistee County. Congratulation's Mike!



Felica Wert Turkey harvested this Turkey October 28, 2014

The Elder Committee held another successful Elder Conference in early November! The meeting was held in the Makwa entertainment center at the Little River Casino Resort where approximately 450 elders and family members were in attendance for the event.



Ron Pete, Chairperson of the elder committee facilitated the meeting beginning with opening ceremonies. Little Bird drum played the honor song as the Warriors Society posted flags of the nations.



Throughout the day the elders spent time listening to informative presentations focused on the elder healthcare and benefits available. The first presenter was Jim Verville from the Area Agency on Aging. Jim presented on (MMAP) Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Programs. Lisa Eurick from the Veteran's Affairs Administration presented on benefits available to Veteran's and the locations throughout Michigan, Mary Witkop from



LRBOI Members Legal Assistance presented on estate planning and Public Safety Officer Pat Gilles presented on proper procedure for disposing of prescription drugs and the availability of free car seats for babies.



The evening festivities included a very nice dinner and karaoke by Starlight Entertainment. We have many talented elders who sang so well!

Sunday morning began with a nice breakfast and meeting reconvening into Q&A period where Ron Pete and Ogema Larry Romanelli answered questions and gave guidance on where to pose questions about Board of Directors decision making.

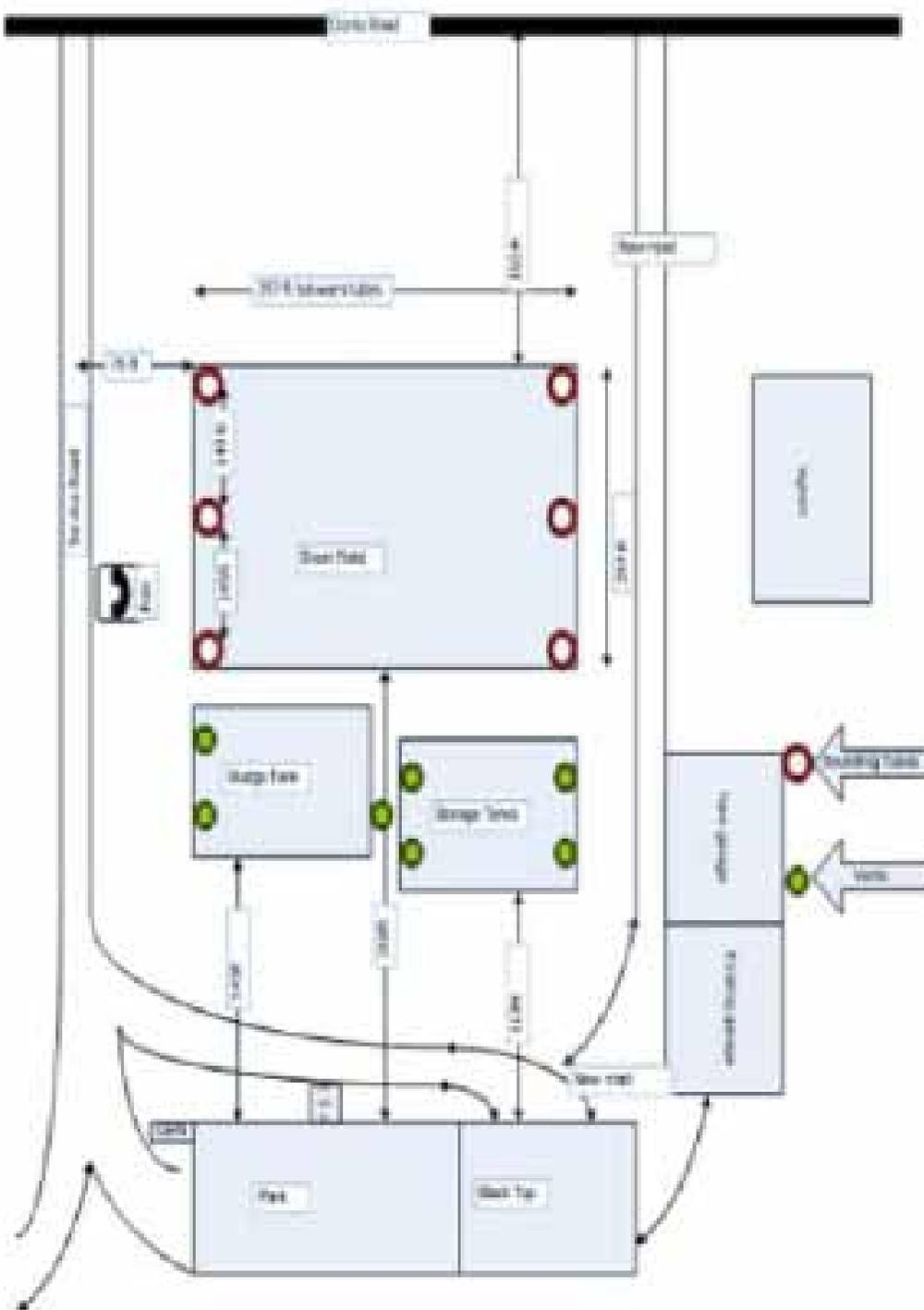


Jay Sam of the Tribal Historic Department introduced a segment from the movie “Spending the Day with Elders”. The segment was a teaching on medicines. The elder committee plans to run the movie in full length at one of its monthly meetings in 2015.

One highlight of this Elder Conference was the election of Elder Committee seat terms ending in January 2015. The current seats are held by Rita Gale, Darleen Martin and Ronald Wittenburg. The five individuals who ran in this election were Rita Gale, Marcella Leusby, Ronald Wittenburg, Darleen Martin and Kathy Sam. The ballots were tabulated by Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council Recorder Sandy Mezeske and Elder Committee member Connie Waitner. The top three with the most votes were Rita Gale, Darleen Martin and Ronald Wittenburg.

The meeting ended with the retiring of the nation flags and a traveling song by Little Bird drum. The theme of the conference was named “Coming Together”, in watching and listening to the elders the name was fitting for such a nice gathering of our elders. The elders are our past and present and through their voice and guidance come our future. It's at these meetings that coming together is so important to the future of the Tribe.







Currents

Hey Kids!

Write your letter to Santa here and email it to the Currents by the 1st of December. We'll have a panel of Elders select the top letters and then we'll print them in the December paper (around the 15th of the month).

Letters To Santa Submit by Email

Your Name Date

Dear Santa,
I can't decide what I would like this year.
Make it easy on yourself just give me...
How about Tens and Twent...

2014 LRBOI Children's Christmas Party

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

Party is open to Tribal and descendent children age 0 to 17.
When: Friday December 7th - Mark your Calendar!
Time: 11 am to 1 pm - Buffet lunch at Nooksy
Where: LRBOI - Malwa Entertainment Center

To register please call:
(231) 725-8289 or toll-free 888-723-8289 and ask for:
Kelly Gibson - Ext. 6629
Lee Trisson - Ext. 6718

Please feel free to bring a **Donut to go!**

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

You can find this link for the Letters for Santa on our website also!