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What a month at Little River!



This month was an exciting one for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians with a number of signs of progress both in our business enterprises and within the Tribal government. In fact, this might have been one of the most significant months in recent tribal history. Consider that in this month we opened a new Community Center; had a new GM start at the Casino Resort; for the first time entered into a shared police powers agreement with a local unit of government; received grant money for 10 more houses at Aki; embarked on a major governmental restructuring program; have almost completed the tear-down phase of our Muskegon operations; are preparing for our first ever Tribal Art Exhibit with the Manistee Art Institute and have Dr. Dixon back with our Health Clinic!

There are more extensive articles in this issue of the Currents on these topics.

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The Study is In!



The organizational study of how the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians works is in with recommendations on ways to consider improving the operation and services delivered to the tribal citizens. The Tribal Council and Ogema authorized study is being reviewed by key staff for possible implementation.

Gun Lake gets land!



The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs announced that the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan's reservation proclamation has been signed. Approximately 147 acres will serve as the Tribe's initial reservation under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18th, 1934. The land is located in Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Flu shots at the Tribal Clinic



Aanii,
I am pleased to announce that as of September 8th our new Interim General Manager at the Little River Casino Resort will be on board. Mr. Tom Davis, who many of you may remember will be taking over the reins until we select a permanent person for the position.

A recent report shows that our Casino customer count remains pretty stable. The number of customers coming through our doors remains the same, however the amount of money played is down some. But that is good news for this economy and appears that the new casinos opening in our area has not affected the customer count significantly but the economy has an effect, which all businesses are feeling.

Our Muskegon Casino project continues on schedule as talks and discussions continue and anyone going by the site will notice that the demolition of the old facilities is almost complete.

Recently, the City of Manistee gave approval for a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Little

River Band of Ottawa Indians for the two police departments to work together. This agreement has been the result of years of discussions between the Tribe and the City. The agreement, gives more police protection to local residents and to the offices of both departments. LRBOI was the only tribe in Michigan without some similar kind of agreement. For the agreement to happen, took the work of Public Safety Director, Joseph LaPorte, Manistee Police Chief, Dave Bachman, Manistee City Council and Mayor, Cindy Fuller and our Tribal Council and Ogema. I signed the agreement on September 2nd.

Our Health Clinic now has a signed contract for the full time physician's position and on September 8th, Dr. Julie Dixon will again take over as the Tribal Physician. We want to wish her well and also thank Dr. DeGuia for his assistance and service over the past few months. Dr. DeGuia will remain on staff on a part time basis.

Until next month...

Seen on a bumper sticker-" What if the Hokey Pokey really IS what it's all about?"

Innovative Membership Meeting

The 2009 Fall Membership Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the first to be streamed live on the Internet. At the direction of Ogema Larry Romanelli working with Mack Brushman from the Tribal Historical Preservation Department, the system had been tried out at the Spring meeting on a limited basis and was rolled out full force for the Fall meeting. Adding this 'technological' touch allows tribal members from around the world to watch the proceedings as they are actually going on. The broadcast will be linked and or embedded on the Ogema's page of the tribe's website (<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/ogema/>) or on UStream.tv is

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-fall-membership-meeting-2009>.

Just go to the above internet locations and you should be able to catch the 'broadcast.'

Community Building Use Policy

PURPOSE

In an effort to encourage community and family gatherings at Tribal community facilities, Guidelines are hereby established to govern the utilization of Community Buildings by Tribal Members and subordinate entities of the Tribal Government. Community buildings are available for use by Tribal Members and subordinate entities at no charge. The following community facilities are available for use.

Manistee

Community Center
2953 Shaw-be-quo-ung
Manistee, MI 49660

Muskegon

Muskegon Satellite Office
1101 W. Hackley Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441

POLICY

This policy is intended to safeguard tribal property, inform those utilizing Community Buildings of their responsibilities, and limit the range of use of these buildings to activities that are deemed appropriate for the community as a whole. This policy is designated to provide general guidance for overall community building use; certain provisions may or may not apply, depending on the building and the purpose for which the facility is being utilized.

To avoid conflicts with official Tribally-related business use of these facilities, requests for use of these buildings must be made in advance by submissions of a completed Building Use Request Form. Only those requests submitted by Tribal-Members of the Little River Band will be accepted and considered for approval. Official Tribally-related business use will take priority over all gatherings and functions.

The Office of the Ogema shall approve all requests for use of Community Buildings. The Ogema's Office reserves the right to deny use of Community Buildings for any purpose that it deems inappropriate for any reason.

The Office of the Ogema may approve exceptions to this policy as it relates to prohibited uses. These determinations shall be made on a case-by-case basis Requests for an exception must be submitted in writing by a requesting party.

The requestor assumes responsibility for the safe and orderly conduct of all participants in attendance from the beginning of the activity of function until all participants have left the facility.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FROM:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660
Phone: (231)723-8288

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is requesting proposals from qualified Office Supply Providers. Request must be received by and no later than Wednesday, October 14th, 2009.

CONTACT: Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at (231) 398-6804 or by emailing mlucas@lrboi.com.



Recorder's Report to Membership for August 2009

During the Month of August, the Council acted on many Grants. Those actions are summarized below:

New Grant Applications:

The Tribal Council authorized 4 Grant Applications to federal agencies totaling approximately \$660,000.00. A major portion of those grant applications are dedicated to the construction of a new Governmental Complex. If awarded, the grants will offset costs the Tribe would incur, such as architect's fees. Additionally, the Governmental Complex Task Force, the body created by the Ogema and adopted by Resolution of the Tribal Council, are working together to interview potential architectural firms for this endeavor.

Accepting Grant Funds

The Tribal Council accepted nearly \$218,000.00 in new grant funds awarded to the Little River Band. The major portion of the new funding comes from increased award through Indian Health Services. It was voiced during the Council meeting that the increased funds are a direct result of the new "Self Governance" compacting status that was granted to Little River Band in 2009, for the Health Services through IHS.

Supplemental Appropriations Authorized

The Tribal Council authorized approximately \$360,000.00 in additional government funds during the month of August. At least \$100,000 of that funding was dedicated to the Small Business Loan program, through the Commerce Department. The purpose of the funding is to allow the Commerce Department and Commerce Commission to process the remaining applications that were made to the program for loans. At the time the applications were originally submitted, there was no funding included in the budget to process the loans. This does not mean the loans are guaranteed to be funded, but by allocating the money, the Council enables the Commission and Department to finish its work. This program is under consideration for changes or possible elimination for FY

2010, and if the loans are not granted to the pending applications, the funding is mandated to be returned to the General Fund.

Gaming Commission/ Gaming Regulatory matters:

During the month of August, the Council adopted a resolution to express the will of the Tribal Council with respect to some aspects of the Gaming Ordinance. The Resolution includes language that the Council had not intended the Commission to become a credit reporting agency, and that the Gaming Commission is not empowered to act as a collection agency, and it was not the intent of the Tribal Council to include those responsibilities in the regulatory delegation to the Commission. In addition, the Council also adopted changes to the Regulations of the Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission had originally adopted regulatory changes, and forwarded those adopted changes to Council for consideration and approval. Those changes will appear on the Little River Band website, or you may contact the Recorder's Office for approved copy. As a part of the overall evaluation of the Government, the Tribal Council denied a proposal submitted by the Ogema to include the Gaming Commission and the Departments of Regulatory Compliance and Surveillance in the Osiyo study. The Gaming Commission's departments had not been included in the original proposal for study, and the Tribal Council denied expanding the contract to include that function.

Publication of Master Planning Concept for US 31 & M-22

The Tribal Council authorized posting for public comment the Master Planning concept of the Tribe's lands located at US 31 and M-22. Following the public comment period, the Ogema may move forward to request approval by Tribal Council for various development projects at that location. You may obtain a copy from the Commerce Department at 398-6806, or contact the Recorder's Office, if you wish to have a copy.

Replacement of Comptroller General

The Tribal Council authorized the hiring of Dan Velikan as the new Comptroller General for the Little River Band. Dan was employed as the Internal Auditor within the Government Accounting Office, and accepted the position to head up that department. Mr. Velikan has already submitted a schedule of audit activity to the Tribal Council for approval, beginning in September of this year. Mr. Velikan is a CPA, and Certified Internal Auditor.

Ogema/Council Meetings:

The Council continues to meet weekly with Ogema Romanelli. The Council has also continued to move forward with weekly meetings to address potential enhancements to the following legislation:

Board of Directors Act (being retitled to Gaming Enterprise Board Act, or something similar)

Indian Preference Ordinance

Tribal Court Ordinance

Meeting Procedures Ordinance

Any proposed amendments will be posted for public comment for 30 days prior to final adoption. Public Comment postings are announced by adoption of resolution during a Tribal Council meeting.

General Manager:

Additionally, the New General Manager for the Little River Casino Resort will be at the helm on September 8, 2009. The new GM will be accepting a short term contract for a period of six months, to enable the Little River Band to recruit a permanent replacement. Mr. Tom Davis returns to the Little River Casino on Tuesday.

FY 2010 Budget

The Ogema held his first public hearing for the FY 2010 Government Operations budget during the month of August. The next step in the process is for the Ogema to finalize that budget submission, and forward to the Tribal Council for its consideration and approval. Members are advised that the final adoption is slated for the month of November.

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



(REACH) – Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was one of four tribes awarded REACH funding for the FY2010 Program Year. The grant award is \$50,000 for direct services and \$10,000 for providing energy education. This grant is a two year cycle grant with the first round of funding to be released in October with anticipated LIHEAP funding. This is an exciting opportunity for the tribe and the citizens who will benefit from this program.

Applications will be accepted beginning October 1st.

Scope of the Program:

The REACH program will be utilized to promote health and safety for low income households in need of assistance and education in reducing and controlling energy costs. Successful applicants will participate in a health and safety questionnaire and provide data for energy use and track the % of decreases in energy expenses over a 16 month period. The focus of the program will be promoting energy efficiency, education in conservation of energy and budgeting skills to reduce energy crisis. Specifically;

1. Energy Smart Bulbs –

Educating households on the benefits of energy smart lighting. Assessing household lighting source and making recommendation for proper wattage usage. Replacing regular light bulbs with energy smart bulbs and educating household on the proper disposal of bulbs.

2. Weatherization & Education

Educating households on weatherization techniques that could reduce utility costs. This program will repair or replacement of heating unit, window and door repair or replacement, insulation installation or replacement. Installing programmable thermostats and the educating on the benefits of reducing use during periods when household is occupied/not occupied or when heat levels can be reduced.

3. Energy Smart Appliances

Evaluation and assistance with appliances to increase energy efficiency for low income home owners. The appliances that will be applicable to the program for replacement are refrigerators, stoves and water heaters that are in poor working condition.

4. Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors, Fire Extinguishers-

Safety evaluation to ensure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in place and in working order. Ensure household has a fire extinguisher in or near kitchen area and provide instruction on proper use.

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford) -Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level and available program funding.

More information to come in the next Currents or you may contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information.

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk

Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk

Lee A. Iverson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288

August 20, 2009

Recorder's Release regarding Concerns about Per Cap:

Please be advised that members of the Tribal Council have been contacted by a number of Elders regarding a "rumor" that the Tribal Council is considering a proposal to lower or change the Per Capita for Elders. This rumor is unequivocally NOT TRUE. There is no consideration to change the current Revenue Allocation Plan, meaning that the current allocation to Elders and Adults is not going to change. There is another rumor that is being spread that the "Elders" want the kids Christmas gift allocation to be taken away and dedicated to the Elders Christmas Party. Again, there is NO CONSIDERATION to do this by the Tribal Council.

The Recorder has been notified that there are individual Council Members that have communicated or are communicating directly with members of the Tribe on various occasions, regarding various political issues. Please be advised that if you are receiving communication from ONE member of the Tribal Council, any information provided to you is the viewpoint for that ONE Tribal Council member ONLY. The Council can only act by Motion, Resolution or Ordinance, which requires a roll call vote on the matter presented. At this point, there has not been anything offered for consideration, nor items placed on the Tribal Council's Agenda, nor anything voted on for Consideration to change anything regarding the per capita.

There has been a work session requested to review a piece of legislation called the Revenue Allocation Ordinance- #01-100-03. This ordinance was NOT repealed when the prior Council voted to adopt the Revenue Allocation Plan by Resolution. The Ordinance contains a limitation that conflicts with the Resolution adopted to start the per cap. That limitation is found at Section 4-Use of Net Revenues as follows: 4.04. Limitation on Use of Net Revenues and Unexpended Funds; Per Capita. Net revenues and unexpended funds shall be used for governmental purposes as a primary use. No net revenues or unexpended funds shall be used for the payment of a per capita until all governmental needs are met.

The purpose of the work session request was to review the Ordinance, possibly consider amendments or changes to the Ordinance, to ensure that the language is consistent with the Resolution adopted for the per cap. There are members of Council, myself included, that believe the Ordinance must NOT conflict with the per capita resolution, and where there are conflicts, the language needs to be changed to make them consistent with each other. Beyond that single issue, no other considerations have been discussed.

If you are being informed something different by members of the Tribal Council speaking as individuals, then you are encouraged to clarify the matter with that individual Council member. Please be reminded that if there isn't a vote on record, then there isn't an official

position of Tribal Council declared. Please be reminded that if there is no Release from the Recorder's Office, then Tribal Council has not officially adopted a position, and Council members are speaking as individuals representing their own opinions.

If Tribal Citizens are telling you their version of what they heard at a Council meeting, or what they were told by a member of the Council, again, that is their opinion. I am working on revising the Recorder's Submission to include more detailed information, as well as working on a format for a Release to the Rapid River News. Constituents are encouraged to contact Council members, and I appreciate the many communications that I have received regarding the Elder's Per cap, and sharing of those concerns. I also appreciate the many parents of Tribal Member Children that have contacted me, voicing their opinions as well, as a result of this "rumor" circulating throughout the Tribe. I have confirmed with the Enrollment Department that as of August 20, 2009, there are 819 Elders enrolled with Little River Band, and there 523 Children under the age of 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder



Tribe and City agree on Police Powers



There was a major step forward for the tribe in September in regard to Law Enforcement by the Tribal Public Safety Department. On that date, the Manistee City Council voted to enter into an agreement with the tribe that would give limited police powers within the city.

This move happened in part because of the downturn in the economy which caused the Michigan State Police and the Manistee County Sheriff's Department to reduce their number of officers working in the county. The MSP post will shortly be down from 13 officers to 8 and the County cannot provide sufficient 24/7 coverage. They also are having real problems finding the money to hire more officers. Manistee City Police Chief Dave Bachman wrapped up the reason for the agreement by saying, "There are many times when there's only one police car working the entire county outside of the city. My concern is someone's going to dial 9-1-1 and no one's going to be available to respond."

To help fill the gap the chief of police asked city council members to support a mutual aid agreement between the city and the Little River Band Tribal Police.

"They're out there now and if someone's house is being broke into at three in the morning and my guys are tied up at some point and there's

no one else available... we would say, go ahead and send the tribe," Bachman said.

But the idea didn't come without plenty of controversy.

"I believe working with them is the best answer, however it might not be politically correct with some citizens," Bachman said.



"When we were putting together a strategic plan we made mention that we wanted to work with the tribal units of government. This is our opportunity. If there's prejudice out there sooner or later it has to stop," said council member Richard Mack. Mack is a former Mayor of Manistee.

Some of the issues pointed out by council members have to do with staffing and whether it should be up to the city to decide.

"One of the concerns that they had...they did not

want to see our city police be pushed out of the way and have another police force patrolling our streets," said council member Colleen Kenny.

"The county sheriff's department is reducing their cars on the road. I think that issue should be directed to the county commission as opposed to a city of 6700," said council member Alan Marshall. This comment was in reference to the Sheriff's lack of funding and staffing.

In the end the city council voted in favor of the mutual aid agreement.

"I think you made the right decision and tonight you made us proud and I want to say thank you," said a community member.

"I don't care is he's black, white, purple, or green, if he's got a uniform on I know he's well trained and can handle the situation," said a community member.

The police chief says the tribal police are offering to work for the city free of charge.

The city already employs six part-time seasonal tribal officers, which is paid for by the tribe. The agreement is for one year and is only between the city and tribal police.

During the Public Comment portion at the end of the City Council meeting, Director LaPorte addressed the crowded council chambers and told everyone, "We're not going to let you down."



Elders Committee Minutes for September 5s, 2009
Community Center
AKI Community Center
Meeting called to order by Chairperson Ron Pete at 12:00 pm. Prayer said by Ron Pete. Meeting started at 12:30 pm.

Roll call: All Present, Chairperson Ron Pete, Trustee's Sherman Moore, Connie Waitner and Martha Kase, Secretary Marcella Leusby.

Guests: Larry Romanelli and Robert Memberto
Minutes from August meeting: read by Secretary Marcella Leusby, motion made by Connie Waitner to approve minutes, supported by Martha Kase. Motion passed.

Issue 1- Larry Romanelli : Larry talked how nice it was now that the new Community was up and running. He let the Elders know that

Doctor Dixon is back to work at the clinic starting September 8th. Tom Davis will be the interim GM at the Casino for the time being, Tribe did a six month contract with him. Larry talked of the Muskegon property, we are ahead of schedule on that. Gun Lake has toned down their casino, which will be about the same size as ours, that will be better for us. Reminded everyone of the Fall Membership meeting, which is September 12th. Larry gave the amount of money for October Percap, which is: \$686.00 for: under 55 and over 18. Elders: \$1372.00.

Issue 2- Robert Memberto : Robert talked about what we went through and how long it took us to get the new Community Center up and running. There are some things not completed on the building but for the most part is up and running.

Other Issues: Margerie Lutz talked about uping the price on the Commission meetings. With the cost of gas the stipends doesn't pay enough to get to the meetings. Larry Romanelli said he would look into it. Fran Pitts asked anyone who has extra in their gardens if they would be willing to bring it in for other people. She also spoke of the 1836 Treaty, if it was allowable for us to build on Muskegon land, Robert and Larry assured her it was legal and we met all requirements for building.

Margerie Lutz talked of getting a bus for the elders and using it to bring elders from Muskegon up for the monthly meetings. Pat Ruitter stated that one time there was money set aside for an elders bus. No one knows what happened to that idea but it will be looked in to again. There was a small dis-

ussion on the Children/Elders Christmas party. Fran Pitts stated that we should just get a gift certificate for all the elders and forgo the christmas party.

Talk of the Fall Conference in November, more ideas were brought forward. June Sam said 100 rooms were already booked, with only 54 rooms left.

It was decided on that the delegates will be going to the October Michigan Indians Elders Conference. But there will be no per-diem for spouses.

Ajournment: Chairperson Ron Pete moved to ajourned the meeting at 1:40 pm, motion was seconded by Marcella Leusby, and supported by all present.

Date: September 5th, 2009
Respectfully,
Committee Secretary
Marcella Leusby

*We still need Bids
for the 2010
Elders Luncheon*

Seasonal flu vaccines will be available at the elder's conference Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Please bring your insurance card and Tribal I.D. If you have questions, call Holly Davis R.N.,M.S.N, at 398-6610

Attention all Tribal Members

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office.
Thanks

TEPC working with Regional Health

The flu shot schedule was just released for the 9 county area that make up the area of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Three of the tribes Emergency Planning team attended a meeting on the H1N1 (Swine Flu) at the District Health Department to discuss the response plans in case of a pandemic here in Michigan. DHD#10 in Cadillac is responsible for coordinating the health response for 10 counties and the tribal government of Little River.

At the meeting, our team had the chance to interact with the various departments that will provide the vaccines for the H1N1. They discussed the identification of target groups to receive the vaccine; delivery systems and information distribution. One key move was to set up a line of

communication between the various units of government Public Information Offices. As a group, they will be discussing methods of getting verifiable information that the public and response agencies require. Another benefit of being part of this meeting was that the tribe is now being provided with information on subjects such as the location of flu shot clinics in the 9-County tribal area. This information was distributed at the Membership Meeting in Manistee on September 12th. Attending from LRBOI were Dan Velikan (Comptroller General and ICS Finance Chief); Mary Velikan (Property Officer and ICS Logistics Chief) and Glenn Zaring (Public Affairs Director and ICS Public Information Officer).

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 PUBLIC FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE – 2009-10 for Lake, Manistee, Mason, Newaygo, Oceana, & Wexford Counties

DATES	LOCATION	TIMES
LAKE COUNTY HD - 5681 S. M-37, Baldwin 231-745-4663		
September 10, 2009	*Health Department in Baldwin	*9 -11:45am & 1- 4pm
September 15, 2009	*(By Appt Only)	11 -12 noon
September 25, 2009	Summers Senior Center, Idlewild	*9 -11:45am & 1- 4pm
October 2, 2009	*Health Department in Baldwin	11-12:30pm
October 2, 2009	*(By Appt Only)	3:30 - 6pm
October 7, 2009	Luther Lions Club Bldg, Luther Chase Township Hall, Chase Peacock Senior Center, Irons	10:30 - 12:30pm
MANISTEE COUNTY HD – 385 Third Street, Manistee 231-723-3595		
September 22, 2009	Kaleva VFW, Kaleva	1-3pm
September 23, 2009	*Manistee VFW	*(By Appt Only-Call 231-723-3595)
September 25, 2009	Green Acres, Manistee	10:30 – 11:30 am
September 29, 2009	Wellston Community Center, Wellston	12:30 – 2:30 pm
October 2, 2009	*Manistee Senior Center	*(By Appt Only-Call 231-723-6477)
MASON COUNTY HD – 916 Diana Street, Ludington 231-845-7381		
September 17, 2009	Tallman Senior Center, Tallman	9-11am
September 17, 2009	Freesoil Town Hall, Freesoil	1-3pm
September 23, 2009	*Health Department in Ludington *(By Appt Only)	*9-11:30am
September 29, 2009	Scottville Senior Center, Scottville	9-11am & 1-3pm
September 30, 2009	Ludington Senior Center, Ludington	9-11am & 1-3pm
NEWAYGO COUNTY HD – 1049 Newell, White Cloud 231-689-7300		
September 28, 2009	First Congregational Church, Fremont	9-11am
September 28, 2009	Commission on Aging, White Cloud	1-3 pm
September 29, 2009	Croton American Legion, Newaygo	9-11am
September 29, 2009	Grant Township Hall, Grant	1-3 pm
October 6, 2009	Hesperia American Legion, Hesperia	9-11am
October 6, 2009	Newaygo VFW, Newaygo	1-3 pm
October 20, 2009	Pamida, Newaygo	1-3 pm
OCEANA COUNTY HD – 3986 N. Oceana Drive, Hart 231-873-2193		
September 14, 2009	*Health Department in Hart *(By Appt Only)	*9-11 & 1-3:15 pm
September 17, 2009	*Health Department in Hart *(By Appt Only)	*9-11am
September 17, 2009	Walker Wesleyan Church, Walker	1:30-4pm
September 21, 2009	* Health Department in Hart *(By Appt Only)	*9-11am
September 21, 2009	Pentwater Public Schools	3:30-5pm
September 25, 2009	*Health Department in Hart *(By Appt Only)	*9-11 & 1-3:15pm
September 28, 2009	*Health Department in Hart *(By Appt Only)	*1-3:15pm
WEXFORD COUNTY HD – 521 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, 231-775-9942		
September 14, 2009	Community Clinic-Mercy Hospital, Cadillac	8:30am - 4pm
September 15, 2009	Community Clinic-Mercy Hospital, Cadillac	8:30am - 4pm
September 23, 2009	Harrietta Village Hall, Harrietta	10-11:30am
September 25, 2009	*Wexford County Health Department in Cadillac	*9-3:30pm (*By Appt. Only))
October 1, 2009	Manton Senior Center, Manton	9:30-12noon
October 2, 2009	*Wexford County Health Dept. in Cadillac	*9-3:30pm ((*By Appt. Only)
October 6, 2009	Mesick Senior Center, Mesick	9-11:30am
October 6, 2009	Buckley School, Buckley	12:45 – 2:30pm
October 16, 2009	*Wexford County Health Dept. in Cadillac	*9-3:30pm (*By Appt. Only)

Please telephone appropriate Health Department if you have any questions.

New Ways of Working ... Becoming an effective organization

With the assistance of a Native-owned organizational development firm, OSIYO, the Ogema and Tribal Council are reflecting on past successes, current challenges, and beginning the work of planning a unified path forward. Leadership's desire is a renewed sense of purpose that will serve generations to come.

OSIYO's team examined due diligence documents and held approximately 110 interviews with elected officials, commissioners, executives, and staff. Special attention was given to assessing the overall effectiveness and structure of the Executive branch of the organization. Ultimately, the leadership needed to know: Is the organization healthy? Are we working purposefully and effectively? Are we structured appropriately to respond effectively and capitalize on potential opportunities, etc?

During sessions with the leadership and executive team, OSIYO shared insights about organizational strengths, challenges, and recommendations to further understand the current state of operations and look at long term possibilities. From individuals throughout the organization, OSIYO heard that the Tribe wants to be productive, cooperative, and accountable.

LRBOI will use some of the recommendations to become more effective in carrying out our work, such as, setting a Vision and direction for the Tribe, and strategic planning by all departments. As we implement, New Ways Of Working, we will share our progress with our citizens.

OSIYO recommended swift implementation of four critical practices in order to get operations on track and performing effectively, 1) provide consistency of leadership of the tribe and executive branch, 2) design a structure for the organization that fits the needs of the services provided, 3) share a unified vision and direction from the elected leadership, and 4) collectively plan for the long-term delivery of organizational goals.

Governance – OSIYO found that the Tribe has had six Ogema's in fifteen years. That's

an average of 2.5 years in office per Ogema. Such short office tenure can leave the Tribe vulnerable to short-term vision and limited consistency of direction. Administrations need time to identify critical issues, strategically plan, and make necessary adjustments to achieve success.

Organizational Structure – The way an organization is structured must change as it grows. The structure should reflect the performance needs of organization simply and logically. Simplicity comes from asking the basic questions of: what is our purpose and who do we serve. Logic comes from addressing the basic concerns of: is there authority and accountability appropriately placed to deliver our goals, and can each manager realistically manage the number of direct reports. An example of over complexity and unrealistic structure is that the Ogema has 28 direct reports. The Ogema and organization need relief from such a structure.

Vision & Direction – OSIYO found that there was not a unified vision and direction for the government and its operations thereof. Lack of clear direction challenges the purposefulness of any organization. Effective organizations need and strongly desire unified direction.

Organizational Performance - The organization needs to mature into a fully sustained operation. Instituting practices, such as, organization wide strategic planning will bring focus, order, customer service, and leadership throughout the operation.

In a few short weeks, much progress has been made to become a more effective operation for our citizens. The Ogema and Council have made solid progress in creating a unified vision and direction. Over the next few weeks, they will be sharing their thoughts and gathering input from the elders and others. Additionally, the Ogema is discussing ways to streamline the organizational structure based upon customer service focus, such as, direct citizen services, organizational support services, and general public services. Groups are talking about how they can better plan, share resources, and communicate. Finally,

the process of strategic planning will begin at the end of September. Workshops are being developed to involve as many employees as possible and town hall meetings with the citizen's of LRBOI will be announced.

LRBOI is becoming an effective and purposeful government centered on serving and protecting our citizens and common interests. The Ogema will be meeting with many of you and taking citizen feedback frequently.



Ogema Romanelli presents plan to Lead Staff



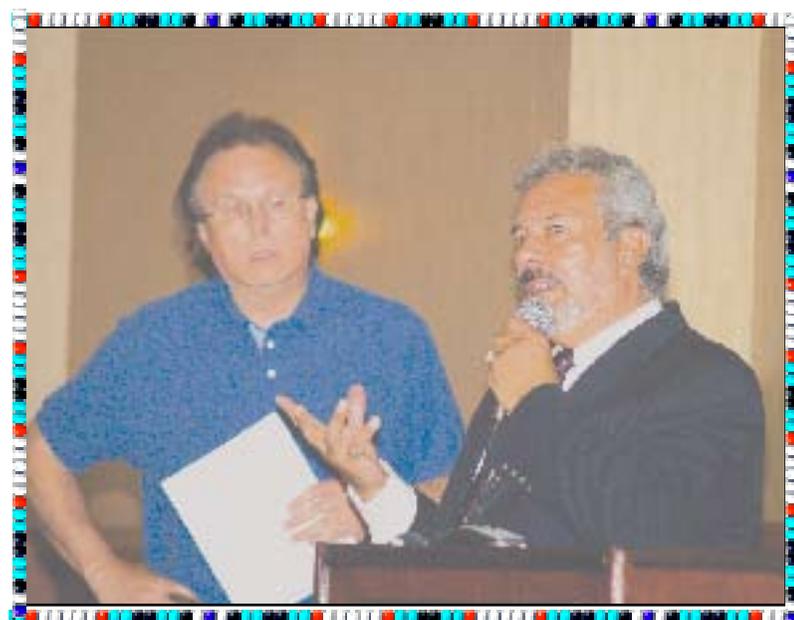
OSIYO Partner
Leigh Ann McGee



Executive Branch Directors



Employee Presentation



There are definite signs of progress on the tribal lands in Muskegon! Where the horse barns had been located is now cleared off and the main grandstand is well on the way to being history. These photos (taken August 24th) show progress as the stands were being torn down. The building materials are being separated and sold off quite profitably for the tribe.

The earlier auction of goods at the site of the race track also brought a good return. The process of going through all of the governmental hoops to obtain permission to build a new tribal casino is progressing well under the guidance of the Tribal Commerce Department with support of the Tribal Council and Ogema



Great news for LRBOI and our Housing

I have just received confirmation from Kevin Fitzgibbons, HUD in Chicago, that we have been funded \$2,000,000 thru the competitive stimulus grant funds.

Mr. Fitzgibbons congratulated us and stated "it is quite an accomplishment". The announcement is also in today's Manistee News Advocate.

The \$2,000,000 is for the 2009 competitive stimulus grant and is in addition to the \$102,755 stimulus grant we received for 2008.

The grant request was written to provide 10 more new homes at Aki, this would be in addition to the 7 homes we are starting this summer.

Please congratulate the Grants department and especially Chuck Fisher for all the hard work he put into this competitive grant request.

Submitted by:
Frank Figgels,
Housing Director

Words of Wisdom

*There comes a point in your life
when you realize:*

*Who matters,
Who never did,
Who won't anymore...
And who always will.
So, don't worry about people
from your past,
there's a reason why they didn't
make it to your future.*

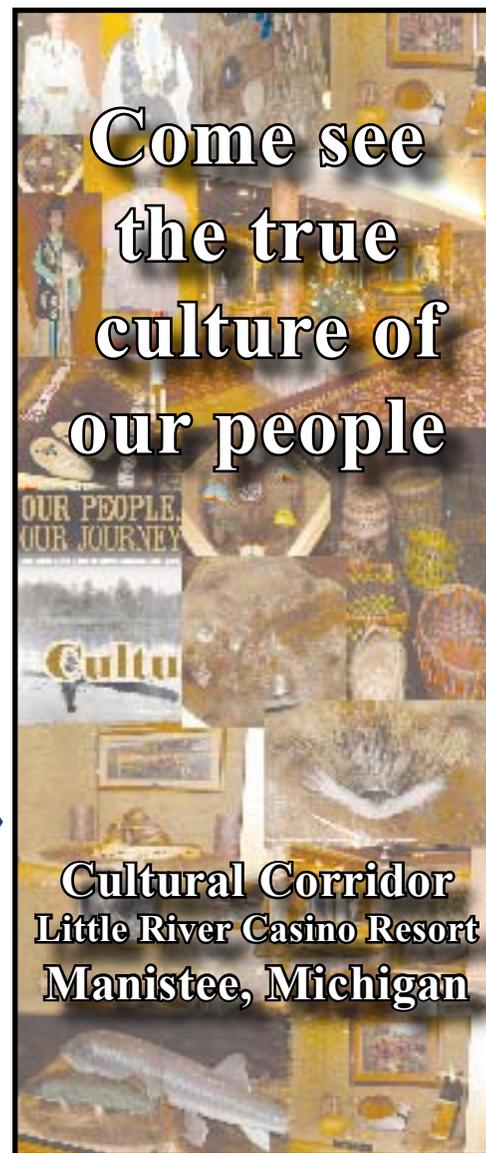
HEALTH CLINIC UPCOMING EVENTS

Please watch the paper for the following education or activity events:

- Traditional Food Teachings
- Diabetes Talking Circle
- Wii Bowling for Elders
- Wii Bowling for Youths

If you have an interest in any of these events feel free to contact Holly Davis R.N., M.S.N. at 1-888-382-8299 or 231-398-6610.

Come see
the true
culture of
our people





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mwellman@lrboi.com

LRBOI SEALED BID FORM

Name:				Date:	
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone (AM):		Phone (PM):			

Conditions of Purchase

The undersigned agrees to the following terms:

1. That the acquired vehicle is purchased in an **AS IS** condition;
2. That the minimum acceptable bid is \$15,000;
3. That payment in full of the outstanding balance by certified check must occur on or before 4pm within 3 days of the bid acceptance date and received by LRBOI Accounting, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49661;
4. That arrangement for vehicle pick-up must be approved at payment date and be within 7 days;
5. That failure to pick up the vehicle within 7 days and remove from Tribal property will make your bid unacceptable;
6. That LRBOI reserves the right to retract, cancel, or reopen bidding;
7. That bids must be received by September 30, 2009 at 4pm by LRBOI Property Officer, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49661.

Please accept the following bid (s):

YEAR	MODEL	OFFER (\$)
2007	TOYOTA TUNDRA RED PICKUP - approx. 79,000 miles	

Tribal Member Signature

Tribal ID #



WHEN: OCT 1-4, beginning at sunrise.
WHERE: At the center of the circle in the Aki-Maadziwin tribal community housing.

The seasons are changing and it is now time to get ready for Fall Ceremonies. This event is open for anyone who wishes to participate and comes to the lodge in a respectful manner. No one is excluded who comes to the circle in a good way, with the intent to offer prayers, listen to teachings and gather together around the sacred fire.

We only ask that people under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs not come to the ceremonial grounds in that state of mind. Also, we ask that people apply the seven grandfather teachings as a guide to their own behavior while attending this gathering. No weapons are allowed inside the lodge.

In the spring we were able to construct a round lodge, cover it with tarps and then light a ceremonial fire on Thursday morning at sunrise. Colors were posted on poles in the four directions and a circle of cedar was spread out surrounding the area. The fire went on for four days until Sunday, when the gathering was concluded. During the four days, we asked several people from our own community to share different teachings at the fire.

Dan Shepard started us off with the lighting of the fire itself and later in the day talked about the responsibilities and duties of fire keeping. Jay Sam made the opening invocation and shared tobacco at the sunrise pipe offering. After this, we were treated to breakfast by Marcella Leusby.

Jay Sam led a talking circle about the seven grandfather teachings and everyone was able to share. Deb Davis made sure we were fed for lunchtime. Bob Stone shared several stories with us, including a teaching about orange and yellow butterflies. Kenny Pheasant brought an eagle feather staff and shared teachings about offering sacred medicines and the importance of learning Anishinaabemowin.

Austen talked about the sweat lodge and helped out later that evening with this ceremony. Bill Memberto led a teaching circle about the pipe and shared tobacco with everyone. Josh Stone was gifted with an Anishinaabe name from Pat Wilson. Alta Wilson was kind enough to bless us with our evening meal. Jimmie Mitchell then shared his pipe with the group and led us in a talking circle around the fire. In the morning, Pat Wilson shared the pipe for a sunrise ceremony followed by another prayer circle.

Ron Wittenberg led a teaching circle about following Anishinaabe traditions and walking the red road. The swirling winds drum shared some songs in the lodge and then the drum itself was fed with offerings of tobacco and a plate of good food. Sacred objects were hung by several people in the lodge in order to receive blessings on the items. Yvonne Theodore also fed us with a wonderful meal.

Al Metzger helped with the sacred fire. Closing ceremonies concluded the event, after which, Pat Wilson Jr. and Kewayden Brauker led the cleanup crew. It was a wonderful time of sharing and coming together as a community to help one another learn about our ceremonial traditions.

There were many other people involved who helped keep fire, erect the lodges

path of learning their cultural ways, or if they are just curious as to finding out what it might be all about. All are welcome.

Those with helpful knowledge of these ways are asked to participate and share their teachings to help make things better. If you have some positive input or helpful suggestions, come forward and share this with those who are trying their best to carry on these ceremonial activities. That is what this is all about, learning more, helping one another, and moving forward in a positive way as a community.

We are need of helpers to build lodges, to donate food and to provide food preparation services, we need donations of firewood, people to lead teaching circles and people to conduct ceremonies and tell stories. Grandfather stones are needed for the sweat lodge. Fresh cedar is always welcomed. We will need chairs to use inside the lodge, especially for the comfort of our elders. We can always use fire keepers and help with clean up afterward. Elders are needed to share with the younger people and help give them positive direction.

Please contact Jay Sam, Pat Wilson, Dan Shepard, Austen Brauker, Brian Gibson, Bill Memberto, Kenny Pheasant, Jimmie Mitchell, Ron Wittenberg, Al Metzger or Jerry Ramsey if you can help out or donate

any necessary items to help with this gathering. Thank you all.

Miigwetch.
Austen J. Brauker
Peacemaking/Probation Department



and made donations of food and fire wood. I would also like to note that this event was a grass roots gathering, funded by participant donations and the combined efforts of all those involved. Thanks to all of those people who helped make this possible.

This October we hope to hold a similar gathering and continue to grow in this way. We hope to involve people not just from our tribe and from within our own community, but from other places as well. Hopefully we can attract people from other areas and from our neighboring tribes to bring more teachings and more helpers to participate with us. The spring ceremonies were completely carried out by our own people, from within our own community, but in the future we hope to have invited guests from other tribes as well, so they can share in these prayers with us.

I would like to remind people that these ceremonies are open for everyone, whether or not they have ever been to a gathering like this before, or whether they are just beginning the

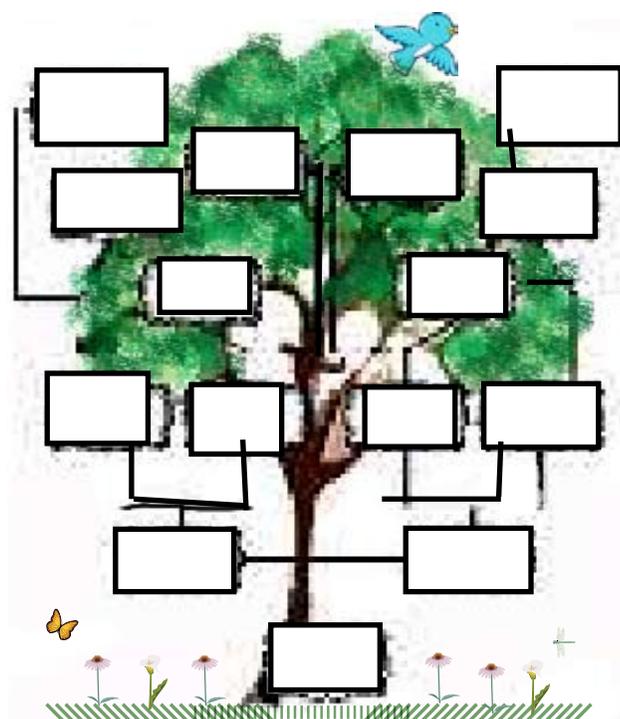


The month of October signals the transition from summer to fall, as you look at your surrounding you may notice that the leaves are changing color. Just the leaves change on the trees our families change as well. We can honor the change by celebrating Family History Month during the month of October. There are many ways to celebrate Family History month, you can create a family tree, start a website with information about your family, or even create a cookbook with old family recipes.

There are resources online that help people find important information and documents, such as Ancestry.com or familysearch.org. Many of websites dedicated to helping people learn more about their family history have large databases that store documents in digital form. Important documents you may want to include in your family history could be Baptism/Christening records, Birth Certificates, cemetery records, census records, marriage records, military records, newspaper articles, or personal diaries, letters and scrapbooks.

Storytelling is one way family histories can be passed on from generation to generation. Telling stories helps us remember where we came from and how far we have come. Looking through old pictures and talking to elders is another great ways to learn more about your family.

My Family Tree



Knowing your family history is important for many reasons. It helps to fulfill one of our basic human needs, the desire to belong to a group. Belonging to a group allows humans to feel more secure and less lonely. Also, knowing your family medical history is a valuable tool in understanding and protecting your own health. For example having a history of heart disease in your family may put you at a higher risk of developing problems in the future. Being aware of your family history allows you to make changes to your lifestyle that could lower your risk. Family histories are also important because they help to keep traditions alive, and help us to remember those who came before us.

However you decide to celebrate family history month this year, just remember to take time out to create new memories and celebrate all the people who came before us.

Submitted by
Melissa Sharlow
Intake Specialist, Family Services Department

Gun Lake Reservation Declared



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Echo Hawk Issues Reservation Proclamation for the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan aka, Gun Lake Tribe.

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk announced today that the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan's reservation proclamation has been signed. Approximately 147 acres, more or less, will serve as the Tribe's initial reservation under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 467). The land is located in Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

"I am pleased to issue this proclamation and to exercise the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of the Interior to the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians," Echo Hawk said. "The land is for the exclusive use of Indians on the reservation who are entitled to reside at the reservation by enrollment or tribal membership. These properties will provide opportunities for economic develop-

ment, self-determination and self-sufficiency." A proclamation is a formal declaration issued by the Secretary, proclaiming that certain trust lands, acquired for an Indian tribe, are a new reservation or are being added to an existing reservation. The request for a proclamation must originate from the tribe. The parcel was acquired in trust under the authority of the

Indian Reorganization Act. The Gun Lake Tribe filed their initial land acquisition application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in August of 2001, requesting the Secretary of the Interior to take this land into trust and to proclaim the land to be the Tribe's reservation. The application was processed in accordance with 25 C.F.R. Part 151 and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. On May 13, 2006, the Department of the Interior, BIA, published in the Federal Register, a Notice of Final Agency Determination to take the 147 acres of land into trust for the Gun Lake Tribe under 25 C.F.R. Part 151.

On August 10, 2009, Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk signed the proclamation for the Tribe's initial reservation. With this proclamation the trust lands are now legally a formal reservation. The BIA's Midwest Regional Office shall record the

Federal Register's notice and Proclamation in the Land Titles and Records Office, after which the Original Proclamation will be sent to the Tribe for their records.

The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs has responsibility for helping the Secretary of the Interior to fulfill his trust responsibilities to tribal and individual trust beneficiaries and promoting self-determination and self-governance for the nation's 564 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. The Assistant Secretary oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), which administers one of two federal school systems.





Date: Oct. 20, 2009

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Community Center

**Register at the Membership Meeting
Or call the CHR Office at 723-8299
ext.#6629**

Come join the fun!!!

Snacks will be provided.

**Wii Bowling League
For Elders**

**All Elders are invited, wheelchair
and "scooter" users too...**



DIABETIC TALKING CIRCLE

BEGINNING: OCT. 7TH, 2009

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC

**SIGN UP AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR CALL THE CHR OFFICE
AT 723-8299 EXT.#6629**

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



This summer I worked with the LRBOI Natural Resource Department with my mentors Marty Holtgren and Stephanie Ogren and other Inland Fisheries and Water Quality staff. I worked on many projects including the Nmé (Sturgeon) Research and Rehabilitation Program where I got to help raise and feed the Nmé, Water Quality where I got to go out around the reservation and test water at different creeks and stream sites, Electrofishing Surveys where we safely electrofished in streams and identified the fish and I was able to publish a few newspaper articles.

The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program gives their students the ability to work a job on a professional level. This gives the student real life experience in working in the field, lab and office. The program allows women and minorities the chance to pursue goals in fisheries and the environment. As Hutton student you get noticed across the state and across the country. I was able to get scholarship offers from well known universities and colleges. You also get a summer that you'll never forget. As a participate of this program for two years I would recommend this to anyone interested in fisheries and biology because it teaches you firsthand knowledge on the career and how it runs.

To find out more information on the Hutton Program visit their site at www.fisheries.org

Miigwech to,
Marty, Stephanie and the rest of Natural Resources Department staff
for giving me another fantastic summer.



National Weather Service Winter Presentation

With one of the most active winter weather seasons in the United States, residents of Northern Michigan have to be prepared for changeable and sometimes severe winter weather. Michigan is one of the few states in the country which experience lake effect snow. Lake effect snow occurs when cold air crosses the still relatively warm waters of the Great Lakes. With the lakes unfrozen for much of the winter, the lake effect snow machine creates staggering snowfall totals of more than 12 feet in some locations. Northern Michigan is a unique and challenging location for winter weather, for both residents and weather forecasters.

If you are interested in learning more about winter weather and snow spotter reporting, you are encouraged to attend an upcoming winter talk by the National Weather Service. These classes are FREE and open to the public. The classes last about 90 minutes. An official National Weather Service rain gauge, snow stick and snow board will be raffled off at each seminar. These talks are also a wonderful learning opportunity for a student who may be interested in weather.

Topics on the agenda include:

- * Proper snow measurement and making an accurate spotter report
- * Ice jam flooding in Northern Michigan – know the facts
- * Winter storm science
- * La Nina or El Nino – what are they and where are we headed this year?
- * What is the forecast for this upcoming winter?

Presentation dates and times:

Charlevoix City Library, October 5th – 630 pm
Bayliss Public Library (Sault Ste. Marie), October 15th – 600 pm
Manistee County Intermediate School District, October 21st – 630 pm
Grayling City Hall, October 29th - 630 pm
Alcona County EOC, November 10th – 630 pm

For more information and details on winter seminar dates and locations, please visit the National Weather Service Gaylord website at www.weather.gov/gaylord. You may also call the NWS office with any questions at 989-731-3384.

Stiff penalties for possession of untaxed tobacco products

Recent increases in tobacco taxes have many smokers looking for less expensive options. Tribal members have inquired about purchasing tobacco or cigarettes directly from Native smoke shops at significantly reduced prices. Please be aware that this is strictly prohibited by the Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan.

Penalties that apply are outlined in Ordinance #05-100-09 "Enforcement of Tribal-State Tax Agreement" and summarized below:

Violation:

Knowingly possess or sell, or aid, abet, or assist another in possessing or selling, cigarettes or other tobacco products which do not bear the appropriate State stamp. [§10.01(g)]

Penalties:

A violation of section 10.01 by a Native American shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. [§10.03(a)]

A violation of section 10.01 by a person who is not a Native American shall be remedied by the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000. [§10.03(b)]

Any property used in the commission of any violation may be forfeited. Any vehicle used in transporting a violator to or from the location of the violation shall be deemed to have been used in the commission of such violation. [§10.03(c)]

Any tobacco product not acquired or possessed by a Tribal member or Tribal entity in accordance with the terms of the Tax Agreement shall be seized and possession of the seized product transferred to the State, consistent with applicable provisions of State law. [§10.03(d)]

Tax-Exempt Quotas

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

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member.

Penalties will apply to over-limit purchases.

Tribal members are responsible for keeping track of their purchases.

Anishinaabe Art Exhibit in Manistee



The Anishinaabe - "Art Is Good Medicine" Exhibit, will be sponsored and featured by the Manistee Art Institute in cooperation with the Little River Band and in conjunction with the Manistee Civic Players October production. The exhibit will open with a gala reception to which the public is invited on Friday, October 9, 6-8 p.m. The exhibit will be on display October 10 from 1-8 p.m. and October 11 from 1-4 p.m. and on October 16 and 17 from 1-8 p.m. and on October 18 from 1-4 p.m. The exhibit will be featured in Hardy hall of the historic Ramsdell Theatre.

The MAI has commented that they are, "extremely excited about this exhibit. We have for a long time, as you know, wanted to feature Native American artists since the Native American culture is so much a part of our immediate community." Former Ogema Pat Wilson has provided assistance and guidance for the display.

There are 10 exhibiting artists representing a variety of media including, sculpture, pottery, painting, beadwork, photography, basketry, and mixed media. All of the artists have outstanding credentials in their own right, and bring a dazzling array of artistic creations to the exhibit. Each artist has been invited to bring up to 10 pieces of their works; so, there will be a very interesting representation of the various media.

The MAI presents exhibits at the time of each Civic Players production; there are, therefore, about 4-6 exhibits per year - some being one-person exhibits and some representing a variety of artists. All exhibits take place in Hardy hall of the Ramsdell Theatre. For this exhibit, there will be posters and a professional program prepared as well as publicity as we get closer to the exhibit.

LRBOI Maintenance crews completed renovation to the back entrance to the Bank Building in early September with a complete overhaul of the metal grating, metal railings and concrete base. This was a difficult process with individual cleaning of each piece of metal and then, where necessary, replacing whole sections. The whole job was done with minimal interruption to the government operations.
Thanks to the Maintenance Department for a great job!



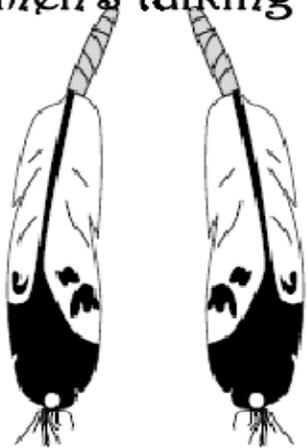
Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 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 if you are not sure.
Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

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We look forward to assisting the entire Little River organization!

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“Truth”

By
Patrick D. Wilson



Moshkas “Crane Clan”

The truth is what you believe to be correct and right. The truth is how you understand and apply the facts. What is the truth one day may not be the truth the next day. Some truths can change, but there are others that cannot change. Truth as a guiding principle, to be truthful is to speak

Truth: to know of these things is to know the truth.

Faithfully apply the teachings of our seven grandfathers and trust in the creator. To show honor is to be truthful and trustworthy, to tell the truth. Sincerity in action, character, and utterance. Be faithful to fact and reality. Be true in everything that you do. Be true to yourself and true to your fellow man. Understand it - Speak it - Live by it

For me “truth” became easier to understand, back when I was working as a substance abuse counselor. I was trying to get a client to understand what being truthful meant. No matter how I tried to get the client to understand my explanation of what truth meant, it just wasn't sinking in. So I did this, I said, don't look back or turn around, on the wall there is a picture, the picture is of a young Indian boy. Okay, to you right now that is one truth. That is the truth based on what you know, or in this case what I told you. At this point

there is a picture of a young Indian boy on the wall that is what you believe to be the truth. That is when I said, “I need some coffee, and I'll be right back.” I got up and left my office to get the coffee. When I got back the client said, “There isn't any picture.” I answered back, and now you know another truth. You now believe there is no picture, because you turned around to see for you self. When you turned around you were looking for a picture hanging on the wall. When you did not see one, there wasn't a picture, because that is what you expected to see. But if you look on the book shelf you will see a magazine leaning up against the wall and on the cover is a picture of a young Indian boy. Now, that is the reality of the truth.

First; you had to take the truth on faith, next you had to find out if I was truthful. You then believed I was not being trustworthy, as you believed there was no picture, and you confronted me with your new found truth. Then the truth was revealed and the facts came out there was indeed a picture of a young Indian boy on the wall. The truth is hard to find but if you look in the right places you can find it.

The truth in Peacemaking is what is left when all of the “he said and she said, it's your fault, and you never listen, road blocks are cleared away and the only thing left is the reality of the problem. Once the participants are able to see the issue for what it is, they will come to understand what the truth is for them. Once

the truth is revealed, we can start to move forward, and apply the other six Grandfather Teachings to repair their relationship.

We have covered the meaning of “Balance” and all 7 of the Seven Grandfather Teachings. The next article will be about “Talking Circles.” And the last article in this 10 part series will be about “Story Telling” and how we use stories as a teaching tool.



Experiences of Life

An Eagle,
I am awed by an eagle in flight and the power of this scared bird.

Lake Michigan,
The sun setting on Lake Michigan lets me know that I am home. In spirit, I become connected to my ancestors knowing that they too seen this magnificent sight.

A Child,
Innocents, hope, curiosity, and love are in the light of a child's eyes and in their smiles.

These are some things that I have come to realize bring meaning to living. By experiencing what life has to offer, you gain wisdom. Finding your place in the world you find humility. And sharing your life with others you will come to know love. Fill your memories with joy, happiness, and love and you will find truth.

BY
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Come out and join us for our monthly Peacemaking



“Odenaang Enjinoojimoying”



Aanii piish (where) ... Justice Center
Wenesh pii (when). September 28th at 5:30
NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.



The topic of this month's Talking Circle is
“Odeno”





Honesty Pot



This piece of pottery incorporates images that represent "honesty" to me. I will describe these elements as you gaze at this beautifully carved piece.

The first thing you should notice is the female figure sitting on a rock in the center of a body of water. She leans over to see herself and contemplates her very existence. She begins speaking to her own reflection. She is speaking truth and honesty. The water represents "cleansing and purity." She has made contact with this "medicine," by putting her toe into the water.

She has a ceremonial dance shall draped across her lap. The bees that are sewn to the fabric symbolize "honesty." Their responsibility is not for self, but for the well-being of the entire bee community. As she speaks her honesty to her reflection, the bees are released and free to fly away.

She holds an Eagle feather in her hand. It is her "talking feather." While she holds it, she is free to speak her own personal honesty to the world around her.

Notice the round shape that forms the main bowl. The circle represents our ability to "endeavor to persevere," to continue to move forward within the life cycle. It has been purposely carved to enhance the outline of the eagle feathers that line the edge. The notches signify life's many uneven paths that we must walk.

Chronology of Events and Federal Indian Policy

BC (Before Columbus) Earliest archaeological evidence of humans in North America 50,000 to 100,000 years ago. Before the first contact with Europeans, the people had established successful, thriving communities. Some call this period the prehistoric period, just after the Ice Age. They had developed great governing social orders known today as the clan system. They established a trade and communications network and practiced their own medicines. The Anishinaabek have their own creation story, and many of the traditional ceremonies are still celebrated to this day.

1492 Columbus arrived on the East Coast.

1620 First contact occurred early in this century between the Anishinaabek and the French, and trade begins. Life begins to change with the exchange of European goods.

1751 Ben Franklin studied the Iroquois Confederacy and used it as model for the U.S. Constitution. Democracy was established and functioning prior to U.S. independence.

1763 End of seven years' war with Pontiac. The first use of germ warfare takes place against the Anishinaabek. Lord Amherst arranged a meeting with the Anishinaabek in Detroit, Michigan. Many attended, and at the end of the meeting Lord Amherst gave all the Anishinaabe families a gift and instructed them not to open the gifts till they arrived in their communities. These gifts were blankets, but they were infected with smallpox. In Anishinaabe culture, a blanket represents love. Lord Amherst also learned a ceremony called a giveaway and used it against the Anishinaabe people. Many communities of Anishinaabe people died from this disease.

1787 Northwest Ordinance declares that beyond the Allegheny Mountains, in a section of the Appalachians extending from Pennsylvania to Virginia, Indian lands will never be taken without the Indians' consent. Lands were also set aside specifically for educational purposes for indigenous tribes.

1789 Constitution ratified, specifically upholding treaties made with Indians as Law of the Land.

1795 U.S. began making treaties with the tribes of Michigan. The treaty era lasted about 60 years.

1812 War of 1812 with Tecumseh.

1821 Treaty of Chicago, which the Little River Band signed.

1822 Johnson v. McIntosh recognizes Indian rights to land.

1830 Indian Removal Act goes into effect by President Andrew Jackson.

1831 Cherokee Nation v. Georgia recognizes a distinct society and establishes the Indians as a domestic dependent nation, ruling in their favor, but the president does not enforce it. The result is the Trail of Tears.

1831 Worcester v. Georgia established federal jurisdiction over Indian tribes and the states have

none.

1832 Some bands of the Ottawa tribe were moved to Kansas, and then in 1867, five hundred of them were relocated to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) where they remain to this day (Miami Oklahoma).

1836 Treaty of Washington. Ottawa and Chippewa bands cede territory to U.S. which becomes Michigan in 1837. Article IV of this treaty provided for various educational provisions, teachers, schools and books in their own language.

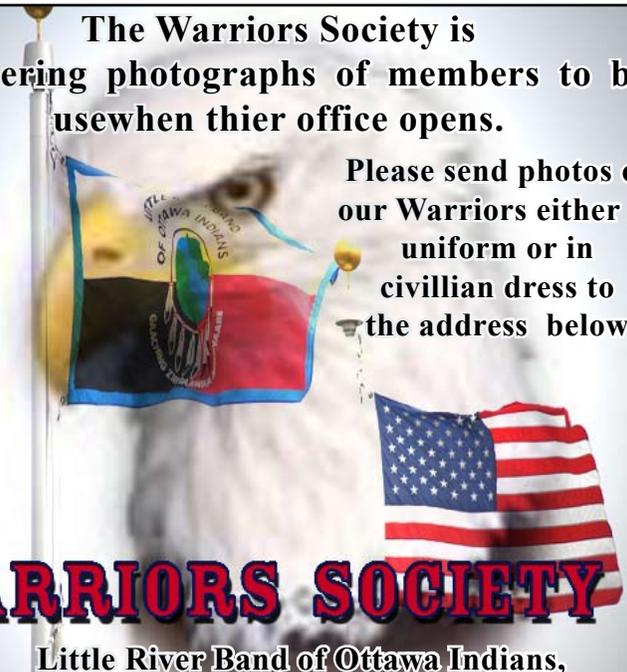
1855 Treaty of Detroit. An attempt to correct problems with the 1836 treaty. Dissolves the Ottawa / Chippewa tribe in favor of smaller bands. At this time, land allotments were given to individuals, which proved to be disastrous. Anishinaabe philosophy did not promote

land ownership. Many tactics were used to obtain land from individuals. Registration of bands begins.

1870 Creation of residential schools. Assimilation begins. Many Anishinaabe children were removed from their homes and put into these schools. Once in these schools, the children were instructed that they were not allowed to speak in their native language anymore or they would be punished. Many children lost their language at this time. Some children came back to their communities abused. At this time, the government did nothing to protect Anishinaabe children from being abused by adults. It was the intent to destroy the language within the indigenous people of America.

The Warriors Society is gathering photographs of members to be use when thier office opens.

Please send photos of our Warriors either in uniform or in civillian dress to the address below



WARRIORS SOCIETY

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,
Warriors Society,
375 River Street, Manistee, Mi. 49660**

We have several lots within the Aki Maadiziwin development that are available to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Citizens in the Leasehold Mortgage Program.

Some of the advantages of leasing a lot at Aki are that it reduces the costs of procuring a new home by significantly reducing land costs normally involved in building a home. Rather than purchasing the land, Tribal members are being provided the opportunity to Lease the land for \$1.00 per year for up to 50 years.

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If you build on Trust Land, you can also be exempt from paying property taxes.

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- Save 6% sales tax on materials for building or remodeling.
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Commodities

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 Food Stamp 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
Net Monthly Income Standards
October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010

Household Size Income Limits

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 - 2. \$ 1,356.00
 - 3. \$ 1,667.00
 - 4. \$ 1,991.00
 - 5. \$ 2,329.00
 - 6. \$ 2,666.00
 - 7. \$ 2,978.00
 - 8. \$ 3,290.00
- For each additional member add \$ 312.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.
Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00
Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
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Office # are 231-398-6715 or 231-398-6716

Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Cover your Cough



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or



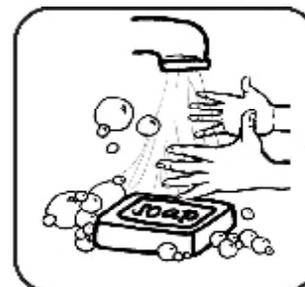
cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

Put your used tissue in the waste basket.



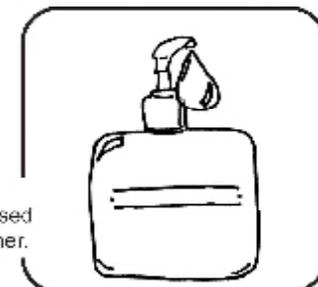
Clean your Hands

after coughing or sneezing.



Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds

or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.



Parenting Class to be Offered in Muskegon

LRBOI Family Services Department will be offering Positive Indian Parenting class this fall at the Muskegon Tribal building beginning Wednesday, September 23. The class will run 5:30 pm -7:30 pm every Wednesday for eight weeks at the Muskegon Tribal office, 1101 West Hackley St, Muskegon.

We welcome single mothers and fathers, two-parent families, grandparents, and perspective parents, step-parents, foster parents, and anyone who is facing the challenge of raising children.

The eight-week curriculum was developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association to provide a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents. The goals of the program are to help Indian parents: 1) explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices, and to apply them to modern parenting skills and 2) develop positive attitudes, values and skills that have roots in their cultural heritage. The research-based program is a viable alternative for court-ordered parenting and Department of Human Services referrals.

The curriculum includes the oral tradition, story-telling, the spiritual nature of child-rearing, and the role of extended family. It teaches that valuable lessons can be learned from the old ways, and that parents can find strength in cultural traditions.

Included in the eight sessions are:

- ♥ Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths
- ♥ Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation
- ♥ Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding nurturing, development
- ♥ Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention
- ♥ Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline
- ♥ Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills
- ♥ Praise in Traditional Parenting – positive reinforcement skills
- ♥ Choices in Parenting – setting goals, problems of parenting, what kind of parent to be

To register for the classes please call
Melissa: 231-398-6651
Kathy Lagerquist: 231-398-6705
Shelly Kequam: 231-398-6707
or toll-free 1-888-723-8288
and ask for Family Services Department.

The class incorporates traditional components such as smudging and prayer, talking feather, and giveaways. Guest speakers may be invited to share storytelling, singing, cradleboard demonstration, or sharing tribal ceremonies and customs. A light meal is provided and child care may be available.

Every new generation faces the difficult job of raising its children. We must nurture and protect our children, help them discover who they are, and teach them the skills to survive as adults. Positive Indian Parenting offers an opportunity for parents to explore the old ways that may be useful in today's challenging world.

Break the Silence-Stop the Violence



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Family Services Department has planned several activities throughout the month. We invite and encourage you to join us to help to break the silence and break the cycle of domestic violence.

Purple has come to be the color which is symbolic of domestic violence. Perhaps originally because of the coloring of bruises.

Please wear and display purple during October. When friends or strangers ask, tell them why you are displaying purple. Let your community know that you demand an end to continued passive support of violence.

September 12-Fall Membership meeting-Stop by the Family Services table and pick up information about domestic violence and purple ribbons that you can display in your home or yard.

October 1st-Tribal Family Gathering-Muskegon office-5-7-pm. Join us for a family meal and an opportunity to win one of 2 door prizes. Muskegon Take Back the Night Walk. 7-9pm. A collaborative effort with Every Woman's Place DV shelter. Gathering at the LRBOI office we will begin with general information about domestic violence along with local statistics regarding prevalence followed by a presentation from DV survivors. Each participant will be provided with a purple glow stick for the walk. Upon returning to the office snacks will be provided.

October 2nd-Small purple ribbons will be distributed in Tribal Government employee pay-checks

October 14th-Tribal Family Gathering Manistee Community Center-5-7pm. For those of you who can't make it to Muskegon on October 1st. Manistee Take Back the Night Walk 7:30-9:30-A collaborative effort with CHOICES. Gathering at Port City Grille.

October 15th-Paint the Tribe Purple-everyone is encouraged to wear as much purple as possible and decorate your space w/ purple. There will be a friendly competition between government departments. There will be a surprise judge coming to visit each department.

For more information contact
Denise Anderson at 231-398-6736 or
Melissa Sharlow at 231-398-6651.

SERVING SIZE VERSE PORTION

Serving size=amount of food in one serving
 Portion size=amount of food item eaten at a meal or snack. This can contain one or more servings of a food. If you eat more than one serving of a food, you need to count it into your daily food intake so you do not over eat. Consuming an extra 100 calories daily for a year, without exercise to burn these calories, can lead to a weight gain of 10 pounds. Reading food labels, weighing and measuring food are tools to assist in preventing over eating and gaining weight.

Judging serving size without measuring:

- 3 ounces of meat=deck of cards or the palm of your hand
- 1 cup=light bulb, closed fist or tennis ball (use to measure one serving of fresh vegetables, medium fresh fruit and dry cereal)
- ½ cup=cupped hand or golf ball (use to measure one serving of potatoes, rice or pasta, cooked vegetables and canned fruit Also can be used to measure one ounce serving of snack food such as pretzels and potato chips)
- 1 tablespoon=size of the top of your thumb (use to measure peanut butter)
- 1 teaspoon=size of a penny or the thumb nail (use to measure a serving of butter or other oils)



Eat healthy and watch your portion
 Help prevent body distortion.

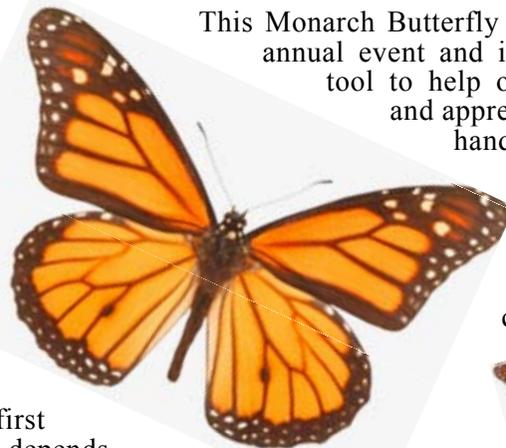


Monarch Butterfly Update



The Monarch caterpillars came in August 11th and were handed out that afternoon and then on Wednesday. The Education

Department announced that, "If your children, you, or your department are interested in raising a butterfly, please send an email or call to reserve one or more. You will be able to pick them up in the Admin Building (across from KFC) beginning probably around 2pm until 5pm and then all day tomorrow."



This Monarch Butterfly program is a popular annual event and is a great educational tool to help our young understand and appreciate Mother Natures' handiwork.

Yvonne Parsons-
 yparsons@lrboi.com, 398-6735
 Deb Davis-
 ddavis@lrboi.com, 398-6724

The tagging and release of the butterflies will likely be the first week of September- it sort of depends on the butterflies! Please send email or call them if you are interested in the program for next year. They said that, "If we don't answer please leave a message because we are likely not in our offices because we are working on getting the caterpillars in their containers and getting school clothing cards ready to mail- so leave us a message."



Native American Ministry - Muskegon

Halloween Gathering
 Oct.18,2009 11-3pm
 St Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave
 Costume party

Ghost Supper
 Nov 1,2009
 11 am to 3 pm Sunday
 Potluck-Dish to pass
 Bingo-Door prizes-Raffles
 Patti-755-4865

Christmas Gathering
 Dec.6,2009 11 am to 3 pm
 St.Thomas hall 3252 Apple Ave
 Potluck - Dish to pass
 Santa for the kids
 Patti - 755-4865

Debra Gutowski-Director
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231-398-6806

Marcella's Memories

Ma is calling out "Daylight in the swamp!" and it wakes me up. As I lay in bed rubbing my eyes I can see that it is going to be another beautiful summer day. I hear the birds calling to each other in the woods and a light breeze is making the trees sway and the leaves chime.

My two sisters, Christine and Joyce are still sleeping. Our two cousins, John and Dick are still sleeping. I hurry up and get dressed so I can be the first one downstairs. I know whoever gets up first gets to go after Grandma's water.

Water is gotten from a stream that meanders down below the hill by the house.

On top of the hill is a hand cranked mechanism with a wire and bucket that connects with a pole at the bottom. When you crank it forward the wire carries the bucket down into the creek. Then when you crank it backward it carries the bucket of water up to you. We kids think its fun to get water this way.

After Breakfast of pancakes and sugar we run outside to play. Uncle Gus walks in with a big snapping turtle for Grandma and Ma to clean. I've always been a little frightened of Uncle Gus because he is so big and brawny. After Ma and Grandma clean the turtle on the washboard outside they give us the eggs to play with. We decide to have

an egg fight so we chose up sides. Johnny and Joyce are on one side, Dickey, Christine and I are on the other side. The fight is going strong until Dickey throws an egg and it splatters on Johnny's shoe. Johnny's face screws up and he begins to cry. We all start laughing because he looks so funny.

Memories are like pictures of the mind.

Every summer Ma took us to spend time with Grandma Pete at Pleasant Valley. Grandma was a little midget of a woman who always had a treat for us. John and Dick Ledford were cousins whose dad, Gerald, worked as janitor and piano player in Detroit. Unable to care for the boys he sent them to live with Grandma.

Pleasant Valley was 40 acres of land with a tarpapered house on it. The property and house was just off Bailey Road at Indian Village. My mother, Alice Pete, owned the property but Grandma and the boys lived there. Ma sold the property in the sixties and Grandma and the boys moved to Star Corners.

At Pleasant Valley I came to value our family because Ma's relatives came to visit us. There

was always laughter and good times when they came to see us. It was at Pleasant Valley I learned to watch and listen from the marvels of nature and to admire Grandma Earth. Grandma Pete always said you could learn a lot from watching bugs work. They worked hard, got the job done and had respect for their family members.

I can still hear Dickey laughing and Johnny crying- even now after all these years it's funny! We had wonderful times at Pleasant Valley because there was always something to do, from building forts in the woods to walking up the road to get Grandma's mail or just having a water fight.

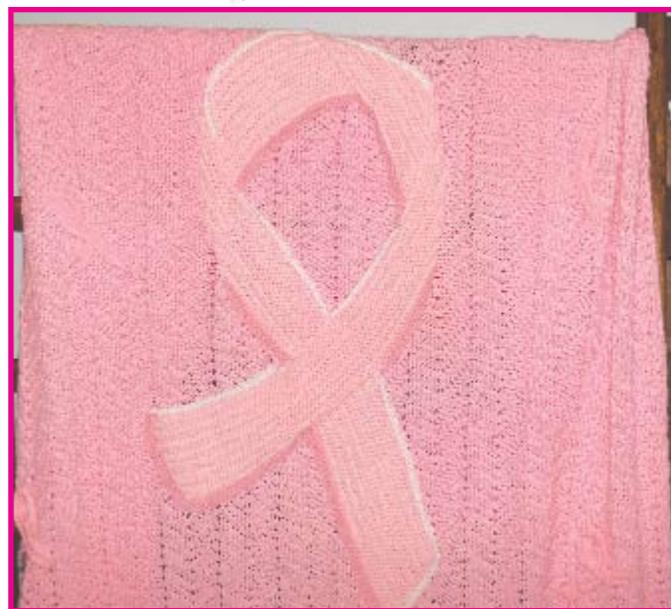
In every heart and mind there is a corner that hides wonderful recollections of times gone by. If I close my eyes and daydream I can see myself back at Pleasant Valley playing as a child and learning life's ways. I can still hear the breeze in the trees, birds signing and the smell of wood smoke from Grandma's cook stove.



In the long held tradition of our Ancestors, Mary Bower was presented with a Blanket to honor her and assist her with her fight against Cancer. For those of you that are not familiar with Mary's story, Mary was diagnosed two years ago with Inflammatory Breast Cancer. Inflammatory Breast Cancer is one of the rarest forms of Breast Cancer, accounting for less than 3% of all Breast Cancer Cases. It is also one of the deadliest, with a life expectancy of 24 months on average. Mary is now approaching that anniversary, having been diagnosed in September of 2007. Mary is an employee of the Little River Band, working as a Secretary for the Tribal Council. Mary has three children: Brian, Cody and Ashley. She has been through thick and thin with her life partner, George (Eddie) Feaster, for the past 22 years. This year she was blessed with a beautiful Granddaughter, Emma.

Mary has been fighting this disease, and has been a source of strength and encouragement to others. She has met successes and disappointments along the way. One of the sorest disappointments was the day she received the dread news from her doctor: her cancer was spreading. No longer able to keep the progression in check by conventional treatments, Mary was referred to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, MI, for experimental treatment. She was accepted for clinical trials, and began experimental chemotherapy treatments, traveling to Detroit weekly for medical care.

On August 17, the day before her birthday, a beautiful hand crocheted blanket was presented from an "anonymous" donor, as a gift. The note read: "Please use this blanket to help Mary Bower" and "Our prayers are with her". Mary was



speechless. The intricacy of the handiwork and the dedication it took to make the blanket was easily seen and deeply appreciated. And the gift was timely, as Mary had much to celebrate. The Friday before, she was informed by her Doctor in Detroit that her experimental treatment appears to be shrinking her tumors. And even more amazing, her Doctor also said that she would use Mary's clinical trial data in support of the FDA approval process. If approved, the treatment will become available for other women fighting cancer in the U.S.

Our Ancestors would give Blankets for many occasions. To honor achievements, for comfort in times of mourning. In some traditional wed-

dings, the Blanket was wrapped around the Bride by the Groom to signify his commitment to care for her, to keep her warm, and to be her shield. Blankets were given in barter, or as a symbol of caring for families going through difficult times. The blanket has signified honor, warmth, defense, shelter, and most importantly, Zaagidwin, Love, among our people.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There are many women within Little River Band that are either fighting this terrible disease or have attained victory in their fight. Others have passed into the next world, relieved of their burdens and illness. In addition to Mary Bower, Kimberly Alexander was also afflicted. She, too, has fought her battle, and appears to be on the winning end of that fight at last. As

we enter Breast Cancer Awareness month, let us be reminded that at any time, you can be a support to those in their fight against Cancer, in all its ugly forms. You can support those afflicted through prayer, through financial gifts, through encouragement. A kind word, a card or deed.

Angela Shining Water Eagle demonstrated her care for another person by creating a beautiful work of art in the form of a crocheted afghan. She anonymously gave the gift, expecting no thank you. Mary wanted to be sure that Angela knows how deeply she treasures her gift. Kchi- Miigwetch, Angela.

Match the words to anishinaabemowin

Words for this month (October)

Shkwaandem
 Taaswin
 Mchisak
 Nibaagan
 Dopwin
 Mzinchigan
 Waasechigan
 Waabowaan
 Pabwin
 Wawaskwanenjigan

Table
 Picture
 Door
 Blanket
 Cupboard
 Chair
 Floor
 Window
 Light
 Bed

Answers from last month (September)

Pawaagan	Pipe
Kchitwaashkwade	Sacred fire
Wiingash	Sweet grass
Mgizi	Eagle
Semaa	Tobacco
Adewegan	Drum
Mshkwadewashk	Sage
Pkwenezige bigitinigewin	Smudge
Kiizhig	Cedar
Mgizi aatig	Eagle staff

Kateri Center Elbridge Hart

Over 140 years ago four small Indian schoolhouses were built in Elbridge and Crystal townships, Elbridge school, built on the northwest side of Elbridge, was once called the Paw-Maw-Me School. Native Americans settled in this area in, the middle of the 1800's following the treaty of Detroit of 1855. The Treaty stated the fishing and encampment rights of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. The school later became a church for both Natives and non natives. It was only a cemetery for the Indians till 1917, when a piece of land was donated to as a cemetery for the congregation.

In the early 1900's the The supplies to build were donated by Henry Franciscan priests from 5,000 dollars to help the state it is today. The ing rebuilt in 1915. The leaders and has served a dians families. On July of the Native American J. Rose of Grand Rap- the Kateri Tekakwitha Center / St. Joseph



American Ministry. Under the guidance of the diocesan office, the church serves as a center for evangelization. It's also a place for Native Americas to pray, get married, naming ceremonies and burials.

The Kateri Center { as it is called today } is in need of repairs, Needs are handicapped bathroom , we are always in need of donation of money for the many project at hand any donation checks can be made to the

Native American Ministry
 360 Division Ave.S Grand Rapids,MI 49503
 Miigwetch-Thank-you for all you do

.Debra Gutowski

“Wisdom is the experience and knowledge of the past, today is the building blocks for our future, and the future is the teachings we pass on to our children.” Pat Wilson

Member's Submissions

Happy Birthday
Matt, Gina Nicole, Charlie, Bob.Pops

Happy Anniversary Brian, Lori
From, Your Family
Oct,2nd wishing Mukwa a very happy
birthday
Kawaidwin Nodenz

Happy Birthday Mathew Sandel!
We Love you very much!
Love Mommy Eagle and Hannah



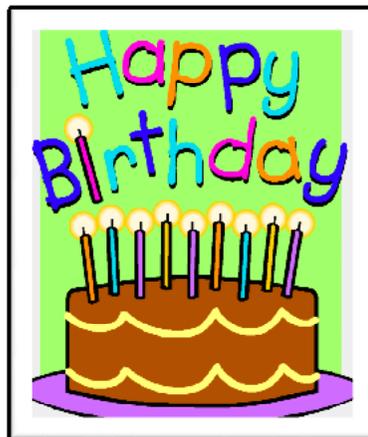
Happy Birthday to
Fern Marie Eagle
Love, Hannah,
Mathew, and
Mommy Eagle



This is the Elk I got Wed
morning Sep 2 2009
I used a great guide service
Antler Acres, Chris, Chad,
John great guys very helpful.
Karen Draper



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CHRISTIAN
~LOVE YOUR FAMILY



Belated Birthday Wishes to Angie Stone
and Ben Willis
Love Aunt Trish and Uncle Mike

Mukwa,
To the man who holds my heart forever.
Happy 30th Anniversary
Kawaidwin Nodenz

Belated Anniversary wishes to
Phil and Mary Thomas
Love,
Mike and Trish

Thank you

Debra Davis would like to say Thank you to all
the people who volunteered to serve at the Man-
istee Community Table on August 25th, which were
Kathy and Brian Gibson, Krystal Davis, Mark Ver-
schueren Mary and Dan Velikan, Jeannie Gibson,
Julie Wolfe, Calvin Austin. The Community Table
served 211 people that day, this was the most peo-
ple that has been served at the dinner to date. Again
I would like to say thank you your help was greatly
appreciated.



Happy Birthday

Lori King

Dale Mathews

Cheyenne Renner

Sandy Renner

Deb Renner

Lori Fraley

Yvonne Theodore

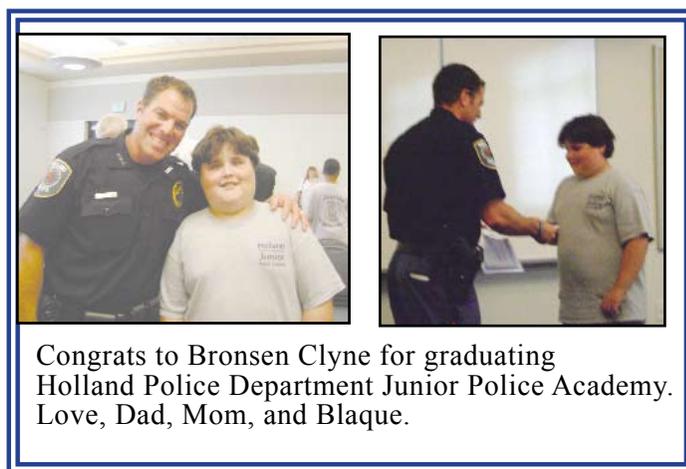
Happy 21st Birthday Din!
October 10th
Love, Mom and Gary

August 27th

Happy Belated
Birthday Jerry

Sorry this is late, but
you know we love you
son & brother

Mom, Peggy, Nancy,
Donna & Jane



Congrats to Bronsen Clyne for graduating
Holland Police Department Junior Police Academy.
Love, Dad, Mom, and Blaque.

Super Puff!



James 'Junior' Stone and Becky Stone had a great
mushroom hunt in late August and found the
largest Puff Mushroom that anyone around the back
had ever seen. Thanks to them both for sharing!

Walked on

Lena Marie Nickerson- Wolfe Vincent, 37, of Kaleva
died Sunday in her home. She was born December 27,
1971, in Ludington, the daughter of Raymond and Linda
(Hooper) Nickerson. Lena was an active member of the
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee. She
had worked as a server at the Little River Casino, in
Manistee, at the Trails Inn Restaurant, in Wellston. In
her spare time, Lena enjoyed traveling with her family,
especially to the Pictured Rocks in the UP. Lena had a
heart of gold and could light up a room with her beau-
tiful smile. She will be remembered as a woman who was
always willing to lend a hand to someone in need. She
opened her heart and home to anyone in need, regardless
of the walk of life.

Walked on

Penny Sue Albring,
LRBOI Tribal Member walked on
August 11th. JoLynn and the family offer their
condolences and prayers for her
Grandmother at this time.

Seems like a fairly simple question. First I must say that for me the key is Reaffirmation and not recognition. Recognition is identification that you have tribal status here in the US of A. Reaffirmation is a statement that you have always been a "Tribe". It means we as a people pre-dates the treaties and even the USA. Everyone should have the chance to read P.L. 103-324 and its legislative history. It is both an acknowledgement of the mistakes made by the USA (and thus others) and an acknowledgement of our long history. September 21, 1994 is not the day we became a tribe, it is the day that the Federal Government said: "Sorry, our bad - we really missed it in your case. Let's fix that mistake." (Okay, they didn't say it that way but that's the gist of it.)

So what does it mean to me, Reaffirmation - it means that we of the Gaaching Zibii Daawaa Anishinaabek can thank K'chiAnishinaabek for all their efforts to keep our unique status through the years, for their fights and struggles. They can be at peace. It means that those that follow will not have to fight the fight to regain our proper place in the world. It means everyone now knows what we always knew.

By Jam Sam

Reaffirmation Day

THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

07/12/01

Bob Van Alstine ITC Grants Writer/
Historian

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are headquartered in Manistee (meaning Spirit of the Woods), MI on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan (Big Lake), in the northeastern section of the Lower Peninsula, 70 miles southwest of Traverse City. In 1999 they reported a tribal membership of 2,675 with a then unemployment rate of 59% and of those employed, 26% living below the poverty guidelines.

The Little River Band Ottawa received their federal recognition/reaffirmation of status in September, 1994 pursuant to congressional legislation, P.L. 103-324 along with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa and the Pokagon Band Potawatomi.

Ottawa, Odawa, Odawu, generally means "trader" but some report it as being a shortened version of an Ottawa phrase meaning "at home anywhere people". Historically, there are not bands referred to as the Little River Band Ottawa. Rather, the modern day members of this new tribe are descendants of and politically successors to nine (9) Ottawa Bands who were party to the Treaties of 1836 and 1855 of a total of nineteen bands listed as Grand River Band Ottawa. Some of these 19 bands were party to the Treaty of 1821 and paid an annuity in 1979 under federal land claims docket # 40-K, but not those now known as Little River Band Ottawa.

Following the 1855 Treaty, all of the Ottawa Bands located from the Manistee River south to Grand River near or on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan were relocated to reservation lands in Mason and Oceana Counties. The permanent villages of the Grand River Bands Ottawa including those 9 Bands now considered as Little River, were located on the Thornapple, Grand, White, Pere Marquette and Big and Little Manistee Rivers in Michigan's western Lower Peninsula.

The remaining historic 10 Ottawa Bands are seeking federal recognition or reaffirmation of status as the Grand River Ottawa independently, and are currently headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI.

Following the Ottawa and Chippewa Treaty of Detroit in 1855, the federal government interpreted the terms of the treaty as

"administratively terminated" as a tribal entity, i.e. the Ottawa and Chippewa Tribe. However, it was later proven that you can't dissolve something that never existed in the first place. The Ottawa/Chippewa Nation as a tribal entity only existed in the minds of federal government folks for the convenience of treaty negotiators.

Since there was never a Ottawa/Chippewa Nation, that existed an entity the government hadn't terminated anything. We all realize the authority for rule and representation of the Ottawa and Chippewa Anishnabek rests at the village or band level, NOT at an Indian Nation level. Grand Council or Inter-Tribal Meetings were called for from time to time, but not for matters of negotiating the ceding of lands and related rights where the local village and bands resided.

However, this faux pas coupled with the Homestead Act of 1862 and the General Allotment Act of 1887, not to mention unscrupulous land speculators, most Little River Ottawa families lost title to their individual allotted lands and collectively all lands held in common trust. They could not rely on any federal protection from these developments and the state and local governments were often the violators, along with big business and church groups coveting the lands.

In a nutshell, the Homestead Act of 1862 was enacted by Congress and it promised ownership of 160 acre tracts of public land to a head of a family after they had cleared and improved the land and lived on it for five years, ala "squatters rights". By 1934, when the General Allotment Act of 1887 was repealed and the Indian Reorganization Act enacted, NONE of the Grand River or now Little River Bands owned any lands collectively or had any held in "trust status" by the federal government.

It was a good enough reason for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to rationalize why they did not extend the opportunity for the Lower Peninsula Ottawa and Potawatomi to reorganized in the 1930s and establish "federally recognized tribal status" as it is now known.

Like Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Grand Traverse and Lac Vieux Desert (to an extend) and later followed by the Huron Potawatomi and Gun Lake Potawatomi; the Little River Ottawa, Little Traverse Odawa and Pokagon Potawatomi, begun their long stressing process of righting this wrong/oversight which finally bore fruit in 1994 with reaffirmation of their status as a federally recognized tribe.

They have adopted their tribal constitution, bylaws and corporate charter, have identified nine counties as their service area which include: Lake, Manistee, Wexford, Ottawa, Newaygo, Oceana, Kent and Muskegon counties.

Their tribal council is an elected body with an Ogema (Chief) aka Tribal Chairperson. The reporting having 380 acres of land in trust status in 1999 which they are utilizing for economic development and government headquarters primarily and with another 220 purchased tribal lands for housing and 1400 more acres for future tribal development.

The tribe has ardently developed their infrastructure to provide increasing membership services and they opened the Little River Casino two years ago. They recently announced that they will be expanding the operations with another 223,000 square feet as part of a \$55 million dollar hotel and resort as well. Presently, the Little River Casino is the largest employer in Manistee County employing 600 individuals with another 200 projected when construction is completed and services expanded.

The Little River Band of Ottawa offer educational scholarship services, clinical health, behavioral health and substance abuse programs, early childhood projects, child welfare protection, law enforcement services and elderly initiatives, among others.

The tribe has made significant progress in many, many areas over the past seven years and considered a real boom for Manistee County economic and employment development across the board.

They continue with their long and short term planning initiatives in a variety of areas. They are reorganizing or creating new departments and policies such as a Grants and Contracts Program. They Little River Ottawa have quiet vision and determination and they shall succeed in their endeavors.

Like all other Michigan tribes, they too as affected/effectuated by the social problems and woes of the greater dominant mainstream society, such as crime, substance abuse, potential crime, gangs, et al. They will likely adopt additional programs and policies to address these issues within appropriate Anishnabek cultural, traditional, spiritual and community nuances.

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Charity Golf Outing

The 10th Annual Little River Charity Golf Outing was held at Manistee National Golf and Resort on Friday, August 21st beginning at 10:00 AM. It was a cool, rainy day, but that did nothing to dampen the spirits of the players. A number of Tribal government officials participated including Ogema Romanelli, Council Recorder Janine Sam, Historical Department Director Jonnie "Jay" Sam and others. The outing was open to anyone who wished to donate to any of the following worthy non-profit organizations that benefit the Manistee area: Friends of the Manistee County Library, ARC of Manistee, Manistee Area Community Clinic,

Manistee County Humane Society, Catch a Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Program and Manistee County Family Advocates. This year, the event raised approximately \$20,000 for the four local charities. Staff members from each of the groups assisted casino staff with the organization and running of the outing. In 1999, The Little River Casino Resort (LRCR) Charity Golf Outing was established as a way to give back to the community. To date, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised for various charitable organizations that serve the Manistee area.

