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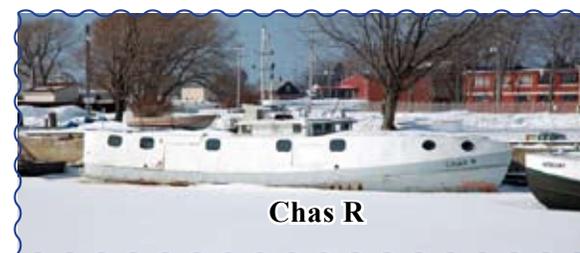
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Indian School Reunion Do you know their names?



This photograph of the Indian School Reunion was submitted by the Family Services department and where possible the names of the participants were noted. As you look at the photo, please see if you can help us to identify those who have not been named. If you do know some of them, please contact Angie Turner in Family Services with the information. Just call the toll-free number and the receptionist will put you in touch with Angie. Or you may e-mail the information to aturner@lrboi-nsn.gov.



Aanii,
It has been an extremely busy month for me. Tribes across the State met in Sault Ste Marie with the State of Michigan and Governor Jennifer Granholm for a Summit Meeting. Almost a dozen tribal leaders tribes signed a Climate Ac-

cord with the Governor which basically supports concerns of global warming and climate changes.

Later in the month, I had the opportunity to participate in the Wellbriety Forgiveness Walk which was held in Mount Pleasant for a way to forgive the U.S. Government for promoting "Indian boarding schools" across the United States even though the Government has not yet given apologies. The ceremony was touching and something not to be forgotten. I believe this effort will be long remembered and gain National attention in the near future. Several of our members were in attendance; LRBOI was well represented.

The new Council has been installed and we have agreed to meet on a weekly basis aside from the Council Meetings on an informal basis as a way to better communicate. There has been an effort to invite the Judicial Branch as well, although we recognize that it is more difficult for them to attend but maybe monthly or quarterly can work. I believe it will be beneficial in keeping each other informed of Tribal activities.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, our ability to video tape meetings etc. is just about there. I believe the ability now exists and all that is left is getting the proper procedures in place. As another "practice run", the installation of the new Council members was U-streamed by Mack Brushman. Please watch the Rapid River News for updates on U-streaming and video recordings. I also made a practice video which has been displayed on the Ogema webpage for several weeks and the feedback has been positive, the only problem now, is finding the time to change it on a regular basis.

The strategic plan/organizational assessment for LRBOI is moving forward in a timely manner. Staff from Osiyo, the company doing the assessment, spent time speaking with staff and elected officials for a week recently, trying to get as much information as possible. They will return sometime in August to give us some feedback.

The Muskegon Project is staying on track and continues to move forward. With most of the buildings down, demolition of the main building will be starting mid July and be completed within a month.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fall membership meeting to be held at the Little River Casino Resort on September 12th. Until next month...

Information Services

In June the Information Services Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government announced a new URL (uniform resource locator) for the Tribal Government's website. This new URL is www.lrboi-nsn.gov and was issued to the Tribe by the General Services Administration (GSA). The "nsn" of the new URL identifies the website as that of a Native Sovereign Nation used only by federally recognized Indian Tribes. Obtaining the "lrboi-nsn.gov" name was the first step in the release of the Tribal Citizen's only website.

The Tribal Citizens only website is designed to be a conduit of information and services directly to the online Tribal Citizen from their Tribal Government. The services, forms, reports and other information that is intended to be used by or available to only Tribal Citizens will be the content included in this version of the Tribal Governments website. Access to the Citizens only website will be available to all enrolled Tribal Citizens via a user identification code and a password issued by the Information Services Department.

Beginning July 6th 2009 a "register here" link appeared in the Announcements section of the home page of the Government's website. Tribal Citizens can use this link to submit their registration data to Information Services for verification by Enrollment and the issuance of a user identification code and password.

Information Services plans to have the new Citizens only website operational by Labor Day of 2009 and encourages all Tribal Citizens to register. The first content to be moved to the Citizens only site will be Tribal Council session minutes and other Tribal Council data as determined and directed by Tribal Council. Then each department will direct Information Services the content that department desires to be secured on the Citizens only site.

The Tribal Government Information Services Department consists of four employees; Joan Burkhart Webmaster; Christopher Varenhorst Technician; Russell Manning Network Administrator; George Le Vasseur Director.

All Tribal Government websites were developed and maintained by Joan Burkhart, Webmaster.

**Fall membership meeting
September 12th at the
Event Center
Little River Casino Resort**

Border Crossing & Tribal ID's



The US Customs and Border Patrol office confirmed with Public Affairs at the beginning of July that Tribal ID cards will not be sufficient for border crossings. Customs said that to cross the border (and come back) you must have a Passport. Your local Post Office processes passport applications.



*Attention
all Tribal Members*

If you are interested in joining any of the following Commissions or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.

- 2 seats – Commerce Commission
- 2 seats – Gaming Commission
- 1 seat - Health Commission
- 1 seat – Binojeeuk

Boozhoo! Aanish Naa?

I am the newly appointed Recorder for the Tribal Council. It has been a few years since I had last been given the opportunity to serve the Membership in this capacity, and I am humbled to be selected to do so again. I would like to thank Kimberly Alexander for her service in the office of Recorder during her term of Office on the Tribal Council. Best wishes to Kimberly in her new endeavors.

Steve Parsons is the newly appointed Speaker for the Tribal Council. Mr. Parsons has years of experience serving this capacity on behalf of the Tribe. I would like to thank Don Koon for his service in the office of Speaker during his term of Office on the Tribal Council. Best wishes to Don in his future endeavors as well.

Following the Swearing of Oath of Office, the newly elected members of the Tribal Council are settling in to their new spaces on the Second Floor. The Contact information for the Members of Tribal Council are as follows:

Name	Office Direct Dial	Toll Free/Extension	
<u>Steve Parsons, Speaker</u>	398-6830	1-888-723-8288 Ext 6830	<u>sparsons@lrboi.com</u>
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<u>Candace Chapman</u>	398-6831	1-888-723-8288 Ext 6831	<u>cchapman@lrboi.com</u>
<u>Robert Hardenburgh</u>	398-6833	1-888-723-8288 Ext 6833	<u>rhardenburgh@lrboi.com</u>
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<u>Robert Whiteloon</u>	398-6825	1-888-723-8288 Ext 6825	<u>rwhiteloon@lrboi.com</u>

The Membership is encouraged to contact the Recorder's Office, to make suggestions for the information that you wish to see included in the monthly newspaper from the Tribal Council. Calls or emails are most welcome, and suggestions for improvements are encouraged. I thank you in advance for your input.

If you are not receiving the "Rapid River News", and you have an email address, I also encourage you to contact the Office of Public Affairs to have yourself added to the list. There are plans underway to change the LRBOI Website, to include additional information from the Tribal Council. We are looking at modifying the page to be more USER FRIENDLY, as well as updating the content of the information.

Again, suggestions for what you would like to see added are welcome.

Getting back into the swing of things, you can expect to see a more comprehensive report next month. I look forward to hearing from you as well!

Respectfully,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder

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.



big issue. Ogema Romanelli said that there will be an emergency meeting next Wednesday at the June 10, 2009 Tribal Council meeting. He stated that the swearing in was going to be videotaped. Ron Pete told everyone that there was going to be a breakfast meal at the meeting and everyone was welcomed to attend.

The Ogema also brought up the issue of the Elders getting a sound system for their monthly meetings.

Other Issues: Lee Iverson brought in brochures on assistance for air conditioning for approved income Elders. Janine Sam and Virgil Johnson each stood up and thanked everyone who voted for them. They said they will try to be there for the members and answer each call that comes to them.

Adjournment: Chairperson Ron Pete moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Connie Waitner and supported by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Marcella Leusby
Elder's Committee Secretary

Elder's Committee Meeting Will Not be held in July.

The Powwow will be held on the first week end of July.



There will be tickets for food at the vendors for Elders, June Sam will have them on Saturday only.



The August Elder's Meeting will be August 1, 2009 At the Community Center. The meal will be Potluck.



The September Elder's Meeting will be September 5, 2009 At the Community Center.
The meal will be Potluck.

There are no plans for a conference at this time, this will be Discussed at the August Meeting.

ELDERS COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting Held June 6, 2009
Community Center

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm. Lunch was served first, with Ron Pete saying prayer. The meeting started at 12:30 p.m.

Roll call: Present: Chairperson Ron Pete, Trustee Sherman Moore, Connie Waitner, Martha Kase, and Secretary Marcella Leusby.
Also present: Larry Romanelli, Virgil Johnson, Janine Sam and Lee Iverson.

Minutes from June 6th meeting: Minutes from the June 6, 2009 meeting were read by Secretary Marcella Leusby. A motion was made by Connie Waitner to approve the minutes and supported by Sherman Moore. Motion passed.

Monthly Luncheon: Rita Gale's contract is up in June. It was stated that in July the Elders go to the Pow-Wow and there they will get food vouchers from June Sam. August meeting will be potluck.

Elder's Conference: Ideas for the Elder's Conference were discussed, including: Wills, Power of Attorney, Tenant Rights, Grandparents rights. It was suggested that Mary Witkop be one of the speakers at the conference to let Elders know their rights and what can be done to help them. It was suggested that informational packets be handed out at conference. The Board asked Elders for more information on what they wanted at the conference and what activities they want. More will be said at the August meeting.

Elder's Committee Election: It was discussed how goals need to be set on how the voting will be done in the future.

Update from the Ogema: Ogema Romanelli gave an update on the Health Clinic and Dr. Dixon's contract. The Ogema reported that there are no intentions of closing the clinic but that Dr. Dixon's contract was up. Work was being done on securing a part-time doctor until a full-time doctor can be hired at the clinic. It was affirmed that it was too bad none of the council members was present to help answer questions concerning this

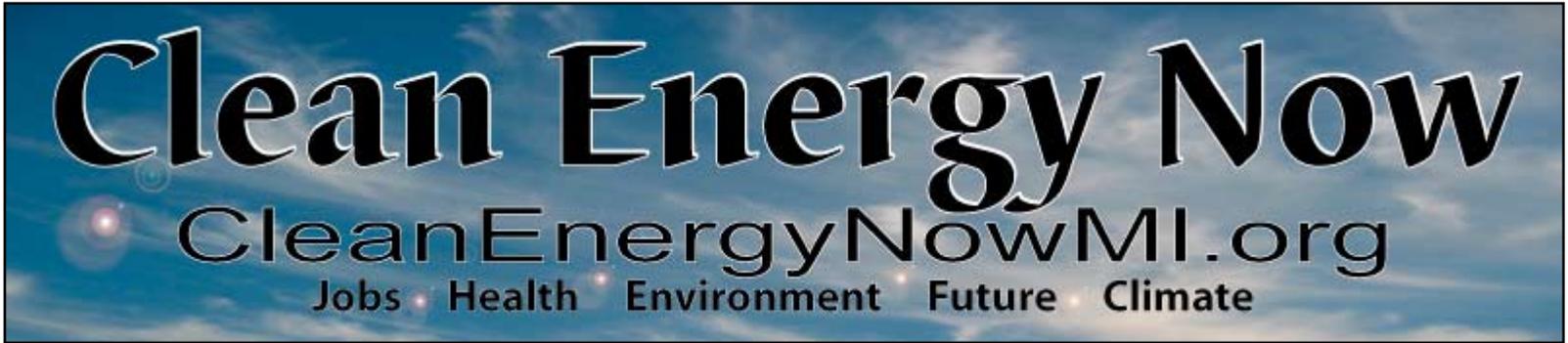
***Accepting bids for the elders luncheons
for the monthly Elders Meetings!
Contact June Sam for details and to submit a bid.***

It does not require many words to speak the truth.

--Chief Joseph, NEZ PERCE

The truth shall set you free. This is the truth. When we speak the Truth, we do not need to be defensive. Truth needs no defense. When we speak the Truth, we do not need to attack because Truth cannot be attacked. It is so easy to want to manipulate or to be deceitful or dishonest. My head tells me I can get away with doing these things, after all everybody does it.

My Creator, today let me know Truth. Let me live Truth. Let me risk the Truth. Let me make the Truth sweet. Help me to make my word good. Let Your spirit and intent be added to by words. Let My thoughts be Truth



June 12, 2009

*(Submitted by Lee Sprague Sierra Club
Clean Energy Campaign Manager)*

Sault Ste. Marie - Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and 12 Sovereign Tribes of Michigan signed an accord to fight Global Warming by reducing greenhouse gasses. Governor Granholm and Tribal Leaders have been leading their respective nations in addressing Global Warming, and re-energizing what Michigan does best, manufacture a new century's transition to a green economy that is the fastest job creator in the state.

Governor Granholm announced a 45% reduction in fossil fuels in her State of the State address, February 3, 2009. On March 5, 2009 Governor Granholm signed an agreement with the Danish Ministry of Climate and Energy.

Chief Fred Cantu, of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Tribal Council have taken leadership global warming on impacts of coal fired power plants to Michigan's economy slowing the rapid grown of green jobs and the health and welfare of all Michigan citizens.

"Native Americans in Michigan are the state's original environmentalists and understand that climate change is not confined to geographic boundaries," Granholm said at the summit hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Of Chippewa Indians, June 11, 2009. "I am pleased that the 12 tribes are working with us to reduce the threat that greenhouse emissions pose to our environment, economy and quality of life."

(go to cleanenergynowmi.org for statements and resolutions of Tribal Leaders and citizens of Michigan addressing global warming and coal plants some are attached)

Tribal Leaders of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority have expressed their concerns for an unprecedented number of coal fired power plants in Michigan to Vince Helwig, Michigan Director of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on March 23, 2008 citing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDEQ's failure to regulate CO2 and Mercury.

The United Tribes of Michigan adopted a resolution with concerns for the impact of coal fired power plants on the economy of Michigan, mercury contamination of the Great Lakes, and health and welfare of all Michigan citizens and urging all tribal members participate in forums reviewing proposed coal fired power plants.

One forum, the Michigan Public Service Commission is taking comments from citizens now. (Go to cleanenergynowmi.org for information on how to participate in current and future comments periods on coal fired power plants by the MPSC and MDEQ). Tribal Leaders and Governor Granholm urge all citizens to participate in the process.

"Sault Tribe is pleased to host this event crucial to our children and our children's children - the climate of our Mother Earth. As an Anishinaabe Nation, Sault Tribe works to conserve and respect our resources and find and develop cleaner energy sources. We pledge to work with the tribes and the state of Michigan toward a clean tomorrow," said Sault Tribe Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy.



In addition to Granholm, the accord was also signed by leaders of the following tribes:

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Hannahville Indian Community
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians



Members Assistance Department Current Assistance Programs



Assistance Programs Currently Available

Programs are available in ALL STATES with the exception of the grant funded programs as noted in program listing. Programs are subject to available funding approved in the program year budget.

*Food Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. If household is receiving food assistance from another agency, it is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect current benefits. Submission of receipts is a requirement of this program. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

*Low Income Energy Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

*Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a court ordered eviction or foreclosure notice
- Relocation to affordable housing
- Relocation due to loss of housing due to natural disaster
- Relocation due to substandard housing as documented by an inspector
- If program has been accessed in the past, received a denial from an outside agency for assistance.
- Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed program maximum program amount available to prevent or resolve housing crisis.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME- (Tribally funded programs) – Household income eligibility determination is based on three (3) months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

Deductions from Gross Income: Child support paid out and unreimbursed medical bills.

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

~THE FOLLOWING ARE GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE NINE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS OF MICHIGAN~

NOTE LIHEAP funds are available in all counties of Michigan, for the counties outside of the Tribal 9 county service areas the local Department of Health and Human Services administers this program under their guideline rules. LIHEAP is also available in all states through their local Health and Human Services and Housing Authorities.**

*LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis 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, number of family members and available funding.
- Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.
- Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

LIHEAP –

Cooling Assistance LIHEAP Component- Tribal Elders

This is a grant funded component of LIHEAP to provide assistance to Tribal Elders who meet the eligibility requirements, have a medical condition that require air conditioning during hot summer months, are experiencing an energy crisis due to additional energy burden to operate the cooling system 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, number of family members and available funding.
- Medical condition and need for air conditioning must be certified and documented by medical professional.

- Assistance is available May 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2009.

Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas. Applicant must be:

- Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
- Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

A complete application and the supporting documents must be submitted in order to process assistance request in a timely manner. Supporting documents are listed on the cover page of the application.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for program information and/or to request an application. Applications and Program Regulations are available online at www.lrboi.com Members Assistance link

Other Services:

- Referral assistance in finding assistance organizations and/or agencies to assist with needs that are not readily available or provided through tribal programs.
- Interdepartmental Referral Services that provided interdepartmental coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments when assisting members.
- Per Capita Information & Distribution Coordination for payments.

Department Staff

Lee A. Iverson – Members Assistance Coordinator
Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Office Hours Mon thru Thurs 8 am to 5 pm
Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288

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

The U.S. Census Bureau is NOW HIRING for Management Positions

The U.S. Census Bureau is opening a new office in your area and will begin operations for conducting the 2010 Census. This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!

Call Toll-Free at:
1-866-861-2010 or
go to: www.census.gov/detroit
for more information.

US Census Office Regional Job Openings:

Management — Fall 2009

- Local Census Office Manager - \$51,132-\$59,480
- Assistant Manager for Field Operations — \$41,740-\$50,088
- Assistant Manager for Quality Assurance — \$34,957-\$43,305
- Assistant Manager for Recruiting — \$34,957-\$43,305
- Assistant Manager for Administration — \$34,957-\$43,305
- Assistant Manager for Technology — \$34,957-\$43,305

All candidates must:

- Pass the Census Bureau written examination
- Be at least 18 years old or older
- Be a citizen of the United States and present proof of identity and employment eligibility

Office Staff — Fall 2009
Office Clerk / Recruiting Assistant / Administrative Assistant
Office Operations Supervisor

Field Staff — 2010
Enumerator / Crew Leader / Crew Leader Assistant
Field Operations Supervisor

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300 River Place Dr.,
Suite 2950
Detroit, MI 48207
313-396-5152

The Tribal Emergency Planning Committee (TEPC) is responsible for helping the tribal government, members and employees for planning in case of disasters and emergencies. This planning is designed to lessen the impact of events (mitigation); to respond if needed and then help to recover after the events.

The TEPC also coordinates interaction with state and federal agencies to make sure that support services are available to the tribe.

This page and the following page are guidelines which address the individual members and their families' needs in planning and preparation in case an incident or disaster happens which affects their home areas. Please review the information and consider using it for your families. Another two pages providing more information will be in the September issue of the Currents. In addition, there will be a presentation to the Fall Membership Meeting concerning our Tribal Emergency Planning team.

4 Steps To Prepare Your Family for Disasters

This guide will help you and your family prepare for a disaster. Keep this sheet in a special place so you will always know where to find it. Get the family together now to start following the 4 steps to safety readiness!



1 FIND OUT WHAT THE DISASTER RISKS ARE IN YOUR AREA

Find Out From Your Local Emergency Management Office, Health Department, Or American Red Cross Chapter:

- What types of disasters are likely to happen and how to prepare for each.
- What your community's warning signals sound like and what to do if you hear them.
- How to help the elderly and people with special needs.



2 CREATE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

Hold A Family Meeting: Keep It Simple And Work As A Team.

What To Tell Children

It is important to educate children about disasters, without overly alarming them. Use the following guidelines:

Tell children that a disaster is something that could hurt people or cause damage. Explain that nature sometimes provides "too much of a good thing"—fire, rain, and wind.

Explain how important it is to make a Family Disaster Plan.

Teach children:

- How to call for help.
- When to call each emergency number.
- To call the family contact if separated.
- To keep personal identification information in their possession at all times.

Plan

- Talk about the dangers of the disaster(s) with your family.
- Have a plan in case you are separated.
 - (A) Choose a place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot go home.
 - (B) Choose someone out of town to be your family contact.
- Each family member and any babysitter must know the address and phone for A and B.
- Fill out the local emergency phone numbers and child identification cards. Fill out an Emergency Information Form (EIF) for each child with special health care needs (see www.aap.org/advocacy/emergprep.htm).
- Become familiar with the specifics of your child's child care or school disaster plans as you could be separated from your child during a disaster.
- Plan what to do if you are asked to evacuate.
- Plan several escape routes.
- Plan how to take care of your pets.

Evacuation

If you are told to evacuate, take these steps:

- Leave right away if told to do so.
- Listen to your battery-powered radio for instructions from local officials.
- Wear protective clothing and shoes.
- Shut off water, gas, and electricity if told to do so.
- Leave a note telling when you left and where you are going.
- Call your family contact to tell him or her where you are going.
- Take your Family Emergency Supplies (listed on next page).
- Lock your home.
- Use routes suggested by officials.



FAMILY readiness kit
PREPARING TO HANDLE DISASTERS



3 COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST



- Put emergency phone numbers by each phone.
- Show everyone how and when to turn off the utilities.
- Make sure you have enough insurance coverage (for example: flood, fire, earthquake, wind).
- Do a home hazard hunt for items that can move, fall, break or cause a fire.
- Stock enough emergency supplies to last 7 days (see list at bottom right).
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
- Plan home escape routes—2 from each room.
- Find safe places in your home for each type of disaster.
- Make 2 copies of important documents and keep the originals in a safe deposit box. Keep 1 copy on hand and give the second to your out-of-town contact.

PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN YOUR PLAN



- Every Month** -----
Test your smoke alarms.
- Every 6 Months** -----
Go over the Family Disaster Plan and do escape drills. Quiz children. Replace stored food and water.
- Every Year** -----
Replace the batteries in smoke alarms (unless your smoke alarm uses long-life batteries).

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Meet with neighbors to plan how you can work together during a disaster.

- Talk about who has special skills (medical, technical).
- Make plans for child care in case parents can't get home.

UTILITIES

Do the following so you will be ready if told to turn off your utilities:

- Find the main electric fuse box, water service main, and natural gas main.
- Learn how and when to turn these off and teach family members.
- Keep a wrench and flashlight near gas and water shut-off valves.
- If you turn the gas off, you will need a professional to turn it back on.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Make two copies and keep the originals of the following in a safe deposit box or waterproof container:

- Wills, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, investments.
- Passports, social security cards, immunization records, EIF.
- Bank account numbers/credit card account numbers.
- Inventory of valuable household goods.
- Family records and photos (eg, birth and marriage certificates).
- Documentation to assist in identifying children who may be separated from their parents (eg, photos, adoption records, birth certificates).

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES LIST

- Signal flare
- Map of the area and important phone numbers
- Special items for infants and the elderly (diapers, formula, medication)
- Three gallons of water per person
- Seven-day supply of ready-to-eat canned or packaged food
- Manual can opener
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Toiletries (10-day supply of prescription medications, hand sanitizer)
- Cell phone batteries and/or phone charger
- A change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes for each family member

Put the following supplies in an easy-to-carry waterproof container:

- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual and prescription medications
- Credit card and cash
- Personal identification
- An extra set of car keys
- An extra pair of eyeglasses
- Matches in a waterproof container

Visit the US Department of Homeland Security Web site (www.ready.gov) and the AAP Children, Terrorism and Disasters Web site (www.aap.org/terrorism), including a Family Readiness Kit (www.aap.org/family/frk/frkit.htm), for more information.

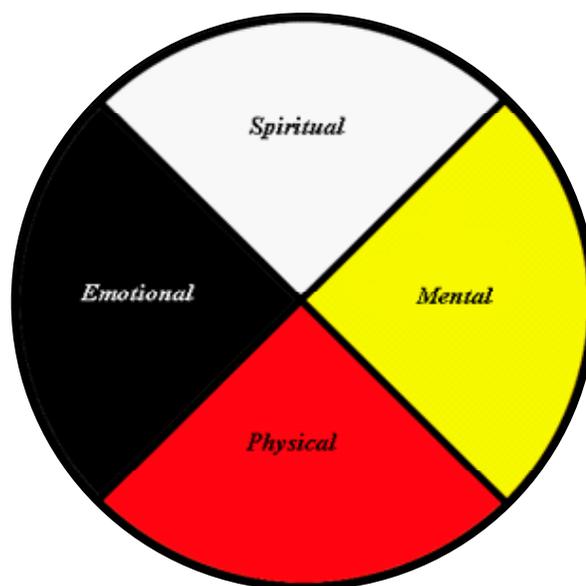


An approach using the Medicine Wheel. The Medicine Wheel has many teachings and stories. It is a tool that is helpful in illustrating a holistic approach and positively addresses many different problems, life issues, and interpersonal disputes. It gives us a way to visualize some of the basic components that shape who we are. The wheel is divided into four different sections, with each area corresponding to the Mental, Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual aspects of our selves. Using the four directions as a guide, we can reflect and assess what is going wrong in our lives so that we may begin a path of healing. The first step in the healing process is to recognize the problem. Our medicine wheel, with a little bit of bravery and honesty, will help us to make this sometimes difficult observation.

The basic principle of the medicine wheel involves balance. The different aspects of the wheel are brought back into harmony and order in our lives is restored. The four directions work together to make the whole wheel and cannot exist independently. If one or more of these medicine wheel directions is lacking in strength, or if one or more of them has been overly concentrated on, it creates balance problems. A circle is only as strong as its weakest point, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link and a community is as healthy as its sickliest member. When the parts of the wheel, our selves, are in equilibrium with one another, the circle becomes strong but when there are imbalances between the different areas of the circle, the whole thing becomes wobbly, it becomes harder to maintain control and entire structure is easily spun off track. Think of yourself as the wheel, as if you are a spinning top. Too much weight on one side throws you off course. If we overload one area of our wheel, it is the same as weakening the whole. For example: If you only fill your head with mental information, studying, reading books, devouring data, you could be creating an imbalance, that is, if you are not giving equal attention to the other important areas as well. This is what they call too much of a good thing. Have you ever met a great athlete who wasn't all that bright or was prone to anger? This is another example of imbalance. If you only concentrate on the physical aspect, working out, shaping your body, eating right, but neglect your emotions, or your mental and spiritual aspects, you may look physically healthy from the outside, but be way out of balance with the very important internal characteristics that we need make us into healthy and functional beings. It is important to work on the different areas in moderation, to keep a balanced path as we begin the healing process and to consider all aspects of the medicine wheel, not just one portion or another.

With a Needs Assessment, the Peacemaker, with the participants input, will identify areas of risk. This will assist in creating a Peacemaking Agreement that focuses on their specific needs and goals. Each agreement is unique and catered to fit each person individually. Peacemaking acts as a bridge to help them find their

own path to healing. The primary means of connecting people with the proper services is by directing them to other places through referrals. We merely help point them in the right direction. Peacemaking acts for the most part as a go between to get the participant to the services they require, to coordinate a path toward outside resources that will help them the most. In this way, Peacemaking uses existing agencies who can then more appropriately address the specific imbalances in a person's medicine wheel areas. This helps people to use the tribal and community based resources that are already in place, but most of all, to let those who are best at what they do, our various professionals, to be able to do what they do the best. The process of healing is a team effort.



PHYSICAL
The physical section seeks to improve the bodily housing of the participant, within which, all of the other factors of the medicine wheel must be integrated. Without a physically healthy frame, the mental, emotional and spiritual components cannot be properly maintained. The medicine wheel approach incorporates the proper maintenance of physical health into a person's conscious routine, to become a daily and lifelong practice.

EMOTIONAL
The emotional section of the program seeks to improve the participant's recognition and processing of their natural human feelings in a safe and healthy manner, to use techniques for the proper handling of emotions that will provide a sense of clarity, balance and restraint, to allow for less impulsive or violent decision making in regard to personal behavior. Exploring this portion of the medicine wheel will help people learn skills that will help them be more objective and emotionally balanced throughout their lives.

MENTAL
In the mental section, people attempt to improve their overall state of mental well being and their ability to understand, assess and interpret the world through thinking. Improved clarity and intellectual ability will be an asset to people who explore this area of the wheel. It will sharpen their skills in problem solving, self reflection and aid them with positive decision making.

SPIRITUAL
The spiritual component of the medicine wheel is not meant to be religious or to promote any specific denomination of beliefs. It is meant to connect people to their own personal relationship with what spirituality means to them personally, as that particular individual person understands it. This spiritual connection is vital to a cohesive and comprehensive balanced lifestyle within the medicine wheel framework.

The key to this medicine wheel method is that Peacemaking uses all available resources to help our clients and does not just work alone from within our own department. We network as much as possible. We seek help from others and share the load. The healing of imbalances in the medicine wheel is a community effort. One person does not do this alone. It requires the expertise of many different people, with many different ways of reaching the same goals, with many techniques to help people solve their various problems, coming together like the separate seeds within a rattle, to make one unified sound. It takes communication to accomplish this task, along with allowing the burden to be shared by professionals and volunteers with many different abilities and approaches. Many different roads can lead to the same destination and even though we may choose to take separate paths, equifinality (an equal final ending) leads us to the same goal of being healed at the end of the journey. There is more than one way to skin a drum. By using the seven grandfather teachings as the basis for action, and by illustrating the healing process with the medicine wheel as a visual guide, we hope to help people get to the core of their own personal difficulties, to help with new perspective so that they may help themselves find their own true problems, those hidden beneath the surface, the underlying causes that require the real work. Self improvement is a hard road. Healing is a lifelong path that takes daily maintenance. We will always have to work for it. No one ever reaches a place of being perfect and not needing to worry about being a flawed human anymore. Our personal balance comes and goes throughout life and with each passing day. It is a constant struggle. Keep up the personal fight. Keep searching for the root, rather than merely treating the symptoms.

MINAADENDMOWIN "Respect"

Respect, is given and received, when you give respect it is most often to an elder, who is seen as having wisdom. There are others to which you should give respect to, such as veterans. You also give the proper respect to our traditions and our teachings. Respect is acknowledging and understanding the importance and value of someone and/or something. You then treat the person or object with the proper teaching and honor that is fitting of that respect. Quote from the Seven Grandfather Teaching: "Respect: to honor all of creation is to have respect. Showing respect is showing honor for the value of persons or things through polite regard, consideration and appreciation. Honor our traditional roles and teachings. Honor our families, others, and ourselves. Don't hurt anything or anyone on the outside or the inside. Respect, also is not to be demanded, it is earned and given freely from the goodness of your heart."

This is a story of how I understand and feel about Respect. I feel there are some people that are automatically given respect; they are the ones who know the Culture, Traditions, and/or our Ceremonies. They have lived and experienced many things and are willing to pass on



Makwa
"Bear Clan"

By
Patrick D. Wilson

their wisdom as an Elder. I know an Elder that was well respected back when I was a young man some 30 years ago. He knows just about every Anishinaabe family and their children. He has a story about each family. I moved away and lost contact with him, for

many years. It was about 1992 that we started to see each other at the Jiingtamok (Powwows). Right away we reconnected; he spoke to me and my family like I had never lost contact with him. I could have not received a warmer welcome. So for me this Gentleman embodies the meaning of Elder. Every time I get to visit with him I always feel like I have not given him and his wife all of the respect they deserve. I am truly humbled by them, they embody the kind of people respect is given to freely and from your heart. They always have the time to speak to you, to tell you a story, and pass along words of wisdom. My life has been made truly richer by this Elder.

In Peacemaking, respect sometimes has taken a back seat by the participants. The participants are angry, hurt and are in a blaming mode. This action is a road block for the peacemaking process. As peacemaker we have a set of guidelines we follow, and there is no blaming, name calling, or personal attacks, and the participants are asked to listen with respect. When respect is entered back in to the process, healing can start. That is the beginning of talking and listening to each other in a manner of kindness, caring, and consideration. Put them all together and they add up to a way to discuss the issue in a safe and respectful way.



Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking Talking Circle



"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"

The topic of this month's Talking Circle is "Walking in Two Worlds" Traditions in our everyday lives (This topic was from May 27, 2009, that meeting was canceled)



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(NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.)





**The view from the new
Community Center**

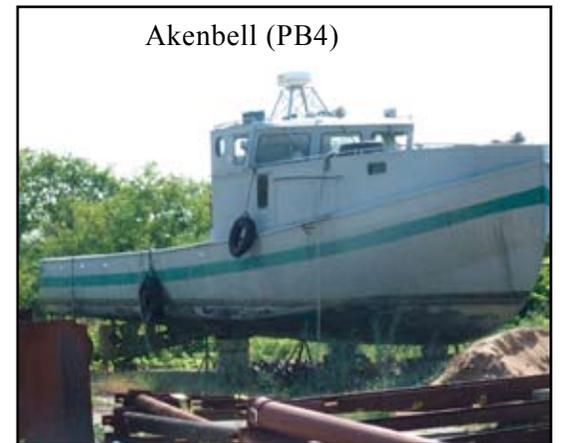


Commercial Fishing Boats for sale

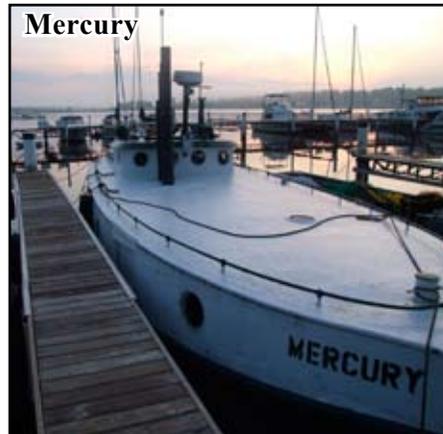
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Chas R



LRBOI has announced several commercial fishing boats for sale.

Contact the Property Office at 231-398-6880 if you would like more information. If you are interested in purchasing a boat, please use the sealed bid form below and submit to Property Office by August 31, 2009

LRBOI SEALED BID FORM

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660
Property Office Phone: (231) 398-6880
Fax: (231) 3986883
mvelikan@lrboi.com

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (AM): _____ Phone (PM): _____

Conditions of Purchase

The Undersigned agrees to the following terms:

1. That the acquired vessel is purchased in an AS IS condition;
2. 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;
3. That arrangement for vessel pick-up must be approved at payment date and be within 7 days;
4. That failure to pick up the vessel within 7 days and remove from Tribal property will make your bid unacceptable;
5. That LRBOI reserves the right to retract, cancel, or reopen bidding.
6. Bids must be received by August 31, 2009 by LRBOI Property Officer, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

Please accept the following bid:

Boat Name	Model	Hull #	Offer(\$)
Fin & Feather	1967 Trapnet 37'	64E1511	
Akenbell (PB4)	1947 Marinette 50'	MCZ372980402	
Lauris C	1959 Steel 39'5"	591	
Mercury	1936 Steel 39'6"	235647	
Chas R	1938 Steel 44'5"	170513	

Tribal Member Signature

Tribal ID #



(Marla Miller, The Muskegon Chronicle, 6.24.09) The aroma of burning sage, cedar, sweet grass and tobacco swirled into the air at Old Indian Cemetery Tuesday as about 50 people gathered for the repatriation and reburial of Native American bones.

Native Americans believe burning the cleansing herbs brings good spirits to them, and when smoking tobacco and speaking, the words go directly to God, according to Joseph Genia, a Muskegon resident and member of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians who led the ceremony.

REBURIAL

John McGarry

The Lakeshore Museum Center has been in possession of the Native American remains since the early 1940s.

Executive Director John McGarry has been working for years to have the remains “repatriated” in Muskegon’s Old Indian Cemetery, as authorized under the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The Muskegon City Commission authorized the reburial at Old Indian Cemetery in December.

The museum’s effort to identify them was prompted by enactment of the Repatriation Act in 1990. It mandated that museums determine the provenance of burial items that would be of importance to native people.

“Grandfather, have pity on us for digging up our relatives and not doing anything about it,” he said as part of the closing prayer. “Have pity on us and bless us here in this life.” The centuries-old remains of nine West Michigan American Indians were returned to a proper resting place after a long process led by John McGarry, executive director of Lakeshore Museum Center, and Eric Hemenway, of Harbor Springs.

Hemenway is a research repatriation assistant and member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. He works with state and federally recognized tribes to pursue the return of Native American remains and sacred objects. Hemenway reburied the bones at the sacred downtown site and said it is unusual to have remains reburied in the area where they came from, especially if there is not reservation land in that county.

One of the purposes of the ceremony is asking for forgiveness, and honoring the traditions of the Anishinaabek people to take care of their elders, he said.

“A lot of museums, they don’t have to do this,” Hemenway said. “John went above and beyond and pushed to have this happen and rebury them in the county they are from.”

The bones were unearthed by unknown individuals in parts of Muskegon and Oceana counties. They were donated to the museum several years after the museum was established in 1937, McGarry said. They have not been displayed during McGarry’s 19-year tenure.

McGarry and his staff collaborated with archaeologists and tribal leaders, and the museum’s remains were designated “culturally unidentifiable.” The collection of bones was de-



termined to be older than 1600, classifying them as “precontact” with Europeans.

During the hour-long ceremony, Genia explained that Native Americans believe different plants have different spirits and that they can draw spirits near by burning them. He also talked about the significance of the Old Indian Cemetery site, and the traditions of burial ceremonies including blessing the dead with water, and burying fruit, meat, and corn with other gifts to help them on their journey.

“It breaks that fabric of life when we take our relatives and put them on display in a museum,” Genia said. “This helps us mend that fabric. As human beings, we are responsible for all other human beings in the world, even the ones that have gone on before us.”

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was represented by Ogema Larry Romanelli, Dan Shepard, Terri Raczkowski and Jonnie Jay Sam from the Government and others tribal citizens.

The Tribe has supported this effort and others as a part of our MACPRA membership and will continue being involved and to provide support for these efforts as it has in the past.

A shawl & ribbon dress made by a Marie Burgess has been obtained. If you know of this woman or of her direct descendants, these items would like to be returned to the proper owner. Please contact Jo Keusch/GTB Enrollment office at (231) 534-7670.

Attention



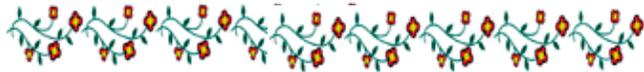
Tribal Members receiving Education Benefits: If you are enrolled in a degree program, a direct mailing was sent to you announcing the new Internship Education

Program through the Department of Commerce. The new eligibility guidelines were included in the mailing, and can be found at www.lrboi.com at the Commerce link. Reminder: the two-part applications must be sent back to the Department of Commerce by May 8, 2009. Please contact Robert J. Membroto at 888/723/8288 (ext. 6806) if you have additional questions

Match the words to Anishinaabemowin

Answers from last month (June)

Dopwin	Table
Binenhshiih	Bird
Wiingash	Sweet grass
Mtig	Tree
Zhibiiganaatig	Pencil
Gidaapkaagan	Key
Miijim	Food
Binojiinh	Child
Mzinchigan	Picture
Zhoonyaa taage gamik	Casino



Positive Indian

Parenting Classes

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Honoring Our Traditions*



Words for this month	
Manidookewinan	Male teacher
Kinomaagewinan	Give away
Ngamwinan	Food
Bemaadizijik	Ceremonies
Miigwewin	Tents
Kinomaage nini	Female teacher
Nminwendaagwaz	Teachings
Gaasmo gamikoon	I am having a good time
Miijim	People

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2009
Time: 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
Where: LRBOI Community Center - Manistee

Duration: 8 weeks
Who: Anyone who is a parent or caregiver of children.

Positive Indian Parenting is a research-based curriculum designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for those who are raising Native American children.

A light meal will be provided. Weekly giveaways.

HEALTH CLINIC UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Niibin Youth Camp
- 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

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**THE SHOE DESIGNED FOR THE
NATIVE AMERICAN FOOT**

By Mardi Suhs LUTHER for the Cadillac News, (edited for space) - Luther is a small town with a population of 326. But on the Fourth of July they celebrated in a big way. More than 150 people crowded into the Luther Lions Club Saturday night to celebrate Luther High School's 51st Annual Alumni Banquet - a gathering of graduates who attended high school in Luther before their district consolidated with Pine River in 1965.

The reunion, emceed by Linda Jurik, honored former graduates as far back as 1934 with special recognition for members of the classes of 1939, 1949, and 1959.

After the banquet, after the live country music and patriotic songs, the highlight was the recognition of seven military veterans who left Luther High School without diplomas to serve in the Armed Forces, either in World War II or Korea.

June Rayle, former Luther postmaster and graduate from the class of 1949, helped organize the celebration. "A former Luther graduate, Dr. Barry Campbell, heard about this new law to give high school diplomas to World War II and Korean veterans that left early or were drafted," she explained. "In this little town of Luther you know everybody, so I contacted the ones I thought might be eligible and put a note on the bottom of the class reunion invitation."

Seven military veterans applied for their diplomas and were approved (including Little River Band Tribal Elder Sherman Moore.) Sherman

M. Moore, 72, retired Air Force, enlisted at 17. "I was at the tail end of Korea and in the Viet Nam era," he said. "I retired in 1975. This is really good; this event makes me proud that someone recognized us."

"On behalf of the Pine River Area Board of Education, we would like to honor these seven men tonight," stated Pine River Superintendent Jim Ganger. "They have helped ensure our freedom and shaped the course of history. We would like to thank them and honor them as graduates of Luther High School." Reprinted with permission of the Cadillac News



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Sherman M. Moore received his Luther High School diploma on the Fourth of July. "It really makes me proud that someone recognized us," he said. Left is Emilee Syrewicze, who pinned US flag pins on each graduate.



MARDI SUHS | CADILLAC NEWS

Former graduates of Luther High School met for their 51st Annual Alumni Banquet on the July Fourth and honored seven former Luther High School attendees who did not graduate but served in World War II or Korea. The six men attending the event were: (Back left to right) Alan L. Sarver, Jack C. Nichols and Opal 'Red' Shaw. (Front left to right) Elwin 'Spike' Purchase, Sherman M. Moore and Byrd J. Briggs. Not in attendance, Jack Purchase.



LTBB changes leadership



In election results released July 1, 2009, LTBB Chairman Frank Ettawageshik lost his long time leadership position at the head of the Potoskey based Odawa tribe. Winning the chairmanship is 185 Harrington. Other results are shown here.

Chairman/Vice Chairman	Votes
Ettawageshik/Denemy	319
Harrington/McNamara	504
Tribal Council	
Bea Linn	281
Alice Yellowbank	345
Christine Shomin	313
Belinda Bardwell	439
John Bott	520
Julie Shananaquet	543
Melvin Kiogima	402
Audrey Perry-Atkinson	345
Aaron Otto	399
Paul Eames	234

Election will be certified on July 13
Swearing in on August 23



Manistee Ford-Mercury is pleased to again offer Little River of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government employees and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members (including employee and member families) special discount pricing on new vehicles. New Ford and Mercury vehicles that are eligible for the supplier discount will be made available at that price. In addition, all parts and service customers will be given 15% off. This is valid on any non-sale or coupon related purchases. All customers must present their employee or tribal member identification prior to purchase.

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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.

Income Tax Planning

Don't be caught short when tax time comes around next year. Make sure that you're having the correct amount of tax withheld to cover your 2009 tax liability.

Now is a good time to check your W-4 withholding amount. If you owed state or federal income tax on your 2008 return, you may want to reduce your exemptions or have additional tax withheld for 2009. If you received a large refund, you may want to increase your exemptions.

In addition, several changes resulting from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 may affect the amount of tax you owe.

New procedures coming for tax-exempt purchases at Little River Trading Post

New computer software will be installed soon at the Little River Trading Post to make it easier to track discounted fuel sales, cigarette quotas and tax discounts for reporting to the state. If you purchase tax-exempt gas or cigarettes from Little River Trading Post, all purchases will require your tribal card to be swiped into a new computer located inside the gas station. If you do not have a card with a readable magnetic strip you will not be able to receive your discount.

The old system that is currently in place requires a very labor intensive process of manually updating files every day for all tax-exempt fuel, cigarette and tobacco product purchases. The new system will significantly reduce the cost and time to manage these purchases and simplify the process for members and for the staff.

Watch the Rapid River News and notices at the Little River Trading Post for more information as it becomes available.

Workforce Development Program

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Department of Commerce mission statement is, "To promote, assist and foster economic development opportunities of the Tribe and its Membership." To help in that mission are the Workforce Development programs:

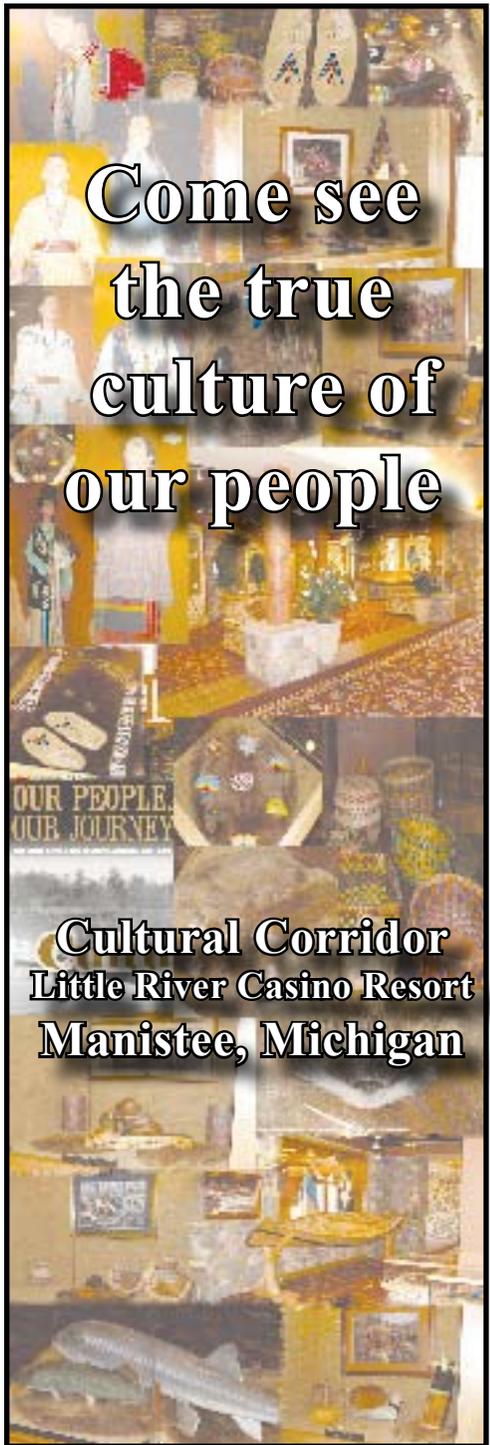
- **Internship Educational Grant Program**
To recruit, assist and offer LRBOI Tribal Citizens the work experience in an assortment of positions that are needed Tribal wide. LRBOI via its' government, enterprises and business entities has the ability to offer the Tribal Citizen and Tribal Spouse and Descendant College student(s) an internship in almost any field of study like law enforcement, accounting, legal, marketing, social work, medical, etc.
- **Internship Hosting**
To assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens who are in the Internship Program by providing them with no-cost lodging opportunities so that they may fulfill their internship requirements in a safe and friendly environment. It is encouraged that LRBOI families assist the College and University students by volunteering for this program.
- **Employer Incentive Rebate Program**
To foster and promote Tribal Citizen Employment in the service area by offering employers a 5% incentive rebate for the hiring of LRBOI

Tribal Citizens and at least 18 years of age.

- **Development & Training**
Various training and services as needed for LRBOI Citizens including pre-employment drug testing, pre-employment physicals, purchase of bus passes, procurement of driver's record, and job interviewing skills. The Commerce Department will work with Michigan Indian Employment & Training Services, Michigan Works, and any other local, state, tribal, or federal agency. The maximum amount per applicant that will be paid on their behalf to third party vendors is \$300.00 per calendar year.

- **Career Assistance Voucher**
Career Assistance Vouchers can be used for supplies, tools, clothes, bus passes, and daycare but are not limited to those uses. Career Assistance Vouchers are anything that reasonably assists the applicant in advancing their career via the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. The Career Assistance Voucher amount is \$200.00 per calendar year.

- **Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher**
Employment Daycare Vouchers can be used to assist in removing one of the biggest barriers to sustainable employment. The Employment Daycare Voucher amount is \$250.00 per calendar year.



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- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
To assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens and family members who have disabilities gain or retain suitable employment. This is one of two cooperative resource-sharing agreements between a tribe and a state-federal vocational rehabilitation program in the country.

Those who wish to participate in any of the Workforce Development Programs must meet eligibility requirements and be enrolled in the LRBOI Workforce Development Program.

For more information, contact David Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842, toll-free 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6842, e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com, or visit www.lrboi.com/commerce and click "Workforce Development Programs".



Gathering under the theme, "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace," one thousand representatives from 250 churches and more than 100 countries will meet to merge the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) and the Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC) into a common body. A focus on indigenous peoples is central part of this historic occasion.

Dancers, artists, and vendors who wish to participate in the powwow on June 22, 2010, should call Levi Rickert at 616/299-7542 or Rev. Mike Peters at 616/255-6311.

More details to follow, as the date of powwow approaches.



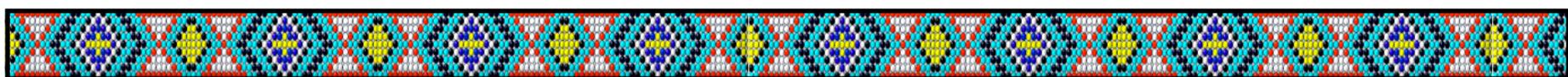
Contact: Mr. Levi Rickert
616/299-7542

June 9, 2009
or The Rev. Mike Pters
616/255-6311

American Indians to Welcome World Christian Conference in June 2010

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN – American Indians will take front stage at a global gathering of churches in Grand Rapids in 2010. Planners for the inaugural meeting of the World Communion of Reformed Churches are inviting local and regional American Indians to participate in a special powwow planned for Tuesday, June 22, at Ah-Nab-Awen Park on the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids.

The powwow is one of several activities planned for the gathering at Calvin College, June 18-28, 2010. Other opportunities include exhibit space, a talking circle, an art show, and workshops on critical American Indian issues. Wilma Mankiller, past chief of Cherokee Nation, will also present a keynote address at one of the plenary sessions.



Tribal TEPC in Mason County



The evening of June 15th, the Mason County Emergency Management held a large emergency exercise that involved well over 100 people from units of fire, police, EMS and other responders across the county

at the South Hamlin Elementary School. The Tribal Emergency Planning Committee (TEPC) was invited to participate by the county EMC Coordinator Elizabeth Reimink, because Mason County is part of our 9-county tribal jurisdiction.

Three members of the TEPC Incident Command Team participated in what was a great exercise of the ICS system. A number of good lessons were learned as well as some innovative techniques involved in teaching the response system for when and if there is a disaster or incident on tribal lands.

The tribe is signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Michigan to be part of the overall regional and federal response system. We are an active member of Region 7, DHS in Michigan.

Attending from LRBOI were Mary Velikan who is assigned as the Logistics Officer; Dan Velikan as Finance Officer and Glenn Zaring who is the tribal Public Information Officer.

They had these comments about the exercise:

Mary Velikan: "We were able to work with fire, police, other ems and emergency groups in an intense training on situations cause by twister

destruction over a large area. Memories of last June were still fresh in our minds as we applied skills to handling emergencies as they occurred. We'll be getting together again for a drill in October."

Dan Velikan: "The exercise gave us insight into the chaos that can occur in a disaster situation and that communication and cooperation were the keys to dealing with that chaos. It is also obvious that training and exercises such as this are absolutely essential for the Tribe to be able to react competently in an emergency situation to protect the Tribal community."

Zaring: "The whole Incident Command system and structure sets an organized method of response that actually can be very effective in delivering aid and assistance. This exercise showed however, that the players need to understand the system and especially their roles in the system. Without this understanding, you just have chaos. At LRBOI, the system is coming together slowly but surely. Are we ready? No...but we're more ready than we were and we have to keep that in mind. Preparedness is a constant battle and we are fortunate to have some dedicated employees here fighting that battle every day." (Zaring is chair of the TEPC)



The Durable Power of Attorney



What is a Durable Power of Attorney?

A Durable Power of Attorney is the document through which you, as the “principal” appoint another person “agent” or “attorney-in-fact” to act on your behalf with respect to a wide range of matters, for example, to sign checks and make deposits, pay bills, contract for professional services, sell property, obtain insurance, and do all the things you do in managing your day to day life. Things to be done by your agent can be as broad (for example, to do anything you could do) or as narrow (for example, to sell a particular piece of real estate) as you choose to make it. A power of attorney must be in writing and signed by you. The Durable Power of Attorney can be effective immediately when you sign it or only when you become incompetent.

Do I need Durable Power of Attorney even if my spouse and I own everything “jointly”?

Yes. If you are disabled, your spouse can still sign checks and make withdrawals on joint bank accounts, but your spouse cannot sell jointly owned stocks or your jointly owned home or cottage without your signature. Your spouse cannot name or change a beneficiary on your life insurance or your retirement benefits. Additionally, if your spouse dies before you, there would not be anybody to act on your behalf.

Can I make a Durable Power of Attorney that is effective even while I am still able to handle my own affairs? Isn't that dangerous?

Yes, you can make a Durable Power of Attorney that is effective as soon as you sign the document. The advantage is that your agent can act on your behalf any time you need. For example, you are out of town, in the hospital, have broken leg, or simply want someone else to act on your behalf. The disadvantage is that it allows your agent the ability to act on your behalf while you are competent and there is a higher risk of the powers being abused.

Can I make a Durable Power of Attorney that becomes effective only if I am incompetent?

Yes, you can make a Durable Power of Attorney that is effective only when you are incompetent. The determination of whether you are incompetent must be made by a court of law, or by your physician using the same criteria that a court of law would use. The advantage is that the risk of your agent abusing their power is reduced because they can only act on your behalf if you are incompetent. The disadvantage is

that your agent cannot act on your behalf if you are on vacation, in the hospital, or simply want someone else to act on your behalf.

How can the Durable Power of Attorney be revoked?

As long as you are competent you can revoke your Durable Power of Attorney. The revocation must be in writing, and it should be delivered to the agent and to third parties with whom the agent is dealing (for example, your bank). A third party is entitled to rely on a power of attorney which has been terminated or revoked until the third party has actual notice of the termination.

Also, the Durable Power of Attorney automatically terminates upon your death.

What are some specific authorities which might be given to an agent with a Durable Power of Attorney?

The power of attorney might authorize the agent who is being appointed to do any or all of the following on your behalf:

- Pay for your support and care
- Borrow
- Banking transactions
- Deal with property
- Handle legal claims
- Gain entry to safety deposit boxes
- Deal with insurance and retirement benefits
- Prepare and file tax returns
- Exercise stock holder rights
- Contract for services
- Make gifts
- Collect Social Security and other benefits
- Exercise rights of trusts
- Do anything that you could do if you were personally present

Who should I name in my Durable Power of Attorney?

You may name any adult; but you should select an agent who is willing to act in your best interests and in whom you have confidence and trust. Remember, your agent may be making important financial and personal decisions for you.

What are the agent's obligations to me?

Your agent is obligated to act as your fiduciary, meaning they are to follow your instructions and act in your best interest, and not for your agent's personal interest. The agent should keep accurate records and accounts and act prudently.

What if my agent abuses the authority?

Your agent would be civilly and possibly criminally liable for abusing their powers.

How do I go about getting a Durable Power of Attorney?

Contact the Members Legal Assistance Attorney.

Little River Casino commercial wins Telly Award

Little River's media efforts have been nationally recognized! The Telly Award in the Entertainment category was awarded to media firm Creative i for their Little River Casino TV spot entitled “Lucky”. The ad features Little River guests playing slots and table games with an original soundtrack, produced by Creative i's Roger Tallman, playing in the background. The message, “Is this place lucky, or what!” is prominently featured in the creative. The Tellys are awarded for excellence in local media advertising. Entries are received from all 50 states and other countries as well. Roger Tallman had this to say about Creative i's selection:

“We are honored to be selected by the Telly awards. Winning a Telly is an industry endorsement that celebrates the quality of your work. We take great pride in our ability to develop images that leave lasting impressions, and the industry recognition is icing on the cake”

Little River Casino Resort congratulates Creative i on a job well done. Be sure to watch for more creative concepts from Creative i and Little River coming soon.

Additional Resources: Telly Awards:
www.tellyawards.com;
Creative i: www.creativei.tv

Located in Manistee, Michigan, Little River Casino Resort is one of Michigan's premier gaming destinations. Little River offers the finest in casino action with over 1,300 slot machines and 28 table games. Guests can stay in one of our 292 rooms, catch a show in the 1,700 seat entertainment hall, or experience a wonderful dining experience in any one of our restaurants. This year, Little River celebrates its 10th Anniversary! Little River Casino Resort is an enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. For more information about our property, monthly promotions, or upcoming entertainment, please contact us at 1-888-568-2244 or visit us on the web at www.lrcr.com.



President Obama Announces Kimberly Teehee as Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs
 WASHINGTON – Today, in taped remarks to the 2009 National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference, President Barack Obama announced the appointment of Kimberly Teehee as Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs. As a member of the Domestic Policy Council, Teehee will advise the President on issues impacting Indian Country. President Obama also announced that the White House will hold a Tribal Nations Conference later this fall.

“Kim Teehee will be a tremendous asset to our team as we work to strengthen and build on the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and tribal nations,” said President Obama. “She is rightly recognized as an outstanding advocate for Indian Country, and she will provide a direct interface at the highest level of my Administration, assuring a voice for Native Americans during policy making decisions.”

Kimberly K. Teehee,
 Senior Policy Advisor
 for Native American
 Affairs, White

House Domestic Policy Council
 Since January of 1998, Teehee has served as a Senior Advisor to the House of Representatives Native American Caucus Co-Chair, Congressman Dale Kildee (D-MI). A member of the Cherokee Nation, she has also served as the Director of Native American Outreach for the Presidential Inaugural Committee for President Clinton's second Inauguration. Prior to that, Teehee was the Deputy Director of Native American Outreach at the Democratic National Committee. She has also held various positions with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, including serving as a Law Clerk in the Division of Law and Justice. Teehee received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Northeastern State University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa, College of Law. While in law school, Teehee was honored with the Bureau of National Affairs Award and served in leadership positions in the National Native American Law Student Association and the Iowa Native American Law Student Association. President Obama's taped remarks to the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference follow:
 Good morning everyone. I appreciate this opportunity to speak with you today and to express my admiration and support for the critical work NCAI does advocating for the rights and aspirations of American Indians and Alaska Natives. I'm also pleased to have the chance to



acknowledge your President, Joe Garcia, for his outstanding leadership in this regard. As we move forward, I want you to know that my staff and I are eager to engage with Indian Country on your priorities – to listen to you and learn from you. I am particularly looking forward to meeting with many of you at the Tribal Nations Conference we will hold at the White House later this fall.

Again, I thank you for your commitment. I wish you much success in your discussion today, and I look forward to hearing about it from Jodi when she returns to Washington later this week. As you all know, our nation is at a defining moment, facing challenges unlike any in our lifetime, both at home and abroad. And as we work to rebuild our economy, strengthen our security and ensure that our children have every opportunity to fulfill their dreams, we'll need every American and every community to get involved.

That is why I am committed to strengthening and building on the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and tribal nations. That commitment started with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provides over \$3 billion in funding for Indian Country. And it extends to our work to empower Native communities to address their pressing local priorities, starting with significant increases in the 2010 proposed budget for health care, law enforcement and education. I recognize that this budget proposal does not make up for past deficiencies, but it does reflect my determination to work with you to reevaluate our spending priorities and include Native Americans in the national policy debate.

These efforts will not be easy. At times the pace of progress will be frustrating. But I am confident that we can bring the change we need, particularly given the outstanding team of leaders and experts whom I've chosen to join my Administration. Individuals like Larry Echo Hawk as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux as Director of the Indian Health Service; Mary Smith as Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice; and Hilary Tomkins as Solicitor of the Department of Interior.

I am also pleased to point out that Jodi Gillette of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, who is a member of my White House Intergovernmental Affairs staff, is with you today. And I am delighted to announce that someone many of you know -- Kim Teehee -- will soon be joining the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Holder to Convene Listening Conference with Tribal Leaders



U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder will convene a Tribal Nations Listening Conference later this year to confer with tribal leaders on how to address the chronic public safety problems in Indian Country.

The Listening Conference was announced today by Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli at the National Congress of American Indians mid-year session in Niagara Falls, New York.

Prior to the Listening Conference, Perrelli and Deputy Attorney General David W. Ogden will convene a series of regional summits to seek tribal representatives' input in setting the agenda. Those planning sessions will include Department component leaders, tribal leaders and experts in relevant areas to begin a dialogue on a range of important issues including the following: law enforcement policy and personnel; communications and consultation; grants and technical assistance; detention facilities; federal prosecution in Indian country; tribal court development; domestic violence; drug courts and substance abuse; federal litigation involving tribes and civil rights. No locations or dates have been announced.

(Reported by AIR Blog, American Indian Report and Falmouth Institute)





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
Native Ministry
360 Division Ave. S.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-243-0491 x 1517*



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, 2008 & October 1, 2009

1. \$ 1,011.00
2. \$ 1,311.00
3. \$ 1,611.00
4. \$ 1,914.00
5. \$ 2,239.00
6. \$ 2,564.00
7. \$ 2,864.00
8. \$ 3,164.00

For each additional member add \$ 300.00

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

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office # are 231-398-6715 or 231-398-6716

LRBOI Natural Resource Department

Public Welcome for FREE Drinking Water Well Testing

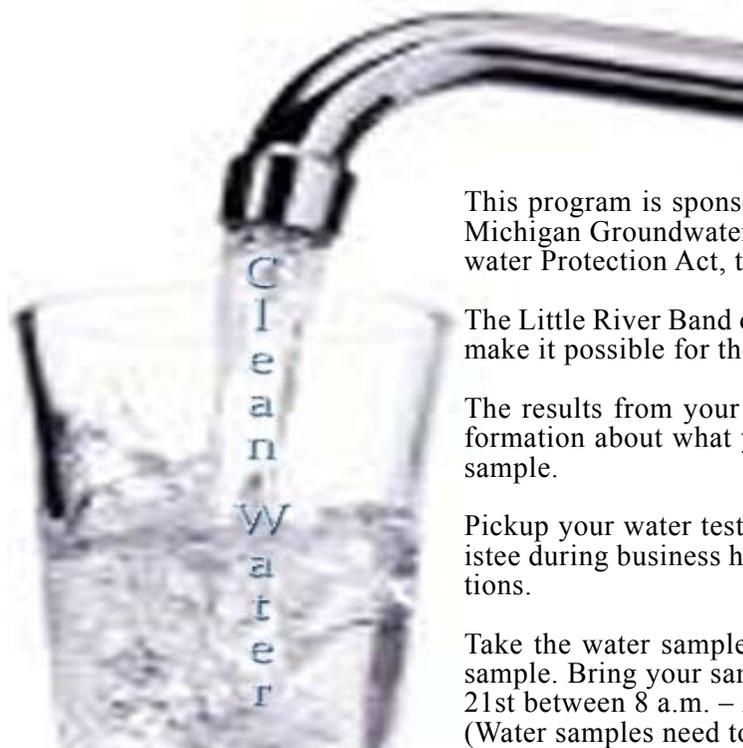
This program is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) MSU Extension, and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program. It is funded through the Michigan Groundwater and Freshwater Protection Act, the MDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Department is partnering with these agencies to make it possible for the public to get their drinking water well testing. This test is for private wells only.

The results from your water sample are confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results and information about what you should do if the concentration of nitrate, nitrite and atrazine is detected in the sample.

Pickup your water testing kit at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department at 159 Brick Yard Road, Manistee during business hours between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays anytime. Phone: 1-866-723-1594 for questions.

Take the water sample on July 21st by running your kitchen faucet for 10 minutes before you take the sample. Bring your sample (keep cold) to the LRBOI Natural Resource Department on the same day July 21st between 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
(Water samples need to be fresh),



Members advertisements

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Just a friendly reminder, We now have Tribal Logo wear in stock and all size Polos, jackets, fleece wear, sweaters, hoodies, hats of all sizes styles and shapes, including the Camo line!!!! Come and check out whats new at the Trading Post and while your here grab your gas and a pop for the road. Guarantee you'll get a welcome, smile and a thanks for stoppin in. See you soon!!!

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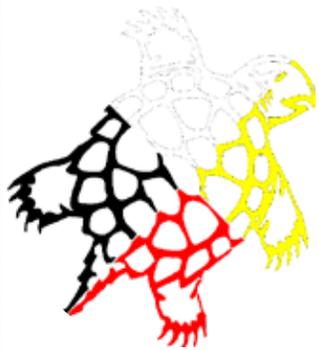
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Tribal Government Internships



Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Government Office please contact:
Department of Commerce:
231-398-6806

SNACKS

Snacks provide extra energy and can help fill in the gaps between meals. Use the food pyramid when choosing snacks to get a variety of foods from all the food groups.

Helpful advice about snacks:

- Snacks need to be as nutritious as meals.
- Snacks do not replace a meal. Eat snack size portions and do not overeat.
- Choose a variety of foods from all five food groups to help you get the daily amount of food from each group.
- Snacks should be eaten 2-3 hours before a meal. This can help you not overeat at a meal and will not take away your appetite for your meal.
- Do not snack if you are not hungry. Listen to your body and do not eat because you are bored or watching television.
- Limit high calorie and high fat snacks such as cookies, candy and various chips. These snacks do not provide nutrients and have unneeded calories.



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This summer Campers learned about healthy eating, portion sizes, reading food labels and many other topics on nutrition and exercise. They got to play games, go on a hike, go swimming in the new pool at Manistee high school, make dream catchers and other crafts. Make a snow snake, and learn many indoor and outdoor games to stay activity all year long.





**Happy 5th Birthday
Jonathan Davis
Love- Momma & Daddy**



**Happy Birthday Candice Eagle
Love, Grammy, Grampy, Dad, Aunt Angie,
Hannah and Mathew oh and and Fern*smile***

**Happy Birthday
Cody King**

**Happy Birthday Hannah Sandel!
We love you very much!
love, Grammy, Grampy,
Mommy Eagle, Mathew, and Fern**

**40th Wedding Anniversary Announcement
for Robert and Linda**

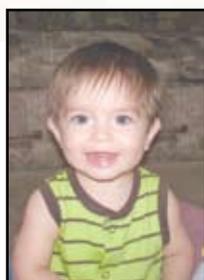


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**Happy Birthday
Matt , Gina, Nicole, Charlie, Bob,
Pops
Happy Anniversary Brian ,Lori
From Your Family**



**We would like to wish
our baby boy
Gavin Kowalski a Hap-
py 1st Birthday!!
June 18th
Love Mama, Dada & Daron**



**Happy 1st Birthday
Alison Schafer May 5
We miss you tons, sis!!!
Love your Cali cousins**

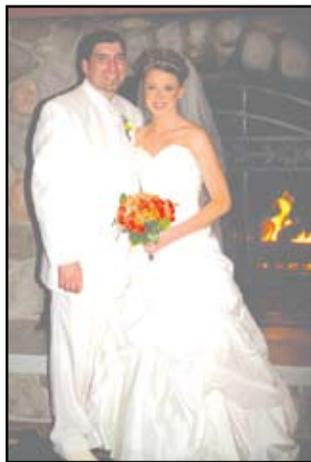


I would like to congratulate Darrin Griffith for his recent licensing by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, for the Water Distribution System "S-4" Test. There are 24 different areas questions are formed from; disinfection, emergencies, corrosion, microbiology and the Safe Drinking Water Act to name just a few. Congratulations Darrin!!!

I would also like to congratulate Sally Bell for a recent on line course she had taken, the University of Sacramento Guides for waste water treatment.

Out of ten chapters Sally's final average score for the course was 97%!!!! This is an extensive course that requires a lot of commitment to complete and has been known to give seasoned Utility Operators a run for their money! Your accomplishments are greatly appreciated!!!! Gary M. Lewis, Utility Supervisor

Robert and Linda Russ were married in Cairo, Georgia on July 15, 1969 and are now celebrating their upcoming 40th Anniversary. Robert and Linda currently reside in Inverness, Florida . They both feel so blessed and fortunate to have spent the last 40 years together and Robert says he thanks Linda for sharing her life with him and following their life path together. It has been a wonderful journey and he looks forward to many more years with Linda. Linda is grateful to Robert for the love he has given her and for the loving son that they created together. She states their son has become a loving man who has given them the joy of a daughter in law and a grandson (whom they spoil all the time). She has enjoyed traveling to and from Michigan to the reservation and learning about Robert's culture thru the years. Robert is the nephew of Jacob and Betty Wabindato of Muskegon, Michigan. Robert and Linda look forward to their family and friends gathering together to celebrate their love on this very special anniversary in July.



"In a beautiful wedding ceremony at the Little River Resort Winter Garden May 30th, Angie Willis and Israel Stone were joined in holy matrimony. Performing the ceremony were Pastors Bill and Laurie Willis. The reception for the newlyweds was held at the Three Fires Conference Center."

Happy 85th Dad! Sylvester Battice!
We love you!
Diana and Bob
Janet and Gary
And your 5 grandchildren
And your 13 great grandchildren



Proud Parents LaTara
Verdi & Jason Vigil
To Delihlah Rose Vigil
Born March 22, 2009
Weighed 7lbs. 8oz.
and was 21" long

Member Notice

Tribal member Brad Hockenberry is making some major career strides. He is also just finishing up an Internship with the Tribal Commerce Department. He will be receiving his Bachelor's Degree in August of this year at Western Kentucky University – located in Bowling Green, KY with a 3.49 GPA (4.0 scale)!

His Bachelor's Degree is in Interdisciplinary Studies – B.I.S. and he will begin to work on his Master's Degree this fall. The degree will be M.A.E. – Masters of Arts in education.

Brad also has two Associate's Degrees from Elizabethtown Community & Technical College. They both are Business Technology. One has a Real Estate Option and the other one has a Banking Option.

Lastly, he was just informed that he has been hired to start teaching at the Breckinridge County High School (located in Harned, KY) to teach EBD (special ed.) in a certified position. He graduated from BCHS in 1998 and has subbed there for the past two years.

As a focus for his internship for the tribe, he was attending numerous township meetings in the Fruitport area doing research for the Muskegon Casino project.

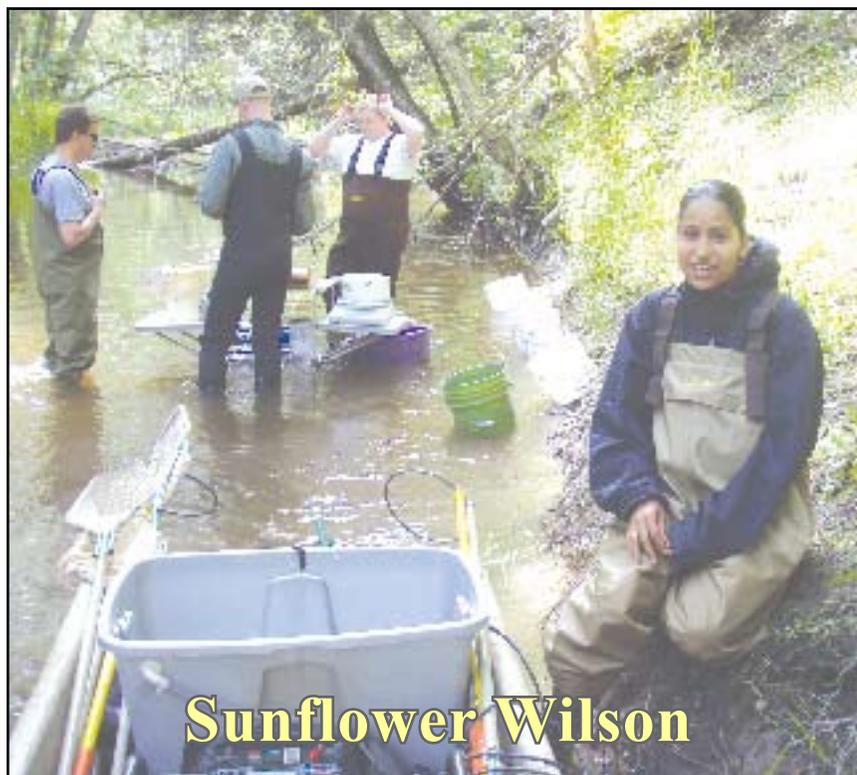


Northern Pike- *Esox lucius*

Electrofishing is one of the interesting projects that I do with the Inland Fisheries and Water Quality department of Natural Resources. Electrofishing is when we go out and survey a part of a river or creek to assess how many fish are in it and of the diversity of species in it. On these surveys we see many different fish. While surveying the Lower Bear Creek I was surprised to see an interesting fish called a Northern Pike and decide to find out more about them. The Anishinaabemowin word for Northern Pike is Gnoozhe.

Northern Pike is a close relative to the Musklunge and one of the most adaptable freshwater species. From cold deep lakes, warm shallow ponds to muddy rivers these fish can be found swimming from Labrador west to Alaska, south to Pennsylvania, Missouri and Nebraska. Here in Manistee Michigan you can find them in water like the Big Manistee River and Bear Creek.

Northern Pike are identified



by their single dorsal fin and light colored spots along their body. Their sides vary from dark shades of green to olive green and brown with seven to nine rows of yellow bean shaped spots. They have a creamy white underside. Pike also have scales that cover their entire cheek and the upper half of their gills. They can grow to be 59 inches in length and up to 55 pounds. The female is generally larger than the male.

Northern Pike are solitary creatures that migrate only when spawning. They are random spawners and usually spawn in the spring when the water reaches a temperature of 7 to 9 degrees Celsius. Females leave after spawning and males will stick around for several weeks but they do not protect the eggs. The young then will hatch in about two weeks or longer depending on the temperature of the water. The young Pike will feed on their yolk

sacks for ten days then they will seek prey. The young fish grow quickly with an insatiable appetite. Young Pike, like the one our team found while electro fishing in Bear Creek, look similar to Musklunge fry. They can be identified by counting the number of pores the fish has on the underside of its jaw. The fish was so small that Chris, the new biologist, had to look at them underneath the microscope. After he found them he showed me where the pores were located. Chris told me that Pike have four to five pores on each side of the jaw while the Musklunge has six or more.

Northern Pike are a carnivorous fish with sharp teeth and a very complex skull and jaw structure. Pike are usually an ambush predator and will lay in wait sometimes for hours at a time for prey. Accelerating quickly towards their prey, the Pike captures it in their mouth and then eats it. Pike eat smaller fish, crayfish, small mammals and

birds. Some of the young are found eating fish almost as big as they are.

I found Northern Pike interesting because this was the first time I had ever seen a Pike even though I had heard about them before. It was interesting to learn that they had pores on their jaws and it further intrigued me in finding out more about this fish.

Historically, the Pow Wow is a social gathering where people from different communities come together to sing, dance, and court, make new friends & visit with old friends. In the early days the Pow Wow often comprised of old style gambling, healing and for help in battle or hunting. This social event is comprised of ceremonial elements or aspects including naming ceremonies and the making of relatives. Most importantly, it is a family oriented gathering where native people come together to keep traditions, language and culture alive. It is a place where teachings are passed along to the younger generations and memories are made. Typically modern pow wow's begin at either noon or 1:00 p.m., break for dinner between 5:00 – 7:00 at 7:00 p.m., Grand Entry begins again and flags are carried back out before sundown. Sunday sessions are from noon or 1:00 until around 6:00 p.m. allowing people time to travel back home before work on Monday. Many contest pow wow's last 3 to 4 days. Pow Wow's and other "public performances" by Indians were banned in the early 19th century as it was believed that Indians were using them as a means to pray for freedom, the ban was lifted in 1933.

Grand Entry

The Grand Entry is the procession of dancers at the beginning of each Pow Wow session, where all the dancers of each category wear regalia and enter the dance circle in a clockwise manner. Grand Entry is lead out by a veteran carrying an Eagle Staff, followed by veterans carrying flags of various nations. They are followed by tribal ambassadors known as Tribal Princesses. Then the head dancers enter, they are responsible for making sure the other dancers understand pow wow protocol. Everyone is asked to stand during the Grand Entry.

Flag Song

The Flag Song comes directly after Grand Entry and is the Anishnaabek National Anthem and it is expected that spectators also stand during the Flag Song and the invocation that follows. After the flag song, comes a Veterans or Victory song and then the flags are posted in the center on the east side of the arena following the Flag Song starting with the Eagle Staff, United States Flag, Canadian Flag, P.O.W. Flags, and Tribal Flags. The Flag of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians depicts the Tribal Seal which consists of a river, 2 eagles, trees, and 9 eagle feathers which represent 9 of the Grand River Band Chiefs whom we descend from. The entirety of the Tribal Seal represents our sovereignty. The flag also consists of the 4 sacred colors, black white, yellow and red, which symbolize the 4 directions. The Flags are carried in the arena by Tribal veterans, from Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and other United States wars as well as Wounded Knee II, Ipperwash and other native wars that continue yet today.

The Drum

The Anishnaabek Pow Wow Drum is female and represents the earth and the continuation of life. The Drum is alive and has a spirit and is always

treated with respect. We never leave our drum alone in the circle unless it is wrapped. Only men sit at this type of drum, however there are some tribes out west that do allow women to sit at their drum. Sticks are used to keep the beat with this drum unlike African drums that sound from the beat of a hand. While women don't use this type of drum, they do stand behind them and sing and are affectionately referred to as canaries. The songs are often passed down from generation to generation; sometimes songs are traded or gifted through a vision.

Regalia

We do not refer to our pow wow clothing as costumes; we call it regalia as it is our finery of which several hours of work have gone into creating it. Sometimes people make them with their favorite colors and designs they enjoy, others use representations of their clans or dreams they have had, or that tell a story.

Trot Dances

These are some of the most fun dances including, round dance, rabbit dance, snake dance, buffalo dance, crow hop or horse stealing dances. All dance styles participate in these types of dances. Spectators are also often encouraged to come in and join the dancers during these songs.

Submitted by:
Karen Lewis





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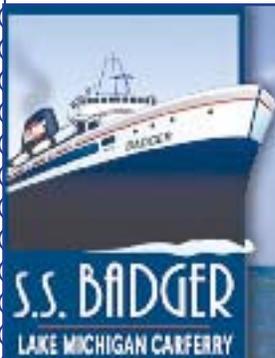
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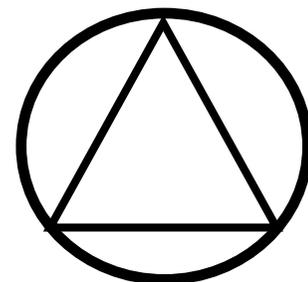
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Total Number in your party: _____

Please select all that you will be requiring:

of tent sites: ____ (off site Lodging at own expense; call for local listings)

Meals on site: **FRIDAY DINNER** ___ YES ___ NO **SEATING FOR:** _____

SATURDAY BREAKFAST ___ YES ___ NO **LUNCH** ___ YES ___ NO **FEAST** ___ YES ___ NO **SEATING FOR:** _____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST ___ YES ___ NO **LUNCH** ___ YES ___ NO **FEAST** ___ YES ___ NO **SEATING FOR:** _____

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Please bring: camping equipment, bug spray, sunscreen, own chairs & coolers, and drums. Communities are encouraged to bring Eagle Staffs and/ or Tribal Flags. PETS must be on a leash at all times.