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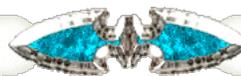
Take Back the Night



Take Back the Night activities in both Manistee and Muskegon. Domestic violence is something that affects all of us. The LRBOI Family Services Department led events in both communities in October aimed at bringing attention to the problem and promoting attention to a cure.

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Engine

Public Affairs announces a new tool to help you find articles from the Currents over the years. We now have created a search engine that can provide you location of stories from the last 6 years of tribal papers.

Three new tribal web e-tools!



The Trading Post has announced creation of a new website that will allow you to purchase Logowear right online! Shirts, jackets and all sorts of different items are available! www.baysupplyinc.com

Website for Muskegon Casino



The tribal Commerce Department has announced a new information site about the Muskegon casino project. Go online to see background information, news updates and everything for our new project. <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>.

Pink Walk in Manistee

Celebration of Life was held in Manistee and the downtown was painted pink. See the photos and details of this successful event organized by the Westshore Medical Center Foundation on the back page. The event raised funds equipment to help detect breast cancer.



Election 2011!



Deadlines are coming up for the Election in April. Check page 15 for details on the election and when deadlines have been set by the Election Board. The tribe will be electing an Ogema, four Tribal Council members, one Appellate Judge and two members of the Election Board.



Aanii:

Our 2010 Fall Membership meeting was held on October 9th with a large group

in attendance. The Ogema's Meet and Greet also had a good attendance. A request was made to have the Ogema's Meet and Greet go from 7-9 PM rather than 6-8 PM to give people more time to have dinner; I am willing to make that change and see how it goes. I do appreciate the attendance.

At the end of the Ogema's Meet and Greet, member Rosemary Smith donated two leather coats for donation. Miigwetch Rosemary.

Citizens had a chance at having a quorum at this Membership Meeting but missed the needed registered voters by 12. To achieve a quorum, 30% of the registered voters had to be in attendance; we had 203 and needed 215. But as you can see, it is attainable.

The Little River Casino/Resort had a "yard sale" during the same weekend as the meetings; it was packed with people. I thank the personnel from the Casino for their hard work putting it all together.

On October 14th and 15th, I attended the United Tribes Meeting in Acme, Michigan at the Grand Traverse Resort. As UT President, I chaired the Friday meeting which included discussions on a variety of issues which included: updates from the Michigan Department of Human Services; Michigan Economic Development Commission; Midwest Regional Health Board(which included a presentation from our own Jessica Berger; MAST; NCAI and a legal update . Reports from the Hate Crimes Coalition Conference from Associate Judge, Melissa Pope. There was also a lengthy discussion on the recent changes to the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver which has recently been transferred from the Michigan Inter-tribal Council to the Department of Civil Rights.

On October 19th I was able to attend Take Back the Night in downtown Manistee, an effort to help stop domestic/family violence which was sponsored by our Family Services Department. More information should be on following pages. My thanks to the staff led by Bill Memberto for their continued strong ties to the local communities.

On October 20th and 21st, I , along with Commerce Director Robert Memberto, and Chief Legislative Counsel, Damian Fisher, attended a consultation with United States Department of the Interior held at the Mystic Lake Resort in Prior Minnesota. The

meeting focused on tribal land in trust issues which affects our abilities for a second site in Muskegon and I think there were many favorable comments supporting land in trust issues similar to ours.

On November 1st, I attended the Ghost Supper as the new Community Center hosted by our Historic Preservation Department. I want to thank Director Jay Sam and his staff, Terri Raczkowski and Valerie Chandler and other volunteers for putting it on. As is usual with these suppers, there was enough food to feed five times the number of people in attendance. Miigwetch

I am writing this on November 2nd so I will be attending the Elder's Conference at the Little River Casino Resort on November 6th and 7th and look forward to seeing many of you there.

The 2010-2011 Election has been announced by the Election Board. For this election the Ogema's position and four Council position are open. More information will be contained in this and future Currents.

Please remember you must be registered to vote to vote in this election.

Until next month....

REMEMBER: Don't die wondering.

I want to wish everyone a peaceful and joyful holiday season!



Commissions and Committees

If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees or commissions, please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office indicating which committee/commission you are interested in.

- Commerce Commission
- Gaming Commission
- Housing Commission
- Binojeeuk Commission
- Enrollment Commission
- Health Commission
- Natural Resource Commission.

International HR Gathering



LRBOI HR Director Al Stone attended and witnessed the International Signing with the Aboriginal HR Council of Canada and the National Native Human Resources Association in

Cabazon, California hosted by the Morongo Tribe on October 27th, 2010. A grand event emphasizing the need and sharing of resources on the North American continent with Tribal Human Resources Professionals throughout the Tribal lands.

Over 250 HR professionals witnessed this event.



Recorder's Report to Membership- Oct/Nov 2010



Sincerest Apologies for Omission from last month's report: Council Open House in Wisconsin

During the last Recorder's report for September, the bulk of the reporting centered on the submission of the FY 2011 Budget, and comparative numbers. Unfortunately, what was omitted from the last report was an update on the Tribal Council's visit to Wisconsin on September 11. Tribal Council members that attended the Saturday morning session included: Loretta Beccaria, Steve Parsons, Robert Whiteloon, Virgil Johnson, Candace Chapman, Patricia Ruitter and Janine Sam. Ogema Romanelli also attended this meeting. There were at least 10 Tribal citizens in attendance, over half of which were Tribal Elders.

The meeting was very informative, and gave the Tribal Council members a chance to hear firsthand from the members what their concerns were. Tribal Elder, Maseline Albring, spoke very eloquently about the importance of Tradition, and keeping the Traditions alive. She gave examples of preserving our Language, and even spoke to the importance of making Fry Bread, and teaching other generations to do so. It was a message that hit home with many Councilors. Other areas of discussion included the proposed Muskegon Casino project, the upcoming Elders' Conference, healthcare, and improving communications. The decision was made to designate the second weekend in September as the "Wisconsin Open House" meeting date. The Tribal Council committed to meeting again in Wisconsin during that weekend for FY 2011, but the meeting location has not been selected. It was noted in discussion that earlier publication of the event and a larger meeting venue would have resulted in even more people attending. The Council committed to exploring a larger meeting location, and earlier announcements for the meeting date. The Recorder notes that the "Council Open House" meetings were a type of experiment, to determine if membership would participate in such meetings, and whether or not membership would support continuation of such meetings. At this time, it appears that there will be three Open Houses planned for FY 2011: One in Muskegon, another in Manistee, with the third committed to the second week in September in Milwaukee. These open houses will be included in the publication of meetings for FY 2011 during the month of January. Watch the January Currents for Open House announcements.

FY 2011 BUDGET DRAFT #2 SUBMITTED BY THE OGEMA

The FY 2011 Government Operations Budget submission #2 was submitted by Ogema Romanelli on October 29, 2010. The original budget (total expenditures) was submitted for \$46,436,708.00. After receiving the Council's input, the budget has been reduced to \$46,229,375.00 (total expenditures). The breakdown of expenditures (by general category) is provided as shown below:

2011 Operating Budget Summary by Functional Category

Department Line-Item	Total	% of Total
Salaries	11,360,393	24.57%
Payroll Taxes	830,500	1.80%
Worker's Comp. Premiums	68,598	0.15%
401K/Retirement	312,389	0.68%
Employee Insurance	3,339,662	7.22%
CHS only (EHAP)	650,000	1.41%
Tribal Activities	626,549	1.36%
Client Services	16,526,354	35.75%
Professional Services	2,992,005	6.47%
Stipends	148,240	0.32%
Insurance	868,992	1.88%
Vehicles	213,900	0.46%
Rental & Leasing	55,780	0.12%
Property Repair/Maintenance	156,400	0.34%
Dues & Subscriptions	107,028	0.23%
License Fees & Permits	171,960	0.37%
Sponsorships & Donations	56,611	0.12%
Advertising	19,780	0.04%
Printing Costs	64,460	0.14%
Postage & Freight	130,327	0.28%
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	173,620	0.38%
Small Equipment & Furniture	449,174	0.97%
Supplies	584,140	1.26%
Books & Reference Materials	65,725	0.14%
Taxes	176,696	0.38%
Service Fees/7500 Depreciation	895,215	1.94%
Travel	681,359	1.47%
Uniforms	21,094	0.05%
Meals & Entertainment	23,100	0.05%
Utilities	278,050	0.60%
Phones/Beepers	163,920	0.35%
Capital Outlay	4,017,353	8.69%
Total:	46,229,372	100.00%

The categories of expenditures represented by the table are for all units of government.

The Per Capita distribution is included in the line titled Client Services, which includes other membership benefit dollars. The Ogema has budgeted \$310,541.00 in the Executive Branch for restructuring, to include two new positions within the Office of the Ogema. The Ogema informed the Council on October 21, 2010, that he is requesting two new Administrator positions title: Citizens Services Administrator, and Operations Support Services Administrator. The Ogema is proposing two senior management positions, in lieu of a single Tribal Manager that would be expected to oversee all of Tribal Operations. The Tribal Council had originally proposed new positions within the Legislature as well, but will be meeting during the month of November to determine if the Government Operations can sustain added positions. Again, the membership is reminded that this is budget submission #2, and the final adoption of the government budget is slated for December.

Legislative Changes Enacted & Upcoming:

The Tribal Council enacted the Warrior's Society Ordinance, which codifies the Warrior's Society as an organization within the Tribal Government. This law can be viewed at the Tribe's website under the 'ordinances' link. <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/council/docs/ordinances/Title%20700-09.pdf>

Indian Preference in Employment: The Tribal Council is considering adopting new standards so that Indian Preference is applied equally throughout all government operations and its enterprises, such as Little River Casino. It has been brought to the Tribal Council's attention that the current law is either too vague, or does not provide "clear directive" with respect to the application of Preference, therefore the Council has committed to revising this piece of legislation. The Tribal Council has staunchly held that qualified tribal members are to be hired for positions within the Government and its enterprises, but management has at times, voiced that they view the law as "unclear". The intent of the Legislature is that Preference is applied in all hiring, training, and promotional activities, consistent with Federal Regulations. The Tribal Council will be revising and adopting the language for this new law, and it may be posted for public comment prior to the end of November. Please watch the posting announcements on the Tribe's website. Tribal Council welcomes your input into this important process. The new law may change employment opportunities on or near the Reservation, so your input is vital.

Tribal Council Travel Activities:

Councilors Johnson and Chapman attended the Indian Child Welfare Conference in Lansing, MI. Councilors Johnson, Beccaria and Whiteloon attended the United Tribes meeting held in Peshawbestown, MI. Councilor Beccaria also attended the Self-Governance Conference in Oklahoma.

Upcoming FY 2011 Council Meeting Schedule

The Tribal Council is required to set its meeting schedule for the next year prior to the expiration of this fiscal year. This will include setting the dates for Tribal Council recesses, as well as any special observances, such as Open House meetings. If you have any suggestions for other activities that should appear on the Council schedule, please email or call the Recorder.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder

LRBOI Tribal Council Work Session Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Loretta Beccaria	Candace Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruitter	Lee Sprague	Robert Whiteloon	Total Attending
10/1/10	Warrior Soc Ord	x		x	x	x	x			x	6
10/4/10	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/5/10	Ogema/TC Mtg	x	x			x	x	x		x	6
10/5/10	LRRCR Financial	x	x			x	x	x		x	6
10/5/10	Gaming Ordinance	x	x			x	x	x		x	6
10/11/10	Indian Pref. Ord	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/11/10	Audit Feedback-GC	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/11/10	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	7
10/12/10	Self Governance	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
10/12/10	Ogema/TC Mtg	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
10/18/10	Agenda Review		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	7
10/18/10	Financial Review		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/19/10	Eagle Staff Gathering	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/19/10	BIA Compact	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/22/10	FY 2011 Budget	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
10/25/10	FY 2011 Positions	x			x	x	x	x		x	6
10/25/10	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
10/26/10	LRRCR Financial	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
10/26/10	Elder Protection Code	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	7
10/26/10	Ogema/TC Mtg	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
10/28/10	New Gov't Bldg	x			x	x	x	x		x	6
10/29/10	FY 2011 Budget	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		7
22	Totals for Oct	20	17	16	19	21	20	21	10	19	

Highlights for August and September Virg Johnson - Zoongede Mshekenh Councilor At Large

First of all I want to apologize to you for not submitting my update (report) for August. With that said I will include both August highlights with September. I want to thank the recorder Sam for updating our citizens on our (Council's) attendance for Work Sessions. From this report you can clearly see Council is working hard on Legislation and Citizen Programs that will help our people. With this said following bullet points identify some of my activities for the last two months:

- 100% attendance for Council Meetings in August and September both open and closed.
- My attendance for Work Sessions is running very close to 90% year to date (YTD).
- Attended Two NRC commission meeting to fill in for Council Liaison on August and September.
- Attended and was recording secretary for Binojeeuk Commission in four Commission meeting both open and closed.

- Follow up to make sure all payments for the LRCR were made on time. Three were required for each month of August and September :
 1. Term B(note commented that payment was made on due date)
 2. Gross Gaming tax
 3. Tribal Government Distribution
- 100% attendance for the New Government Building task force meetings in August and September.
- Attended the Elders meeting on August 7th.
- Attended the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act legislative review before submitting this to Congress (state level) for approval. This happen in Lansing with most of the 12 tribes present for this meeting.

- Championed the Ordinance for the Warriors Society which was posted in August for public comments.
- Assisted in the Hunter Safety program in September (as an Instructor).
- Attended a Tribal Citizenship meeting September 11th in Milwaukee Wisconsin. The meeting was well attended by both the LRBOI Citizens and Elected officials. Another meeting is in the plan to take place about the same time and place for 2011.
- Attended the Warriors meeting in August and September, recorded the minutes for both meetings.
- The Web Site for the Warriors Society is up and running "thank you Joan Burkhart (of IT) for all your work to make this happen."

Just a friendly reminder if your voice is important to this tribe. Please register to vote if you haven't.



Currents Search Engine developed!



Have you ever tried to remember when a particular article appeared in the *Currents* or thought about a subject that you wanted to research in the tribal paper? Well, now you have a tool that can make your search a lot easier.

The Office of Public Affairs has gone back in time to the beginning of the *Currents* in its current format and catalogued all of the articles that have run since 2004. Then we place the information into a search program so that we can actually pull up the issue, date, page where the article appeared and the actual direct Internet link to that particular issue!

Here is the process. Send the information that you are interested in via e-mail to www.currentscomments.com . Or write it down in a letter which you can mail to the department. Our office will do the search and send you either by e-mail or letter the results showing you exactly where to find the article or articles. For mailing, please send the request to:

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With each new edition of the *Currents*, our staff will update the search engine so that we can keep the latest info easily available to everyone. Here's an example of what the search engine looks like:

Currents article search program

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Executive	Nat Resource	Watershed Restoration	2004	March	6	https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/public-affairs/docs/currents/2004/3%20-%20March%202004.pdf
Executive	Tribal Police	Award	2006	March	11	https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/public-affairs/docs/currents/2006/3%20-%20March%202006.pdf
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Legislative	Legal	BIA Sanctions	2006	January	1	https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/public-affairs/docs/currents/2006/1%20-%20January%202006.pdf
Executive		No Coal Plant on Rez	2004	January	11	https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/public-affairs/docs/currents/2004/1%20-%20January%202004.pdf

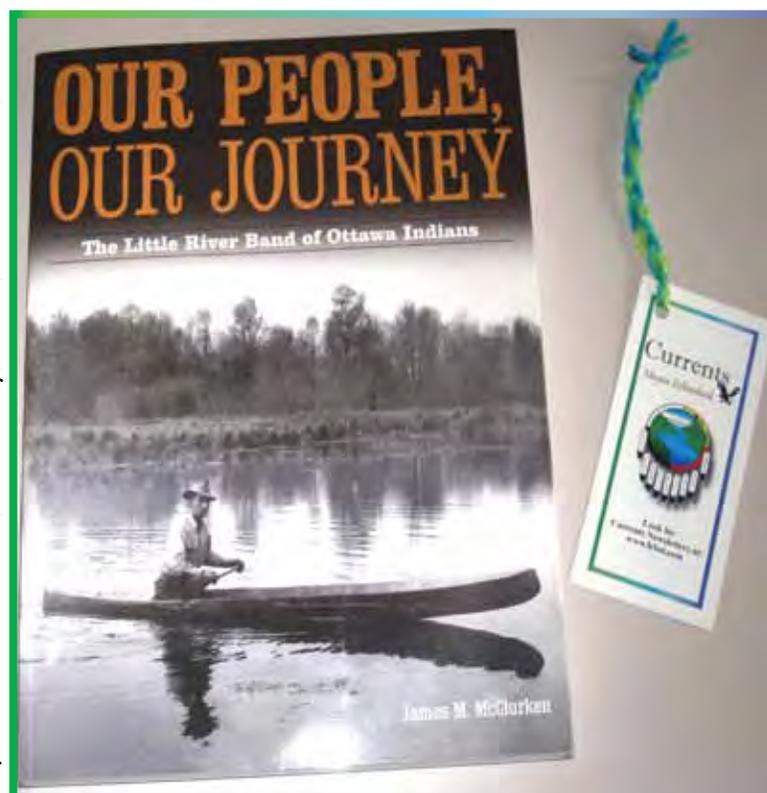
Story by:
Martha Howell
Currents Staff

“People who hold the knowledge hold a lot of power” said James M. McClurken.

The Manistee County Library held its second author program inviting McClurken to speak about his acclaimed book “Our People, Our Journey, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians”.

As a small child McClurken would walk about his family property and find old pieces of arrowheads and tools. He was fascinated by these artifacts and began to wonder about the people who lived on the land before him. His childhood fascination led him to become an anthropologist specializing in the history and culture of North America.

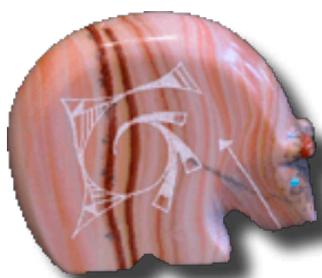
For the past century the Indigenous People of Manistee were mostly invisible to the non-tribal people living in the area which is evident on local businesses, school buildings and historical markers around town. During the presentation McClurken asked the crowd if anyone knew why the Manistee High School adopted a “Chippewa” as the sports mascot.



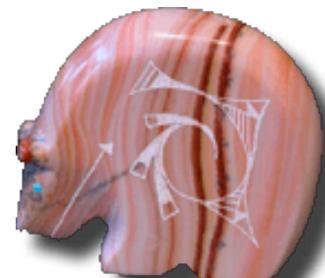
During the 1930s the local newspaper held a contest to name the high school with Chippewa winning the popular vote. McClurken explained that due to the invisibility of the Ottawa a lot of non-tribal people were unaware that the tribe even existed and believed the area was inhabited by Chippewa Indians.

The tribe began seeking to reclaim their visibility with-in the community during the 1970s and sought to portray their own image. “Our People, Our Journey” is tribally generated and deals with questions the tribe asked itself. Many local elders and families contributed information and photographs that appear with-in its pages.

McClurken has won the 2009 Historical Society of Michigan Award and 2010 Michigan Notable Book Award for his historical narrative of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



National American Indian Heritage Month: Facts & Figures from the Census Bureau



BY MICHELLE TIRADO · 11/04/2010 · AMERICAN INDIAN BLOG/FALMOUTH INSTITUTE

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state, getting endorsements from 24 state governments, to have a day that honors Native Americans.

Almost a century later, there is now an entire month that celebrates them and their heritage: November, first designated in 1990 with a congressional resolution signed by President George H.W. Bush.

As in previous Novembers, the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) has released a collection of data on American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). Here are few:

Native American Population: 5 million (as of July 1, 2009), making up 1.6 percent of the total population

Projected Population in 2050: 8.6 million, comprising 2 percent of the total population

Median Age: 29.7

State with Largest Native American Population: Californian, with 739,964 calling it home

Number of AI/AN Families in 2009: 1,080,775

Average Number of People in an AI/AN Family in 2009: 3.51

Percentage of AI/AN Householders Who Owned Their Own Home in 2009: 55 percent (compared with 66 percent of the overall population)

Median Value of Homes Owned by AI/AN: \$129,800

Percentage of AI/AN 5 and Older Who Speak a Language Other than English at Home: 21 percent

Percentage of AI/AN 25 and Older Who Have at Least a High School Diploma: 80 percent (16 percent have obtained a bachelor's degree)

Receipts for AI/AN-Owned Businesses in 2007: \$34.5 billion

Number of AI/AN-Owned Firms with Paid Employees in 2007: 24,064 (employing 191,472 people)

Median Income of AI/AN Households: \$37,348

Percentage of AI/AN in Poverty in 2009: 23.6 percent

Number of AI/AN Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces: 339,515

Percentage of AI/AN without Health Insurance Coverage: 24.1 percent



Muskegon County Casino in Fruitport Township Proposed by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI)

For Immediate Release
October 27, 2010

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians launches website for Muskegon Casino <http://muskegonjobsnow.com> serves as a resource for economic development project

Muskegon, Mich. — The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) today announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>.

The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

The Tribe's proposed site in Muskegon County is part of their original treaty territory and current nine-county service area. LRBOI has significant historical and demographic ties to Muskegon County. The region represents the Tribe's largest population base.

"As I talk with other residents in Muskegon County, I've found there to be a lot of confusion as to why the Tribe's project to create jobs, spur economic development and enhance Muskegon County's tourism industry has been delayed," said LRBOI Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. "We are disappointed that misinformation has been provided to the Michigan Legislature on the issue surrounding our compact amendment. We encourage those who support bringing jobs and economic development to Muskegon County to visit our website to view the project details and reach out to legislators who may be stalling this project due to unjustifiable pressure from outside casino interests."

The proposed casino will be an economic catalyst for the region and for Michigan by:

- Creating an estimated 418 indirect construction jobs
- Creating an estimated 755 direct jobs with an average pay of \$40,000, plus benefits
- Turning the \$100 million investment by the LRBOI into an estimated \$400 investment using the multiplier effect
- Providing a steady flow of revenue for the Michigan School Aid Fund
- Insuring that a Muskegon tribal casino would contribute to state and local revenues at the highest rate of any tribal casino in the state.
- Expanding Muskegon County's tourism

-more-

LRBOI is one of three federally recognized Michigan tribes whose compacts do not allow for more than one casino. That's why in March 2010, LRBOI signed two compact amendments with Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to enable the Tribe to develop a casino at a second location. Getting the Governor's support was a good start to the arduous process that LRBOI must pursue as a necessary first step to its fee-to-trust application with the U.S. Department of the Interior for gaming on their historical land in Muskegon County.

"The Little River Band has operated a productive and successful gaming operation for ten years and believes in healthy competition," said LRBOI Commerce Director Robert Memberto. "Healthy business competition makes the state and region stronger. Our opponents do not oppose gaming. They oppose competition. It is unfortunate that they are using misinformation to prevent a more competitive environment."

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“PINAABOO”

A long time ago, a man came riding in on a white horse to an Indian village, located here in Michigan. He asked to talk to the Shaman, the medicine man of the village. He claimed that he wanted to learn the language and the spiritual ways of the people. He said he meant no harm and sincerely respected the Ottawa culture.

One of the young Indian men came up to help the traveler with his horse. The young man began taking off the saddle bags and the gear that the traveler had brought with him, for it was many days ride from where he had started. The traveler watched as the young Indian neatly stacked these personal items right there in the open, in the middle of the village. The traveler was nervous about leaving his worldly belongings where all the Indians could easily see them. The traveler looked at the young Indian man very closely and finally asked.

“Are you sure that no one will steal my things if we leave them right here?”

The young Indian looked around, scanning the village, taking his time to look in all directions and then he finally replied.

“They will be fine. You are the only one around here who is a non-tribal member, for many many miles.”

The confused traveler was then taken to the lodge

of the Ogemaa, where he was passed the sacred pipe. The traveler waved it away.

“No thank you. I do not smoke.”

The Ogemaa finished the tobacco and then looked at the man for a long time. This silence made the traveler very uncomfortable and so he finally had to talk to make himself feel better.

“I would like to study with your medicine man. I would like to teach him what I know, to help your people.” The man paused, remembering what he had said earlier. “... and maybe learn some of your ways too.”

The Ogemaa just kept looking at the man, not moving, not making any expression of any kind. The traveler was so uncomfortable that he began to fidget and squirm around.

“Do you even understand me?”

The Ogemaa said nothing.

An Indian woman entered the lodge and approached the traveler. She offered him an empty bowl, then she began to fill the bowl with soup. When the bowl was full she did not stop. She kept pouring. She poured in more and more soup, until it flowed out of the bowl and spilled all over the ground. She didn't stop, until her kettle was completely empty. There was a huge wet mess of soup surrounding the man. The Indian woman just

looked at him as if nothing was out of the ordinary.

The Ogemaa looked on too, but still, he said nothing.

“What is going on here?”

The man was very angry.

“I want to meet your medicine man!” the traveler demanded.

The Ogemaa finally smiled. This only further angered the man.

“Are you making fun of me?”

The Ogemaa pointed with his lips toward the Indian woman who had overfilled the soup bowl.

She spoke.

“First of all I am a medicine woman, not a man, like you keep asking for me to be. And second, you just had several lessons since you arrived in this village about learning our Indian ways.”

The traveler was even more confused than he had been before.

“I do not understand,” he claimed.

“Of course you don't understand. You are like that bowl of soup there. You are already so full that there is no room for anything else to go in.”

The Ogemaa finally spoke.

“Yes. It is like she says.” He paused. “But in your case, you are not just full of potato soup.”

By Austen J. Brauker

“GIVE HIM THE MOON”

Several weeks later, when the man had finally calmed down from the potato soup incident, he asked for another meeting with the Ogemaa. The man had learned about the Odawa tradition of the give-away and wanted to use it against the Ogemaa to con him out of some of his possessions. If this didn't work, he thought he could show the tribal members that there were certain things that the chief would want to cling to, and not give to him, making him into a public fool, or better, exposing him as a hypocrite.

“Come on in.” said the Ogemaa happily.

He invited the man to have a seat. He took out some tobacco and offered him the pipe. The man waved it away and would not smoke. The Ogemaa finished the bowl of tobacco himself, and then put the pipe away.

“Will you share some soup?” asked the Ogemaa. The man nodded.

“But none of your tricks this time.”

The Ogemaa's wife brought them both a bowl full of elk stew, which was very good. The man slurped his stew down noisily and finished very quickly, pushing the empty bowl toward the Ogemaa's wife without looking at her. She took the empty bowl and filled it again. The man repeated the process until he could eat no more and then rudely waved her away when she attempted to refill his bowl. The Ogemaa finished his first and only bowl of stew and smiled happily at his wife as she took it from him.

“Now.” said the Ogemaa in a kind voice. “What was it you wanted to talk to me about?”

The man smirked. He thought he was going to get the upper hand. He leaned forward and confronted the Ogemaa in a condescending tone.

“I have watched your people and I have learned about the importance of giving away your possessions. I see that you have a very nice home and many things, maybe even more than some of the other people in your village.” The man looked at the Ogemaa's moccasins. “In fact, those are some very nice beaded moccasins that you have there on your feet.”

The Ogemaa took off the moccasins and handed them to the man.

“If you like them so much, then they are yours, have them.”

The man took the beaded moccasins.

“And that is a very nice pouch full of tobacco that you have there.”

The Ogemaa picked up the fringed leather bag and handed it to the man.

“It is yours.”

The man was smiling slyly.

“And that pipe you just smoked, what about that?”

“It is yours too.” The Ogemaa handed over the sacred pipe.

“And that shirt you are wearing?”

The Ogemaa took the shirt off his back and folded it neatly, handing it to the man. The man put it in a pile with the other items. It went on this way until the Ogemaa was completely naked, wrapped in an old blanket, and the man had accumulated everything the Ogemaa possessed. (Luckily, the Ogemaa's wife had left and didn't come back, or else the man might have asked for her too.) This process took all day and far into the evening, the moon rose over the village and cast a

beautiful blue glow over the trees. In all this time, the man could not find anything that the Ogemaa would not freely give to him. And so he decided it was finally time to leave. The man tried to pick up all of the stuff, but it was far too much for him to carry. He grabbed as much as he could but dropped much of it as he stood and made his way to the door of the wigwam. He dropped even more of it when he tried to throw aside the flap covering the door to leave. He dropped one thing after another, leaving a trail of items behind as he walked away through the moonlight. The man clung to what he could but it was too bulky and blocked his vision, causing him to trip against a rock along the side of the trail. He fell to the ground and dropped all of the rest of the stuff. He finally gave up, cursing the Ogemaa as he disappeared down the trail. The Ogemaa's wife approached her husband. They stood together, hand in hand and looked at the moonlit sky. The Ogemaa put his arm around his wife and they smiled at one another, then started picking things up.



“If only I could have given him this beautiful moon.”
The Ogemaa said.

By Austen J. Brauker



Elder Meals Program News from Member Assistance

The Elder Meals Program has been running now for 3 months and the response is great. What is the Elders Meals Program? It is a program that provides a nutritious meal, social interaction and supportive services to Elder Tribal members and their spouses or Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.

Meals are served at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center on, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at Noon.

We also serve meals to any guest who may be interested in attending for a nominal charge of \$5.00 per meal.

In the last couple of weeks we have conduct a survey about our meals and services.

The response was over whelming, some of the responses were:

It helps us get out. Wii bowling is so much fun.

I enjoy this type of socializing.

I feel healthier.

I lost a few pounds.

We look forward to coming to every meal.

Better than any restaurant!

I would like to take this opportunity to let all the Elders who have participated in the program know what an honor it is to serve you. It brings me great joy to see you enjoying your meal, learning new ideas for a healthier lifestyle, and socializing with your peers.

For the Elders who have not yet participated we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

We will be having foot clinics after lunch soon!

We are always looking for volunteers to assist on the meal days. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at 398-6886 or ncross@lrboi.com.

Thank you,

Noelle Cross

Elder Meals Program Administrator.



Tips For Healthy Holiday Eating.

- Don't go to a party hungry: we often eat faster and more when we are hungry - therefore eat a wholesome breakfast and lunch on the day to avoid overeating at the party.

- Watch your portion: treat yourself to a nice drink, dessert, chocolate or sweets without guilt, but always watch your portion. Go for small portions. This way you can sample all the different foods. Moderation is always the key.

- Make a conscious choice to limit high fat items: high fat food items can be found in fried food, cream-based soup, cheese-filled casseroles, pies, **processed meats** such as salami and sausages, some pastries and baked goods.

Meals served at Noon at no charge to Elders who have completed the Intake Form and their Spouse or Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.

All other guests are welcome to join Elder for a nominal charge not to exceed \$5.00.

Provided all eligible Elders have been served first.

Donations are appreciated and are used for program activities and food.

Volunteers receive a free meal for helping with meals.

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions

Phone: 231-398-6886 E-mail:

ncross@lrboi.com

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

Menu subject to change without notice

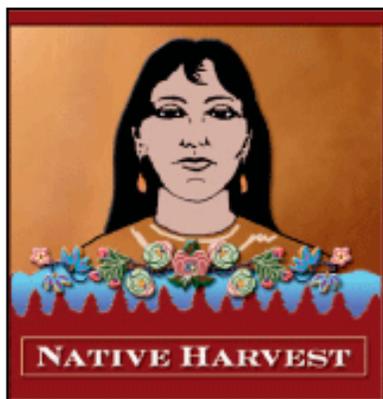
Meals meet 33 1/3 % of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet

Aki Community Center Elder Meal Program Menu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grill Cheese Tomato Soup Celery Sticks Pudding Activity: Wii Bowling	2	3 Chic Taco let & tom Refried Beans Cucumber Salad Sherbet	4
5 Goulash Cauliflower Fresh fruit	6	7	8 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn Chocó Moose Activity: Wii Bowling	9	10 Smothered Chicken Rice Broccoli Tropical Fruit	11
12 Spaghetti Carrots Bread Sticks Sugar Free Pie	13	14	15 Tuna Melt Chicken Soup Green Beans Piglickin Good Cake Activity: Wii Bowling		17 Pot Roast Red Potato Carrots Apricot Crumble	18
19 Potato Soup Wrap Peas Orange Pineapple	20	21	22 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Corn Sweet Potato Pie Activity: Wii Bowling	23	24 Closed	25 
26 Closed	27	28	29 Closed	30 		

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010



[Native American Farmers Awarded \\$760 Million in USDA Class Action Settlement](#)

Native American farmers that alleged discrimination by the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) in a class action lawsuit will receive close to a billion dollars from a settlement agreement announced yesterday by the agency.

The lawsuit, Marilyn Keepseagle et al., v. Vilsack (Civil Action No. 99-3119 (D.D.C.)), was first filed on November 24th, 1999, but the discrimination complaints from thousands of Native American farmers span a decade (1981-1999). The complaints, in

general, alleged that Native American farmers and ranchers did not have the same opportunity to obtain USDA farm loans as white farmers and ranchers.

Under the settlement agreement, known as the "Keepseagle Settlement," \$680 million will be made available to eligible class members to compensate them for their discrimination claims, according to a press release issued yesterday by the USDA.

In addition, the agreement provides up to \$80 million in debt forgiveness to successful claimants with outstanding USDA Farm Loan program debt. Also, a moratorium on foreclosures of most claimants' farms and a moratorium on accelerations and administrative offsets of class members' farm loan accounts will be put into place until after claimants have gone through the claims process or the Secretary of Agriculture has been notified that a claim has been denied.

The settlement also provides a broad range of programmatic relief, including the creation of a new Federal Advisory Council for Native American farmers and ranchers and a new ombudsman position to address farm program issues related to Native American farmers and ranchers as well as all other socially

disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

The settlement will not be final until it is formally approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in the release announcing the settlement, "Today's settlement can never undo wrongs that Native Americans may have experienced in past decades, but combined with the actions we at USDA are taking to address such wrongs, the settlement will provide some measure of relief to those alleging discrimination."

In a press release issued yesterday, the [National Congress of American Indians](#) praised the settlement.

«This settlement provides long awaited justice for American Indian farmers and ranchers who have only sought an equal opportunity to work hard and succeed," said Jefferson Keel, President of NCAI. "We are pleased that the court and the Obama Administration have taken tangible steps today to right a wrong reinforce the trust relationship between the United States and American Indian tribal nations."

(Falmouth Institute – Air Blog 10.20.2010)

Domestic Violence Advisory Committee

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services, Domestic Violence Program invites native women to help form and serve on an advisory committee to help address the issues and barriers for women who may be in an abusive relationship or are trying to seek help to get out of an abusive relationship. The advisory committee will address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

Domestic violence affects each of our lives. It extends to all socioeconomic groups, ethnicities, and genders. If you feel that it has surpassed you, look closely in your workplace, neighborhood or church congregation.

Violence against Native women is a substantial public health problem today. In the largest ever survey of its kind, the 2008 CDC report on health and violence found that 39% of Native women surveyed identified as victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime, a rate higher than any other race or eth-

nicity surveyed. During a three year span, homicide was the third leading cause of death for Native women. Of the Native women murdered 75% were killed by a family member, an acquaintance, or someone they knew. Lastly, 17% of Alaskan Native and American Indian women will be stalked during their lifetime. (Brenda Hill, SDCADVSA).

Who should serve on an advisory committee?

Survivors: Women who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking can draw on their personal experience to identify the gaps in service in our community. They can also help identify gaps in services or barriers to victims trying to access services in our community.

Victim Advocates: Women who have a history of providing assistance to American Indian or Alaskan Native Women who are victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking.

Women who are committed to ending vio-

lence against women: Must have a willingness to participate in education and training to increase your understanding of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

This Volunteer opportunity requires that you be willing and able to meet together on a regular basis to discuss issues related to violence against women in our communities.

Please call Angie McNally, Family Services, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator 231-398-6723



Story by:
Martha Howell
Currents Staff



Downtown Manistee came alive with the sounds of drumming, singing and accordion music as different local groups came together to "Take Back the Night".

The first "Take Back the Night" began in Philadelphia, Penn in 1975 after the stabbing death of Susan Alexander Speeth who was stabbed while walking alone less than mile from her home.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department along with the Manistee Area Peace group and CHOICES of Manistee County held the event that was sponsored by Goody's Juice & Java to promote awareness of violence against women.

Bill Memberto opened the event with traditional drumming and song in the company of Ogema Larry Romanelli and members of the tribal police force.

"When you take that walk, I want you to keep those people in your heart and your mind and I hope you can say a prayer for them. Make sure we create awareness out there that domestic violence is not acceptable in our community, no matter what color you are." Memberto said.



LRBOI Family Service Department Takes Back the Night in Muskegon!

On October 7th the Family Service Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Every Woman's Place held an event to draw attention to domestic violence. The "Take Back the Night" event was held at Heritage Landing in Muskegon and included various cultural presentations, informational booths, a smudging ceremony, and an emotionally touching display of the "Clothesline project."

Director of Family Services, Bill Memberto, alongside the CEO of Every Woman's Place, Sue Johnson, welcomed the group of supporters before they embarked on the short walk from the Shoreline Inn to Heritage Landing. The group gathered in a large circle as Mr. Memberto discussed the negative impact colonialism has had on the Native American people and it's relation to the domestic violence within the Native American community. He also mentioned how the tribe is collaborating with domestic violence shelters throughout the nine county service area to assist survivors and raise awareness.

After smudging those in attendance the participants carrying signs took to the streets dropping rose petals in memory of those lost to domestic violence and chanting "real men beat eggs" or "end the silence, stop the violence."

Passersby honked their horns in support. As the walkers came upon Heritage Landing there was a large "web-like" display, with small purple ribbons attached to show the staggering number of individuals affected by domestic violence. Also displayed at the event were hundreds of various colored shirts hanging on a "Clothesline" decorated by survivors of domestic violence or by family members of those who lost their loved ones. The significance behind the color of the t-shirts was: represents women who died because of violence;

White represents women who died because of violence

Yellow or beige represents battered or assaulted women;

Red, pink, and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual assault;

Blue and green t-shirts represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse;

Purple or lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation;

Black is for women attacked for political reasons

Everyone enjoyed refreshments of hot apple cider and donuts, and there were giveaway items such as cookbooks, domestic violence brochures, purple ribbons, glow sticks, and large purple totes. Cultural performances from the African American and Hispanic communities provided both entertainment and reflection. The evening concluded with a beautiful honor song performed by the Director of Family Services, Bill Memberto, on hand drum.

Submitted by Melissa Sharlow, Intake Specialist
Family Services



Story by:
Martha Howell
Currents Staff

Tribal member Lynn Piwonski is this year's winner of the Rising Star award. Piwonski's company Global Refractory Installers & Suppliers received the award during the Marketplace Governor's Recognition Luncheon on Oct. 13, at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Pewaukee, WI.

The Rising Star award identifies an emerging, minority owned, for-profit business that is demonstrating great promise as innovators in their field, either by virtue of their products or service they offer, or by exhibiting a competitive advantage and an increase of growth because of its business model.

The Small Business Administration has chosen Global Refractory Installers & Suppliers to participate in the Native American E200 program. Piwonski's company was selected as one out of only 14 companies to partake at this year's event.

The E200 program is an executive-level training program for small business entrepreneurs. The program includes a nine month training course consisting of about 100 hours of classroom time which will provide participants the opportunity to network, attend workshops and work with experienced mentors.

More information on Piwonski's company is available online at www.globalrefractory.com/index.html.



Tax Office

Tax-Exempt Quotas

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

TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011

Check your W-4 Status

Income tax time is a good time to check your W-4 withholding amounts. If you owe state or federal income tax on your 2010 return, you may want to reduce your exemptions or have additional tax withheld for 2011. If you're getting a refund, you may want to increase your exemptions.

It's also a good time to check your beneficiary designations and make sure all your important documents are up to date.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Resident Tribal Member (RTM) employees that move out of the Tax Agreement Area must file a new Michigan W-4 with their Tribal employer. Don't wait until income tax time to find out you owe Michigan income tax.

Reminder: For RTMs purchasing personal use vehicles

Resident Tribal Members must contact the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption before purchasing a vehicle tax-exempt. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. If you sign a contract that includes Michigan sales or use tax, it will be a taxable purchase. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information".

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Food Stamp Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible for the program.

We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

USDA Income	
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	
Net Monthly Income Standards	
October 1, 2010 & October 1, 2011	
Household Size Income Limits	
1.	\$ 1,045.00
2.	\$ 1,357.00
3.	\$ 1,668.00
4.	\$ 1,991.00
5.	\$ 2,329.00
6.	\$ 2,666.00
7.	\$ 2,978.00
8.	\$ 3,290.00
For each additional member add \$ 312.00	

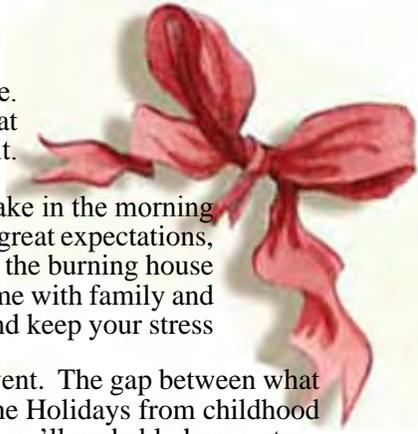
Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program
Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715



By D.J. Vanas © 2010



As the weather starts to change here in Colorado, it sure is nice to have a fireplace. That orange glow warms the spirit and the home on those cold winter nights. But if that fire is left unattended or allowed to burn out of control, the house can be incinerated by it. Stress can be the same way.

A little stress in our lives is a good thing. It's that small fire that drives us to eat, socialize, wake in the morning and go to work. This is the kind of stress that keeps us motivated and excited about life. However, with great expectations, more demands, less time and hectic schedules, the Holidays can become overwhelming. And just like the burning house example, stress can wreak havoc on our lives. At a time when we should be giving thanks, spending time with family and friends and enjoying the season, some of us fall prey to stress. Here are some ways to grab the reins and keep your stress in check.

Don't let the perfection bugs bite! Many of us go into the Holidays with expectations of a perfect event. The gap between what we hope for and what actually happens can cause frustration and stress. However, our fondest memories of the Holidays from childhood weren't perfect either – we just remember them that way! If in doubt, ask older relatives who were there and you'll probably hear a story slightly different from your memory. The reason your memory is beautiful is that you were focused on the beauty in the moment, not on the smaller frustrations. To create those moments this Holiday Season, follow the same practice.

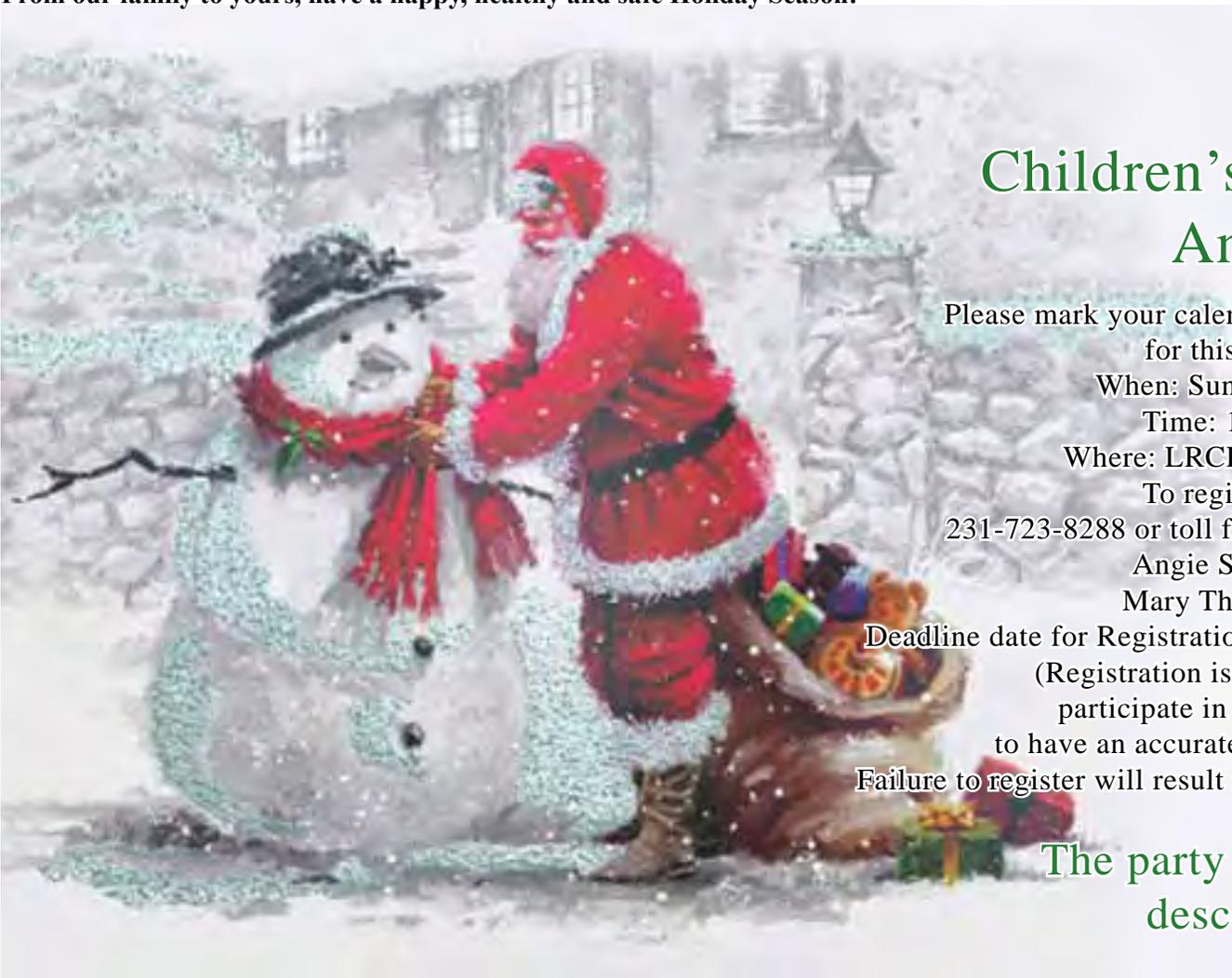
Calm minds can deal with crazy times – It is much easier to deal with activity when we come from a place of balance. I read an article in Fast Company magazine about a Colorado firefighter who explained that when his team was surrounded by fire and had a panicked look in their eyes, he would sit down and take a break. Why? Because they would see his calm demeanor and work to solve the problem instead of making it worse by losing their heads. Try doing a “centering” activity when you get up in the morning – just 5 or 10 minutes in a prayerful or meditative state and *commit to yourself* that you'll focus on solutions, not problems, and that you'll stay balanced and calm despite the day's activities.

Address your stress – Don't ignore it! Even in the face of a hectic Holiday schedule, *make time* for yourself and provide an emotional, physical and spiritual outlet for your stress. Take a walk, go to ceremony, work out, spend some quiet time in a bookstore or take a nap. Do something to provide a release and reward to yourself after a busy period. The people who don't do this during the Holidays will need another Holiday to recover!

Don't break the bank – Especially during this time of year, debt can pile up faster than a plate at the Thanksgiving table. If you want to start the New Year off right, don't start it with a heavy load of Holiday debt. No matter how much your kids may say they *need* that expensive toy, they need your “presence” *much more* than your “presents”. The best gifts still come from the heart and don't need extra zeroes behind the price tag to be of value. Besides, children are sensitive to the stress of parents who are in debt during the Holidays. Keep it simple and inexpensive and you'll enjoy the experience much more – so will they.

Learn how to say “no” – Fight the temptation to do it all during the Holidays -- scale back your involvement with extra activities by picking and choosing the ones that really matter. With all the party planning, social engagements, charity drives and other demands, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement and overcommit your time. Learn how to say “no” and you'll truly enjoy this Holiday Season instead of getting burned out by it.

From our family to yours, have a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season!



Children's Christmas Party Announced!

Please mark your calendar and register your children for this special event:

When: Sunday December 5th

Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

Where: LRCR New Events Center

To register please call

231-723-8288 or toll free 888-723-8288 and ask for:

Angie Stone - Ext 6829

Mary Thomas - Ext 6824

Deadline date for Registration: 5 PM Wednesday November 24th

(Registration is required for children to

participate in this event as we need

to have an accurate count of who will attend.

Failure to register will result in your children not receiving a gift.)

**The party is open to Tribal and
descendent children**



The Tribal Court was awarded a TCAPS Grant in 2008. Our specific requests were for a new audio/visual recording system for the courtroom and ways to make our offices and the building more secure. I'm sure that the idea of the Tribal Court needing a metal detector, cameras inside and out, and policies regarding security may seem a little of an overkill. But...

- A judge, court reporter and deputy were killed and another deputy was wounded in a shooting at the Fulton County Courthouse on March 11, 2005 in downtown Atlanta.
- In May, witnesses said Robert Eaton walked into a courtroom at the Merced County Courthouse holding two knives, and went toward Judge Brian McCabe. Sheriff's deputies fatally shot him.
- In the St. Louis County Courthouse, an estranged husband in a divorce proceeding reached into his briefcase and pulled out two pistols. He shot and killed his wife, then wounded two attorneys, a bailiff, and a security guard.
- At the Tarrant County (Tex.) Courthouse, a spectator at an appellate hearing opened fire in a courtroom, slaying two lawyers and wounding another along with two judges. When he turned himself in, the gunman said he was angry about a divorce and child molestation charge against him.
- In Grand Forks, N.D., a man brought before the court because of failure to pay child support shot and wounded the judge.

None of us expect to be the victim of violence. Most of us do prepare, at least in our own minds, in case an unexpected event might occur. We lock our homes and vehicles. We don't take walks in strange neighborhoods in daylight or at night. Why do we do this? We make these concessions in our life because of the chance, no matter how small, that we may encounter violent behavior.

When one is summoned into court or arrested for a criminal offense, they are not coming to the Justice Center willingly. They may feel that they were wrongly arrested or that another person shouldn't have the power to make them come to court. Family matters are extremely volatile. The court has to make some tough decisions that may break a family apart. Regardless; one party will not be going home happy.

Our magnometer (metal detector) and the other security equipment purchased with the grant were not only for the benefit of the employees, but for the benefit of everyone entering the Justice Center. We want to be able to make sure that no one is harmed in or around the building. It is really quite a sad state of affairs that we have to be so proactive, but it would be sadder if something tragic happened to a litigant, an employee, to a Tribal citizen, or anyone accessing the court.

Tribe Supports United Way



Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli presented the Manistee County United Way Campaign Chairman with a check for \$2,500.00 on October 28, 2010 in tribal offices in downtown Manistee. Doug Bell, from Manistee National Golf and Resort visited the Ogema and thanked the tribe for its support of United Way and all the member agencies in Manistee County.

There is an ambitious campaign this year as the need for families in the county is great.

The Little River Casino Resort usually holds a separate major campaign drive in the fall and the proceeds usually comprise the largest campaign contribution of the drive. As an example of the impact of the tribe and casino on charitable causes, in 2008 alone, local Charitable Contributions totaled \$83,496.00.

Little River Trading Post



We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

Announcement of General Election

Date of Election: April 29, 2011

Offices to be Elected: Office of Tribal Ogema

Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District (three seats)

Office of Tribal Council – At-Large District (one seat)

Office of Election Board (two seats)

Office of Appellate Court Judge (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

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

For Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District and At-Large District – To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Nine County District or the At-Large District, a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below.

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

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

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets available.....November 1

Declaration of Candidacy Packets due.....December 3

Slate of Candidates certified.....December 10

Last day to withdraw candidacy.....December 17

Ballots mailed out for Primary.....January 10

Ballots due and Primary Election Day.....February 11

Deadline for Primary Election Challenges.....February 18

Ballots mailed.....March 28

Ballots due and Election Day.....April 29

Deadline for petitions for recount.....May 6

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00 pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and a central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located at the Little River Community Center on U.S. 31 in Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10 am until 6 pm on April 29, 2011.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from November 1, 2010 through December 3, 2010 has been included in this mailing.

Please note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations chapter 2, section 1(d): “If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 56 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election.”

Deadline for voter registration applications to be in to the Election Board are:

December 17, 2010 for the Primary Election (if necessary); and

March 4, 2011 for the Regular Election.

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

Election Board Office Hours Nov./Dec. 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 pm to 5 pm	2 10 am to 2 pm	3 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office	4 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office 1 pm to 5 pm Manistee	5 1 pm to 5 pm	6
7	8 10 am to 2 pm	9 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office 1 pm to 5 pm Manistee	10 11 am to 3 pm	11 Closed for Veteran's Day	12 10 am to 2 pm	13
14	15 10 am to 2 pm	16 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office	17 12 pm to 3:30 pm	18 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office	19 11 am to 3 pm	20
21	22 12 pm to 4 pm	23 1 pm to 5 pm	24 Closed	25 for	26 Thanksgiving	27
28	29 10 am to 2 pm Muskegon Office 11 am to 3 pm	30 1 pm to 5 pm Muskegon Office	Dec. 1 1 pm to 5 pm	2 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm Muskegon Office 11 am to 3 pm	3 10 am to 5 pm	4

The Election Board Office is located in the Old Community Center on South US 31 in Manistee.

Attention all Tribal Members

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

- Gaming Commission 2 openings
- Health Commission 2 openings
- Binojeeuk 2 openings
- LRCR Board 2 openings

Letters of interest will be kept on file for one year

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- *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.

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use when their office opens.

Please send photos of
our Warriors either in
Uniform or in
Civilian dress to
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,
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375 River Street, Manistee, Mi. 49660

Garry King
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
From the Commodity Department

Happy Birthday Mom (Katie Glocheski)

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cent

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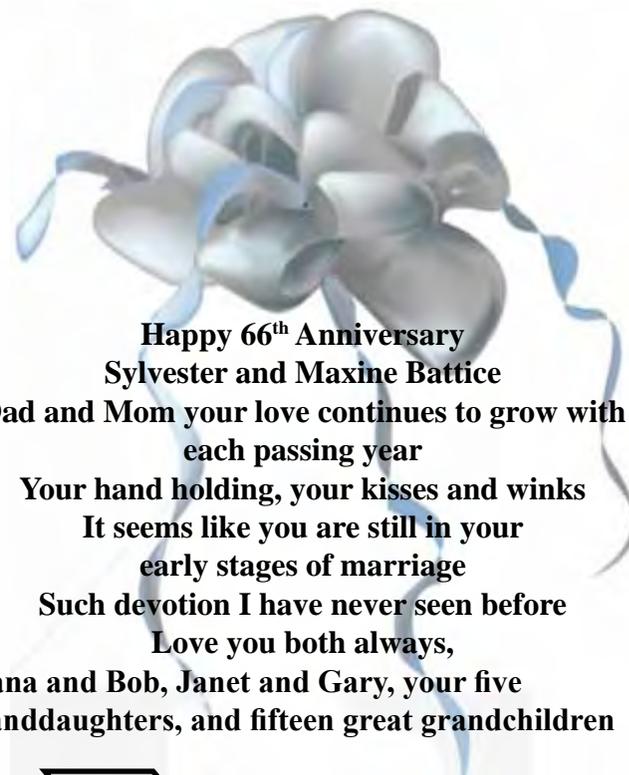
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Happy 60th Birthday
Bonnie Belden November 7th



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Grandma Katie,
Enjoy your special day.
Love, Stacey & Mark



**Happy 66th Anniversary
Sylvester and Maxine Battice**
Dad and Mom your love continues to grow with
each passing year
Your hand holding, your kisses and winks
It seems like you are still in your
early stages of marriage
Such devotion I have never seen before
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Diana and Bob, Janet and Gary, your five
granddaughters, and fifteen great grandchildren

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The L. R. B. O. I Natural Resources Department has reported on some successful Elk hunts for some tribal citizens. Don Ray got his Elk in the 1st Hunt and Mark Raymo got his Elk in the 2nd Hunt.



Robert Chandler and his 7 point 200 pound deer. He was only in the forest for 15 minutes and was able to get his white-tailed deer.



Venison Casserole

Ingredients:

1 lb. ground venison
1 small onion
1 small can Cheddar cheese soup
1 small can cream of celery soup
Frozen french fries
Pepper

Dice onion and mix with ground meat and pepper to taste. Press into the bottom of a 9x9-inch pan. Mix together the two cans of soup, but do not dilute with water. Spread mixture over the meat. Cover entire surface generously with frozen french fries. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until done; fries should be golden and crispy.

Domres Road Update

Construction continues to progress well but the weather slowed things down a little.

The catch basins and storm sewer was installed at the intersection and it was tied into the existing basin located just south of the intersection of M-22 and Domres Road. The curb was formed and poured. The gravel base material has been installed from M-22 to approximately Station 7+00 near the entrance to the Law Center.

The Contractor plans to move to the east side of the project once the work to the entrance to the Law Center is complete to allow for access in/out of the facility. It appears that the utility relocation work, clearing, earth operations, storm sewer installation, sand subbase, grave base installation will be completed this year.

However, it appears that the paving operations and final restoration will need to be completed in the spring, 2011. We received word that two of the three area bituminous asphalt plants have closed for the season due to lack of work and the third is scheduled to close at the end of this week or early next week, depending on the weather. The project will not be far enough along for paving in this time period.

Dan Shepard
Planning Department
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Dear hunters, fishers and gatherers

We invite you to send us your 2010 hunting, fishing and gathering success pictures via Email, Post Office or to simply drop them off at the department. You are also welcome to add a story which may also make its way to the Currents if you'd like.

We add all submissions to our Wall of successful hunters, fishers and gathers and would proudly like to add yours.

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Pink Walk in Manistee

They painted Manistee Pink on Thursday the 14th of October as the community came out in support of a *Celebration of Life* event creating awareness of breast cancer. Hundreds of people, kids and dogs showed up for the gathering...all wearing pink shirts, jackets, hair, facepaint and anything else they could make 'pink'. Local cross country track teams from the High School wore pink shirts and ran part of their practice through the event. The Manistee Girls Swimming/Diving team also held a *Splash of Pink* meet at the new Paine Aquatic Center which was lined in pink balloons and signs.

Representatives from the Little River Casino Resort and tribal government joined the group for the gathering and then the Walk itself down the Riverwalk (along the Manistee River) and back down River Street to the Manistee Inn across from the tribal government building.

Offices and businesses along the downtown streets decorated for the event (see photos of LRBOI office) and the local County Judges went through all of the entries to identify the 'best' one.

The entire event was brought together by the West Shore Medical Center Foundation, led by Executive Director Brooke Stephens. Funds raised by sales of shirts, caps and other items all went to the purchase of a special mammography/biopsy chair for West Shore, a chair that makes the examination process much less painful for patients.

This *Celebration of Life* was a wonderful example of the entire community, tribal and non-tribal coming together.

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Office Holiday Schedule



The tribal government offices have announced the holiday schedule for the upcoming Christmas season. Tribal offices will be closed from December 24th through January 3rd.







