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Good news from the Little River Casino Resort!

Tom Davis has signed a contract as the General Manager and Judy Ball has come on board for Conference Sales. See page 15 for details



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Eagle for Elder



A special gift to Elder Sherman Moore is on display in the Cultural Corridor.
See page 9 for details.

Kelsey off Council



Outlying Council Member Norbert Kelsey has been removed from his position.
See page 6 for details.

**Spring Membership Meeting
Scheduled for April 10, 2010**



ing up on Saturday, April 10th. The Ogema's Meet and Greet will be held Friday, April 9th from 6-8PM in the Three Fires Conference Rooms. Our membership totals at last report of February 1st are 3,993 total members; 833 Elders; 2,232 those 18-54 and 499 0-17 years of age.

On February 2nd, I traveled to Washington DC with the four other Tribal Chiefs of CORA, (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) along with Natural Resources Director, Jimmie Mitchell to attend a meeting with the U.S. Department of Interior. Travel and hotel was paid for by CORA and our purpose was to ask the U.S. Government for additional appropriations funding regarding a Consent Decree which gives the CORA tribes enforcement, management and allocation governance over almost 14 million acres in Northern Michigan.

The 2010 Census is underway and during the month of March most of you will receive a form in the mail regarding the census; it is very important for you to return the completed form and noting that you are a member of the LITTLE RIVER OTTAWA. The reason for the

designation is because space was limited and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians would not fit in the 19 spaces allowed on the form. It is vitally important for us to get our numbers up, so please encourage your family members to register.

On February 25th I will be attending the United Tribes Meeting in Lansing. We have a full agenda. Until next month...



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The search for a permanent General Manager for the Little River Casino Resort is over and Tom Davis has been selected. Tom has been serving as our Interim General Manager for the past six months. As many of you know, this is not the first time he held that position. More information on Tom is contained on the following pages. Welcome aboard Tom.

We also have hired a new Human Resources Director for the government, however, we will not be able to give out details until next month's issue of the Currents.

Our Spring Membership Meeting is com-



“Manistee 2-1-1 Director Evelyn Szpilet and Board Member Sharon Lemmer presented Speaker Steve Parson with a certificate of appreciation for tribal support of the local 2-1-1 program. It unveiled with its first call in mid-February.”

Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program.

If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.

Tribal Government Internships

LRBOI Tribal Preference College Students at least 18 years of age may qualify for a paid internship in a Tribal Government Office.

For details on how you may qualify, contact the Workforce Development Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.



The Tribal Council expects to receive the final FY 2010 Little River Casino and Resort annual operating plan and budget during the month of February. The budget for the annual operation was submitted in December of 2009. Since the original submission, the Council has sought additional information to support and justify the Capital Expenditures planned for 2010, as well as some departmental expenses. As of this submission to the Currents, the Council plans to act on a final budget document during its meeting scheduled for February 10, 2010. The Government 2010 Operating budget is premised on the revenue expected from the Little River Casino and Resort tribal distributions. Last month, I had submitted graphs to the Currents that provided an overview FY 2010 financial information. These graphs are preliminary only, based on budget information. Unfortunately, those graphs were not printed in the last edition, but will appear in this edition for the month of February. Following the final adoption of the Little River Casino & Resort FY 2010 Operating Plan, other overview information will be provided to membership in the future.

The Tribal Council expects to act on the final version of the Gaming Enterprise(s) Board of Directors Act of 2010, which will replace the current Board of Directors Ordinance. The Tribal Council has reviewed the public comment provided, and has revised the Ordinance in light of the suggestions of membership. As of this submission, the document is still under technical review. However, as of this publication, the Council has revised the document, and eliminated the provision for three Councilors to serve on the Board. The management and reporting mandates previously spelled out by the new ordinance remain unchanged. This action may be finalized prior to the month end, February 2010.

Sandra Mezeske has settled into her new office. Her contact information is:

Office Telephone: (231) 398-6854

Email: smezeske@lrboi.com

The Tribal Council acted to approve Commission Appointments as submitted by Ogema Romanelli. These appointments were not previously included in the Recorder's report to Membership. Members appointed to various commissions are noted below:

Binojeeuk Commission: Harriette Grantsynn
Carol Gibner
Kimberly Alexander

Commerce Commission: Jason Cross
Peggy Vriesman
Kareen Lewis

Health Commission: Marty Wabindato

Housing Commission: Leona Deater

Natural Resources Commission: Scott Wahr

The Tribal Council encourages membership to consider service on the Commissions of the Tribe. Currently there are two vacancies on the Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission is the regulatory agency of the Tribe that oversees the Little River Casino and Resort. This Commission is responsible for licensure of all employees of the Enterprise, as well as enforcement of Tribal Regulations, and annual licensure of the facility itself. This Commission has historically been short handed, and the Ogema has not received many applicants willing to serve on this very important body. The current vacancies are for terms ending in 2013. An extensive background investigation is required to be appointed to this body, and this Commission meets weekly.

During the month of February, the Council also held a public hearing to consider the removal of Norbert Kelsey. Each member was provided with individual notice of that action by mail, prior to the hearing. A separate article regarding that hearing appears in this month's edition of the Currents. As the Recorder, it is my unpleasant task to prepare the notice of removal to the membership. Although it was suggested that in the past, notice was not provided in the same manner, I wish to remind the membership that the Recorder's office did indeed provide individual notice to each adult member, for every removal hearing that has been convened by the Tribal Council. The notice for this hearing was handled consistently with prior hearings of this nature, and was not done any differently. Every attempt was made to give as much notice as possible to the membership, within the timeframe of the hearing process.

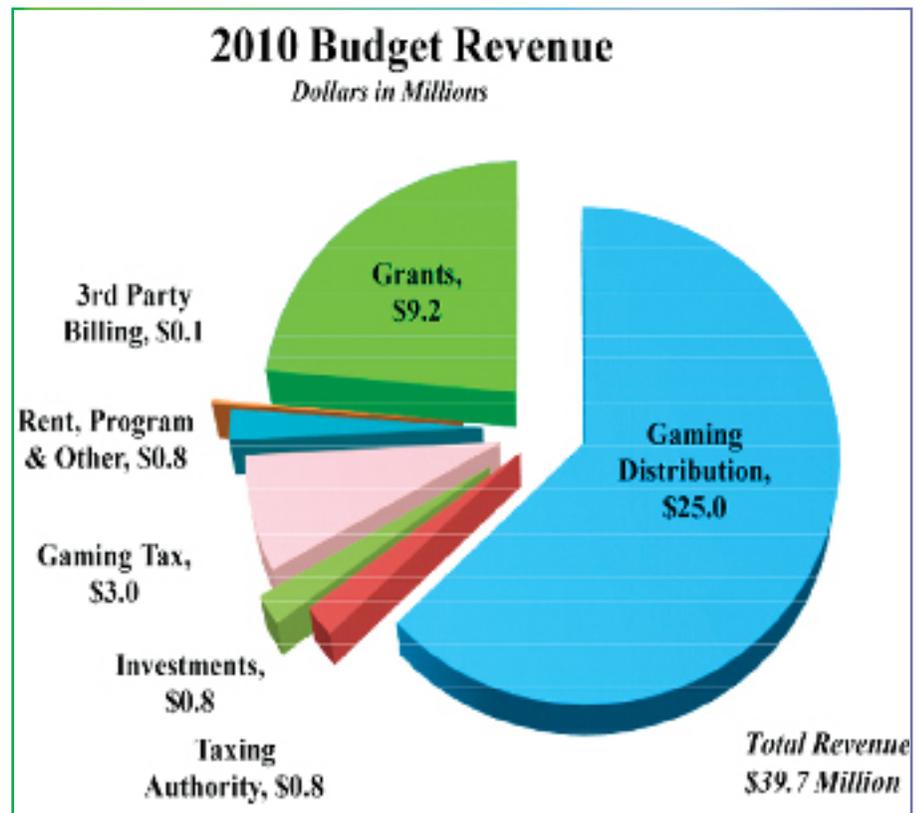
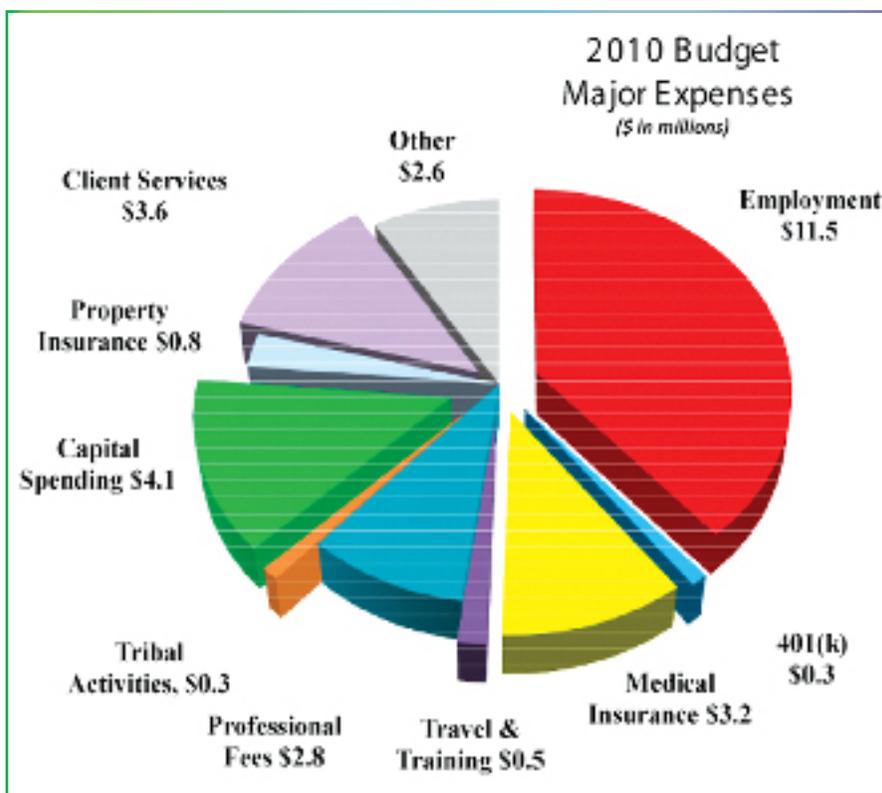
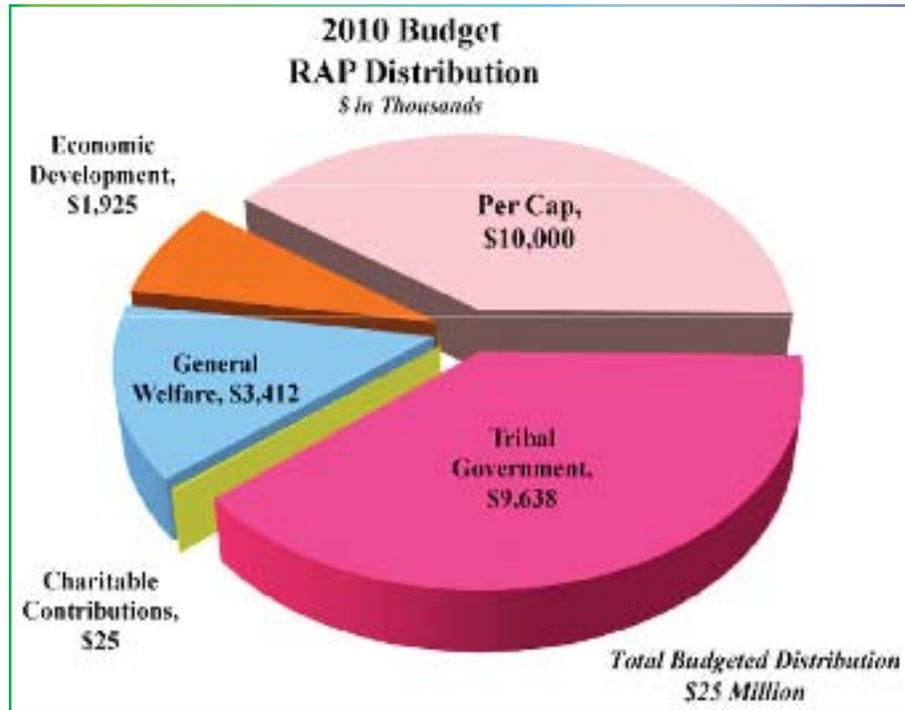
Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Tribal Council Recorder

Government Closes for the following Holidays

Treaty Recognition (Sunday 3/28) closed on 3/29
Memorial Day 5/31
Independence Day (Sunday 7/4) closed on 7/5
Labor Day 9/6
Reaffirmation Day 9/21
Veterans Day 11/11
Thanksgiving 11/25
Christmas Eve, close 12/23 at noon, all day 12/24
New Years, close 12/31
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.

FY 2010 Government Operations Budget Adopted: The Tribal Ogema submitted the Government Operations budget for FY 2010, which was acted on during the month of December by the Tribal Council. The Ogema's original submission included some components that the Tribal Council was not completely comfortable authorizing, therefore, a compromise was reached between the Ogema and Tribal Council. The main issue in the budget was the Ogema's inclusion of 9 new positions within Tribal Government operations. The Tribal Council agreed with a couple of the positions, however, was reluctant to authorize all 9. Therefore, the Ogema modified the budget submission to move the funding for those positions to a line item that in essence results in the positions being on hold at this point. Most of the positions are a result of the recommendations from the operations study commissioned in 2008 that was carried out in 2009, by Osiyo. The Tribal Council did approve the budget including a reserve of funds for those positions, in the event that the Ogema and Council reach agreement that the positions are necessary for government and authorization is adopted to post and fill the positions. At this point, final determinations have not been made, and the Council and Ogema are continuing to cooperatively discuss which recommendations of the Osiyo group should be fully implemented. The breakdown of funding contained in the FY 2010 budget includes:

"Last month the Tribal Council Record, Janine Sam, submitted three graphs that were to be included in the Recorder's Report. Unfortunately, two of the graphs were omitted from publication. The Currents is reprinting the graphs this month in their entirety, including the relevant portion of the Recorder's submission that pertained to the graphs. That portion of the article appears below."



The Recorder thanks Dan Velikan, for preparing the graphs in this report. Detailed budget information including departmental breakdowns may be obtained from the Executive Branch.

Casino Board of Directors – Law Still Under Review: A prior Recorder's report included information regarding the changes in legislation that will create a new law that governs the Casino Resort operation. The Tribal Council did receive many comments regarding membership's opinions regarding Tribal Council members being seated members on the Board. In December, the Tribal Council adopted a position statement during open session, that was originally scheduled to release on December 3.

Tribal Council Recorder's Report for January 2010

In accordance with Article IV, Section 5(b)2, the Recorder submits the following report to the membership. The Recorder's Report has been condensed to include the Actions taken and Roll Call votes during the meetings represented. Members may review full sets of approved minutes in the Recorder's Office, or on the LRBOI website, under the Tribal Council Tab. Public Comment is not included in this publication.
Respectfully submitted, Janine M. Sam, Tribal Council Recorder.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2010

Meeting Called to Order 10:08 am, Steve Parsons

Roll Call, Janine Sam

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Parsons	x		
Sam	x		
Johnson	x		

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Ruiter	x		
Beccaria	x		
Chapman	x		

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Whiteloon	x		
Kelsey	x		
Vacant			

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: REMOVING THE MINUTES FOR 11/18/09 AND MOVING NEW BUSINESS A TO THE SECOND OPEN SESSION Motion by Chapman; supported by Johnson
Motion Carried

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Parsons	x		
Sam	x		
Johnson	x		

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Ruiter	x		
Beccaria	x		
Chapman	x		

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Whiteloon	x		
Kelsey		x	
Vacant			

	Yes	No	Abstain/ Absent
Parsons	x		
Sam	x		
Johnson		x	

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Ruiter	x		
Beccaria			Absent
Chapman	x		

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Whiteloon	x		
Kelsey	x		
Vacant			

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Parsons	x		
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Vacant	x		

The Tribal Council convened a removal hearing on January 25, 2010. The subject of that process was Outlying Representative, Norbert Kelsey. Notice of this hearing was mailed to each adult Member by the Tribal Council's Recorder, which included the resolution that detailed the allegations against the Councilor. The hearing was held at the Three Fires Conference Center, at the Little River Casino Resort.

The Charges against Mr. Kelsey were Gross Misconduct and Malfeasance in Office. There were four allegations presented by the Tribal Council Speaker, Steve Parsons, to substantiate the charge. The four allegations are summarized as follows:

- Charge 1 Failure to Uphold and Willful Violation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Constitution**
- Charge 2 Failure to Uphold and Protect, and Willful Violation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Oath of Office**
- Charge 3 Failure to Uphold and Willful Violation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council and Ogema's Ethics Ordinance #06-100-10**
- Charge 4 Failure to Uphold and Willful Violation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Law**

During the hearing, each charge was presented individually, including the supporting documentation that the allegation was premised upon. Following each presentation, Mr. Kelsey was provided an opportunity to refute the charge and answer the allegation. There were approximately 70 members in attendance during the hearing process. Following the presentation of charges and answer by Mr. Kelsey, membership in attendance were given the opportunity to make public comment on the process.

The end result was that the Tribal Council voted to remove Mr. Kelsey from office. The Resolution adopted by the Council included rationale for its decision. The following is an excerpt from the Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the grounds for removal, including Gross Misconduct and Malfeasance in Office, exist, and warrant the removal of Norbert J. Kelsey from office.

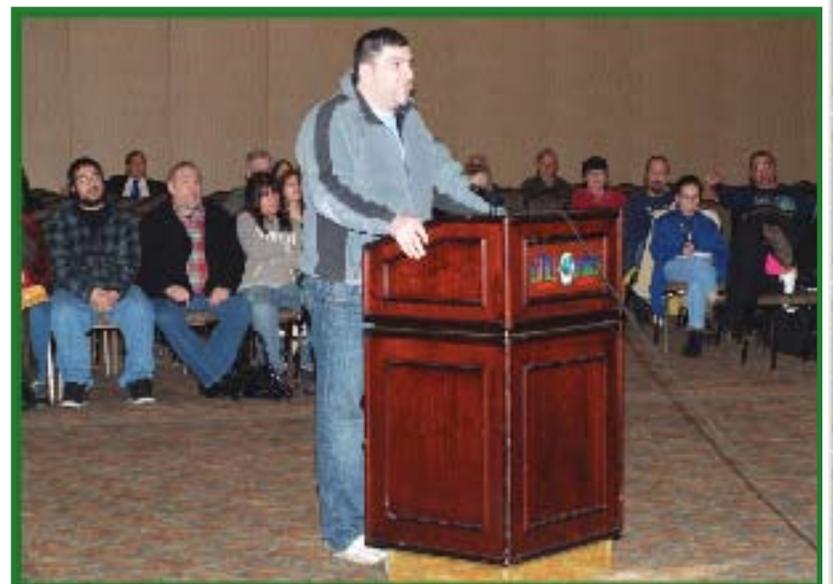
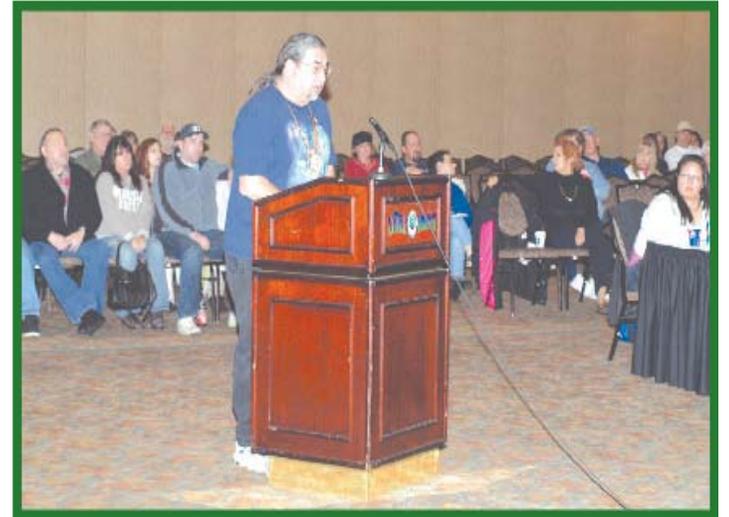
NOWS THEREFORE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council believes from the public comments offered by the Tribal Membership, Councilor Kelsey's actions are commonly perceived to have been undertaken for his own self-interests; to clear his name or defend his individual rights; and were not taken to protect the interests of the Band and its Members collectively.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby removes Norbert J. Kelsey from Tribal Council as Outlying Representative, based on the Constitutional grounds identified herein.

The hearing record will be available on the website www.lrboi.com within 30 days.



70 Tribal members attended the hearing and a number spoke to Tribal Council regarding Mr. Kelsey





Announcement of Special Election



Date of Election: April 16, 2010

Office to be Elected: Office of Tribal Council - Outlying District (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy:

Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council Outlying District- To run for the Office of Tribal Council in the Outlying District a Tribal member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar, below. All candidates for this office must reside within the State of Michigan, but may reside in the Nine County area.

Election Calendar:

- Declaration of Candidacy Packets Available..... February 8
- Declaration of Candidacy Packets Due.....February 19
- State of Candidates certified.....February 19
- Last day to withdraw candidacy.....February 26
- Ballots mailedMarch 19
- Ballots due and Election Day.....April 16
- Deadline for petitions for recount.....April 21
- Deadline for election challenges.....April 23

The Special Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must have a residential address on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Dome Room of the Little River Bank Building of Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00pm.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours from February 8, 2010 through February 19, 2010 has been included in this mailing. Please note any changes from the Times published in the Little River Currents.

ONLY THOSE TRIBAL VOTERS RESIDING IN THE OUTLYING DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

Election Board Office Hours February 2010

<p>Monday 8 9am-1pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>	<p>Tuesday 9 10am-2pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>	<p>Wednesday 10 10am-2pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>	<p>Thursday 11 10am-2pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>	<p>Friday 12 12pm-4pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>
<p>Monday 15 12pm-4pm LRBOI Muskegon Satellite Office</p>	<p>Tuesday 16 10am-2pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 10am-2pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>	<p>Thursday 18 10am-2pm Election Board Office, Manistree 12pm-4pm LRBOI Muskegon Satellite Office</p>	<p>Friday 19 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm Election Board Office, Manistree</p>



Saturday the 30th of January was a special one for the Moore family, a presentation made by Sherman Mitchell Moore accompanied by his wife Felisa, his daughters Lee and Lynn and son-in-law Rick at the LRCR Cultural Center in honor of his grandfather, Mitchell Pete. The eagle was gifted to Sherman Moore by his son Michael Moore was placed on display. Michael had applied with the BIA for an eagle from one of many eagle repositories and he would gift it eagle to his father, Sherman

Moore. As with eagle repository requests the eagle feathers and parts of an eagle are approved for use in sacred rituals. It goes without saying when you possess an eagle feather it should be given respect and displayed proudly in honor of the American Indian and the ancestors. The eagle took nearly a year and a half of work to be mounted in its position by an expert taxidermist near Birmingham Al, where Michael had lived prior to relocating back to Michigan. Saturday at lunchtime, LRCR Security Supervisor Jerry Ramsey assisted the family with displaying the mounted eagle in the Cultural Corridor in the end hall display case. With the eagle is displayed the following statement: "This eagle is proudly displayed by his descendents in honor of his life and legacy. Mitchell Pete, Pleasant Valley, Brethren, MI. The eagle represents honor, respect, courage, wisdom and freedom. It is truly a blessing to see him in flight. He is a sign of all things good and will be well. The eagle is a gift to Sherman Mitchell Moore from his son, Michael Moore. Sherman Mitchell Moore is the grandson of Mitchell Pete." In addition, several photographs of Grandfather Pete are displayed. Always a man of few words, when asked for his reaction to the eagle he said, "Quite a bird," which of course brought laughs to everyone there for the presentation! Others present at the event said it was an honor to have the eagle displayed at the resort.

Sherman Moore is a retired Air Force Veteran who recently won the battle with cancer. He was diagnosed with cancer in May of 2009 and received an aggressive regimen of chemo and radiation therapy and directly thereafter surgery to remove the cancer. His positive attitude, strong will and care of his family brought him back to a clean bill of health. He now spends time working on getting back to regular activities and physical wellbeing. He is active in the community by holding a seat on the Elder Committee and takes it upon himself to take care of Indian Village grounds by keeping it clean and tended to so it can be used by Tribal Members. In 2007 he with the help of family and friends revived the spring at Indian Village. Many recall the use of the spring for water when Indian village was an Indian community. We are all grateful for his service and wish him well on this journey back to an active \ lifestyle.



The family would like to acknowledge the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor for their care of their dad.

The Warriors Society is gathering photographs of members to be use when their 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

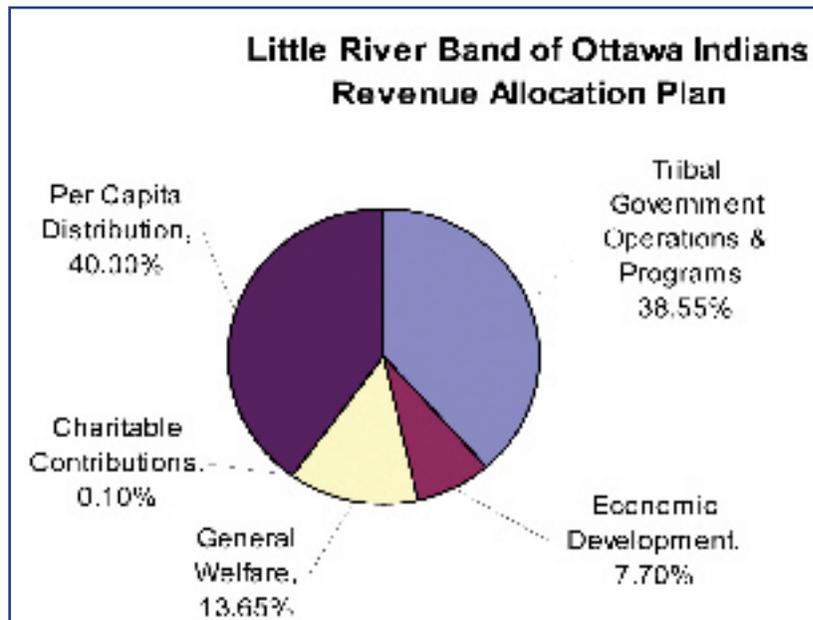
Commissions/Committees:
The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	2 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan & Per Capita Question and Answers

The chart below illustrates the allocation percentages designated for each category per the Revenue Allocation Plan.



Per the LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN – Approved by Tribal Council Resolution 08-0123-20

Section 2. Purpose

2.02. The RAP shall allocate revenues generated by the Tribe's gaming enterprises towards the following purposes; the funding of tribal government operations and programs, providing for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, the promotion of the Tribe's economic development, donations to charitable organizations and per-capita distributions to tribal members.

This document will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

It is recommended that you review the tribe's website often for additions to the Q & A information.

Question and Answer – Per Capita Payments

Brought to you by:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Members Assistance Department

375 River Street

Manistee, MI 49660

Here are the deadlines for the upcoming Per Cap payment:

March 2, 2010

Deadline for submitting a Direct Deposit form

March 17, 2010

Deadline for submitting an address change form

March 27, 2010

Deadline for submitting a Direct Deposit Cancellation form

1. Q. Who is the contact for questions about the Per Capita payments?

A. The Members Assistance Department will assist you with questions or direct you to the department or agency who can better answer your questions. Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288.

2. Q. How will the tribe know where to mail the payment?

A. The checks and check register for direct deposit checks are mailed to the last known address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you plan to move or have moved, contact the Enrollment Department for a Change of Address Form.

3. Q. What if I have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment?

A. If you have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment you must contact Enrollment for an Address Correction Form. All address changes are reported to the Members Assistance Department and Accounting Department for check processing purposes. If you have not updated your information, this could result in a delay in receiving a payment. Returned UNDELIVERABLE mail is reported to the Enrollment Department. In the event a total of three (3) mailings of any kind are returned to the tribe, any further mailings stop until the member contacts the tribe to update their information.

4. Q. What if I do not receive the check in the mail or it is lost?

A. Contact the Members Assistance Department to assist you.

5. Q. Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?

A. Yes, The tribe is obligated to notify you that Per Capita payments are subject to federal taxation. Per Capita is taxable income and the taxes assessed depend on your income bracket and location. The Tribe will automatically deduct applicable taxes from the per capita payments if they meet the Internal Revenue Services threshold that would require the withholding. The payments may also be subject to state tax if you do not live in the tax agreement area. All Per Capita payments will be reported on the appropriate tax form and mailed to you by Jan. 31st. We encourage you to contact a tax preparer for further tax questions.

6. Q. Who is eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. Per the Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (ii) be enrolled in the Tribe no later than the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, to be eligible to receive per capita distribution in the fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a qualified tribal member would need to have been enrolled with the tribe by no later than the last day of fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

Fiscal Quarters
(1) January thru March
(2) April thru June
(3) July thru September
(4) October thru December

7. Q. What are the age groups for Per Capita Payments?

A. Elders Age 55 and older and Adults Age 18 to 54. – Per the Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (iii) - A tribal member’s age, for purposes of per capita made pursuant to the Revenue Allocation Plan, shall be determined by the tribal member’s age on the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, (USING THE CHART ABOVE) to be considered 18 or elder age 55 in fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a tribal member would need to have turned 18 or 55 no later than the last day of the fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

8. Q. Are minor Tribal Members eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. No- Tribal members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to receive per capita distributions.

9. Q. What will the tribe do with Per Capita payments that are not claimed?

A. See Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8 (b) Use of Net Gaming Revenues: Individual Per Capita Distributions- Any net gaming revenues allocated for the purpose of funding per capita distributions that have not been expended on the last date of the fiscal year shall be reallocated to tribal investments.

10. Q. How are Per Capita payments disbursed by age group?

Amounts illustrated below are an EXAMPLE and should not be misinterpreted as the amount that will be disbursed. Amounts will vary depending on net gaming revenues generated.

A. Payment amounts are determined by a point system. Adults age 18 to 54 receive 1 point and Elders Age 55 and older receive 2 points. Example: Using the chart below the calculation for Elders is the point schedule multiplied by the number of Elders (2 x 715=1430). From this number the Allocation Percentage is calculated by using the points divided by the total of both groups points (1430 / 3929 = .3639603 OR 36.40%). From this percentage the Revenue Share is calculated by using the Net Gaming Revenue multiplied by the Allocation % (\$2,500,000 x 36.40% = \$909,900.74). The Revenue Share is then divided by the number of Elders (\$909,900.74 / 715 = \$1,272.59)

-Example Only-							
Net Gaming Revenue	Age Group	Point Schedule	Members	Points	Allocation %	Revenue Share	Quarter Payment
\$2,500,000.00	18 to 54 Yrs	1	2499	2499	63.60%	\$1,590,099.26	\$636.28
	55 and Older	2	715	1430	36.40%	\$909,900.74	\$1,272.59
Total			3214	3929	100%	\$2,500,000.00	



11. Q. Can Per Capita payments be garnished?

A. Yes, Per Capita distributions may be withheld to satisfy any court ordered judgment obtained by the tribe against the qualified tribal member or to satisfy court ordered child support obligations. Any amount remaining after satisfaction of the court ordered judgment or child support obligation shall be distributed to the qualified tribal member in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Plan.

12. Q. Can the payment be electronically deposited into a checking or savings account?

A. Yes, by completing the direct deposit form the payment may be deposited to the qualified tribal member's bank account. Contact the Members Assistance Department or Payroll to request the form and instructions. NOTE* If you plan to move you must update your address and the direct deposit form. Direct deposit forms that do not match the information on file with enrollment will have the direct deposit cancelled until information is up to date.

13. Q. Can state and/or federal assistance programs be affected by Per-Capita payments?

A. The Tribe cannot provide guidance for all the agencies that require you to report a change in income. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning your specific questions about income based assistance programs.

14. Q. Can a member refuse these payments?

A. If the Tribal member meets the eligibility requirements of the Revenue Allocation Plan they will receive per capita payments. Many agencies will count these payments as available income to you even if you refuse the payments. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning these payments.

15. Q. Will Per Capita payments be the same amount each time?

A. No. The payments will vary depending on the amount of net gaming revenues generated each quarter. The Revenue Allocation Plan allocates 40% of the net gaming revenues to per capita payments. The revenue allocation plan sets forth the amount the tribe can disburse to tribal members. The payments are made quarterly from the gaming revenues generated.

16. Q. Are the Per Capita payments considered income?

A. Many agencies count per capita payments as income. For further information contact the agency office with specific questions you may have.

17. Q. When are the Per Capita Payments made?

A. Per Capita payments will be distributed to qualified tribal members on the first day of each fiscal quarter.

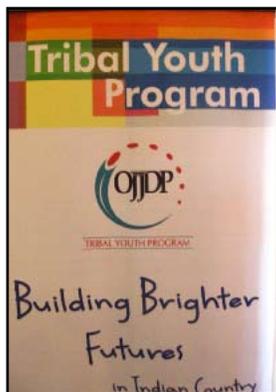
Fiscal Quarters	
(1st)	January thru March
(2nd)	April thru June
(3rd)	July thru September
(4th)	October thru December

18. Q. When will the amount of a Per Capita payment be announced?

A. The amount will be announced on the main switchboard announcement at least four (4) weeks prior to a distribution. You can reach the message announcement by calling the tribe's main number (231)723- 8288 or 888-723-8288 and listen to the directory prompt to the Per Capita Information extension. Due to end of the year close outs of accounting processes it is determined that the 2nd quarter announcements will be delayed close to the disbursement date. This announcement will be posted when it is available.

19. Q. Is there specific information on the date when I will be eligible for per capita payments?

1st. Quarter -January-March Member must be of age 18 and 55 by the last (Distributed Dec. 15) day in September prior to this disbursement.
2nd Quarter – April - June Member must be of age 18 and 55 by the last day in December prior to this disbursement.
3rd Quarter – July-September Member must be of age 18 and 55 by the last day in March prior to this disbursement.
4th Quarter – October – December Member mustbe of age 18 and 55 by the last day in June prior to this disbursement.



By Austen J. Brauker
It was warmer back here in Michigan than it was in Santa Fe. They had 2 or 3 inches of snow and all the schools were closed. The snowplows were hard at work, even though their blades were almost factory fresh with shiny yellow paint from not being used very much. I must say, the new fallen snow was a beautiful contrast to the southwest adobe

buildings, and our hotel was filled with fine Native American art everywhere you looked, not to mention the numerous art galleries that lined the downtown plaza only a half a block away. I could talk about the art all day, but the reason we went to Santa Fe was not for enjoying the delicious southwest food or soaking in the unique character of the town itself, but for a mandatory training conference regarding the OJJDP-TYP grant that LRBOI received to start a youth program for at-risk and court involved juveniles. So instead, this article will be about the status of our grant and the progress of our continuing dance down that path.

I was directed to bring along three people, besides myself, who were instrumental in the program, preferably members of our advisory board or elected tribal leaders. I was able to get three people to juggle their schedules and attend this meeting, all of them members of the advisory board. I would like to thank our Tribal Council representative Loretta Beccarria for attending this session, as well as our Tribal Prosecutor Gene Zeller and our Education Director Yvonne Parsons. Their commitment to this program has been a great blessing. There was no cost to the tribe for this trip either, because the funds were able to be accessed through the grant itself, and not from our own Tribal dollars.

We spent three days working on our STRAT-PAK, which is a strategic plan for the grant and the next step to having full access to our grant money. The people from OJJDP were very helpful to us and presented the information in a clear, and best of all, a kind way. They want us to succeed with our programs and make available the necessary resources to help us in all aspects of the grant. I was very impressed with them, and their willingness to provide support and technical assistance for all of the various grantee tribes that came to this meeting from all across the country.

Our program intends to promote healthy living and positive thought by presenting wilderness survival techniques from a cultural perspective. The participants will be in a rustic setting and have to work together as a team to accomplish basic tasks, ones that they might take for granted in their daily lives, like cooking, cleaning up, or deciding things for themselves. We want them to feel empowered and accountable for their own actions, to be responsible for their wants and needs, to act for the benefit of the team rather than the individual, and be appreciative for what they might already have in their lives. The Peacemaking talking circle will be a vital part of this process, combined with being removed from the distractions of their home worlds, and being fully immersed in nature. The team of participants will be like a small tribe, and they will have to work within that group to get things done, whether they like each other or not, they will have to share, to look out for each other, and to accept one another in the circle, which will help them learn how to use these skills back in their families and communities. During the camp, we will cover many different topics that will help expand their ideas about their own personal connection to the earth, and to know that they can use the gifts of nature to help them survive, if they ever need to. This survival knowledge helps to build self confidence, eliminates fears and promotes responsibility. Some of the teaching circles will be about, orienteering, fire building, food and shelters, water, first aid and learning about the woods by beginning to identify the various trees and plants found there. Oral traditions will be shared at the fire and stories will be told that will relate to them personally, along with

basic philosophy about walking in balance, appreciating beauty and realizing that they belong somewhere in the big circle of life. Positive adult leaders are needed to help with this program. Many skills besides being an onsite staff member can be utilized by this program. Much of the work takes place outside of the camp itself. There are many ways to help. We can always use donations of camping gear or things to help us teach the cultural components. Presenters are welcomed to come in and share teachings with the group. We would really like to have involvement from our elders to share what they know with the younger ones.

To be a part of Indian Village Camp, contact:

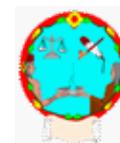
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at the Peacemaking Probation Department.
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231-398-2240 or
pwilson@lrboi.com
231-398-2239.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with this program so far. Without all of you this would not be possible!

Respectfully,
Austen.



Come out and join us for our monthly Peacemaking Talking Circle



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

NCAI Leaders Stress Importance of Count as 2010 Census Kicks Off in Indian Country



You may have heard that on January 25, 2010, traveling by dogsled, Census workers kicked off the first count of Americans this decade in Indian Country in the remote Inupiat village of Noorvik, Alaska. U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves conducted the first enumeration beginning with the oldest resident, 89-year-old World War II veteran Clifton Jackson, in the Eskimo village north of the Arctic Circle.

“Although we cannot dismiss where we are now, this is also about where we are going,” NCAI Executive Director Jackie Johnson Pata said. “Tribal governments are entering a metamorphosis fueled by our innovation and hard work. If we do not participate in the Census, our voices will not be strong- we will not be heard! To make our people count within the larger jurisdictions of state governments and the federal government, we must be counted in the Census.”

Last month was just the beginning. It marks the beginning of ensuring that “Indian Country Counts!” It signals to Indian Country that whether we live in a remote village of Alaska or New York City we will be counted. It tells Indian Country to gear up, stand up, and be counted.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli stressed to his tribal members, “It is vitally important that we, as tribal citizens, stand up and be counted. Be sure to use the phrase, ‘Little River Ottawa’ when the Census 2010 workers ask for your affiliation. By agreement with the Census 2010 organizers, this will be the phrase to use for our people.”

Remember to use “Little River Ottawa” on your Census 2010 forms!

Drug Disposal Program Announced

Manistee: The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Public Safety Department under Director Joseph LaPorte have announced that the tribal police department has now been designated as a collection and disposal site for unwanted controlled substances.

This program is an answer to the problem many people face when they have to dispose of unused or unwanted prescription pain killers and other controlled medicines. Such medicines should not be ‘flushed’ down the toilet or thrown into the trash but should be disposed of properly to protect the environment and our people.

The tribal police department is now authorized to collect and destroy unwanted pharmaceutical drugs from the public. Illicitly manufactured controlled substances (such as marijuana, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA and LSD) may not be collected as part of this program.

For more information or to arrange for disposal, please contact the Tribal Public Safety Department at 231.398.3413.



NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available soon for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryer, microwave), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. To be considered “low-income” your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200	\$55,300	\$59,400

Monthly rental payments will be 20% of the household’s adjusted monthly income plus utilities. Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call the Housing Department Toll Free at 1.888.723.8288 or direct 231.398.6876.

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New LRCR Conference Sales Manager

The Little River Casino Resort has strengthened their management team with the addition of yet another experienced professional. Manistee resident Judy Ball has recently been brought on board as the new Conference Sales Manager

Ball has extensive experience in the business world through real estate and the hospitality industry, primarily right here in Western Michigan. She brings over 20 years of Marketing and Sales experience and 7 years in the hospitality industry to Little River.

Most recently, Judy served as the Executive Director for the Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau from 2005 – 2009 where she had regular interaction with the Casino/Resort.

Currently she is involved in many tourism related activities outside and within the county, including leadership and steering committees for the Manistee County Recreation Plan, Explore the Shores – Universal Access to Water Resources, and the County-wide Branding initiative currently taking place in Manistee County.

Welcome to the team here at Little River Casino and Resort!



LRCR General Manager Contracted

The first General Manager of the Little River Casino Resort has been signed to a contract to formally take over the reins at the Casino again. In early February, the popular interim GM reached agreement with the Board of Directors and signed up to stay with Little River. Tom brings a wealth of gaming knowledge to the position along with a great sense of where Little River began to his position at the top.

Please welcome Tom Davis as the General Manager for Little River!”

MARCH - LOCK IT OUT AT WORK AND HOME



Never perform workplace maintenance or repairs on equipment without properly locking and tagging controls.

Install your own lock and tag – never work under someone else's.

Use lockout/tagout on jobs at home as well.

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O.O.P.S. – The Organization for Obvious Precautions and Safeguards

Every act has its consequences.

Everything costs, either in coin or kind.

The question should always be, “What am I willing to pay?”

Warriors Society Updates

The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- o A new ordinance is being reviewed right now for the group and it should be available within the next two months.
- o Next meeting is March 6th at the Aki Community Center



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.

We look forward to assisting the entire Little River organization!

Make sure to visit

<http://manisteeFord.dealerconnection.com/>

About the Michigan Firewise Communities Project

Each year, Michigan homes and other structures are destroyed or damaged by wildfire. While not viewed as a state prone to wildfire, Michigan still estimates that 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires occur around the state each year. These include forest fires, brush fires and grass fires.

For example in 2005, 2 homes were destroyed and many others damaged near Shelby due to a wildfire in dune grass. In 2007, 3 homes were destroyed near Saugatuck, again due to a dune grass fire. In 2009, twenty-one homes and 50 garages, sheds, etc. were destroyed in a fire near Ishpeming in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

However, when incorporating Firewise concepts in the landscape, homes can be saved. Studies have shown that when homeowners use Firewise techniques, there is a much better chance that their home will be standing after the fire passes. The Michigan Firewise Communities Project provides information to help you protect your home and property from wildfire.



The remains of a home near Grayling, MI which was destroyed in 2008 by a wildfire.

How to Protect Your Home Using Firewise Concepts:

Provide 30-50 feet of defensible space around your home or other structures to prevent them from catching fire due to burning vegetation.

Use fire-resistant roofing such as asphalt shingles, metal roofing, terra cotta tile, etc. Avoid wood shake shingles.

Use fire-resistant landscape plants adjacent to your home and buildings.

Keep your lawn mowed and green, and your landscape plants watered.

Remove flammable materials from around your foundation, such as building materials, gasoline and paint, etc.

Keep firewood stacks 30-50 feet from your structures and follow codes for locating LP tanks away from the home.

Maintain driveway width with 12-14 feet side-to-side clearance and 15 feet overhead clearance to allow fire and other emergency vehicles access to your home.

Go to www.firewise.msu.edu for more information.



An MSUE staff person explains Firewise concepts to a Lake Michigan homeowners association.

Offering Help to Residents

The Michigan Firewise Communities Project is co-led by Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest, Mineral, & Fire Management Division. Help is available for residents, local officials and other groups in every county of Michigan. The Project is supported by a grant from the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area, and with resources from Firewise Communities/USA.

What Help Is Available?

Information for homeowners and local officials to reduce wildfire threat to homes and communities

Home or community wildfire threat assessment Educational presentations to organizations, small groups, and homeowner associations

Extension bulletins and other fact sheets that can be acquired on-line or at your county MSU Extension office or area MDNR office Consultation with MSUE and MDNR staff in person or by telephone

Access to local, state and national Firewise resources



Where to Find Help:

Mike Jensen, MI Upper Peninsula:
(906) 524-6300

Elaine Bush, NW Michigan:
(231) 889-4277

Dennis McClure, NE Michigan:
(989) 785-8013

Michelle Neff, Clare County:
(989) 539-7805

Adam Kantrovich & Shane VanOosterhaut,
Ottawa County; (616) 994-4580

Joanne Davidhizar, Berrien County:
(269) 944-4126

Mark Hansen, Co-Director

MSU Campus (517) 355-7562

Paul Kollmeyer, Co-Director,

MDNR Cadillac: (231) 775-9727 ext. 6051

Assistance or information is also available at any MDNR or MSUE area or county office.

Websites:

MSU Extension

www.msue.msu.edu/portal

MDNR

www.michigan.gov/dnr



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Department of Commerce:
231-398-6806



ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE LOOTED

Illinois man convicted of doing 'devastating harm' to prehistoric Native American archeological site Sentenced to 30 days imprisonment, 500 hours community service, five years probation, and \$150,326 restitution in case involving more than 13,000 artifacts

A Union County man was sentenced Tuesday for knowingly removing thousands of historical artifacts from a Southern Illinois National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

Leslie Jones, (50), of Creal Springs, was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment, 500 hours community service, five years of probation, and to pay \$150,326.06 in restitution to Cypress Creek NWR, for excavating, collecting, and transporting illegally taken archaeological resources from a prehistoric Native American site on the southern Illinois refuge. In his plea agreement, signed October 2009, Jones admitted selling the articles to interested collectors to supplement his income. Jones case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's office for the Southern District of Illinois.

In January 2007, Jones was observed by Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) Refuge Officers digging and removing these artifacts from an archeological site on the Refuge. The site, as it was later determined, minimally dates to the Middle to Late Archaic to Middle Woodland periods (6000 B.C. to 400 A.D.). It is suggested that, based on the artifacts found, Native Americans used this site for stone tool production, cooking and other domestic activities.

In late January of 2007, law enforcement officers and special agents from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Johnson County Sheriff's Office seized 13,232 artifacts from Jones' residence during the execution of a federal search warrant. These artifacts included pottery, clay figurines, tools, and over 200 pieces of human skeletal material. Jones later admitted living off the artifacts he collected and sold.

"The damage caused by Leslie Jones can't be measured in simple dollars," said Tim Santel, Resident Agent-in-Charge for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Indiana, Illinois, Missouri). "These sites give us an unprecedented glimpse into the past. He has done devastating harm to the site, as many of these artifacts are lost forever, denying the American public much in the way of understanding past human existence." Staff from the Shawnee National Forest and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale assessed the estimated value of the damage to the site at more than \$150,000.

"Archeological sites are similar to a museum," said Mark Wagner, Staff Archaeologist, Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale. "We wouldn't tolerate someone going into a museum and removing an object because they felt like it. These items don't belong to archeologists, they were stolen from the American public."

According to Mary McCorvie, Forest Archaeologist at Shawnee National Forest, public awareness and interest plays a role in combating and preventing similar crimes.

"In Southern Illinois, we have a rich history of human occupation for 12-14 thousand years," said McCorvie. Taking these pieces destroys critical pieces of our historical puzzle. It's important the public know how important and fragile these links to the past are, and the role they can play in combating this. We've found that the public's interest in preservation is critical to reducing vandalism. People are aware of a number of sites like this that contain significant cultural resources, and we'd love them to both refrain from taking found artifacts, and report suspected incidences of vandalism or theft."

Under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), it is a felony to disturb, alter, remove, or damage archaeological sites and objects that are over 100 years old on Federal lands. Archaeological sites and artifacts are also protected by 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which prohibits digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resources, structure, site, artifact, property; or removing said items. Persons found guilty of offenses against ARPA could be punished by not more than two years in prison and not more than \$250,000.00 for the first offense.

Please enjoy these remnants of times gone by, and help preserve our history by leaving archaeological sites and artifacts undisturbed and reporting any looters or evidence of looting activity that you see to the ARPA hotline, at 1-800-227-7286.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit <http://www.fws.gov>.



Why Pay When You Can Get Your Taxes Done for Free?



More than half of all taxpayers pay a tax preparer to file their tax return. Before using a commercial tax preparer, find out if there is a **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** site nearby that can help you prepare your taxes for free.

If you earn under about \$49,000, you can get free tax filing help through the IRS sponsored VITA or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Both programs can provide fast electronic tax filing. Community volunteers receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns. Some VITA sites can help you open a bank account if you don't have one.

Call 1-800-906-9887 to find the nearest VITA location and its days and hours of operation.

Guidelines for Choosing a Tax Preparer

If you can't find a VITA site or choose to go to a commercial tax preparer, be sure to do the following:

- 1. Select a tax preparer that you can contact later** in case the IRS has questions about your tax return.
- 2. Check out the tax preparer's reputation** with others in the community. You can also research the tax preparer with your local Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) to see if any complaints have been filed.
- 3. Ask about fees to have your taxes prepared** before scheduling an appointment. Be sure to ask if there are any fees for additional schedules or forms, like the Schedule EIC, used to claim the Earned Income Credit.
- 4. Do not leave originals of documents** with a tax preparer if he or she needs to work on your tax return when you are not present.
- 5. Avoid a tax preparer who suggests you lie** or make up information. You will be held responsible for errors, NOT the preparer.
- 6. Do not sign a blank tax return** or a return completed in pencil. Sign a tax return in pen, only after you've reviewed it. Check names, addresses, Social Security numbers and wage information. Ask questions to understand the reason for any refund you get or taxes that you owe.
- 7. Check that the tax preparer signs the tax return in pen.** The preparer's signature, address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security number are required on the tax return by federal law.
- 8. Request a copy of your completed tax return.** Write down the preparer's phone number to call if you have additional questions about your tax return later.

2010 VITA Checklist

Getting Help to Prepare your Taxes — What to Bring with You

If you need help completing tax forms, a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site near you can help.

Call 1-800-906-9887 to find the nearest location. When you go to a VITA site, or if you choose to go to a commercial tax preparer, be ready.

Take these items with you:

- Valid picture ID
- Copy of 2008 tax return (if you have it)
- Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for you, your spouse and any children born before December 31, 2009. (If available, bring the Social Security cards or ITIN letters to ensure information is copied correctly onto the tax return.)
- Income documentation including:
 - W-2 Forms from all jobs worked in 2009
 - All 1099 Forms showing other income received in 2009
- A blank check for direct deposit of your refund (If you don't have a checking account, bring your bank account name, number and the 9-digit American Bankers Association (ABA) routing number. Contact your bank if you need assistance identifying the ABA number.)

If any of the following apply to you, take documentation with you:

- Child care expenses, including the provider's address and federal ID #
- Mortgage company statements
- Adoption expenses
- Alimony paid or received
- Any notices received from the IRS or state tax office
- Property tax bills
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- Additional forms of income such as:
 - Prizes and awards
 - Scholarships and fellowships
 - Lottery/ gambling winnings



If you lost or do not have all of these items, you can still get your taxes prepared. Call the IRS helpline at 1-800-829-1040 to find out what you need to do and how to obtain replacement documents.



Dealer School

The Little River Casino Resort is holding a Dealer School March 29, 2010 through April 23, 2010. Classes will be held Monday thru Thursday with two classes from 12pm-4pm and 6pm-10pm. You will have your choice of one class time or the other. The basics of Black Jack will be taught. The school is open to current employees and Tribal Members on a first come basis. All students must be at least 21 years of age, have a High School Diploma, pass a basic math test and drug screen.

Tribal Citizens attending Dealer School may qualify for funding to have their training paid through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program (16 hours at \$7.40 per hour). Tribal Citizens attending Dealer School should be referred to the Workforce Development Program.

In order to qualify for this program:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen and at least 21 years of age.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in the LRBOI Workforce Development Program.
3. Funds will be paid at the successful completion of Dealer School.
4. Funds will only be released with proper documentation: (i.e. invoices, bill, time sheet, certificate, etc.) after the Tribal Citizen has completed Dealer School.

Those interested in attending Dealer School should contact Little River Casino Resort Human Resources at 231-723-4530. All applicants will need to successfully satisfy gaming license requirements with LRCR

Human Resources and the Gaming Commission. To apply for paid training for Dealer School through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program, contact Workforce Development Specialist David Hawley at 231-723-8288 or 1-888-723-8288, extension 6842, or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com, or stop by the tribal government offices at 375 River Street, Manistee, for a Workforce Development Program Application for Programs.

NOTE: Attending and completing Dealer School is not intended to be considered an offer or a guarantee of employment.



Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution

Baked White Fish

You can use any type of white fish; cod, whiting, haddock, or pollock.

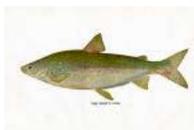
Ingredients

- 4 to 8 medium white fish fillets
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups grated low fat cheese
- 1 cup grated onions
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup Milk
- 1 tsp Black Pepper

Directions

Wipe fish dry and place in foil lined pan. Mix cheese, onion, flour and salt. Sprinkle black pepper over cheese mixture. Toss lightly and spread it over fish. Pour in just enough milk to cover bottom of pan. This makes a sort of onion/cheese sauce. Bake 45 minutes at 350° F. Turn oven up to 375° F. for 10 to 15 minutes.

Number of Servings: 4



Every year you need to sign up for the Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution if you are interested in receiving fish. There are three ways you may sign up.

1. Call Natural Resource Office: 1-866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180
2. E-mail your name, Tribal ID, address, phone number and please indicate if you are an Elder to bharnish@lrboi.com.
3. Fill out the form below and mail to address on form.

2010 Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution Form

Name: _____ Elder: Yes ___ No ___ Tribal ID _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: LRBOI NR Department
Atten: Bonnie Harnish
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660



National Indian Health Board



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National Native American Youth Initiative Scholarship

High School Students
National Native American Youth Initiative
George Washington University - Washington, D.C.

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications from American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students ages 16-18 who have an interest in the health field and/or biomedical research for the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI). The George Washington University campus in Washington, D.C. will be the site for NNAYI from June 19-27, 2010.

Selected high school students will receive a scholarship that covers airfare, lodging and most meals during the NNAYI program.

Student Application Deadline Date :
April 16, 2010

Student Notification of Selection Results:
May 10, 2010

NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare high school students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research. Feel free to share this information with other interested parties. For more information and to access the on-line applications, visit the AAIP student website,

Role Models/Chaperones
National Native American Youth Initiative
George Washington University - Washington, D.C.

Association of American Indian Physicians is recruiting adults, ages 21 and older, to serve as role models and chaperones to AI/AN high school students during the NNAYI program. Selected individuals will arrive in Washington D.C. on Friday, June 18, 2010 for a training and to prepare for high school students arrival. AAIP will cover your airfare, lodging, meals, and a stipend will be provided upon completion of the program. For more information and to access the on-line applications, visit the AAIP student website
Counselor Application Dealine: March 5, 2010
Counselor Selection Notification: March 31, 2010

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Fruit



Fruits are also a carbohydrate and provide the body with vitamins and minerals as well as fiber. Fructose is the natural sugar in fruit which makes it higher in calories than vegetables. Drink 100% fruit juice to avoid the extra calories from added sugar.

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

USDA Income
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Net Monthly Income Standards
October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010

Household Size Income Limits

1. \$ 1,044.00
2. \$ 1,356.00
3. \$ 1,667.00
4. \$ 1,991.00
5. \$ 2,329.00
6. \$ 2,666.00
7. \$ 2,978.00
8. \$ 3,290.00

For each additional member add \$ 312.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.
Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00
Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

The Commodity Department will be closed the week of April 26th-30th. We will be out of town attending the mandatory USDA training at the 23rd NAFDPIR Annual Conference.

Happy Birthday!



Do I smell
birthday
cake?

Gerald King
John Shepard
Cody B
Laurie Jackson



Sunflower to University of Arkansas

Sunflower Wilson, daughter of Patrick and Alta Wilson has been accepted to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and has been awarded a full, four-year scholarship to study marine biology. Sunflower twice participated in the summer Hutton scholarship program here with the Natural Resources Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. She will begin her studies this fall.

Happy 50th

Renita Diehlman!
Love you, Ray

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thaddeuss James Theodore III
Love- You Wife, Family and Friends

Happy Birthday LeeAnn Willea!



Gary Wood

Visitation for Gary L. Wood, 59, of Bradley, will be from 9 a.m. Thursday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Pastor Michael LeBuhn will officiate. Private graveside services will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Teen Challenge. He died Saturday (Jan. 16, 2010) at Riverside Medical Center. Mr. Wood was a machinist/tool and die maker for Bennett Industries in Peotone, union liaison for United Way and a truck driver for A.N. Webber. He was born April 3, 1950, in Onawa, Iowa, the son of Leonard J. and Laverne Canon Wood. He served in the U.S. Marines in Vietnam. Surviving are his wife, the former Judy Farquhar, whom he married March 8, 1975; one son, Garry L. Wood of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Leigh Ann and Wayne Delabre of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Jake and Kayla Delabre; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Gary Morrical of Kankakee, Karen and William Thompson of Florida. Deceased are his father and grandparents.



Vivian S. Stroh

“Vivian S. Stroh, age 72 of Free Soil, walked on Sunday, February 7th, 2010 at West Shore

Medical Center in Manistee, MI. She was born June 6th, 1937 in Hart, daughter of the late Amos and Agnes (Pamabi) Wabindato.

Vivian married Harold J. Stroh in Long Lake. He preceded her in death on January 15th, 1994. As a young lady, Vivian was employed as a

Licensed Practical Nurse, having worked in Petoskey and at Munson Health Center in Traverse City. After the birth of her first child she remained at home and raised her family. She was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Grand Traverse Ottawa and Chippewa Council.

Native American ceremonies were held on Thursday, February 11th at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. Burial will take place in the spring of this year at the Cleon Township Cemetery in Copemish. “

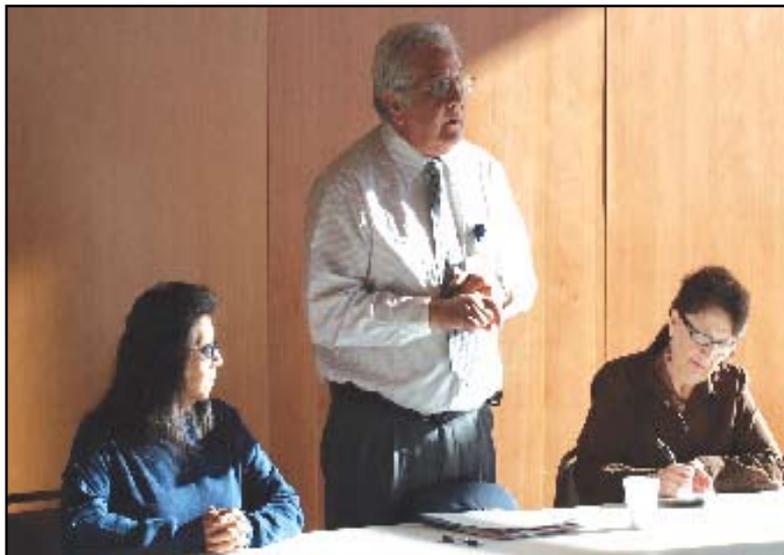
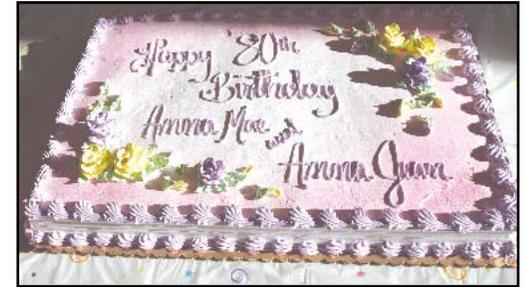
Ghost Nations

Respect died in the industrial zone
Peace was murdered by the bible
Trust passed away oozing under blankets
Truth died standing guard at BIA headquarters
Knowledge was beaten to death
at boarding school
Indigenous words died with shame
Freedom died on reservations
Reservations died upon relocation
Pride died in the 50's in a Hollywood western
Self esteem died drunk
Generosity died at the celebra-
tion of federal recognition
Humility died giving a speech
about how good he was
Bravery died a slow death
Wisdom died before he grew up
Ghost Nations wander
...what's left of the earth
Driven by a speck of DNA
Feeling insane due to insanity
They fight not to conform
Hold out, I pray -
change is coming
~ Karen Lewis ~
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At the Elders Meeting on January 9th, a beautiful cake was presented to honor two special ladies on their 80th birthday. Connie Waitner from the Elders Committee gave a bit of background on these two Elders. She said, "Anna Mae (Sams) Lempke is the mother of Sandy, Connie, Bonnie & a son Butch who is deceased. Anna Jean (Sams) Guenthardt is the mother of Bob, Rosemary, Jerry, Tom, Kenny, Annie & Janice. Both were born on 01/09/30 at Indian Village (the Valley) and were so small they fit in a shoe boxes. I was told they were kept in a dresser drawer in order to keep them warm."



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Megwa Ezhiweback

Gift Shop looking Great!

The Little River Casino Resort Gift Shop has undergone a transformation this month! Lots of new, exciting products have been introduced in response to the suggestions from our guests. We have added these items to our selection:

- Fossil watches, wallets, purses, and overnight bags.
- Watches by Seiko, Citizen, Polo, etc.
- New logo's LRCR items including blankets, fleece, trinkets, and glassware.
- New lines of jewelry
- Designer perfume's
- New apparel for men/woman ~ new spring jackets, jog sets, bling-bling shirts

Be sure and stop in next time you visit and remember Tribal members and employees get great discounts!

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