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Historic Election for LRBOI

The 2011 election will go down in Little River tribal history as it marks the first time a duly-elected Tribal Ogema has been re-elected!

Ogema Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli handily defeated Tribal Council Recording Secretary Janine M. Sam by a 3-1 vote of 474 to 158 in elections concluded April 29th at the old Community Center. This is also the first time in our recent history that an Ogema has served out their full four year term.

Following are the election results as provided by the Tribal Election Board.



- In the race for Ogema:
 - **Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli** 474
 - Janine M. Sam 158

- In the Office of Tribal Council – At Large
 - Loretta J. Beccaria 228
 - **Kimberly M. Alexander** 272
 - Cindy Champagne 127

- In the Office of Tribal Council – 9 County
 - Jeff Battice 91
 - **Michael J. Ceplina** 111
 - Gary Paul DiPiazza 101
 - Rita Annette Gale 106
 - **Sandy Mezeske** 201
 - Karen Love 100
 - Joseph Riley Sr. 62
 - **Patricia "Pat" Ruiter** 129
 - Bob J. Whiteloon 101



- In the Office of Tribal Appellate Court Judge:
 - **Berni L. Carlson** 263
 - Kimberly Crampton (Kequom) 180
 - Bill Willis 182

- In the Office of the Election Board:
 - **Tammy S. Bowen** 442
 - **Tracy Frees** 417



Membership Meeting Vote!

Please see the website www.lrboi.com, under the Tribal Court heading for information regarding the recent Tribal Membership Vote.



Photos by: Martha Howell





Aanii,
An interesting month. Our Spring Membership Meeting was held on April 9th. On the Friday night, April 8th, the Ogema's Meet and Greet welcomed over 100 people at one point. I am happy that people appreciate the opportunity to talk one on one informally. I noticed that there is more interaction between audience members answering questions, I think that is great. Thanks to all who attended.
Saturday, the Spring Membership Meeting achieved a quorum with 292 registered voters present. Having a quorum kicked the Election Board into gear and the membership brought 5 or 6 items forward to be voted on by those present. It was a historical moment but not without controversy. Court papers have been filed regarding the actions taken. The meeting lasted until almost 10:30 PM and people had been very respectful throughout the day but unfortunately right toward the end of the meeting things became disrupted. For my four year term we have had very well attended meetings that have continually become more organized with each passing year. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the employees who worked the extra long day. I usually try not to give recognition to key

people because there is always a risk of forgetting to recognize someone but I'm going to try. I would like to start with the Enrollment Department and all the people assisting in early registration and setting up Friday night. I want to thank the Election Board as they had a HUGE amount of pressure on them this time. Glenn Zaring for taking notes for me at the Ogema's Meet and Greet and also assisting with meeting coverage.

George LeVasseur put in many hours both Friday and Saturday. Because of complications, had to take extra measures in setting up early. Mack Brushman who caught it all on tape working both the taping and the "live-streaming duties in the middle of the room yet out of sight.

I appreciate the department directors moving through the crowds answering questions; the Warrior's Society/ veterans posting the flags. During the meeting the Talking Feather was dropped; I want to thank the Warrior's Society for respecting the feather and blessing it before returning it to me. The Drum, with songs and Jay Sam always giving a meaningful prayer. Mary Thomas always puts in a lot of work mostly behind the scenes buying and wrapping gifts and giving out gifts at a moment's notice at the meeting. I want to thank the director's who gave reports, Robert Memberto and Steve Wheeler. Thank you to Public Safety and officers for their assistance. Finally, I wish to thank the Resort, especially Food and Beverage staff for preparing and serving over 700 meals plus an additional 300 plus for dinner on short notice. Thank you to all!

And now the 2011 elections. I would like to thank each and every person that ran for an elected position this election cycle; it is difficult to put your name in the ring. It is a chance you take; it takes time and money to campaign and, on behalf of the Tribe, I thank all. Miigwetch.

Congratulations to the winners. I want to welcome

back Tracy Frees and Tammy Bowen to the Election Board; I'd like to welcome Berni Carlson as Appellate Court Judge; to Tribal Council, welcome to Sandy Mezeske, Mike Ceplina, Pat Ruiter and Kim Alexander.

I am truly humbled by my re-election as your Ogema and appreciate the large amount of support I received. Kchi Miigwetch. It means even more to me this time around. The last time was based on what you thought I would do for the Tribe and this time I feel it was based on what I have done the past four years. I will outline my thoughts for the next four years in my Installation speech. My thoughts are based on what I have heard from you, the Tribal members, and between the last Membership meeting and this election, I believe your voice is very clear.

I want to thank the Election Board for their work, I am proud of the group; Chairperson, Alecia Condon, Tracy Frees, Diane Lonn, Tammy Bowen and Carol Gibner. Their job is not always easy, but they take it seriously.

Until next month...

REMEMBER:

As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices... take it or leave it.

"Nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced." Albert Einstein.

Judge Sherigan newly elected president of WLAM

Q: What does one call a room full of female attorneys?

A: The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Annual Meeting.

The 93rd Annual Meeting and Cultural Immersion Conference was held on April 29th at the Soaring Eagle Casino Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Little River Band Associate Judge Angela Sherigan was the chairperson of the meeting.

Ms. Sherigan was the first presenter at the conference. She spent 45-minutes sharing information for attorneys who have not practiced in a tribal court before. "So You Want to Practice in Tribal Court-Tribal Courts 101," was informative and hopefully it alleviated any qualms a lawyer may have about taking a client whose case was initiated in a tribal justice setting.



Angela Sherigan and her sister, Kristen Stone, were co-presenters on the Indian Child Welfare Act and the "The Intersection Between Tribal And State Courts, and What You Need to Know." Many of the attorneys in the room learned a great deal about a section of law that is important for all tribes and the future of tribal children.

J.D. Gibson, one of our Tribal members and spiritual leader, opened the luncheon presentation with a prayer. The newly elected members of WLAM were announced and they and the new president elect of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Angela Sherigan, were sworn into office by Melissa Pope. You might recognize Ms. Pope's name as LRBOI's Chief Appellate Justice.

The Northern Lights Singers performed the AIM song in honor of the Jurists and their dedication in seeking justice for native tribes. It was a beautiful song for a beautiful woman. Ms. Sherigan will have a new adventure for the

next year as the president of WLAM and we wish her the best.



Virg Johnson

Highlights for February through April 2011
Virg Johnson - Zoongede Mshekenh
231-398-6820
Councilor - At - Large

Aanii to all of you and I hope you're surviving this long winter? Before I get into this report I want to apologize in advance for using the word "I", this not my normal way to communicate! It was really nice to meet some of you at our Spring Membership meeting. This is one part of being a Councilor that I really enjoy, is getting out and meeting our citizens and listening to them. Couple of things I want to bring up that really warmed my heart were the Drum Ceremony in which our Warriors brought in the colors and the burning of the check in the Winter Gardens. It was honor for me to watch our WW II veterans Jake Wabindato, Joe Medacco, and John Pete to leads us in this historic event. Since the Binojeeuk Commission is now fully staffed with five (5) commissioners I have stepped down as their recorder. However, I plan on attending the open session part of the meetings as required from an alternate Liaison position. I need to make a quick explanation why I missed a block of Work Sessions in March. Unfortunately I had surgery on my right eye (shooting eye) that force me to back off on Council duties during my recovery period. I just visited my doctor in April and he gave me the Green Light to resume my normal activities.

- Attendance YTD is 94% on Council Meetings in 2011.
- Attendance for Work Sessions is running very close to 90% year to date (YTD).
- Since my appointment to the Board of Directors for Little River Casino Resort my attendance is 100% at the regular scheduled meetings and special meetings.
- As the recording Secretary for Binojeeuk Commission, missed only one meeting so far this year (eye surgery).
- Follow up to make sure all payments for the LRRCR were made on time. With the loan paid off we still need to make sure we are on time with the TAX payments to the State and NIGC.
- Close to 90% attendances for the New Government Building task force meetings in 2011.
- Attended all of the Elders meeting so far in 2011.
- Attended the SORNA conference at GTB held January 2011 and received certified training doc from Fox Valley Technical College.
- Continue to have 100% attendance at our Warriors monthly meeting. Was reelected as the recording secretary.
- Both LRBOI (Government) and LRRCR (Casino) have increased the number of tribal citizens as employees. As of today between LRBOI and LRRCR we employ 1,093 people. I'm proud to say 216 are tribal citizens, 41 are from recognized tribes, and 66 are descendents or spouses, which come to a total 323 employees, are PREFERENCE!
- Just a reminder that in July LRBOI Natural Resource Department (NRD) and Natural Resource Commission (NRC) will be hosting their annual drawing for Elk and Bear hunting licenses. This drawing is open to all LRBOI Members regardless where they live. If you decide to get in the drawing and have any questions please feel free to call me.

Robert Whiteloon



As I leave Tribal Council after four years, I want to thank the tribal members for the opportunity to represent them, and the trust and support they gave me. I have done my best as a Council Member and I take pride in what has been accomplished during my term. I believe that the Little River Band is better off than it was when I took office.

One disappointment for me is the BIA's denial of our self-government application, which would have increased funding for the Tribe's programs and given it more control over how the grants are used.

We were denied due to a past audit finding that we did not properly control the expenditure of treaty commercial fishing money. The responsibility for this lies with the former Council, which did not adopt proper regulations to govern the program. I believe we should continue to pursue self governance in the future.

Again, I want to thank the Tribal members for allowing me to represent them on Council, and for their support in that difficult job. I also want to express my appreciation to the Tribal staff for their good work and cooperation

Don't worry, I'm not gone, just taking a break! I promise to continue to do my best to see that the Tribe gets the good government it deserves.

Bob Whiteloon

Motivation at LRRCR



Thank you to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend such a great seminar. It was nice spending a day with fellow co-workers. Thanks to everyone for taking 16 hours of your day to "Get Motivated." Special thanks to our driver (Tommy G), to those who insured we were well fed along the way (Karl Jr, Ron, and Dee), to those who allowed staff members to attend from their departments, and to Maria for helping to organize and insure that some of our stellar preference candidates were awarded by having them attend such an great event. (Charmaine Stone – LRRCR)

Rapid River News

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Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.

2006

(The following information comes from recent weekly updates supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or person involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PI will appear for Public Information.)

- Nine's Release.** The NR department held their annual Nine's release event. 40+ fingerlings. Well attended. Some outside media present as well. Excellent front page article from LDN. (Natural Resources/PI)
- Reservoir Restoration.** The dates for the Reservoir Restoration workshops are finally set at 10.11 Wabeno, WI; 10.28 Muskegon MI, 11.11 Ludington, MI (Shannon Crampton/Council)
- Reaffirmation Dinner.** Approximately 500 attended dinner at Three Fires on 23rd. PIDIR took photos for Currents. (PI)
- Muschigon Construction LLC.** The agreement with DeVere Construction was signed in ceremonies at LRCR on 9.22 at 9900. Currents will be heavily press to cover the arrangement with Tribal Council. (PI/Muschigon Board)
- House of Flavors.** The Commerce Department is pleased to announce the successful opening of House of Flavors Restaurant in Manistee (recently purchased by the Commerce Department). This follows an established business plan to research menus, hire staff, and successful opening. (Commerce Director)
- County/Tribal Government meeting.** Five members of Council met with Manistee Co. Commissioners for a get-acquainted session at Casman Academy. It was a sign of communication between the two governments. Ogema having individual meetings with Commissioners. (PI)
- Anti-Judicial Appointment article.** An article appeared in Indian Country Today regarding a joint Michigan tribe appeal to block appointment of a judge. Speaker Parsons was a signator to the article. Copy to Ogema (Speaker Parsons/PI)
- Tribal Public Safety/News Advocate.** Working with newspaper management to get a story on Tribal Police. What they do, how they are trained, what jurisdiction they have etc. (PI/Public Safety)
- United States Forest Service/1836 Treaty MOU set.** USFS has confirmed October 30th at GTB for the joint signing. (PI/Natural Resources/Ogema)
- Candidates Forum set.** October 16th at 7 p.m. at Three Fires Conference Center will be a forum for contested races to be taped by Channel 2. Media wbe there and it is open to public. Judy Crockett (Ouvry Lake MI Broadcasting wbe MC this year. League of Women Voters will present their Voters Guide in brief presentation at beginning. (PI/Three Fires Conference Center)

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From L.R.B.O.I.

2007

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Rapid River News test concluded! The Office of the Ogema has announced that the trial period for the Rapid River News is finished and it has been concluded that the RRN is worthwhile information for the Tribal membership. You may now find it on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com along with the Tribal newspaper, Currents.

- Spring Membership Meeting Announced!** The Spring Meeting will be held at the Three Fires Conference Center on March 24th. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs.
- Three Fires Primary Election.** The Primary Election will be held on March 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Three Fires Conference Center. The format will be the same as with the Primary Forum held January 20th. This forum is open to all General Election slated candidates at no cost as the facility is donated by the Little River Casino and Resort. This is in accordance with tribal election law (PIDIR).
- Energy Fair 2007 Announced.** The Energy Fair at the Manistee County Fair Grounds has been announced for June 22, 23 and 24. Initial meetings are now being held (PI).
- Planning Department.** The Planning Department is currently working on a project to have all blueprints scanned and saved in a TIF format. We will then have an electronic copy that we can update with our Auto-CAD program. (Planning)
- CFO Named for Tribe.** Dennis Maddox has accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Tribe and began in his office on 1.15.2007 (Finance)

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2008

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(For the Rapid River News 1.7.08)

(Natural Resource related items)

Sea Grant Conference. The Annual Sea Grant Conference was held at the Ramada Inn in Ludington on Saturday the 1st. This is a day-long meeting that looks at a number of fishing and hunting issues and which brings together all of the various parties involved in these activities. Archie Mantell, Jimmie Mitchell and two of the Natural Resources Enforcement Officers represented the LRBOI with information on tribal activities and changes.

(Cultural related items)

New Year's Jimgimok at MHS Five Dancers. The Jimgimok, led by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral health held a "Clean and Sober" Jimgimok at MHS on New Year's Eve this year. Three drums were there, lots of dancers, some traders and lots of dancing. Bill Membrato was the MC and Art deBres was the Arena Director. Kathy and Brian Gibson were the Head Dancers.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

Budgets. The governmental budgets have been signed and distributed to department directors for their planning purposes. Please watch your Currents for more details.

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

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Remembering the Rapid River News

By
Patrick D. Wilson
March 11, 2011

I was reading our online news report called the "Rapid River News," (RRN) the first thing that hit me was, had it really been that long since the Rapid River News was started. So, I got all nostalgic and started to review the first issues, and then I looked at the current issue. It seemed to me, RRN has come a long ways from its humble beginnings, to where it is today, the Rapid River has become a useful tool for our Tribal Members to get a quick update on the events happening at the Tribe.

It seemed like only yesterday, when I was setting up in the Bank Building office trying to come up with new ways to communicate with the Tribal Membership. Back then I kept in contact with Glenn Zaring on a daily basis. I bounced ideas off of him, some ideas he had already tried, and the Rapid River news letter was not a new idea, but what was new, was we now had the ability to put the news letter online. I had Glenn do a test, to see if an online news letter would be useful to the Membership. So by word of mouth, the Rapid River News began to network through the tribe. The number of Tribal Members requesting the Rapid River News jumped from ten or fifteen, to over hundred fifty in a week. I was real excited by the response and decided to put the RRN online for everyone. Tribal Council was also excited and seen the value in the news letter also, because they gave their full support to the project, and as they say (who ever "they" are) "The rest is history."

For the year of 2008, the tribal website had 21,127 new visitors to the website. I can't wait to see how many visitors we get for 2011. I couldn't be happier about the success of the Rapid River News,

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2009

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(Cultural related items)

- New Years Jimgimok!** Be-Da-Bin held a wonderful Pow Wow at the Manistee High School on New Years Eve. Joe Martin was the MC and Jennie "Jay" Sam was the Arena Director. See the Currents for a full story and pictures.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- New hours for Government!** The tribal government offices will be open 4 days a week beginning January 5th, 2009. The offices will be open from Monday through Thursday with normal work hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. This move is in response to the 2009 budget which had serious cutbacks to the government budget. See the February Currents for more details. Certain office departments which are normally 24/7 operations will maintain their regular office hours.
- Candidate Forum.** A candidate forum for Primary Election candidates in the 2009 tribal elections gathered at the Three Fires Conference Center on January 23rd following the Elders Meeting. Over 30 of the 54 candidates spoke to the assembled Elders and members and then held a meet-n-greet.
- Work Force Development will be held.** The Work Force Development program will be held at the Muskegon Tribal Office the following dates: January 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 30, 31.
- Planning Department.** The Planning Department will be holding a Transportation Final draft will be posted on the tribal website (www.lrboi.com) at 10:00 a.m. on January 13th. A public meeting will be held on January 6th 2009 @ 7pm in the Dome Room.
- Notice of Enrollment!**

This is a public notice to interested parties. The following designated individuals were eligible to receive a per capita distribution and did not designate a beneficiary.

Name:	Last known address:	Home Phone:	Date first published:
Jason Loomis Dixon	3103 Clayward Drive Flint, MI	485-516	
Raymond Paul Carey	2865 Vale Street Muskegon, MI	294-44	
Salvino James Leprieux	10626 10 th Street Muskegon, MI	294-21	
Lawrence Ray Medacco	1637 7 th Street Muskegon, MI	294-21	
Kathleen Ann Waskiewicz	1838 S th Avenue Conklin, MI	294-03	

Persons with an interest or claim on the per capita distributions of the above named individuals should contact the LRBOI Enrollment Department to file the appropriate paperwork. After publication for three months an action will be brought in Tribal Court to determine who is lawfully entitled to claim the payment. This process will be in place until a different process is adopted.

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(Note: New items are shown at the top of each category with the headline in red.)

- Election Results!** The following are preliminary results from the LRBOI General Election with winners in Bold type. The challenge period is five days, ending 11/15/11 at 5:00 p.m.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the race for Ogema: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli 4 Janice M. Sam In the Office of Tribal Council - At Large: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loretha J. Becerra 228 Kimberly M. Alexander 272 Cindy Champagne 127 In the Office of Tribal Council - 9 County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Battice 91 Michael J. Cepina 111 Gary Paul D'Amico 100 Rita Annette Gale 106 Sandy Mrozke 201 Karen Love 100 Joseph Riley Sr. 62 Patricia "Pat" Raiter 129 Bob J. Whitelton 101 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of Tribal Appellate Court Judge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Carlson 263 Samuel Cumpson (Kequon) 180 Bill Willis 182 In the Office of the Election Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy S. Brown 442 Tracy Frees 417 Membership Meeting Vote! Please see the website www.lrboi.com under the Tribal Court heading for information regarding the recent Tribal Membership Vote.
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Inside the Rapid River News!

Mezeske to be nominated to Council

Ogema Romanelli has chosen to recommend Elder Sandy Mezeske as his appointment to fill the vacant seat on Tribal Council formerly held by Bob Hardenburgh. The Ogema will be presenting his recommendation to Council at their meeting on Wednesday the 6th of January. Romanelli reported that he had a number of excellent candidates for consideration.

Kettle Hole

On January 4th, 2010, a small ceremony will be conducted on the Tribe's Kettle Hole property to initiate the first phase of the newly formed Forestry Management plan. The goal of the plan is aimed to revegetate our forests away from the Red Pine plantations they cut except a my hardwoods setting. More details will be posted in the next Currents.

Rental Housing Available

The Little River Band Housing Department will have two rental homes for lease at Aki Masidiwini. Construction will be complete and the homes will be available after January 1, 2010. The homes have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basement and two car attached garages.

These homes are market based rentals. Tribal member families are not required to be low income. The homes rent for \$625.00 per month plus utilities. Security/Pet deposits and references are required. Background checks will be conducted, as with all residents at Aki. These homes are not HUD funded homes, therefore, we do not follow HUD guidelines.

Warriors Society updates:

Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department
Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.

Final Report for 2011 Spring Membership Meeting

The Final Report for the 2011 Spring Membership Meeting is forwarded, pursuant to the Election Board Regulations, Chapter 8, section 4b, by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board to the Tribal Ogema and the Speaker of the Tribal Council,

The Election Board certifies the following for the April 9, 2011 Spring General Membership Meeting:

Total Number of Registered Voters: **951**
Number of Registered Voters Required to be Present
Pursuant to Article VII Section 1(a)(3) of the Constitution; 30%: **286**
Number of Registered Voters Confirmed to be Present at the Meeting by the Election Board
Pursuant to Chapter 8 Section 2a of the Election Board Regulations: **292**

The Election Board certifies the total votes cast for each motion for the April 9, 2011 General Membership Meeting is listed below.

Ballot 1:

Amendment to Criminal Procedures Ordinance #03-300-03
Article VIII Trial
8.02 Jury Trial
Motion to remove italicized language.

Any person accused of a crime for which jail is a possible penalty may request a jury trial, upon his or her request made at or before the time of any pre-trial conference. If the prosecutor informs the Tribal Court before the case comes to trial that a jail sentence will not be sought there is no right to a jury trial, if the defendant is convicted of the offense following the bench trial or plea, the Tribal Court may not impose a jail sentence for the offense.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **198**
Total # of Yes votes: **160**
Total # of No votes: **38**

Motion Passed

Ballot 2:

Tribal Council and Ogema must work a 40 hour work week in the office for full time pay or proration will be enforced – Punch Time Clock.

In place of current Legislative recess they would earn one week Legislature recess and two weeks Paid Time Off and Vacation.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **173**
Total # of Yes votes: **146**
Total # of No votes: **27**

Motion Passed

Ballot 3:

Form a Constitutional Convention Committee made up of a male and female tribal member, descended from each of the Nine chiefs. These individuals will be selected by a lottery, verified by Enrollment and maximum number of two from one chief. Constitutional Committee will review every two years. A Constitution Committee Member will be selected for a term of four years.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **154**
Total # of Yes votes: **81**
Total # of No votes: **73**

Motion Passed

Ballot 4:

Motion To Repeal:

TRIBAL COURT ORDINANCE
Ordinance #97-300-01

Section 8.Substantive Law.
8.02. Any matters not covered by the laws or regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa, or by applicable federal laws or regulations, may be decided by the Courts according to the laws of the State of Michigan.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **130**
Total # of Yes votes: **64**
Total # of No votes: **65**
Total # of Spoiled/Under-voted: **1**

Motion Defeated

Ballot 5:

Motion to Amend:
Budget and Appropriations Ordinance
Ordinance #04-100-04

Article V. Tribal Budget Formulation and Transmittal
5.09. Enactment and Execution of Tribal Budget.

Add subparagraph:
g. Tribal Council shall approve all appropriations and expenditures in an open session.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **131**
Total # of Yes votes: **100**
Total # of No votes: **31**

Motion Passed

Ballot 6:

The Tribal Council, Ogema, elected and appointed officials and employees, under the Fair Employment Practices Code will be personally subject to all fines and penalties for violations of HIPPA and confidentiality. The Tribal Council shall amend the Fair Employment Practices Code to include the above violations and penalties.

Total # of Ballots cast for Motion: **107**
Total # of Yes votes: **67**
Total # of No votes: **40**

Motion Passed

The Election Board certifies that this is the Final Report for the April 9, 2011 Spring General Membership Meeting conducted in accordance with Article VII Section 1(a)(3) of the Constitution and Chapter 8 of the Election Board Regulations at which the foregoing six(6) Motions were duly voted upon .



Health Clinic

Contract Health Services

Bob Davis-Director-Ext. 6619
Janice Grant-Ext. 6624
Gina Wright-Ext. 6620
Holly Davis-Ext. 6610
Reception-Ext 6601 or 6600

Location:
LRBOI Health Clinic

Mission Statement

“In the spirit and memory of all our relations who walked before us; We the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Health Services are dedicated toward a healthy community .A community in which all of its members enjoy and benefit from the gifts of medicine provided by the Creator. To help us be better human beings. MenoMushkeke “Good Medicine” that incorporates the integration of Western Medicine with Traditional Indian Medicine. It is the mission of Health Services to further advance the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians community to: An Improved Quality Of Life An Improved Health Status An Increased Life Expectancy

Gdinwindaaganannik All our Relations”

Family Physician, Medical Services, Community Health Resource, Diabetic Education, Health Nursing (Limited Health Benefit Programs) Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service areas Extended Health Assistance Program (EHAP) for outside the 9 county service area

Education

Yvonne Parsons-Coordinator Ext. 6735
Information-Ext 6724

Location:
Admin Buildings

Mission Statement:

“The Education Department strives to encourage academic excellence in the Tribe's Youth, and to provide opportunities and encouragement for Tribal members to further their education through adult, vocational, and higher education programs.”

Programs and Services

Michigan Tuition Waiver
Adult Education
Incentive Grant,
Higher Education Program,
Book Stipend Program
Vocational Education Assistance Program
Activities Assistance,
Senior (High school) Expenses, Drivers Training Assistance and
12th Grade Laptop Computer Program
School Clothing Assistance
Student Services

Family Services

Bill Memberto-Director Ext. 6728
Intake-Ext. 6726

Location:
Admin Buildings & Muskegon Office

Mission Statement:
“The Family Services Department purpose is to provide membership with services designed to assist in the development of self-sufficiency and the improvement of the quality of the life while respecting the individual need of members.”

Programs and Services

Services
Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency
Education and Assistance
Family Counseling
Family Violence Prevention
Notary Services
Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Elder Services
Positive Indian Parenting Programs
Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Consulting

Public Safety

Michael Martin-Director-Ext. 2228
David Deforest-Ext. 2231
Information-Ext 2225
911 Dispatched

Location:
Justice Center

Mission Statement

“The Department will provide for a safe, welcome, and orderly environment for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Community; to defend the sovereignty of the Tribe and the rights of all the people in its jurisdiction; and will provide an ethical people oriented work environment where department members may enjoy their jobs, utilize their talents, respect one another and grow as individuals.”
The Public Safety Department at LRBOI provides many services to its members and the community. We are a full service organization which is responsible for all law enforcement duties. The department has several specialty units aside from the regular patrol responsibilities. We have a K-9 unit; this officer and K-9 are trained to perform drug searches and tracking techniques to serve its members and other law enforcement agencies. We have a detective unit, which conducts investigations on tribal law and federal law violations and a Conservation Enforcement branch for Great Lakes and Inland. These are just a few of the units that are here to help serve the membership and protect the interests of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Be-Da-Bin

Bill Memberto-Director-Ext. 6728
Dottie Batchelder-Ext. 6741

Location:
Admin Buildings

Mission Statement:
“The mission of Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health is to create and maintain a Substance Abuse and Mental Health program for the healing of our Anishinaabek community that embraces the spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental wellness of all we serve. We are committed to path finding a healthier way of life for the Anishinaabek family by providing prevention education, therapy, and aftercare, in order to help our people identify the twelve path markers in their search for sobriety and to develop balance in their emotional health.”

Substance Abuse Services -Outpatient

Traditionally Based Treatment with a Cultural Focus
Screening and Assessment
Diagnostic Impressions
Individual Therapy
Aftercare
Psychological and Physical Effects of Alcohol
Group Therapy
Educational Presentations
Three Fires Teachings
Relapse Prevention

Prevention Services

Preadolescent and adolescent Abstinence and Prevention Interventions
School Outreach Prevention Activities
Educational Presentations
Three Fires Teachings for Healing
Cultural and Traditional Activities
Group Sessions

Mental Health Services - Outpatient

Traditionally Based Treatment with a Cultural Focus
Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis
Individual Adult Therapy
Group Therapy
Didactic Presentations on Mental Health Issues
Stress Reduction Techniques
Three Fires Teachings
Trauma Therapy for Adults and Children

Attention: Tribal Members

This is just a reminder that Tribal Members who are not Registered Voters, can still sign up for future Elections. You can request these forms from the Election Board or from the Enrollment Department.



To ensure continued outreach efforts to tribal citizens for available programs the Members Assistance Department will from time to time post information in the currents.

REACH Program-
Funding is available to assist households with weatherization concerns. The program is available to citizens residing in the 9 County Services Area.

This program is successful in decreasing energy costs and in our current economy energy savings would be helpful to our already low income households. Studies have shown that replacing regular bulbs with energy efficient CFL lighting reduces energy costs by 20%. This is only one portion the program and with a combination of other elements the cost savings for households is tremendous. The REACH program promotes: Energy Smart Bulbs, Weatherization & Education, Energy Smart Appliances, Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors, Fire Extinguishers
The funding for this program will end September 31, 2011.
To request an application, contact the Members Assistance Department

ELDER MEAL PROGRAM –

The elder meals are served four days a week – Monday thru Thursday with a Friday meal being served in the Muskegon Office on the 3rd Friday of each month. The monthly menu is posted in the currents and provided at meal site. Elders may contact the Members Assistance Department for the Intake form to participate in this program. You may also complete the Intake form at the meal site. The program is provided to reduce hunger and food insecurity, Promote socialization of Elders and Promote health and well-being of older individuals and delay adverse health conditions through access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services. There are no income requirements

to participate and spouses and handicap household members residing with elder may attend with Elder at no charge. Please contact the Members Assistance Department or Noelle Cross the Elder Meals Administrator at 231-723-8288 or Toll free 888-723-8288 for the Intake process. The monthly menu is published in the Currents, Rapid River News and posted in each building.

Volunteering your time to assist elders:

To keep costs down The Elder Meal Program relies on volunteer help to assist with meal preparation, activities and clean up, If you would like to volunteer at the meal site please contact Noelle Cross for more information.

Donation & Contributions: The program is required to offer opportunity for our elders to donate and contribute to their meal program. It is not required that you donate the offer of donation assists the program in purchasing food supplies and activities funds. The funding for the program cycle is slightly reduced do to starting a new funding cycle therefore any donation or contribution is greatly appreciated and will assist in ensuring the continued level of service provided this far.

OTHER PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

Programs are available in ALL STATES with the exception of the grant funded programs as noted in program listing.

***Food Assistance Program**

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

-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household

-Household income does not exceed the

income criteria; 175% of the FPIG

-Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

***Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

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

-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household

-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG

-Received a shut off notice from utility vendor

-Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance

-Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

***Emergency Transportation Assistance**

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis.

Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.

-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household

-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG

-Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household

-Vehicle areas in need of repair meet the scope of the program.

Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household.

***Elder Chore Assistance Program**

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members

who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. Elder must be a permanent member of the

household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

The assistance for elder chore services are identified in the categories below;

- Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- Gutter cleaning
- General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
- Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household

***Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

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

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household

-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG

-Received a court ordered eviction or foreclosure notice

-Relocation to affordable housing

-Relocation due to loss of housing due to natural disaster

-Relocation due to substandard housing as documented by an inspector

-If program has been accessed in the past, received a denial from an outside agency for assistance.

-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed program maximum program amount available to prevent or resolve housing crisis.

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

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

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.

-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.

-Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

Individuals who reside outside the 9 county areas and states- LIHEAP is available at the state level. If you are in need assistance, contact your local Department of Health and Human Services for assistance.

ATTENTION TRIBAL ELDERS – LIHEAP – Cooling Assistance LIHEAP Component- Tribal Elders

This is a grant funded component of LIHEAP to provide assistance to Tribal Elders who meet the eligibility requirements, have a medical condition that require air conditioning during hot summer months, are experiencing an energy crisis due to additional energy burden to operate the cooling system and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.

-Medical condition and need for air conditioning must be certified and documented by medical professional.

- Assistance is available May 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2011.

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





Each morning upon rising, and each evening before sleeping, give thanks for: all life, the life within you, the good things the Creator has given you and others, and for the opportunity to grow a little more each day. Consider your thoughts and actions of the past day and seed for the courage and strength to be a better person. Seek those things that will benefit everyone.

Respect: Respect means to feel or show the honor or esteem for someone or something; to consider the well-being of, or to treat someone or something with deference or courtesy. Showing respect is a basic law of life.

Treat every person, from the tiniest child to the oldest Elder, with respect at all times.

Special respect should be given to Elders, parents, teachers, and community Elders.

No person should be made to feel put down by you; avoid hurting others as you would avoid a deadly poison.

Touch nothing that belongs to someone else, especially sacred objects, without permission, or an understanding between you.

Respect the privacy of every person.
Never intrude on a person's quiet moments or personal space.

Never walk between people who are conversing.

Never interrupt people who are conversing.

Speak in a soft voice, especially when you are in the presence of Elders, strangers, or others to whom special respect is due.

Do not speak, (unless invited to do so), at gatherings where Elders are present (except to ask what is expected of you, should you be in doubt).

Never speak about others in a negative way, whether they are present or not.

Treat the earth and all her aspects as your mother.
Show deep respect for the beliefs and religions of others.

Listen with courtesy to what others say, even if you feel what they say is worthless. Listen with your heart.

Respect the wisdom of the people of council.
Once you give an idea in a meeting or to the council, it no longer belongs to you.
It belongs to all people.

Be truthful at all times, under all conditions.

Always treat your guests with honor and consideration.
Give them your best food, blankets, the best part of your service.

The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.

Receive strangers and outsiders with a loving heart and as fellow members of the human race.

All the races and tribes in the world are like the different flowers in one meadow.
All are beautiful.
As children of the Creator, they must all be respected.

To serve others, to be of use to family, community, and nation is one of the main purposes for which human beings have been created.
Do not fill yourself with your own affairs and forget your most important task.
True happiness comes only to those who dedicate their lives to the service of others.

Observe moderation and balance in all things.

Know those things that lead to your well being, and those that lead to your destruction.

Listen to, and follow, the guidance given to your heart.

--reprinted from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians *Frontier*, April 1997 and February 1998

Brit scores again!



The tribal K9 Officer 'Brit' and his handler TPD Officer Craig Mayo literally came to the rescue recently in the Dickson Township part of Manistee County.

Michigan State Police requested that the tribal K9 unit help in the search for a missing 78 year old male who had walked away from the Cedar Ridge facility. Upon arrival at the scene, no footprints were found but it was believed that the missing man had walked down one of the roadways...but which direction did he take? That was the question.

After searching for over a mile, a set of footprints were finally discovered and Brit was on the trail. He followed the tracks towards the town dump station and then into the woods leading south east of the station. Before long, Brit found the man lying in knee deep snow.

The gentleman was found to be alert and coherent and without obvious injury. The two officers helped him to his feet and assisted him in walking out to a two-track so that the Dickson Rescue/Firefighters could take him out of the woods the rest of the way. Once clear of the scene, they transported the man back to the facility where he was treated for exposure.

Officer Mayo and Britt make up one of the most highly regarded K9 units in the state of Michigan and they are regularly requested to help out. As a unit they train constantly and bring a level of professionalism to the tribe that is greatly appreciated and admired.

Kathy Sam's New House!

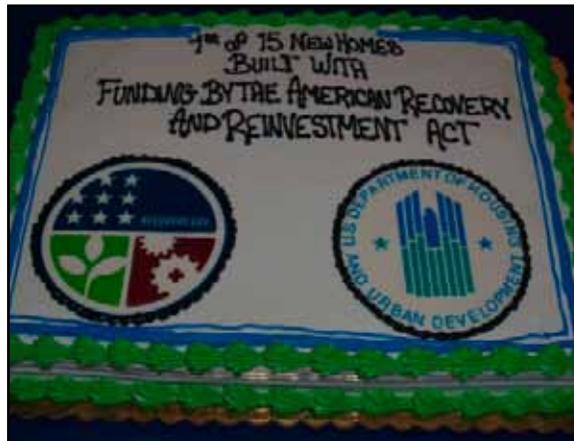
Tribal Member Kathy Sam was recently welcomed to her new home, the first built under ARRA funds by the Ogema, Tribal Council and other officials at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. Other units are under construction at this time.



Kathy cuts the ribbon



Kathy Sam's new duplex at Aki Maadiziwin



Ogema Romanelli addressed the group



Jim Medacco Robert Memberto, Chuck Fisher were all instrumental in this program



Housing Director Frank Figgels spoke about the program



Jonnie "Jay" Sam blessed the home

Thank you
The world's a better place because of people like you
I appreciate your kindness more than words can say.
The very nice thing you did for me made my day!!
Thank you for the house-warming presents, the blessing of my new home,
and for sharing your love and kindness with me on my special day.
Thank you all so much!!!
Kathy Sam

Photos by: Martha Howell
and Glenn Zaring
Currents Staff

Information sharing critical in Indian Country

At the recent United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Lansing, one subject addressed by the assembled tribal leaders was the State of Michigan's request for tribal representation on the Homeland Security Information Council. The leadership approved representation which will come through the office of the sitting president of the United Tribes. At this time, that is Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema, Larry Romanelli who is in the 2nd year of his 4 year term.

This action is just one more step in information sharing that will help to secure both our tribal lands and the entire country. What is good news for tribal nations is that the State and Federal Governments are now interested in involving them and making opportunities available.

This move forward to involve the tribes was further highlighted in this recent article from Indian Country today, where the former Public Safety Director for Little River led an important fusion center conference.

(INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY - By Carol Berry, March 18, 2011 – DENVER)—

A Fusion Conference: Not about fashion or music trends or nuclear physics

but maybe a sign of the future for Indian country.

Despite occasional skepticism, some tribes coordinate crime and hazard information through 71 National Fusion Centers, many of them located on or near reservations nationwide.

"Threats could be anywhere," including on tribal lands, said Joseph J. LaPorte, of the [Little River Band of Ottawa Indians](#), Michigan, who is senior tribal advisor for Information Sharing Environment. He and Gary Van Horn, assistant

director of the [Office of Law Enforcement and Security](#), Department of the Interior, were interviewed as they attended the National Fusion Center Conference March 15-17.

State and major urban area fusion centers are owned and operated by state and local entities to receive, analyze and share threat-related information among their partners, including tribes. They receive tips and suspicious activity reporting from local agencies and the public in an "evolving threat environment," notes conference material.

"It's very important for Indian country to be included in the information-sharing environment," La Porte said. "Without this sharing, a gap is created and we all know that gaps are exploited by those with evil intentions. The sooner we close that gap, share information and collaborate, the better off we are as a nation."

Some tribes have been wary of the fusion process, although an unspecified number of others are participating in the information-sharing program and have done so since its inception about five or six years ago, Van Horn said.

Borders are obvious areas of concern, LaPorte and Van Horn said, including territory of the [Blackfeet Nation](#) in Montana, whose border, among others', adjoins Canada, and tribal areas along the border with Mexico, where some of 400,000 yearly crossings take place.

A fusion center in Arizona supported a five-month investigation led by a tribal partner, the [Tohono O'odham Nation](#) Police Department, which, with the [BIA Division of Drug Enforcement](#), apprehended 10 suspects and cocaine, marijuana, and ecstasy, in the largest drug enforcement operation in the tribe's history, according to conference material.

"With respect to border security on tribal lands, it's not about putting people shoulder-to-shoulder along the border, it's putting people in the right places to interdict the threats—and that effort will be through intelligence-led policing and using the information being shared with fusion centers," Van Horn said.

Generally, the emphasis is not solely on terrorism-related issues but on crime itself on Indian lands, they said.

"We need government-to-government relationships for effective information-sharing," said LaPorte. "Ninety-five percent of what takes place in fusion centers is not terrorism-related. It's local crime. Some tribes have engaged—we have tribal liaison officers in fusion centers. Others are joining now."

Tribal nations can benefit from information related to all hazards—natural disasters, environmental crime and transient crime—because fusion centers use an "all-hazards approach to sharing information" and work closely with the FBI, [Department of Homeland Security](#), and other branches of government, Van Horn said.

"The situation in Indian country is this," LaPorte said. "It's how to share information. Information is proprietary information to individual tribes; how they share and set it up is up to them."

The conference supported the "ultimate goal of establishing an integrated national network of state and major urban area fusion centers" and was sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, FBI, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and others.

Blue Pinwheels for Prevention



Are you wondering what the blue pinwheels mean in front of various Tribal Buildings? Family Services and Be Da Bin's newly formed Prevention Team took part in the National campaign Pinwheels for Prevention which recognizes April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month. On April 4, 2011 the prevention team invited the community to plant pinwheel gardens at 3 locations to our support and participation with Pinwheels for Prevention. We would like to say Miigwech to folks from Education, Contract Health, and Utilities that helped and a Chi Miigwech to Kathy Sam, La'saria Austin, Martha Howell, Kim Lange, Kay'brie Lange, and Dawn Novitski. If you would like more information on how to become involved or the campaign contact Tony Russel or Melissa Sharlow at 231.723.8288.



New HR Employee 'Todd' Keway



Welcome aboard to our newest team member in Human Resources.

Meet 'Todd' Keway our Human Resources Generalist who has over eight years of diverse work experience in compensation structures, twelve years as an accomplished recruiter, benefits administration, employee relations, and conflict resolution. He has a professional certification in Human Resources and holds a Bachelor of Science degree.

Todd has worked as an HR Manager of the Grand Traverse Resort and Casinos, and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians as their HR Recruiter.

Todd is a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and currently lives near Interlochen and has a 7 year old son Noah whom he says occupies lots of his free time, but loves it.

Tribal Manager in Place!



On April 18th, Tribal member Jessica Burger took over the reins as Tribal Manager for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Burger issued a statement that said in part, "I am Jessica Burger, Tribal Manager, and it is a great pleasure to return to my home community after working the past 20.5 months in Washington, DC for the National Indian Health Board. I am very hopeful that the organizational experience I have gained during my time working at NIHB will be of benefit to our People and the Tribal Organization as a whole. While in Washington, DC, I served as the Legislative Director, Deputy Director and National Liaison for HITECH Implementation for NIHB, working on several legislative and policy issues, some of them moving to fruition as positive outcomes for Native Americans. It was rewarding to be a small part of those processes."

Jessica spent 9 years working for the Tribe in the capacity of Tribal Health Director, prior to working for NIHB. During her tenure as LRBOI Health Director, she was appointed to the Board of Directors for NIHB, representing the Bemidji Area (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota). She has been a tireless voice for Little River Band and Indian Country, advocating for the improvement of health care delivery, a federal Indian trust responsibility, for Native American/Alaska Native peoples.

Jessica is married to Fred and they have three daughters; Chelsea Bromley, a graduate of the University of Michigan, Olivia Burger, working in the office of Michigan Senator John Gleason (D-27th District) and Isabel Burger, who attends the Manistee Middle School.

New IT Employee Julie Mitchell



Tribal member Julie D. Mitchell has joined the tribal government's IT department. She is originally from Muskegon and graduated from Muskegon High School.

Julie has worked in the IT field over 17 years, pioneering and implementing the helpdesk concept. She worked in the capacity of helpdesk analyst, consultant, and IT Technician. In December 2009, she moved to Manistee and started her employment with Little River Casino Resort's Information Technology team as an IT Technician. She says, "Thanks to their encouragement, I am here today!" Julie has 2 wonderful children, Logan and Breanne. Her son lives in Manistee and her daughter is stationed in Alaska, and she will return to Manistee soon when her husband deploys to Afghanistan.

Julie adds that, "I am a LRBOI tribal member and it's an honor to be able to bring my experience 'home' to assist our People and to enjoy being a part of the community and culture with my children."



**“And the winner for BEST HORROR SCREENPLAY is ...(opening envelope)
...HOMUNCULUS, written by AUSTEN BRAUKER!”**



This award was won on April 18th, 2011, at the LOVE Unlimited International Film Festival in Los Angeles.

Austen did a 15 page reading at the Beyond Baroque Theater in Venice California, where he walked down the red carpet and was presented with his trophy. After giving a short acceptance speech, thanking his wife, his family and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, his tribe back home in Michigan, he was led off stage. He was ushered out a door and greeted with cameras and bright lights, where each category winner was interviewed and photographed.

“It was all quite surreal.” said Austen. “I wanted to laugh because it was like something I had watched other people doing on television, but this time it was me.”

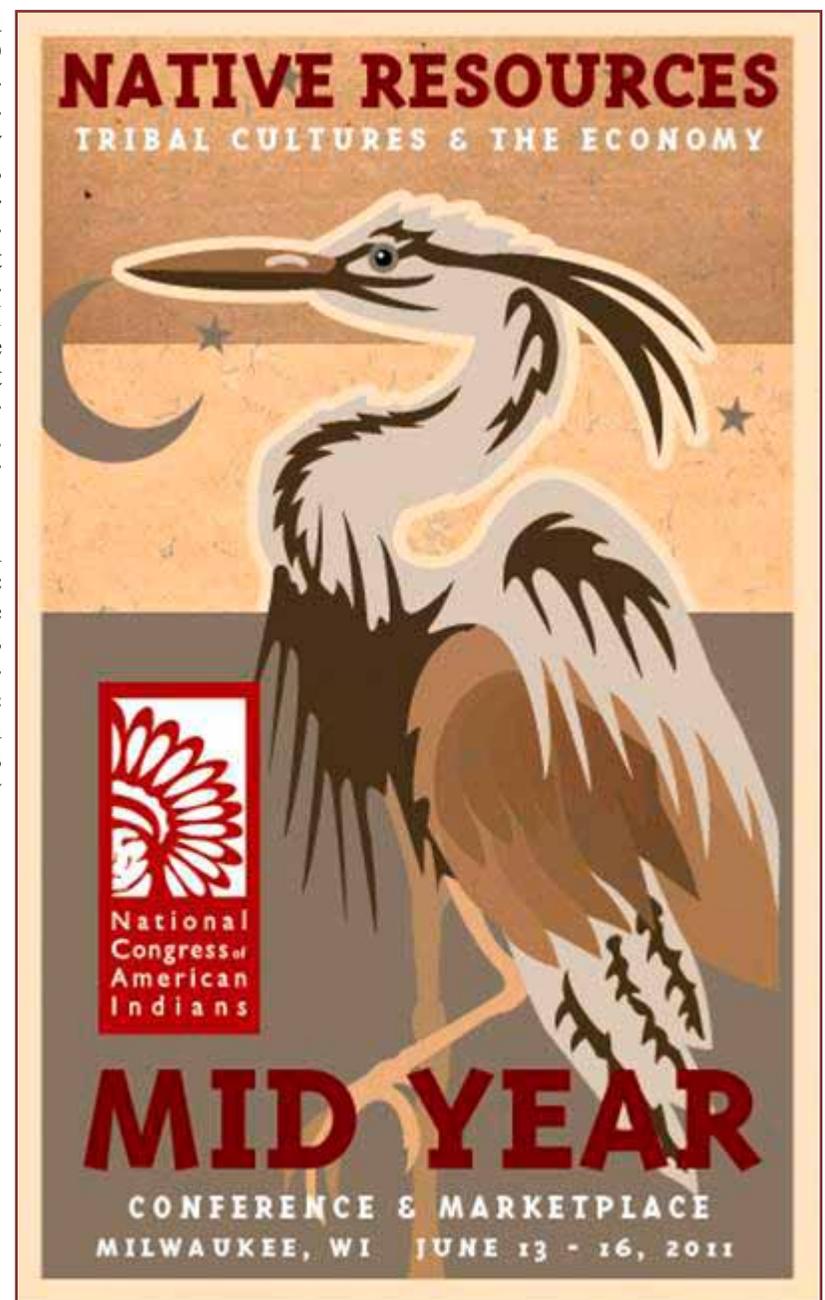
Austen wore a Native American styled vest and a bone choker to the event.

“Yeah. I knew I couldn’t compete with those L.A. types with their fancy clothing, and if I tried to, I would just end up looking silly. So I just went dressed as an Indian.” (laughs) “Which was funny, ‘cause I am one, right.” (laughs again) “But what is most funny is that I decided not to shave so I’m up there lookin’ all back-woods northern Michigan. I think it worked though. I really stood out from everyone else, and that’s what really matters out there in la la land. You have to get people’s attention. Everyone within arms reach is an actor, a writer, a director or a musician, so, you have to be the one that people notice. Then, after I got done with the reading, which was really cool, because only one other person besides me was asked to read, a guy taps me on the shoulder and says he wants to talk to me. Turns out I got an agent outta the deal.”

When asked what his plans are now, Austen replied “Well, it’s funny, because even though I won this award for HOMUNCULUS, which is a horror screenplay, my other one called WHITE BUFFALO is the one that I’m seri-

ously working on. It was picked up for production by WILD HORSE FILMS which is a company owned by a Navajo producer and director named Tony Estrada. WHITE BUFFALO is more of a feel good family movie, with a really uplifting positive ending. Tony wants to shoot it here on site in Michigan, using actors from our own tribe. I have been talking to him on the phone and we’re working out the details. Both of these screenplays are set here in Michigan, in Benzie and Manistee Counties, along hwy M-22.”

Austen Brauker has also written and released a full length music CD of 25 original songs that are a soundtrack to the characters and scenes from HOMUNCULUS. He writes all the music and lyrics, and records it all on a home studio. Both screenplays and the music CD are currently available at the Casino gift shop.



Winning Artwork for the National Contest for N.C.A.I. 2011 Annual Conference Logo
(National Congress of the American Indian)
by Austen Brauker.



Bakakwenh Naboo

(Chicken Soup)

Is so good for you



It is also a forum where you can ask the questions that you have always wanted to ask. Bakakwenh Naboo will answer your questions about Anishinaabek culture, traditional teachings, relationship building, and general advice. There might even be some wisdom here and there for you. No question is too obscure for Bakakwenh Naboo to try to answer.

So, Shake an egg and send your questions to: csoup@lrboi-nsn.gov

This column is open to all Tribal Members and Descendants.
Those who ask a question will have their names changed to protect their privacy.
Note: You can make up our own name or Bakakwenh Naboo will come up with an appropriate moniker for you.

Bakakwenh Naboo Questions

Question 1.

Q Heart Beat asks: What does the drum represent?

When is it used?

Does a drummer get paid for the ceremony?

A. Bakakwenh Naboo says: The drum represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth; it is also said, by those who say, the drum is also the heartbeat of the people, and as long as we can hear the beat of the drum, Anishinaabek traditions will continue.

The drum is used in Ceremonies and at Jiingtamok. There are many kinds of drums, and drums for different ceremonies, and gathering. The two most common are the Big Drum (PowWow Drum) and the Hand Drum.

Drummers do not get paid, what they get is an honorarium. (The people who have requested the drum decide what they can, or want to give as a gift. The minimum respectful "payment" to the drum is a gift of semaa.)



Relay for Life Benefit Softball Tournament

June 11 & 12, 2011

Start time 8:30 am

**First Street Beach Ball Field
Manistee, MI**

Entry Fee: \$125 per team & 2 softballs

Coed teams are welcome to participate!

**To register your team, please contact
Kent Sievert at 231-510-4469.**

**Hosted by: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
"Moccasin Walkers" Relay for Life Team**

**Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer
Society's Relay for Life**





Crop Out Cancer

Relay for Life Benefit Scrapbook Crop

Saturday, June 18, 2011

10 am—10 pm

Little River Aki Tribal Community Center

3953 Shaw Be Quo Ung, Manistee, MI

(off of Dontz Rd. near Switalski Rd.)

Cost: \$25 per 8-foot table or \$20 to share a table

**Cost includes lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages, free
make 'n take class, door prizes, and contests!**

We will also have several great raffle prizes!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Pre-registration and payment is required. Please mail
your payment to: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,**

Attn: THP, 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660.

**For questions, please contact Valerie Chandler at
231-398-6895 or email vchandler@lrboi.com.**

**If you would like to donate food or snacks, please feel free
to do so—it certainly would be appreciated!**

**Sponsored by: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
"Moccasin Walkers" Relay for Life Team**



This was much easier for me to agree to, and so a date was agreed upon and on a cold dreary morning in March, I lead the film crew down to a section of the Manistee River that is very significant to us.

The big bend in the river provided a great backdrop to the shoot. The film crew asked a number of questions during the two hour shoot ranging from forest sustainability to restoration of entire the ecosystem as a whole.

Despite the cold weather, feet getting soaked on the shore of the River, the Manistee Road crew patching asphalt into potholes along River Road with the annoying “clang-clang-clang” of their steel shovels, I still found it a great time to highlight the Tribal perspective on how important the forest is to our people, how collaboration with partners like the Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife and a variety of special interest groups has really enhanced our ability to accomplish so much as a Tribal Community for today and for generations to come.

I also felt honored to be able to offer a hand drum song on that cold yet beautiful morning along the River, being thankful for all that is bestowed upon us and all that is yet to come. So regardless where you might live in the world as one of our Tribal Citizens, if you happen to be walking through Walmart and catch a glimpse of me on the 50” big screen TV, at least you’ll have the story as to how I got there.

Miigwetch for listening!

Jimmie Mitchell



Teamwork

I am writing you today to acknowledge the efforts of Connie Lindsay, Surveillance Supervisor at the casino. I received a call from Connie informing me that one of our kiosk machines were down and guests were backed up in line. She told me where the kiosk was so we could address the issue to provide the BEST guest service to our patrons.

Teamwork is defined as “a joint action by a group of people, in which each person subordinates his or her individual interests and opinions to the unity and efficiency of the group.” Connie has displayed just that in her individual duties in Surveillance as well as contributing to the success of the resort by assisting with guest related issues as stated above.

Connie is a true asset to the Little River TEAM and should be commended on her efforts.

Sincerely,
Chad Eckhardt
Guest Services Manager
Little River Casino Resort
2700 Orchard Hwy.
Manistee MI 49660



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Parenting Class Comes to Muskegon in June

Positive Indian Parenting:
Honoring Our Children
By Honoring our Traditions

LRBOI Family Services Department will again be offering Positive Indian Parenting class once a week in Muskegon beginning June 22nd through August 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Muskegon Tribal office. The class is for Indian parents or anyone caretaking an Indian child.

The eight-week curriculum which was developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association provides a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents. The goals of the program are to help Indian parents explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Indian child-rearing practices, and to apply them to modern parenting skills, and develop positive attitudes, values and skills that have roots in their cultural heritage.

For hundreds of years, Indian parents were guided by traditions that never left parenting to chance. These traditions were passed from one generation to the next. Positive Indian Parenting is based in the idea that many present-day Indian parents have been deprived of the right to learn positive parenting traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation. Through forced assimilation, removal to boarding schools, and forced foster placement and adoption programs, traditional parenting practices were lost or weakened. This curriculum taps into the power of culture, identity and belonging, giving Indian parents a positive standard of behavior to emulate and a number of basic skills to express their values.

Included in the eight sessions are:

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

Free!



The class incorporates traditional Anishinabe components such as smudging, prayers in the Anishnabe language, Seven Grandfather teachings, the talking feather, and giveaways.

There is free and a light supper will be provided, as well as weekly gifts for participants. Call to inquire about child care. For more information or to register for the class please stop by Family Service office at 1101 W. Hackley (corner of Hackley and Barclay), or contact: Kathy Lagerquist 231-398-6705 or Shelly Kequam 231-398-6707

Free!

*All children are gifts from the Creator.
They help us find out who and what we are as human beings.*

Free!



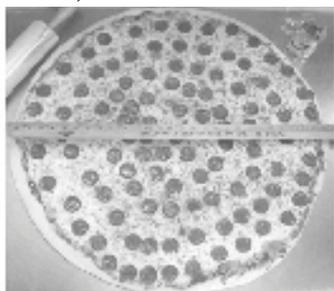
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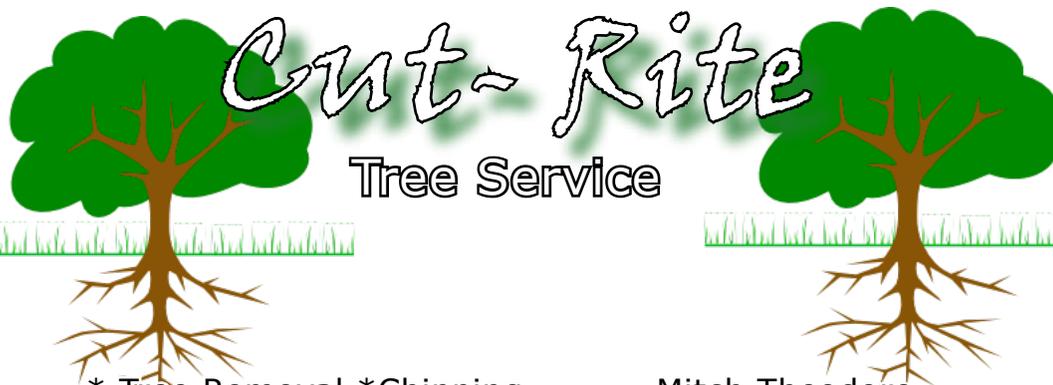
Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.

Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.

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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
Civilian dress to
the address below

WARRIORS SOCIETY

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

Congrats to the Member's Assistance Department!!

The Grants Department is proud to announce that it is has been notified that our application to the Administration on Aging for the Elder Meal Program, Nutritional Services and Caregiver Support Program has been approved and funded. New this year is the approval of the Caregiver Support Program. The 5 component services that will be available under the Caregiver Services Program are as follows:

1. Information: Group services, including public education, provision of information at community meetings, health fairs, and other similar meetings; mass media, including articles and notices in Tribal newspapers and newsletters and radio and TV announcements.
2. Assistance: Individual one-on-one contact for the purpose of linking the family caregiver with opportunities and services that are available, and when possible, ensuring that the family caregiver receives the services by establishing adequate follow-up.
3. Counseling/Support Groups/Training: Provision of advice, guidance and instruction about options and methods for providing support to family caregivers in an individual or group setting.
4. Respite: Temporary, substitute supports or living arrangements to provide a brief period or relief or rest for family caregivers who are caring for a frail elder. It can be in the form of in-home respite care, adult day care respite, or institutional respite for an overnight stay on an intermittent, occasional, or emergency basis. A frail elder is defined as unable to perform at least two ADL's or have a cognitive or other mental impairment requiring substantial supervision.
5. Supplemental Services: Other services for a frail elder, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by family caregivers.



G. Chip DiPiazza 3/10/03

Can you forgive your Father?

Can you forgive your Father For not being there when you needed him?

For being there when you didn't want him there?

Can you forgive your Father For not hugging you when you needed a hug?

For giving you a hug when you didn't need one?

Can you forgive your Father For not saying I love when you needed it?

For saying I love you when you couldn't hear it.?

Can you forgive your Father For punishing you when you did something dumb?

For being dumb and punishing you?

Can you forgive your Father For not hearing you when you said something important?

For not listening when he said something important?

Can you forgive your Father For thinking you are smarter than him?

For knowing he was?

Save The Date

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Be-Da-Bin

10th Annual Wellness Walk

Wenesh pii: Saturday July 2, 2011
 Aanni pish: Three Fires Conference Center (Bodweadamiinh Room)
 Registration: opens 8:00 AM
 Breakfast served at 8:30am
 Walk: starts 10:00 am
Everyone Welcom
Lets walk for wellness

We are celebrating the 10th Annual Walk of our community, along with annual Jiingtamok. So join us for opening ceremony at 8:00am, followed by breakfast buffet. We will be walking to the gathering grounds and having a giveaway in the dance circle. T-shirts for the first 125 registered walkers. Join in this celebration to promote sobriety and wellness within our community. If you have any further questions, please call me at 1-888-723-8288 ext 6740, Julie Wolfe, Prevention Specialist.

Congrats Grads!



High school graduates:

Teaira Adams	Alana Eves	Arlyse Moore
Joshua Burton	Emily Jones	Barry Shelder
Jessica Ceplina	Thressa LaHaye	Rackuelle Solis
Sarah Crampton	Nicholas Lee	Justine Sourie
Brittany Dutton	Lesea Loney	James Theodore
	Jacob McCabe	Sierra Wabindato

William Wilson
 Raven Lewis
 Victoria Cortinas Cortez

College graduates:

These students are finished this semester, and if haven't finished quite yet, will do so before the end of this summer, so I'd like to include them as well. Also because not every graduating college student lets us know they are graduating, if you could put something with it that says something about congratulating these students and any others we may have missed.

Talia Hutson
 Gwen Antoine
 Alexis Kitter



Bernie Ware talks to Tribal members about the importance of using quality compost made from organic materials.

Story & Photos by:
Martha Howell
Currents Staff



The gardening seminar sponsored by the LRBOI Diabetes Education Program on April 16 at Aki Maadwaziin was a huge success.

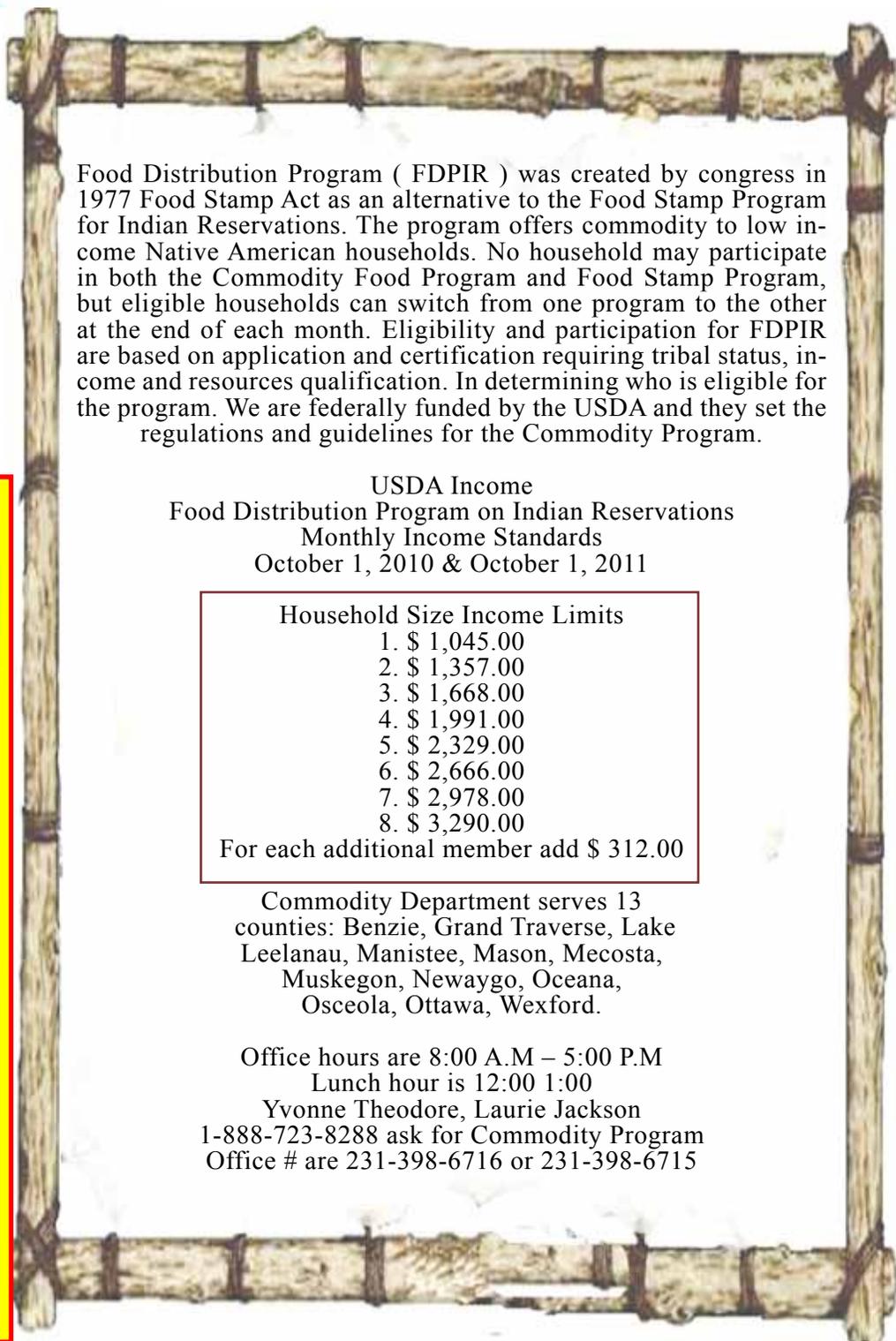
Kathy LeBlanc of Bay Mills Community College retold the traditional story of corn and spoke about how food is sacred to the Native people. She explained how to prepare a garden for planting in a spiritual way and how to use positive energy to help grow the crops.

Tom Volkema discussed his simple technique on growing vegetables in plastic tubs which can be used on patios for apartment dwellers and people lacking space for gardens.

Bernie Ware gave an interesting power point presentation on his organic shiitake mushroom growing business. Joe Wave wrapped up the afternoon seminar by building a hoop house inside the community center.



Joe Wave demonstrates how to build a hoop house for less than \$100.



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
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

YARD SALE

**Aki maadiziwin
Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale
Memorial Week-end
May 26, 27 & 28, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Furniture, Household items, Clothes, Toys & so much more!!

Watch for signs!!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians invites you to the 18th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language/Culture Camp



Celebrating the unity of our language and culture. Bring your nation flag and a gift for the giveaway. Meals are provided and there is no registration fee.

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Manistee Mi.

Wenesh pii
July 29, 30, 31, 2011

Some presentations are: Cultural teachings, language learning, pipe teachings, natural medicines, drum making, hoop dancing, flute playing, basket making, hide tanning and games. These presentations and workshops are for all ages. We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp. These presentations will be in both English and Anishinaabemowin.



First come, first serve for the camping area. This great event will take place at the corner of M22 and US 31 across from the Casino. There are showers on site.

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation and the Little River Casino Resort

For more information please contact
Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant
kpheasant@lrboi.com
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2011 Black Bear Permit Application



The Natural Resource Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Black Bear permits for the 2011 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to:
LRBOI—Natural Resources Dept. 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 or call Natural Resources Department.

Application due by 5 pm
May 31, 2011
Questions or Comments
please call:
866-723-1594

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a black bear permit.

Drawing will be June 4, 2011 at the new Community Center at Aki

Need not be present to be selected

2011 Black Bear Permit Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone : _____ Tribal ID # _____ Elder: _____

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2011 Elk Permit Application

Application due by 5 pm
May 31, 2011
Questions or Comments please call:
866-723-1594

The Natural Resource Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Elk permits for the 2011 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to: LRBOI—Natural Resources Dept. 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 or call Natural Resources Department.

Drawing will be June 4, 2011 at the new Community Center at Aki

You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a Elk permit.

Need not be present to be selected



2011 Elk Permit Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone : _____ Tribal ID # _____ Elder: _____



Congrats to Carl Stone Jr.

The Little River Casino Resort management would like to offer congratulations to Tribal Member



Happy Birthday
Nicole Kopp
Rod Mathews
Kevin King

MEDACCO REUNION

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36-45 salads,casserole's, pastas
46-elders deserts
kids games
raffles
adults games
white elephant auctions
Contact Rick Medacco for any questions
231-206-5137
Please RSVP by 8-1-11
all proceeds will go toward next years party

Happy Fathers Day

Bruce King



Congrats to Hannah Sandel for making the honor roll!

Congrats!



Congratulations to Mathew Sandel for making GREAT improvements in his grades!

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Niibin (summer)
Youth Day Camp



**When: Monday July 11, 2011-Friday July 22, 2011
(no weekends) 8 a.m.-4p.m.**

**Where: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Pow-Wow grounds**

Open to Tribal children and descendants age 8-14

Campers will learn activities and eating habits to support a healthy lifestyle

*** Daily field trips and many crafts**

*** Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided**

*** Come join us for hours of fun and lessons to share**

There is no cost for this camp which is provided by Special Diabetes Program Initiatives

You must pre-register your child. All permission slips and paperwork must be completed prior to the first day of camp

Space is limited. To sign up and receive the registration packet contact a Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629 or Holly Davis 231-398-6610



In loving memory from the family of Richard Douglas Drake Who passed MaY 30 2010
YOU ARE VERY SADLY MISSED.
Your memory is always in our hearts.with love.

In memory love: your mother Cinthia Drake and Richard Drake
And Sister and Brother nieces and nephews.

Joyce Jeanette Purchase



“There is no death, only a changing of worlds.”

Native American Prayer

I give you this one thought to keep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond that glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripen grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand by my grave and weep,

I am with you still- I do not sleep.

Joyce Jeanette Purchase of Luther, passed away April 1st at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded with love by her husband, family and friends. Joyce was proud of her Native American heritage and she had a great respect for all who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

Joyce was born March 31st, 1948 in Reed City, Michigan to Claude and Alice (Pete) Moore of Luther. She was also the granddaughter or Mitchell and Gertie (Memberto) Pete and Sherman and Minnie Moore.

Joyce leaves behind her husband, Dennis Purchase, her daughter Gwen Purchase, and the light of her life, her granddaughters, Joselyn and Jada of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She also leaves behind a brother, Sherman (Felisa) Moore of Bear Lake, Michigan, sisters Linda (Hank) Hoover, Marcella (Dick) Leusby of Luther, Michigan and Christine Moore of Manistee, Michigan. Joyce also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews who all loved her very much.

Joyce is preceded in death by her mother, father, grandparents, brothers Oscar Moore, Van Moore and Clifford Moore, and sisters Hazel Foster and Nina Rockinger.

We love you Joycie,

Your Family

Bereavement Fund Information

The Tribal Council established in 2002 “The Bereavement Benefit Program.” This is a tribally sponsored Bereavement Benefit for all Members of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Bereavement Benefit is established at \$7,500. This Program is administered by the Enrollment Department.

This is a reminder from the Enrollment Department, that if you do not have the Notarized Bereavement Form on file or are not sure if you have filed one with the Enrollment Department please call us at 1-231-398-6720. The Enrollment Department can either send you a form to fill out or let you know if you have one on file.

Please remember in the event that a Tribal Member has not filed a Beneficiary Form, distribution of funds shall be determined by the Tribal Court.

Currents

You can find this and many other issues at lrboi.com

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Ode' mini-Giizis (Strawberry Moon)
June 2011 vol.8 Issue 6



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Kwewok Circle

Looking for Miss LRBOI Princess Contestants 2011

Requirements to apply
Age 13-18

Single, no dependents

Full regalia

Must have knowledge of
customs and traditions,
will have to write a short
Bio about yourself.

Share goals, ambitions,
education, family ,your
interest and hobbies

Must be Little River or
a descendent

For information on how
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231-398-6724

Miss LRBOI Katie Crawford 2010



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Calling all Princesses!



If you or a family member have been one of our Little River Princesses over the years, please contact the Kwewok Circle so that we may have current contact information. Our circle is planning on honoring our Princesses and we need to know how to get in touch with them.

CENSUS 2010

Be sure to let the Office of Public Affairs know if you indicated 'Little River Ottawa' on the 2010 Census. We are trying to determine if the reported census figures are accurate. Either call the office, e-mail or write us a letter or card indicating how many in your family were listed as 'Little River Ottawa.'

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