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LRBOI Jiingtamok 2011



Record number of dancers, drums and visitors turn out for the annual Pow Wow at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. See the article and pictures beginning on page 12

Indian Village Camp a Success!

Indian Village Camp

FIRST CAMP SESSION A SUCCESS!

By Austen Brauker

The first session of Indian Village Camp took place in June. There were seven participants. They stayed in dome shaped wigwam style lodges for four days and three nights. They cooked their own food over an open fire and gathered as a group in the long house for various teaching segments which included stories from elders, wilderness survival lessons, plant identification, talking circles and educational presentations about caring for nature.

Pat Wilson greeted the participants and talked about traditional concepts and applying them to our lives in a good way. Jay Sam presented a cultural workshop in the talking circle format where participants were able to ask questions and receive answers about topics they were most interested in. Mary Holgren taught a nature segment about different indigenous species and shared ideas about conservation and ecological diversity. Jim Miller showed them how to build a fire with the bow drill and then taught another segment where participants made cedar bark containers laced with spruce roots. Yvonne Parsons participated as an adult leader and was a part of our talking circle sharing time. One of the highlights of the evening was a thunder storm that lit up the southern sky over the bayou. Everyone set up chairs on the hilltop and watched the distant light show. The next night I was able to call a barred owl in to the camp. It flew to a tree about a hundred feet away from where we were and called back at us over and over. We talked about owls and their hunting adaptations such as night vision and silent flight. Some other segments included building an emergency survival shelter, or debris hut, out of materials found in the woods. Elders Shirley Brauker and Rita Gale shared some of their life experience during talking circles. I would like to personally thank all of those who participated, both youth and adults. I would also like to thank Martha Howell for taking photos and Clayton Cline for helping during the cedar bark container class. The next camp session is scheduled for July 21-24.

I would like to clarify that participants need not be involved with the courts to participate in this program. It is up to parents or guardians to decide if this program would be of benefit to their own kids. We are following the guidelines of the grant which includes "at-risk" participants, which would likely include anyone who is a tribal member or descendant, due to numerous statistics which state that Indian youth are at a high percentage to be involved in negative or high risk situations in life, such as exposure to drinking and drugs, being victims of crimes, being involved in gangs or being incarcerated or institutionalized, among a long list of things. We are leaving the ultimate decision up to parents and guardians to decide what constitutes being "at-risk." There will be a third session in August and a fourth session in September.



Shirley Brauker and Rita Gale



Pat Wilson



Austen Brauker



For more information, contact Pat Wilson at the Peacemaking Probation Department, 231-398-2239. Or, e-mail gwilson@lrboi.com. Miigwetch.

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Princess Josephine Pete



Josephine Pete was chosen as the 2011 Miss LRBOI Princess at a Kwewok Dinner and Celebration before the Jiingtamok. See her letters and pictures on page 11

United League of Indigenous Nations



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has joined other tribes in signing the Treaty of the United League of Indigenous Nations. See the story on page 5



Aanii:

Summer is flying by unfortunately. Our 2011 Jiingtamok was held on July 2nd and 3rd and I want to thank Jay Sam and his crew for doing another fine job putting it all together. The weather was fine and the pow wow was well attended. My sources tell me that Jay was also a Grand Marshall in Manistee's Forest Festival Parade. Our tribal float also won "Best Overall Theme". Miigwetch.

At our Pow Wow a new Little River Princess was chosen; Josephine Pete is our newest princess. I want to thank our outgoing Princess, Katie Crawford who did an excellent job of representing our Tribe this past year. Through her work I believe that our tribe needs to give more support in the future. These Princesses are our youth Ambassadors. Good luck Josephine. I want to thank the Kwewok Circle for their support of our LRBOI Princess.

On August 6th directly after the Elder's Meeting, I will be holding an informal informational meeting to answer questions from citizens. Approximately from 2PM to 5PM. I have invited Tribal Council and will give them equal time to answer. It will be held at the Aki Community Center which has limited space. I will hold this meeting on a trial basis to see if maybe we can hold every year. I will ask for courtesy and respect but hope to answer as many questions as possible. Please remember space is limited but we will try and accommodate as many as possible.

Mack Brushman is now videotaping Tribal Council Meetings on a trial basis. Hopefully we can eventually begin to post them shortly after the meeting. Mack is also looking at the possibility of live-streaming these meetings like we do our Membership Meetings.

Casino revenues are down from last year and we are holding a series of meetings to address the issue. The Casino has given the tribal government new projections for the rest of 2011.

REMEMBER: "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today, it's already tomorrow in Australia."

Joint Governmental Meeting

Eight representatives of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribal government took part in a Joint Governmental Meeting held at the end of June. The 50+ attendees represented the various townships and communities which are around Manistee Lake and also included the Manistee County Commissioners. The 2 hour evening meeting was held at the Ramsdell Theatre, Hardy Center. Tribal Council was represented by Councilor Virg Johnson and the Executive Branch was represented by Ogema Larry Romanelli along with other directors including Robert Memberto from Commerce, Jimmie Mitchell from Natural Resources and Glenn Zaring from Public Affairs. Also attending were Natural Resources staff members Frank Beaver, Rochelle Rollenhagen and Grants Writer Melissa Waitner.

Both the Federal and State Governments are making a concerted effort to promote cooperation among different municipalities for the dwindling support (Grant) funds that are still available and this meeting was a regional effort to support that cooperation.

The attendees came up with a number of areas of shared governance that would help with everything from consolidating Public Safety (such as EMS, Fire and some Law Enforcement) to shared purchasing so that lower prices on supplies could be negotiated and benefit everyone. The subjects will be pared down to a few manageable ones and then workgroups from the governments will start the process of seeing just what can be done in the largely unprecedented cooperation between differing governments.

The meeting was facilitated by former Manistee Mayor Cyndy Fuller who is now leading the Manistee Area Alliance for Economic Success, the former Economic Development branch of the Chamber of Commerce.

Our Contribution to the Community

Last month, the Revenue Sharing Board held their regularly scheduled meeting and handed out a record 35 grants for \$886,198. That money was from the Little River Casino Resort and is part of our compact agreement with the state that allows the tribe to have the casino. These grants were primarily for public safety, school and health care support. Here are just some of the grants:

- Onekama Fire Dept. \$18k for fire safety gear
- Road Commission \$10k for safety gear such as traffic cones, barricades and reflective jackets
- \$10k to buy 300 street signs in the county
- \$50k for a medical/wild land fire truck for Stronach Township
- \$10k to Maple Grove Township for a thermal imaging camera
- \$38k to Bear Lake Township to work on township hall/Fire department building safety issues
- \$63k to the ISD for a new bus radio system for all buses and for cameras in buses
- \$90k to 3 school districts to buy 3 new school buses
- \$48k to the hospital to partially fund a new ambulance
- \$57k to the County to help equip the Emergency Ops Center. (The tribes' EOC at the Justice Center is a backup to the county center)
- \$40k to the Sheriff for 6 new in-car cameras
- \$100k to the city of Manistee to partially fund a new beach house at First Street Beach

The money definitely goes to help support the services which help tribal and non-tribal residents of the county. The second cycle of grants in the fall will primarily go to the schools including Manistee Area Public Schools, West Shore Community College and Manistee ISD.



New Legislation Enacted

The Tribal Council passed the Sex Offender Registration Act, in accordance with the federal Adam Walsh Act. As previously reported, this new law mandates registration with Tribal Police, for certain convicted sex offenders. Public Safety received all necessary equipment to implement the registry. The Ordinance does not take full effect until it is approved by the Department of Justice, and it has been submitted for approval.

The Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act has been amended to include a new definition regarding construction contracts. This will enable the Resort to operate more efficiently when contemplating what projects require actual construction agreements, and which projects may be considered renovations that do not require agreements. In addition, the amendments also prohibit government employees from being appointed by the Ogema to serve on the board.

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance was amended to enable non-tribal entities like Cold Stone Creamery (which operates within the Little River Casino Resort) to be exempted from dual taxation under State tax laws and Tribal Tax laws.

The Tribal Council continues to review proposed amendments to the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, along with the creation of a Sovereign Immunity and Negotiations Code (title subject to change); a Litigation Oversight Code, and corresponding amendments to the Legal Reform Act. Other laws are under consideration, and will be publicized once the concepts are finalized. All laws or amendments to laws are subject to a public comment period, prior to final adoption.

Tribal Council requests Qualified Roll from Enrollment Commission

The Tribal Council enacted Resolution #11-0622-237, directing the Enrollment Commission to prepare the Qualified Roll of Membership for final adoption, in accordance with the Enrollment Ordinance. The Tribal Council, based on the reports it has received, had verified that enrollment records of at least 3,879 files have been audited by outside auditing contractors, with the results of those audits being accepted by the Enrollment Commission.

Court hearing held on July 6 Regarding Spring Membership Meeting

The Tribal Council attended the scheduling conference for the question placed before the Court regarding the Spring Membership meeting. As of this report, the Recorder does not have the final scheduling order of the Court, so this report cannot include the dates established to finally resolve this litigation. The Tribal Council again raised the point that it was not challenging the membership or the Members right to vote on issues during the meeting at the Court hearing. A final decision as to whether or not the Court is going to grant a separation of the cases is forthcoming, as the motion was not ruled on from the bench.

Wisconsin Open House-SEPTEMBER 10

As previously reported, the Tribal Council will be going to Wisconsin for an Open House on September 10. The Open House will be held at the Great Spirit Church, located at the corner of Lapman and 10th Streets. For those of you needing GPS, the address is 1575 S. 10th Street, Milwaukee, WI. The Open House will start at 10:00 a.m. Anyone that wishes to have specific questions addressed during this session is encouraged to send them to the Recorder. Those questions can be sent by regular mail or email, and should be submitted no later than August 31, 2011. Submitting questions in advance will enable the Tribal Council to conduct research if necessary to provide the best answers.

Council makes Donation for Community Gatherings

Tribal Council authorized a donation of \$300.00 to the Great Spirit Church in Milwaukee, to allow members living within driving distance to the area to congregate there for community gatherings. The donation covers the cost of the rental for the church. In addition to the Tribal Council open house happening in September, there is another gathering planned in November, on the second Saturday of the month. Tribal Elder Jean Aber had contacted the Council, requesting that funds be made available to hold the gatherings on a bi-monthly basis. Mrs. Aber had sent a notice into the Currents, requesting that Members be informed of the meetings.

"The meetings are going to be on the second Saturday of every other month, starting in September. We are trying to get people in Wisconsin and Illinois area to come and find out what is happening with their tribe, and to get to know one another. We are trying to have meetings so we all don't feel left out of the circle."

*Thank You, Jean Aber #2050
2920 Gillen St.
Racine, WI 53403*

The meetings are slated to be ongoing, every other month, on the Second Saturday of the month. Other community gathering announcements will be posted as they become available.

Digital Video Tape and Public Hearings under consideration – Improving Communications

Members of Tribal Council have been discussing how to best improve communications. Recently, the Tribal Council enacted a resolution authorizing the digital video recording of its open session meetings. The Council is now moving forward with determining how to best offer viewing capabilities to the Membership.

It was informally reported to the Tribal Council that the maximum number of viewers for any web stream live broadcast was twelve at its highest point. The Snovsnake tutorial has 183 total views. It was explained that the FY 2011 Spring Membership meeting wasn't uploaded /recorded right away because the duration exceeded UStream's time limits and it needed to be edited down, but that it has since went on to be viewed 44 times in less than a month.

The Council appreciates any suggestions regarding live broadcast or access through web links, and you may make those suggestions through the "comments" link on the Tribal Council's webpage, or by email or telephone.

The Tribal Council is also considering scheduling a series of Public Hearings, potentially starting in July, to discuss matters that have led to concerns among the Membership. The first meeting under consideration is being proposed to be held on July 23, to answer questions regarding per capita distributions and financial reports from the Casino. Council members have proposed other public hearing meetings, including budgetary reviews for upcoming FY 2012.

The Tribal Council will post notice of any public hearings as they are scheduled on the Tribe's Web site, as well as posting notices in the tribal buildings, and posting agendas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder



At an evening session of the National Congress of American Indians meeting in Milwaukee June 14th, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians became a signatory to the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty. By Resolution # 11-0610-209 on June 10th, Tribal Council and the Ogema voiced support for this treaty because they, "...believe it is in the tribes' best interests to become a signatory." Ogema Romanelli represented the tribe.

Frank Ettawageshik of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa serves as Chair of the ULIN governing board and he explained the treaty this way: "The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed and proposed by NCAI's Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships in 2007.

The Treaty establishes an international political and economic alliance to:

- advance the common interests of Indigenous Nations regarding the impacts of climate change on their homelands,
- to promote trade and commerce among Indigenous Nations,
- to bring their cultural properties under the protection of the laws of Indigenous Nations,
- to protect the human rights of Indigenous Peoples and to assert traditional rights to cross international borders

The United League of Indigenous Nations event provided treaty signatories, as well as tribes interested in endorsing the treaty, a forum for discussion and presentation. Eighty-four indigenous nations have signed the treaty since it was adopted in 2007, including U.S. tribal nations, 1st Nations of Canada, Maori tribal nations and aboriginal peoples."

Alan Parker, Chippewa-Cree, serves as secretary to the United League.

See the accompanying articles to see the actual Treaty as well as comments from our elected leaders on why they supported membership.

"Respect should be given those indigenous nations who still carry on their ceremonies; still following the ancient laws of nature with songs and ceremonies."

*-- Oren R. Lyons, Spokesman,
Traditional Circle of Elders*

Many of our Tribes still have the ceremonies, songs and traditions. Today, the ceremonies and songs are coming back even stronger. The Elders have a lot of this knowledge. The young people need to learn these songs and traditions from the Elders. This is the strength of the people. The ancient Wisdom and Knowledge of ancient Laws are hidden in the ceremonies and songs. We should seek out these songs and ceremonies.

***Great Spirit, teach me the songs and ceremonies.
Make my eyes open to see***



One purpose of ULIN

1. The Creator has made us a part of inseparable from the natural world around us. This truth binds us together and gives rise to a shared commitment to care for, conserve, and protect the land, air, water and animal life within our usual, customary and traditional territories.

In exploring the purpose of the Treaty for the United League of Indigenous Nations, one area referenced in the treaty is that:

In an abstract from an article by Rebecca A. Tsosie from Arizona State University*, Tsosie says that:

"...the place of indigenous peoples within the politics of climate change. In the United States, contemporary policymakers understand federally-recognized Indian tribes as "domestic dependent nations." In that capacity, tribal governments have the power to address many environmental issues arising on their reservation lands and impacting their members.

At the level of international policy, Native Nations are designated as "indigenous peoples," with a distinctive set of human rights related to their unique identity as land-based communities with longstanding cultural connections to their environments. Sometimes those two identities operate consistently, allowing Native Nations to preclude forms of energy development that threaten their lands, communities, and cultures, as the Navajo Nation did when it enacted the Dine Natural Resources Protection Act of 2005, which banned uranium mining within Navajo Indian Country.

Sometimes, however, the identities may be in tension. For example, coal and oil extraction may benefit the economic interests of Native Nations which hold ownership interests in these resources, but may jeopardize the subsistence lifeways of other Native peoples who depend upon the integrity of their lands and waters, as well as the plants, animals and fish in those natural environments.

In the era of climate change, these tensions are becoming particularly apparent, forcing Native peoples and policymakers to make difficult decisions about

the optimal energy policies to guide the future. This essay compares the predominant model of decision-making, which uses a utilitarian cost-benefit analysis to construct the optimal policy to serve the interests of national and tribal governments in the present day, with the type of long-range thinking used by many land-based indigenous communities to promote sustainable use of lands and resources for several generations. The essay concludes that the current challenge of climate change poses an opportunity to transform our ways of thinking about environmental policy and energy development."

The link to the Tsosie article is: *Tsosie, Rebecca A., Keynote Address – Indigenous Peoples and Global Climate Change: Intercultural Models of Climate Equity (2010). Journal of Environmental Law & Litigation, Vol. 25, p. 7, 2010. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1865999>

The Treaty of the United League of Indigenous Nations provides an expanded voice for indigenous people around the world to loudly proclaim our concern and responsibility for our Mother Earth.

(article compiled by Glenn C. Zaring LRBOI Office of Public Affairs)

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| 1 - Office location and hours of operation | 4- Per Capita Information |
| 2- Holiday Office Closures | 5- Tribes website address and information |
| 3- General Message | 6- Words of the Month |
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| Office Location | Departments/Offices/Information |
| Administration Buildings 1762 US 31 South Manistee, MI 49660 | Family Services ,Be-Da-Bin, Members Assistance Department, Enrollment Department, Education Department and Commodities |
| PNC Bank Building 375 River Street Manistee, MI 49660 | Ogema, Tribal Council, Accounting, Public Affairs, Tax Office, Human Resources, Grants Department |
| Gaming Commission 2840 Orchard Hwy. Suite A Manistee, MI 49660 | Gaming Commission Ph:(231) 723-7755 Fax:(231) 723-7788 Mailing Address P.O. Box 337 |
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Tribal Bereavement Benefit Program – Death Benefit

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a generous Bereavement Benefit Program (death benefit) for Tribal Members. Basically, this means that upon the verified passing (death) of a Tribal Member, a benefit of \$7,500 is paid to the person designated to receive it. This benefit may be claimed only after submitting certain paperwork **Any delay in submitting all of the paperwork will delay your receipt of the benefit check!**

Summary

Quite simply, if the proper forms are on file and if the completed Claims form with Death Certificate and Funeral bill is sent to the ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT in a timely fashion, you (the beneficiary) will receive the check (Minus Funeral Costs) much more quickly than if the steps aren't followed.

Follow these steps to claim the Bereavement Benefit for an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Member. As always, if you have any questions about the forms or process, please call the Enrollment Department at extension 6712 or 6713.

Steps for a claim

Here are the steps for setting up the paperwork and claiming the benefit:

1. First, make sure that there is a Notarized Beneficiary Form on file with Enrollment (*if you don't have this form on file, the Tribal Court will decide who gets the bereavement money after the funeral bill is paid.*)
2. If you have a Notarized form on file:
 - The Primary Beneficiary (person you want to take of your funeral) needs to Contact the Enrollment Department to file the claim.
 - If the Primary Beneficiary is deceased then the Secondary Beneficiary needs to file a claim form with Enrollment. However, they need to include a copy of the Primary Beneficiaries Death Certificate!
3. The Enrollment Department then needs a copy of the Funeral Bill and a copy of the Beneficiaries' driver license or state-issued ID Card. Also Notarized Assignment form and W-9 Form for Beneficiary ,Funeral Home and a Certified Death Certificate.
4. Some of these forms are located in the Enrollment Office.

Here is what will happen

- Once the Claim form and all other documentation is received, Enrollment sends a check request to Accounting.
- The Funeral bill is paid by the Tribal Government (up to \$7,500)
- Once the check for any leftover funds is cut, it will be mailed to the Beneficiary's address on the claim form.
- A Tribal Flag will be mailed to the Beneficiary on file.

That's all there is to it!

If you have any questions about this benefit, contact the Enrollment Department at extension 6712 or 6713.

We'll be glad to help, but you need to do your part and get us the forms and information or we will not be able to process the Bereavement Benefit!

Diane A. Lonn – Enrollment Officer
1-231-398-6712

Jessica Wissner – Enrollment Assistant
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Bereavement Benefit Program

Purpose: A Tribally sponsored bereavement benefit for members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Policy: The amount of the Bereavement Benefit is established at \$7500.00.

Eligibility for the Bereavement program is defined a Tribal Member (a person who is enrolled a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), a person who has filed an application for enrollment prior to his/her death wic had not yes been an eligible member, or a deceased child who was eligible for enrollment. It is the obligation of each Tribal member to file a Notarized beneficiary form with the enrollment office.

Steps:

1. In the event that a Tribal member passes away the Enrollment Department must be notified by receipt of the Tribal members Death Certificate.
2. When the Enrollment Department is made aware that a Tribal member has passed away, they must check to see if the member has a notarized beneficiary form on file.
3. If a member does not have a notarized beneficiary form on file.
4. If a member does not have a notarized form on file
 - a. The Primary Beneficiary needs to fill out a Claim form
 - b. If the Primary Beneficiary is deceased then the Secondary Beneficiary needs to fill out a Claim form with the receipt of the Primary Beneficiary's death certificate.
5. The Enrollment Department needs to request a copy of the funeral bill, and a copy of the beneficiaries' drivers' license or state Id to enclose in the Tribal members file.
6. After the Claim form is received a check request is filled out with the Claim form attached and is sent to the Accounting Department. Members Assistance will need to sign off on the claim form. When the check is out it is sent to the address specified on the request.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the Beneficiary to pay the funeral costs if the bill has not already been paid.
7. The Beneficiary also has the option to do a notarized assignment form with the funeral home. At that time a check will be sent to the funeral home and any remaining amount will be sent to the beneficiary.
8. Once all of the paper work is completed all the members documents must be put into a deceased file with the date of death, date filed, and enrolled date put on the front of the file.
9. The members' full name also needs to be documented in the Deceased members log book along with their Tribal Id# and a date of death.
10. The Enrollment Departments computer database needs to be updated with all the corresponding information on the death.
 - a. Date of Death
 - b. Burial Assistance box checked
 - i. Name of person paid and relationship to deceased Tribal member and/or the funeral home paid.
 - c. Address is computer deleted
 - d. Head of Household is unchecked
 - e. Voter registration unchecked
11. Deceased Tribal members' file needs to be filed in deceased members' filing cabinet.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Bereavement Benefit Beneficiary Claim Form

Befeficiary/ Claimant's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone
()

Befeficiary Signature _____

Date: _____

Name of Deceased

Tribal ID#

Date of Birth

Date of Death

Last Known Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone
()

The beneficiary must provide a notarized copy of the deceased's death certificate and acceptable personal identification.

Tribal Members Death Certificate is on file in the Enrollment Department.

Diane A. Lonn

Date

It was a emotional weekend at the Little River Casino Resort at the end of June as the 2nd annual "Thunder at the River" Salute to Freedom was held to honor the nations' Military Veterans.

Kicking off the event was a concert by the AC/DC tribute band, Hell's Belles on Friday evening at the Makwaa Endaat Entertainment Center. The next day the Northwest corner of the parking lot was transformed into a carnival atmosphere with vendors, music and food. Then at 11 a.m. 218 bikers representing Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 of Manistee participated in a special escorted ride through Manistee County and back to the casino.

That evening a special banquet was held with a 'Six Man Table' ceremony honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action.

The dinner was followed by a Kelly Trudell patriotic concert which included recognition of Medal of Honor recipient Duane Dewey of Irons, MI as well as decorated Battle of the Bulge Heron Richard Rizzio of Interlochen, MI.

Other highlights of the weekend included a blessing of the motorcycles by LRBOI, silent auctions, a Sunday Worship service, a poker run on Sunday, a pig roast and several concerts by the 'Old Dudes Rock.'



Photos by: Martha Howell
Currents Staff

FREE PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING

Water Sample Bottles Kits are

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LRBOI Natural Resource Dept.

159 Brick Yard Road

Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: 1-800-723-1594



Sponsored by the Michigan Ground-water Stewardship Program

Results of testing are confidential.

WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF DATE MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



Hunter Safety/ Bow safety class

July 30-31, 2011

9am-4pm Each Day

Manistee Clan

Muzzle loading Club

3125 Camp Road- Manistee

To sign up, Contact the

Manistee Recreation Association

231-723-9274

Requirements: Full name, address and birthday.

Lunch will be provided by the MCMLC for all children.

No age limit.

(children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Certificates are not valid prior to 10th birthday)

"The Tribal Hunter Safety Class details are not available yet. Watch the Currents for updates."

Submitted by: The Kwewok Circle

Boozhoo!

*Josephine Pete ndizhinikaaz. Gaagaagiins
Anishinaabe ndzhinikaaz. Makwa ndoodem.
Virginia Talor gii-zhinkaazo Nokomis.
Joseph Pete gii-zhinkaazo nmishoomis.
Wahkonm Minnesota ndoonjibaa.
Na-Ah-Shing ngii zhaa kinoomaage-gamik-oong.*

Hello,

My name is Josephine Pete. My Anishinaabe name is Little Raven My clan is bear clan. My grandmother is Virginia Taylor. My grandfather is Joseph Pete. I am from Wahkon, MN. I went to Na-Ah-Shing school.

Over the next five years I have three major goals. One is to graduate high school and start a good college. My second goal is to become a Junior Counselor in a training program at Girl Scout Camp. My third goal, which I'm currently working on, is improving my native language and dancing skills.

Because I'm not exactly sure what I want to do yet in life I haven't thought a lot about my ambitions. When I get older there are so many things that would be cool to do, for now the only one I do have is to travel to Rome.

I have completed the eighth grade at Na-Ah-Shing. During the school year I have helped classmates in math and science classes. I've also attended LRBOI tribal language camp the last two years. When I'm older I would like to attend nursing school. The school that I have been attending I have been taking Ojibwe language and cultural classes. For my school I would go to non-native schools to teach them about our dances and our culture. I have held two jobs this past year, one of them being a coach for a softball team and the other working for the D.N.R. recycling program.

I am the oldest of four girls. I am living with my mother and step-dad Ryan. I'm happy with the life I have.

As for hobbies I enjoy sports. I play basketball, volleyball and softball. Each summer I attend a Girl Scout Camp. I also love to read books. With my family we have been to Big Drum, other gatherings and attend ceremonial traditions. Every summer we all travel the powwow trail and it's fun. We go to powwows all over the country.

I have many interests; I like to travel to see different states and different ways people live. I enjoy the outdoors and exploring the outdoors and exploring new things. I also enjoy hanging with friends and learning Anishinaabemowin. My family and I love going to powwows together. One of my favorite powwows I've been to would be the Gathering Nations in New Mexico that I attended last year. I want to be princess because I like helping others and I would like to learn more about my culture. I would like to provide a role model for younger people. I want to show that my respect for my elders, my peers and my heritage. I would like to do this because I think it would be fun and a cool experience. Thank you for your time and allowing me to run.



Aanii

I would like to give a thank you to all of the people that helped me during the LRBOI Tribal Princess competition:

- A special thanks Deb Davis and her family for their hard work during the princess competition
- The women's group for their hard work and organization
- The head dancers, Marty Wabindato and Teresa Johnson for their help and guidance
- Gary Dipiazza for the fantastic and welcoming ride in his beautiful T-bird
- Ogema Romanelli and the tribal counsel for their hard work
- I thank my mother, Amanda and Ryan for the support and pushing me to do great.
- I would also like to thanks to my grandma Virginia and my grandfather Joseph Pete for their support.

- I would also like to thank Kristie for being there and supporting me and helping me with many different things.
- I give thanks to my aunties and uncles for the traditions that have been passed down to me throughout the years.
- I thank the Creator for helping me and being with me and for the beautiful days He has given and the many ahead

I am very happy and honored to represent my people and my elders I'm proud of my heritage. I will attend every powwow and sacred gathering as I can get to. As I go I hold my head high knowing that what I do and how I act I am proudly representing my people and being a role model for all the children and younger ones around me. I hope to see you soon.

Baamba pii
Josephine Pete
LRBOI Tribal Princess 2011

Jiingtamok 2011

On Saturday, July 2, the first Grand Entry of the Jiingtamok of 2011 began with Bear Heart Singers (Host Drum) took up the song and Head Veteran George Martin lead out the 184 registered dancers lead by Head dancers Marty Wabindato and Teresa Johnson. Arena Director Phil Memberto made sure everyone was lined up and MC Derek Bailey described the activity. The 12 drums kept the dancers moving for the three dance sessions over the weekend.

Hundreds of spectators looked on and took advantage of the 18 vendors available. As the vent continued, most of the Jiingtamok t-shirts designed by Mack Brushman were sold along with various other items. Valerie Chandler registered dancers and assisted Terri Raczkowski with sales. As the day continued Kenny Pheasant and some volunteers kept the water flowing to the dancers, singers and elders in attendance.

There was a two-step contest held and the standings looked like this – Niizho ozide (James and Cassandra Gibson), Brian Looney & Leticia Flores and 2 Fresh 2 Handle (Cory Laurich and Kasey McCullough). The Haudenosaunee Singers and Dancers demonstrated dances including the smoke dance. During the break between sessions the Along the Lake Hand Drum contest was held finishing in this order: Southern Straight, Young Bucks and Bear Heart Singers.

The Kwewok Circle held the Princess contest. The Princess for the next year was chosen on Saturday and congratulations go to Princess Josephine Pete, and thanks go to outgoing Princess Katherine Crawford.

As with all successful events the Historic Preservation Department puts on there are people to thank. So let me say Chi Miigwech to the drums, dancers, vendors, spectators, staff and volunteers (including Jeff Battice for taking on my least favorite task) and of course the support of the Ogema and Council.

Jonnie J Sam II
Director, Historic Preservation Department
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Photos by: Martha Howell
Currents Staff



On Independence Day, the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a special Parade through Manistee and this year, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians had a award winning float, presented the new Princess and had a drum and dancers take part.

Our very own Jonnie "Jay" Sam II served as one of three people chosen to be Grand Marshall(s) of the parade. The event committee decided to have descendents of three of the main groups of the area with the tribe being one of them.

The **Hand Drum Singers** provided some wonderful songs, while dancers accompanied the float. Phil and Gabriel Memberto, Michael Medawis and Kyle Abdulla make up the 'Hand Drum Singers.' Dancing were the Jiingtamok Head Male Dancer, Marty Wabindato and Michelle Reyna, Aliena Broome and Jerry and Sandy Shananaquet and their family. Head Veteran Dale Anderson carried the Vietnam Veterans Eagle Staff. The LRBOI entries won 'Best Overall Theme' for the entire parade!

Newly crowned Little River Princess, Josephine Pete also rode in the parade as she began her year of representing our tribe. A letter from her is being reprinted so that you will learn about this special young lady who is now your Little River Princess!

Also in the parade was a van from the Little River Casino Resort, driven by Group Sales Manager Anna Detz and followed by staff members Pam Johnson and Kelly Carter handing out playing cards, key chains, bottled water, chap stick, umbrellas.

One of the Tribal Police Cars, driven by Officer Melissa Alexander helped to lead off the parade. There was quite a noticeable tribal presence for the Forest Festival this year with great newspaper coverage through the News Advocate and radio promotion by **Kool 101 FM**.



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FIRST CAMP SESSION A SUCCESS!

By Austen Brauker

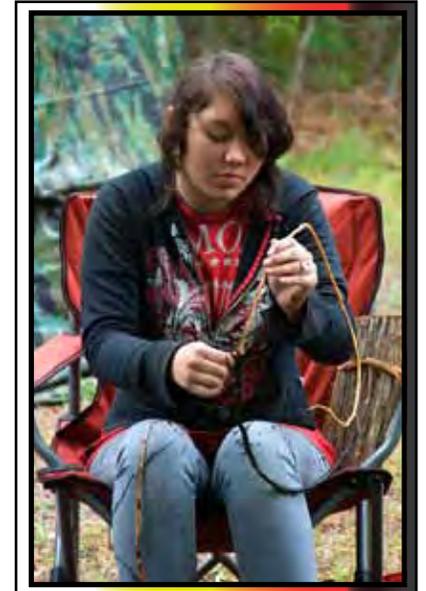
The first session of Indian Village Camp took place in June. There were seven participants. They stayed in dome shaped wigwam style lodges for four days and three nights. They cooked their own food over an open fire and gathered as a group in the long house for various teaching segments which included stories from elders, wilderness survival lessons, plant identification, talking circles and educational presentations about caring for nature.

Pat Wilson greeted the participants and talked about traditional concepts and applying them to our lives in a good way. Jay Sam presented a cultural workshop in the talking circle format where participants were able to ask questions and receive answers about topics they were most interested in. Marty Holtgren taught a nature segment about different indigenous species and shared ideas about conservation and ecological diversity. Jim Miller showed them how to build a fire with the bow drill and then taught another segment where participants made cedar bark containers laced with spruce roots. Yvonne Parsons participated as an adult leader and was a part of our talking circle sharing time. One of the highlights of the evening was a thunder storm that lit up the southern sky over the bayou. Everyone set up chairs on the hilltop and watched the distant light show. The next night I was able to call a barred owl in to the camp. It flew to a tree about a hundred feet away from where we were and called back at us over and over. We talked about owls and their hunting adaptations such as night vision and silent flight. Some other segments included building an emergency survival shelter, or debris hut, out of materials found in the woods. Elders Shirley Brauker and Rita Gale shared some of their life experience during talking circles. I would like to personally thank all of those who participated, both youth and adults. I would also like to thank Martha Howell for taking photos and Claytus Cline for helping during the cedar bark container class. The next camp session is scheduled for July 21-24.

I would like to clarify that participants need not be involved with the courts to participate in this program. It is up to parents or guardians to decide if this program would be of benefit to their own kids. We are following the guidelines of the grant which includes "at-risk" participants, which would likely include anyone who is a tribal member or descendant, due to numerous statistics which state that Indian youth are at a high percentage to be involved in negative or high risk situations in life, such as exposure to drinking and drugs, being victims of crimes, being involved in gangs or being incarcerated or institutionalized, among a long list of things. We are leaving the ultimate decision up to parents and guardians to decide what constitutes being "at-risk." There will be a third session in August and a fourth session in September.



Shirley Brauker and Rita Gale



Austen Brauker



Pat Wilson



For more information, contact Pat Wilson at the Peacemaking Probation Department, 231-398-2239. Or, e-mail pwilson@lrboi.com. Miigwetch.



K9 Training at LRBOI

Each day, you read about the excellent and highly specialized work that K9 officers do to help rescue people and enforce the laws protecting everyone. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Public Safety department is blessed to have one of the best K9 teams in the state, Officer Craig Mayo and 'Brit'.

Last month a full day of training was conducted at Little River and officers from numerous departments were in attendance including: - **Manistee County**- Jason Torrey, **Grand Traverse**- Derek Morton, Ryan Salisbury, **Traverse City**- Kurt Bazner, Tim Smith, **Kalkaska County**- Kevin Schaub, **Cadillac City**- Lance Taylor, **Wexford County**- Paul Fowler, **Osceola County**- Jed Avery, Mark Moore. Special Guests- John Skalski- retired from **Detroit City PD**, John Mendham- **Mason County**.

The training took place at several different venues including the field by the Utility Department and the TPD training building. Officer Mayo thanked the Utility staff for constructing a number of large training 'boxes' that are used to work on agility exercises for K9 units.

Little River is going to be adding another K9 team this fall.

Be sure to watch the *Currents* for details.



How Dogs Came To The Indians

Two Ojibwa Indians in a canoe had been blown far from shore by a great wind. They had gone far and were hungry and lost. They had little strength left to paddle, so they drifted before the wind.

At last their canoe was blown onto a beach and they were glad, but not for long. Looking for the tracks of animals, they saw some huge footprints that they knew must be those of a giant. They were afraid and hid in the bushes. As they crouched low, a big arrow thudded into the ground close beside them. Then a huge giant came toward them. A caribou hung from his belt, but the man was so big that it looked like a rabbit. He told them that he did not hurt people and he like to be a friend to little people, who seemed to the giant to be so helpless. He asked the two lost Indians to come home with him, and since they had no food and their weapons had been lost in the storm at sea, they were glad to go with him.

An evil Windigo spirit came to the lodge of the giant and told the two men that the giant had other men hidden away in the forest because he like to eat them. The Windigo pretended to be a friend, but he was the one who wanted the men because he was an eater of people. The Windigo became very angry when the giant would not give him the two men, and finally the giant became angry too. He took a big stick and turned over a big bowl with it.

A strange animal which the Indians had never seen before lay on the floor, looking up at them. It looked like a wolf to them, but the giant called the animal 'Dog.' The giant told him to kill the evil Windigo spirit. The beast sprang to its feet, shook himself, and started to grow, and grow, and grow.

The more he shook himself, the more he grew and the fiercer he became. He sprang at the Windigo and killed him; then the dog grew smaller and smaller and crept under the bowl.

The giant saw that the Indians were much surprised and pleased with Dog and said that he would give it to them, though it was his pet. He told the men that he would command Dog to take them home. They had no idea how this could be done, though they had seen that the giant was a maker of magic, but they thanked the friendly giant for his great gift.

The giant took the men and the dog to the seashore and gave the dog a command. At once it began to grow bigger and bigger, until it was nearly as big as a horse. The giant put the two men onto the back of the dog and told them to hold on very tightly. As Dog ran into the sea, he grew still bigger and when the water was deep enough he started to swim strongly away from the shore.

After a very long time, the two Ojibwa began to see a part of the seacoast that they knew, and soon the dog headed for shore. As he neared the beach, he became smaller and smaller so that the Indians had to swim for the last part of their journey. The dog left them close to their lodges and disappeared into the forest. When the men told their tribe of their adventure, the people thought that the men were speaking falsely. "Show us even the little mystery animal, Dog, and we shall believe you," a chief said.

A few moons came and went and then, one morning while the tribe slept, the dog returned to the two men. It allowed them to pet it and took food from their hands. The tribe was very much surprised to see this new creature. It stayed with the tribe. That, as the Indians tell, was how the first dog came to the earth.



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UAPB student receives award to attend American Fisheries Society meeting in Seattle

Alichia Sunflower Wilson, a student in the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences, has received an all-expenses paid award to attend the national American Fisheries Society (AFS) meeting in September in Seattle.

Wilson, of Manistee, Mich., received a 2011 Native People's Travel Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Equal Opportunities Section (EOS) of the American Fisheries Society. The \$2,000 in funds may be used to reimburse costs associated with attending the AFS Annual Meeting. Wilson will receive the award during an EOS luncheon meeting in Seattle on Sept. 5.

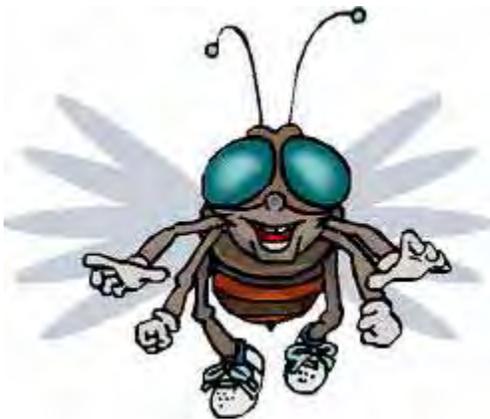
"I am very excited and looking forward to going to this meeting," she said. "I hope that it will help me with networking, possible work experiences and introduce me to a wide range of fisheries professionals. I believe that it will be a great learning experience and I can't wait to present my research."

While attending the AFS meeting, Wilson will also be the presenting author at a poster presentation related to temperature tolerance in catfish titled "Examination of 'Heat Hardening' in Channel Catfish." Dr. Alf Haukenes, Wilson's mentor and an assistant professor in applied fish reproductive physiology at UAPB, said he's proud of her achievement.

"She is certainly deserving of this award," he said. "In her short time here, she has been ahead of the learning curve in realizing that science is more than just a set of facts and figures; that it is a process by which important questions can be addressed and solutions to problems can be found. Attendance at the national AFS meeting will help cement this in her mind and lead to more confidence about her future."



How the Fly saved the River



Many, many years ago when the world was new, there was a beautiful river. Fish in great numbers lived in this river, and its water was so pure and sweet that all the animals came there to drink.

A giant moose heard about the river and he too came there to drink. But he was so big, and he drank so much, that soon the water began to sink lower and lower.

The beavers were worried. The water around their lodges was disappearing. Soon their homes would be destroyed. The muskrats were worried, too. What would they do if the water vanished? How could they live?

The fish were very worried. The other animals could live on land if the water dried up, but they couldn't. All the animals tried to think of a way to drive the moose from the river, but he was so big that they were too afraid to try. Even the bear was afraid of him.

At last the fly said he would try to drive the moose away. All the animals laughed and jeered. How could a tiny fly frighten a giant moose?

The fly said nothing, but that day, as soon as the moose appeared, he went into action.

He landed on the moose's foreleg and bit sharply. The moose stamped his foot harder, and each time he stamped, the ground sank and the water rushed in to fill it up. Then the fly jumped about all over the moose, biting and biting and biting until the moose was in a frenzy. He dashed madly about the banks of the river, shaking his head, stamping his feet, snorting and blowing, but he couldn't get rid of that pesky fly. At last the moose fled from the river, and didn't come back.

The fly was very proud of his achievement, and boasted to the other animals,

"Even the small can fight the strong if they use their brains to think."

Elders Meal Program

It has been a year since we first implemented the Elders Meal Program! I am pleased at the growth of the program. Looking back on some of the first sign in sheets, we had an average of 10 to 12 Elders ; our daily average today is 40!!!! It is so exciting for me to see the Elders enjoy the meals , activities and watch as they socialize with their friends and relatives. In a recent survey it was noted that many Elders have used the nutritional information they learned from the program to benefit them in their day to day lives. We only hope to improve and watch the program grow to be even more successful in the next year.

The Elder Meal Program has been serving Elders in Muskegon for the last two months and it has been a success,. It is nice to meet and serve the Elders from that area and the turnout has been great. There is only room for 20 guest at this point so please keep in mind to call and RSVP a spot for lunch. We serve the lunches every third Friday of the month at noon at the Muskegon office. You may call me at anytime to reserve a spot. Feel free to leave a message and I will get you signed up. Thank you to Phil Memberto, Sherman Moore, and Bob Bailey for their help with the trips. I would also like to thank Lee for helping us load up !

A new activity that the Elders have seemed to enjoy is, Card Playing Day. If you are interested in playing a few hands of cards please come early or stay late . The Elders are also slowly working on a puzzle here at AKI. When the puzzle is finished I will be using some of the donation money to frame it and it will be given

away as a Bingo prize! I was hoping that our Movie Day would be a bit more successful; if any Elder has an idea on a movie that would be interesting please let me know. We all still enjoy Birthday of the month which is now the first Thursday of every month!!!

As always we are always looking for volunteers to help in many areas of, prepping, preparing , serving and cleanup of lunch. If you are interested please let me know. I would like to thank Raymond Zeeryp for his recent donation for our Bingo games! I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Carol Gibner last week as she volunteered an afternoon here at AKI; looking forward to next month Carol.

In closing I would like to thank all the Elders that participate and support this very important program; and invite any Elder who has not yet signed up or doesn't take advantage of all the program has to offer to please come to Aki community center and enjoy a lunch with us! If you have any questions please contact Lee Iverson or myself anytime.

Thank you,

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

Funding for this Program will end September 31, 2011 !

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 household income level, number of family members and available funding.

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

-Automatic 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.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department to request an application, if in need of assistance.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | 1 Chicken Strips Mac n cheese Broccoli Parfait | 2 Meatball Sub Fries Green Beans Cookies | 3 Ham Scallop Potato Mixed Veggie Cupcake | 4 Hamburger Baked Beans Tatar tots Pears | 5 | 5 Elder Committee Mtg |
| 7 | 8 Chicken Parmesan Italian veggies Pasta salad Peach cobbler | 9 Chicken Soup Dumplings Carrots Pineapple/banana Start a new puzzle !! | 10 BBQ Pork Sandwich Lima Beans Apple Sticks Sherbet Activity: Wii Bowling | 11 Open Faced Turkey Peas Potato's Birthday Cake!!!! Birthday Celebration | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Smothered Pork Chop Red Potato Corn Fruit crisp Movie Day! | 16 Baked Chicken Broccoli Cottage cheese Fruit cocktail | 17 Ham sub Fries Green beans Jell-O Activity: Wii Bowling | 18 Spaghetti Vegetable Pudding BINGO!! | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Cheesy Tuna Twists Steamed Carrots Hot Fruit | 23 Vegetable soup Grilled Cheese on Wheat Strawberry Shortcake | 24 French dip Potato wedges Peas Fresh Fruit | 25 Baked Fish Rice Asparagus Jell-O | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Fajita Spanish Rice Beans Yogurt cream | 30 Beef Roast Red potato Carrots Sugar free Pie Card Day !! | 31 Goulash Broccoli Fruit juice Tapioca Activity: Wii Bowling | | | |
| | Saled bar is stocked for one serving per person. It is estimated for number at each meal. Please observe portion recommendations. |  | Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal |  | Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet. | |

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 20 packs per Tribal member

The Tax Office has received several calls lately from Tribal members that are not familiar with “Resident Tribal Member” status and the state tax exemptions for Resident Tribal Members that were negotiated in the *Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan*. The following information was published in 2004 when the tax agreement was being implemented. It is being repeated here for the benefit of new members and as a reminder for others.

HOW TO BECOME A RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER

To become a Resident Tribal Member, a Little River Band Tribal Member must live within the Tax Agreement Area (See-**Tax Agreement Area**). The tax office maintains a list of Resident Tribal Members based on their physical address of record. On a monthly basis, the Tribe sends name and address changes, obtained from the Enrollment Office on the 15th, to the Michigan Treasury Department. Resident Tribal Member status takes effect on the 1st day of the following month. If you have any questions about your specific location and if it falls within the Tax Agreement Area, contact the tax office at 231-723-8288 Ext. 6874.

Tax Agreement Area

The tax agreement between the State of Michigan and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians defines a “Resident Tribal Member” as a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area. The Agreement Area includes both the 1836 Reservation (Manistee Reservation) and the 1855 Reservation (Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County).

The Agreement Area per the tax agreement is:

- The portion of Manistee County that includes:
Survey sections 24, 25, 35, and 36 in T22N, R17W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R16W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R15W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R14W; survey sections 19-21 and 28-33 in T22N, R13W; survey sections 1-3 and 10-15 in T21N, R17W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R16W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R15W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R14W; and survey sections 4-9 and 16-18 in T21N, R13W; and
- The portion of Mason County that includes:
T18N, R16W; and T17N, R16W.

Tax-Exempt Purchases for Resident Tribal Members

The implementation date for the Tax Agreement was April 1, 2004. Consistent with the Tax Agreement which recognized the Tribal tax exempt status of the Tribal government and Resident Tribal Members, the Tribe has chosen to authorize Tribal Members to use Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax for specific purchases listed below. A Tribal Certificate of Exemption must be presented to the vendor before purchasing the item. No refunds will be allowed for taxes on the purchase of the items covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption. Certificates are available at the Tax Office located in the Bank Building (2nd Floor) during normal business hours.

Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption:

- Motorized vehicles (cars, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles)
- Modular or Mobile homes
- Construction materials for affixation to personal residence
- Tangible personal property for treaty fishing

The Tax Agreement requires that Resident Tribal Members follow certain procedures and file certain forms to receive the exemption. Information required before certificate can be filled out:

- Picture ID of Resident Tribal Member
- Vendor’s Name
- Vendor’s Address
- Detailed description of item being purchased
- Vehicle ID#, Year, Make and Model
- Modular or mobile home ID#, Year, Make, Model, Physical location within Tax Agreement Area
- Cost of item being purchased

State Income Tax Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

In the past, only Tribal Members that lived within “Indian Country” (principally trust land and land within the exterior boundaries of the reservation) and worked for the Tribe were exempted from Michigan income taxes under Federal law. Under the new Tax Agreement, which is done under the authority of State law, the State has expanded the scope of where a Tribal member can live and work and be exempt from Michigan income taxes. Tribal Members who **live within the Tax Agreement Area, and are registered with their Tribe as a Resident Tribal Member**, will be exempt from Michigan income taxes **regardless of where the Tribal member works**. If you are not sure if your address is within the Tax Agreement Area, call the tax office at 231-723-8288 ext. 6874.

If you have any questions about your residency status, tax-exempt purchases, or income tax exemption, please contact:

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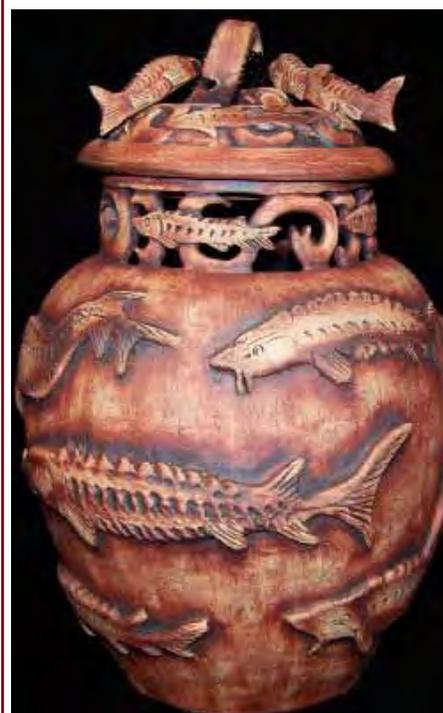
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- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day

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

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

Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

Traditional Healer

J.D. Gibson

Every month

Appointments available for Indian Health Service (IHS)
eligible Native Americans Regarding scheduling of
appointments

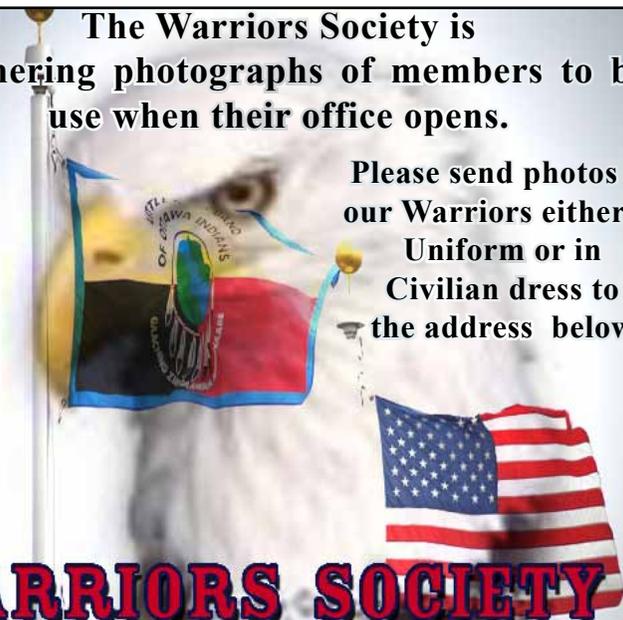
Please call Julie Wolfe

(231) 398-6740

Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the
Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians

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

RV Park one of top parks...Again!

The RV Park was recently inspected and rated by the Good Sam Network/Trailer Life Directory. For the second year in a row, we have been rated **in the TOP 100 GOOD SAM RV PARKS in the nation!!!!** Congrats to the RV Team for a great job!
January 1, 2011

Dear Little River Casino RV Park:

On behalf of the Trailer Life Directory and the Good Sam Park Network, I want to extend our congratulations to you on your achievement as one of the top-rated Good Sam Parks for 2011. Or the more than 1700 parks in the network, your park placed in the top 100.

Achievement of this honor is a significant accomplishment and deserves recognition. It takes a special commitment by the management of a park to consistently maintain high standards in all areas of their operation. Attainment of a high rating in each of the three categories of the Trailer Life Rating System takes ongoing hard work and dedication, and its great pleasure to recognize your park as one of the best of the best.

Your Trailer Life Consultant will be hand delivering your certificate this coming year when that make their annual visit. We commend you on your achievement, your commitment to excellence and your contribution to the RV Industry. Please accept our most sincere wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely, Cindy Halley
Publisher & Vice President
Trailer Life Directory/ Good Sam Network

By the way, they also honor
a \$15 per night rate for Tribal
Members...



Elder Meal Program

The benefit individuals receive from volunteering is the satisfaction of giving of themselves to make a difference in their lives, community and country. The benefits alone in the pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are all worthwhile reasons to serve as a volunteer, so whether it is helping with the Elder Meal Program, a community activity or simply helping out a neighbor volunteerism is worth the time and effort and spreads the true meaning of Community.

Eligibility Guidelines:

Elder must complete the Elder Meal Intake Form

Meals Served at No Charge to: Tribal Elder age 55 and older, Elder spouses and Handicapped/Disabled individuals who reside with the Tribal Elder

Caregivers/Care Aides/In Home Care Aides etc: who would like to attend the meal with an Elder must meet the eligibility guidelines to be served a meal at no charge otherwise they are considered a guest and must pay the guest meal cost.

Guest Meals: Guest meals are meals provided at cost to individuals who are a guest of the Tribal Elder. Guest meals may be provided only if all Elders have been served. Cost will be posted at the entrance of the dining area near the sign in sheets.

Meal Schedule: Meals are served Monday thru Thursday at noon at the Aki Community Center.

Meal is also served each third (3rd) Friday of the month at noon at the Muskegon Building. This site requires an RSVP prior to the meal day due to space limitation of 22 individuals.

Meal is served the first (1st) Saturday of the month in conjunction with the Elder Committee meeting at the Aki Community Center.

Elder Activities: Activity days will be announced on the monthly menus. Activities are to promote socialization, health and wellbeing of elders. These activities will include service departments of the tribe and external organizations who will provide information and education to elders.

Annual Assessments & Evaluations: Annually the program will be evaluated to ensure it meets program objectives and meets the Title VI requirements. The assessment and evaluation will require elder input and will rely on this input to continue program.

Volunteerism: The Members Assistance Department appreciates the help our community volunteers provide to the Elder Meal Program. We are always grateful to those who give their time to our good cause. The meal days are Monday thru Thursday of each week and the first Saturday of the month at the Aki Community Center. We also serve a meal on the third (3rd) Friday of each month at the Muskegon Building. Individuals who are interested in volunteering can speak with Noelle Cross 888-723-8288 to sign up and discuss areas needing volunteers.

Please give your time to a beneficial program for the elders. Lunch is provided at no charge on the day/s volunteering. We ask that you volunteer at least a half of your time. Enjoying your time volunteering is a must!

Questions?

Please contact Noelle Cross or Lee Ivinson at 888-723-8288

'Nme Program Funded 3 more years!

The Grants Department is incredibly pleased to announce a grant award from the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$484,330 of which \$131,655 will be used by our Natural Resources Department to complete our responsibilities to the overall project. Below are grant details provided by the LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department was recently notified by the US Fish and Wildlife Service that they were awarded a Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act grant to help fund the sturgeon rearing program. The grant is over a 3 year period for \$131,655 and will help continue the LRBOI sturgeon rearing program (which is in its 9th year) through its 12th year. The sturgeon program has brought more than \$750,000 of funding to the Tribe and has allowed for the Tribe to be a leader in sturgeon management across the Great Lakes and even internationally. The sturgeon program has produced numerous publications, had staff present scientific presentations in Canada and across the US, provided other agencies with guidance and technologies and demonstrated that Tribal programs can bring unique and new concepts to fisheries management. Another notable achievement is the popular sturgeon release where hundreds of community members participate in releasing lake sturgeon into the Big Manistee River.

The Tribe will be collaborating on this grant with the Wisconsin DNR, Michigan DNR and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Each of these agencies is operating streamside rearing facilities based on LRBOI's initial design that was developed in 2003. The Department is excited to see the technology developed by LRBOI being implemented across the Lake Michigan Basin by other fish management agencies with the support of funding from federal agencies.

Bakakwenh Naboo (Chicken Soup)



Is 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 Little Cloud asks: Is it okay to teach the making of dream catchers to non-natives?

A Bakakwenh Naboo says: Only if they have dreams they want to catch. Wegnesh! Teaching traditional crafts from our culture is a way for “non-natives” to begin to understand our cultural heritage. In teaching about weaving a dream catcher, it is the story of why we make “Dream Catchers” in the first place. The story is as important as the dream catcher itself. There are many stories from other Tribes; the Anishinaabek of the Three Fires have a wonderful story of the Dream Catcher. Also, the Non-native should understand about “The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Public Law 101-644”

DISCLAIMER: We make no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the information; also we cannot answer any questions involving politics, legal questions or give medical advice. We can promise you; you will get an answer to your question. Bakakwenh Naboo, says this is but one possible answer, there may be other ways to answer the question. Offering sema, to an Elder would be a respectful way to receive a more in-depth answer to your question.

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Food Stamp Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and

participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

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

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

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

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.

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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
231-933-4406 or 231-590-1187
or Terri Raczkowski at 231-398-6891



4th Annual "The Healing Spirit of Recovery"

FREE ADMISSION

HIS & HERSGOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP PRESENTS

LRBOI Gathering Grounds,
2811 Chippewa Hwy.,
Manistee, Michigan 49660
August 27-29, 2010
(starting at 4p.m. Friday)



Conference Activities:

On -Site Camping, Meetings (open recovery), Sobriety Countdown Bonfire Meeting, Sunrise Ceremony
Meals, Open Speaker Meetings, Talking Circle Activities, and Music

REGISTRATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Total Number in your party: _____
 Please select all that you will be requiring: # of tent sites: ____ (off site Lodging at own expense;
 call for local listings)
 Meals on site: FRIDAY DINNER ____ YES ____ NO SEATING FOR: _____
 SATURDAY BREAKFAST ____ YES ____ NO LUNCH ____ YES ____ NO FEAST ____ YES
 ____ NO SEATING FOR: _____
 SUNDAY BREAKFAST ____ YES ____ NO LUNCH ____ YES ____ NO FEAST ____ YES ____
 # SEATING FOR: _____

**ABSOLUTELY
NO VENDERS**

Contacts: Ron W. 231-233-4280/
Allen M. 906-202-0903
Mail to: 244 5th Ave.
Manistee, Michigan 49660
**PLEASE RETURN FORM FOR CAMPING
& MEAL PLANNING**

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

Clinic Hours Expanded

Tribal Health Director, Bob Davis announced June 20th that the Health Clinic in Manistee has expanded their hours so they can accept appointments on Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 6:30 pm.

Office hours on Friday will remain the same as always from 8am to 5 pm.

This expansion allows for patients who have a medically urgent need to request a same day appointment. In addition, expanded hours will help reduce the waiting time currently needed to obtain appointments.

Due to staff availability from the hours of 5 pm thru closing, the clinic will **NOT** be able to take routine calls to schedule an appointment, medication refills, etc. Please continue to call for routine needs on Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5pm.



“The Domres Road project out at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that serves the Justice Center, Water Tower and Public Safety building is almost complete. The pictures show how much nicer this area is looking and what a wonderful improvement it is for our access. A punch list has been created and the items identified are to be completed in the following weeks. Once this is completed a follow-up inspection will be scheduled with the BIA Indian Reservation Roads Engineers, Manistee County Roads, and project engineer. All parties will “sign off” on the project when it passes final inspection. It is anticipated that the project can be closed out by the end of August.



The project is a BIA Roads-funded program improving a county road that serves Tribal Trust Land. Project manager and the man responsible for this is Dan Shepard, our tribal planner/ Roads Program Manager. The project has taken longer than anticipated due to Right of Way issues and inclement weather; we all appreciate Dan’s perseverance getting it done.

If you’ve ever tried to get into the Justice Center during some of our bad winter storms, you know that it has occasionally been a challenge just driving in. This next winter should be much, much better.”

Watch for additional road construction and Roads Program updates in the future.





Happy Birthday
Meranda Curtis
Cody (King) Bullis
ShawNee Renner
From Your Family



Yvonne Theodore and Laurie Jackson completed Tribal Technical Assistance Program Certification on Forklift, OSHA 29 CFR Subpart N- Material Handling and Storage, 1910.178 describes method to use for compliance with power industrial forklift -operations, maintenance, inspection and training. Training & evaluation conducted by Mr. John Lovato

More Tribal Roads Work'

M-231 is the designation of a future state trunkline highway in the Lower Peninsula of the US state of Michigan that will serve as a bypass to U.S. Highway 31 (US 31) around Grand Haven. This highway will be built south of Interstate 96 (I-96) as an additional crossing over the Grand River. The route will run from M-45 north and across the river to a connection with I-96 near the current M-104 interchange.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced the proposed highway in early November 2006. The new corridor is being funded through a Congressional appropriation and a state employment program. The Grand River bridge construction was originally planned for 2010 while the land for the project was being acquired. Other smaller bridges were included in the original plans. Roadway construction was scheduled for 2012. Recent developments in MDOT schedules have construction starting on the Grand River bridge after federal approval is secured with the remainder of the project deferred until additional funding is in place.

Route description

Currently, in order to cross the Grand River, travelers must either use US 31 through Grand Haven or 68th Avenue through Eastmanville. The new road will provide a river crossing almost equidistant between the two, greatly reducing drive times between areas north and south of the river. Currently, a drive from Nunica to Robinson is a 20-mile (32 km) trip, the new highway will provide a route closer to 7 miles (11 km) in length.

Dan Shepard
Planning Department
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660
Office (231) 398-6810
Cell (231) 690-3522
Fax (231) 398-2038

Plan Ahead for Fall Meeting!

The Fall Membership meeting is scheduled for October 15th 2011. The tribal discount is \$59 per night for standard room. The block will be listed under: LRBOI – Fall Membership. Be sure to get your reservation in to make sure you have a room!

Preserve your **PRECIOUS MEMORIES**

Martha Howell Photography
PORTRAITS | COMMERCIAL | DESIGN
989-954-3209 marthahowellphotography@yahoo.com

“In the July issue of the Currents, Carl Waitner Jr was listed as a tribal member which he is not. He is a descendent. Thanks to Council member Mike Ceplina for the correction.”



"Due to space limitations, we could not run these in the previous issue. Thanks to everyone who made this a wonderful event."



Manistee, Mi. - February 11, 2011 – The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats' 2nd Annual "Tight Lines for Troops" Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains joined other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person "Teams." To select participants for the free event, priority consideration was given to Purple Heart, Disabled, and Prisoner of War (POW) Veterans.

New for this year were boats hosting two "POW Teams" made up of Michigan POWs from various wars. There was also five boats carrying "Gold Star" family teams comprised of family members of fallen heroes. Another five boats carried the Army, Marine, Air Force, and Coast Guard Teams as they try to knock off reigning "Governor's Cup" champion "Team Navy". The remaining 28 boats carried a variety of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Veterans including personnel currently serving.

"Last year was a huge success. We immediately made the decision to launch the 2nd Annual "Tight Lines" planning efforts. The generosity of these charter boat Captains, many of them Veterans themselves, and the support of many Veterans organizations within the region, promised to provide the foundation for another very exciting event," stated Bob Guenthardt, event founder and Captain of Renegade Charters based in Manistee.

The "Tight Lines for Troops" participants enjoyed a pre-tournament dinner meeting at the Michigan National Guard Armory, served by the United Veterans Council of Manistee County. The tournament day began with a shotgun start at the pier heads. Tournament weigh-in activities took place at 1:30 pm also at the National Guard Armory with a BBQ luncheon provided by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warrior Society. The awards ceremony was provided later that evening at Little River Casino Resort at 5:00 pm.

Our ultimate goal is to express our gratitude to these individuals for distinguished military service and sacrifice to our nation. Not only was it be a day of camaraderie and world-class fishing out on Lake Michigan, this year's tournament also hosted a River/Pier Division for those looking to tackle the trout on the beautiful Manistee River from the shore, the pier, or a canoe. Other activities for families of the participants include a BBQ, canoeing, a classic car show, river walks along the boardwalk, historic tours of Manistee area, and a visit to the Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary.



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Elder's Wii bowling



Elder Wii bowlers gathered at the Aki Community Center for a 1950's themed banquet. Many came dressed in 50's outfits and 50's diner foods were served. Everyone brought a 50's theme dish to pass. All Wii bowling participants received a trophy with special remarks about their bowling "style". The Ogema and Tribal Council also attended the luncheon and received trophies for their support of the program.

The Elder Wii bowling program meets every Wednesday after the meal. Anyone interested in participating can call the Community Health Representative office at 231-398-6629 or Holly avis Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse at 231-398-6610.

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