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(What's happening now)

Currents



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Coming up at LRBOI:

Elders Meal Aki Community Center Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class Every Friday 10:30am

2016 Membership Meetings October 8, 2016

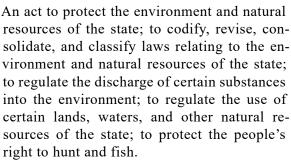
2017 Membership Meetings April 8, 2017 & October 9, 2017

Call Little River Resort Hotel in US Toll-Free: 1-888-568-2244 Local 231-723-1535

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Emergency Management protocols will be available upon request and per authorization by the Office of the Ogema as they onstitute secure information designed to protect the lives and investments of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, their members, employees and property. These notices are required under Resolution

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Hunting & Fishing



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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiintamok is on it's way! See Page 10

SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE

This is a reminder that on MAY 20, 2016, the Voter Registration Packets will be sent out to all Eligible Voters of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for the Secretarial Election conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In this packet will be a Post Card to fill out and return IMMEDIATELY to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This post card registers you to VOTE IN THIS SPECIAL SECRETARIAL ELECTION. DO NOT LAY ASIDE TILL LATER, YOU ARE ON A TIME LIMIT TO GET THIS FILLED OUT AND BACK TO THE BUREAU. DO IT IMMEDIATELY.

This Secretarial Election is to Vote on Seven Constitutional Changes that council has proposed. How this Secretarial Election turns out will affect not just a few of our Tribal Members but all of us. So make sure you REGISTER TO VOTE AND SEND IN IMMEDIAELY for this Secretarial Election. Let your voice be heard.



LRBOI Pharmacy Buildout has begun

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ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 588

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Act No. 36
Public Acts of 2016
Approved by the Governor
March 8, 2016
Filed with the Secretary of State
March 8, 2016
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2016

STATE OF MICHIGAN 98TH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2016



Introduced by Senators Casperson, Schmidt and Stamas

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 588

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people's right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 43516 (MCL 324.43516), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 43516. (1) An individual who has been issued a hunting, fur harvester's, or fishing license shall carry the license and shall exhibit the license upon the demand of a conservation officer, a law enforcement officer, a tribal conservation officer who complies with subsection (3), or the owner or occupant of the land if either or both of the following apply:

- (a) The person is hunting, trapping, or fishing.
- (b) Subject to section 43510(2) and except as provided in section 43513, the individual is in possession of a firearm or other hunting or trapping apparatus or fishing apparatus in an area frequented by wild animals or fish, respectively.
- (2) Subject to section 43510(2) and except as provided in section 43513, an individual shall not carry or possess afield a shotgun with buckshot, slug loads, or ball loads; a bow and arrow; a muzzle-loading rifle or black powder handgun; or a centerfire handgun or centerfire rifle during firearm deer season unless that individual has a valid deer license, with an unused kill tag, if issued, issued in his or her name. The individual shall exhibit an unused kill tag, if issued, upon the request of a conservation officer, a law enforcement officer, or the owner or occupant of the land
- (3) A tribal conservation officer under subsection (1) must be in uniform, display proper credentials, and be on official duty within the ceded

territory of the treaty of March 28, 1836, 7 Stat 491.

(4) As used in this section, "tribal conservation officer" means a conservation officer employed by the Great Lakes Indian fish and wildlife commission, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, or the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Secretary of the Senite

Jany E Randell
Clark & the House of Representatives

Appenred 3/8/16 10:28AM

Council News



Work Session Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jessica Burger	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Total
04/04	Agenda Review	X	X	X		X	X	X	Х	Х	8
04/04	Social Economic Ties	X	X	X		X	X	X	Х	Х	8
04/05	Addiction Treatment Center		V		X	X	X	X	Х	Х	6
04/05	Small Business Loan Act	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	8
04/05	Round Table w/Ogema	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	8
04/05	Cemetery Project	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	8
04/08	2-1-1		X	X		X	X	X	Х	Х	7
04/11	Indian Preference Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X		X	Х	Х	8
04/11	Reservation Resortation	X	X	X	X	X		X	Х	Х	8
04/11	Agenda Review	X	Х	X	X	Х		X	х	Х	8
04/11	Legal Assistance Department	X	X	X	X	Х		X	Х	Х	8
04/12	LLC Ordinance		X	X	X	X		X	X	Х	7
04/12	2016 Goals	X	Х	X	X	Х	Х	X	х	Х	9
04/12	Constitutional Amendments	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	х	Х	9
04/14	Internet Gaming		X		X	X	X	X			5
04/15	3 Branch Meeting	X	Х			X	Х	X	х	V	6
04/18	Council Meetings		Х	X	X		V	X	х	Х	6
04/18	Donation Requests	X	X	X	X		V	X	Х	Х	7
04/18	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X	X	V	X	Х	Х	8
04/19	Round Table	X	X		X	X	X	X	Х	Х	8
04/25	Elders Protection Ordinance	*	X	X		X	X	X	*	V	5
04/25	Agenda Review	*	X			Х	X	X	*	V	4
04/26	Commerce Commission	*	X	*	X	Х	X		*	X	5
04/26	Utilities	*	X	*	X	X	X		*	X	5
04/26	2016 Goals	*	X	*	X	X	X	X	*	X	6
	Total Work Sessions - 25	15	21	17	19	23	17	23	19	21	

^{* -} Business Related V - Vacation B - Bereavement

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL AMENDED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2016

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Departmental Reports and Minutes of various entities of the Tribe will be accepted during the third meeting of each month.

May 18	July 6	September 14	November 2
May 25	July 13	September 21	*November 5, Sat – 10:00 a.m.
•	July 27	September 28	November 16
June 1	•	•	November 30
June 8	August 3	October 5	
June 15	*August 6, Sat $-2:30$ p.m	October 12	December 7
June 22	August 10	October 19	December 14
*June 29	August 17	October 26	December 21
	August 24		

June 1st, August 3rd, September 21st and November 2nd dates were removed from the calendar *Added to the calendar – June 29th, August 6th and November 5th



Changes at the Clinic

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Beginning Monday (5/9/2016) construction began on the LRBOI Pharmacy Buildout at the Government Center. The construction company will be using the front (main) entrance to the Government Center to access the construction area and will generally be here during our normal 8-5 business hours. They will be accessing the pharmacy area through the hallway where Members Services are located.

In talking with the general manager providing oversight to the project they are requesting the Northeast area of our parking lot be made available for the construction contractors equipment, trailers dumpster, etc. I've spoken with Public Safety Director Robert Medacco and Public Safety staff will be marking out the area this Sunday. This will affect some of our parking spots, but I don't think it will have a significant impact.

If all goes well and there aren't any unforeseen delays, the construction completion date is projected to be 7/28 with the pharmacy opening late August or early September.



Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Council Speaker Virgil Johnson attended a meeting with the Department of Interior

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 Snap 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

Commodities

Commodity Program. USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards

September 30, 2014 a	& October 1, 2016
Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,136.00
2.	\$ 1,483.00
3.	\$ 1,830.00
4.	\$ 2,189.00
5.	\$ 2,565.00
6.	\$ 2,941.00
7.	\$ 3,287.00
8.	\$ 3,634.00

For each additional member add \$ 347.00

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 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

Department Information

LRBOI Commodity Department is in a new location pass the Little River Casino turn on M22 turn left on Dontz Road first parking lot left side on front of Little Casino Warehouse. The office hours are 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M Lunch hour is 12:00 P.M to 1:00 P.M phone #'s are 231-398-6716 an 231-398-6715

Yvonne Theodore and Laurie Jackson FDPIR is funded through the USDA to serve low income Native American households on & off the reservation.

Take application with all the information requirements Application go's to the state of Michigan snap check list and comes back to be certified. Households are called to be notified of decision for the FDPIR program. Households pick up 1 month food package at LRBOI warehouse in Manistee, MI.

Request for Proposals

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Manistee, Michigan REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(S)

PURPOSE: Contractual agreement with individuals to provide workshops and instruction for the following:

Regalia making Quillwork Sweetgrass Basketry Beadwork

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: May 31st, 2016

CONTACT: Requests for bid packets shall be directed to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor at (231)398-6804 or mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Summer Law Intern





Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Unified Legal Department

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

RebeccaLiebing@lrboi-nsn.gov

Summer Law Intern*

Temporary part-time hours w/ flexible schedule through tribe's Work Force Development

Position: Summer Law Intern

Reporting to: Unified Legal Department Staff Attorneys

Summary: The intern(s) will work closely with the Unified Legal Department Attorneys in

several clearly defined projects to be completed this summer. Interns will be exposed to the daily operation of the Unified Legal Department in its role as legal counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its Enterprises; and in its role as a legal resource to the various departments, commissions, and Boards of the

Tribe.

About the Program:

The Internship Educational Grant Program is only open to LRBOI Tribal Members and Preference Students that meet the following requirements:

- 1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Member or Tribal Preference Candidate and at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Applicant must have a 2.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) or higher.
- 3. Applicant must be in a degreed program at an accredited College or University.
- 4. Length of Internship paid by the Work Force Development Program is 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour.

Interested Applicants should reply with the following documents:

- Completed application [found at: https://lrboi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Revised-Application-for-Programs-10 2014.pdf]
- Current Resume
- College Transcripts
- Cover Letter explaining your interest in Tribal/Indian Law

Applicants must pass a drug test and background check.



Commission, Committee and Board Stipend

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Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments Collected for the Fiscal Year in Accordance with Resolution #03-0813-248

- 1. Commissions are created to regulate and manage within a subject matter or activity.
 - a. Membership. A commission has at least three commissioners who shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.
 - b. Authority. A commission shall be granted sufficient legislative authority to allow the commission to create regulations to govern in the subject matter jurisdiction.

Commissions are created by adoption of an Ordinance which sets forth the legislative requirements, direction, limitations, restrictions or other directions regarding a subject matter. Upon adoption of an Ordinance, the commissioners shall be identified and directed to develop and present by-laws.

The Tribal Council shall establish Tribal Committees, as needed, in areas of governance and development. The Committees shall be composed of Tribal members and other interested persons who shall meet and discuss specific issues in order to provide information to the Tribal Council so that the Council can make better informed decisions that affect the Tribal community. In furtherance of this purpose, this Policy will provide rules for the organization, functions, responsibilities, and requirements of Tribal Committees.

2. Commission/Committee Schedules:

Commissions:

Binojeeuk Commission: 1:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays Family Services Department Commerce Commission: 4:00p.m., 2nd Wednesday Big Manistee Room at LRCR

Enrollment Commission: 5:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday Enrollment Department Enrollment Department

Gaming Commission: 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays Gaming Commission Office

Health Commission: 4:30 p.m., 2nd Monday – Law Library

Housing Commission: 9:00 a.m., 3rd Thursday Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Natural Resource Commission: 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday Natural Resource Meeting

*Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.

Committees:

Elders – 12:00 noon, 1st Saturday of each month – Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

3. The Binojeeuk Commissioners and Gaming Commissioners receive \$125.00 per meeting and the rest of the Commissions and/or Committees receive \$100.00 per meeting.

Commission/Committee Stipends Paid January 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016

Elders Committee

Ron Pete – Chair	\$300
Rita Gale	\$400
Connie Waitner	\$400
Sandy Mezeske	\$300
Darleen Martin	\$400
<u>Liaisons</u>	

R. Wittenberg – 3 out of 4 attended V. Johnson – 1 out of 4 attended M. Wabindato – 0 out of 4 attended

Commerce Commission

\$400
\$400
\$400
nded

V. Johnson -0 out of 4 attended

Gaming Commission

Gaining Commission	
Bill Willis	\$2,000
Dave Corey - Chair	\$2,250
Julie Wolfe	\$1,125
Vacant	
Deb Davis	\$2,125
<u>Liaisons</u>	

J. Riley – 9 out of 18 attended F. Medacco – 0 out of 18 attended

Housing Commission

John Koon	\$400
Judy Hardenburgh	\$500
Julia Chapman - Chair	\$500
Marcella Leusby – Attend	ed 4 but no stipend paid
Jamie Friedel	\$300
<u>Liaisons</u>	
S. Lewis -1 out of 5 atter	nded
R. Wittenberg – 4 out of 5	attended
S. Crampton - 0 out of 5 a	ttended

Natural Resource Commission

Martha Howell	\$300
Connie Eno	\$400
Boo Battice - Chair	\$400
John Koon	\$400
David Schultz	\$400
Liaisons	
G. DiPiazza – 2 out of 4 at	tended
J. Burger -3 out of 4 atten	ded

Health Commission

\$300
\$300

Enrollment Commission

Peggy Derouin

Diana O'Neal - Chair	\$300
Charmaine Stone	\$300
Krystne Medawis	\$300
Vacant	
Liaisons	
S. Lewis - 1 out of 3 att	ended
R. Wittenberg -0 out of	of 3 attended

Binojeeuk Commission

Ron Pete – Chair	\$300
Beverly Cole	\$375
Margery Lutz - Chair	\$750
Sandra Deverney – Sec	\$750
Vacant	
Liaisons	

M. Wabindato – 0 out of 6 attended F. Medacco – 4 out of 6 attended

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Chi Ishobak and LRBOI



Chi Ishobak and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians partnered back in October to provide a Commercial and Consumer Loan Programs for tribal entrepreneurs and consumers. "This is huge milestone for Indian Country." Sean Winters, Executive Director stated,

"This collaboration will truly build professional and personal capacity and provide benefit for tribal citizens."

"We have recognized an increase in citizen phone calls and emails inquiring about loan applications and details since the Annual Meeting." Winters added, "The more information that citizens have about our programs may potentially assist them in building and strengthening their family capacity."

The mission of Chi Ishobak is to provide access to capital for Tribal citizens that may not qualify through traditional lending institutions. The goals are to increase family capacity, build credit, and make tribal citizens bankable with traditional institutions. By reinforcing the "Seven Grandfather Teachings", citizens will have the opportunity to accomplish these goals and strengthen the community and their families.

Information is vital to truly understanding the details and components of any organization or program. The new Consumer Loan Program is outlined below to inform Tribal citizens as to the details associated with each new product.

<u>Small-Business Loans – For the purpose of small-business expansion or start-up.</u> Must be an enrolled Little River Band or Ottawa Indians citizen.

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a commercial loan application.
- Must perform a business development assessment.
- Must submit a business plan outlining the project.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Interest rates are determined based upon a risk rating of the application.
- All loans will be collateralized.
- Loan origination fees are 1% of the loan amount.
- All payment activity may be reported to assist in building individual credit.
- On-going business technical assistance is included as a condition of each loan to build capacity.

<u>Automobile Loans – For the purpose of purchasing reliable transportation.</u>

- Must be an enrolled Little River Band or Ottawa Indians citizen.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a consumer loan application.
- Must submit a detailed purchase agreement from the seller for the automobile.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Interest rates are between 6%-10% and are based upon credit score.
- The automobile will serve as collateral for loan.
- Loan processing fees are \$100 for loans up to \$5,000 and \$150 for loans over \$5,000.
- All payment activity is reported to assist in building individual credit.
- Financial workshops or individual are included as a condition of each loan to build capacity.

<u>Credit Builder Loans – For the purpose of establishing or repairing credit. This is not designed to make funds immediately available.</u>

- Must be an enrolled Little River Band or Ottawa Indians citizen.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a consumer loan application.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Loan amounts are between \$500 \$1,500.
- Interest rates are 10% with automatic withdrawal and 12% without automatic withdrawal.
- Loan processing fees are \$50 for loans up to \$1,000 and \$75 for loans over \$1,000
- All payment activity is reported to assist in building individual credit.
- Financial workshops or individual are included as a condition of each loan to build capacity
- *If approved, loan funds are held in a secured account until all loan payments have been satisfied
- * This condition is in place to protect the Tribal citizen's payment history to ensure proper credit building.

Business Development

Chi Ishobak has partnered with the Michigan Small Business Development Center (MI-SBDC) to provide business information, resources, and tools to tribal entrepreneurs. This relationship prepares tribal entrepreneurs for the commercial loan application process by identifying strengths and weaknesses in a business plan and making necessary adjustments. These adjustments position tribal entrepreneurs for the greatest chances for success, growth, and profitability. This service may be used whether applying for a commercial loan or just committed to strengthening an existing business.

Financial Wellness and Individual Financial Coaching

This program is available by either a scheduled workshop series or by private coaching sessions. These meetings are designed to identify financial habits and behaviors in our personal financial management that may be ineffective and implement necessary changes. By utilizing lessons from our ancestors and modern financial tools, citizens can accomplish any goal from: savings, building credit, debt-reduction, and building credit.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on the programs offered by Chi Ishobak, please contact us by using the information listed below: Chi Ishobak, Inc. P.O. Box 766 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 783-4157

www.chiishobak.org



Chi Ishobak FAQ's

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What is a Community Development Financial **Institution (CDFI)?**

A Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFI's provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets.

Who is Chi Ishobak?

Chi Ishobak, pronounced Chee-is-oh-bock

- "Big Cabbage", is a United States Treasury certified Native CDFI and a Michigan 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Chi Ishobak provides enrolled tribal citizens of Michigan Tribes with access to affordable capital for business loans and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services. Chi Ishobak practices responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of tribal citizens.

What does Chi Ishobak offer?

Chi Ishobak offers commercial loans for smallbusiness expansion or start-up. Chi Ishobak offers consumer loans for automobile purchases and credit building efforts. Chi Ishobak offers small-business development services designed

to assist tribal entrepreneurs with legal formation. How do I utilize the development services? business plan development, financial projections, and loan packaging. Business development services are available whether or not you are seeking a loan.

Chi Ishobak offers financial wellness education designed for Native American citizens. It is vital to provide citizens with the tools necessary manage personal financial resources responsibly. Fundamental topics such as savings, communication with money, budgeting, debtmanagement, and buying behavior can help citizens establish healthy financial habits. Drawing upon the successful techniques of our ancestors gives us all the information and strength needed to be successful in today's environment.

How do I apply for a loan?

The application process begins by contacting Chi Ishobak for an intake evaluation to review the potential project, request, or purchase. A loan application packet will be provided to secure all necessary documentation to evaluate the loan request. All applications are reviewed by Chi Ishobak's Loan Committee. Chi Ishobak staff will provide information and answers to all relevant questions during the loan application process.

You can take advantage of small-business development resources or financial wellness resources by contacting Chi Ishobak for an intake evaluation which is used to identify current capacity and to formulate a unique plan of action. Chi Ishobak's process consists of gathering as much information as possible, offering different alternatives, and to empower tribal citizens to achieve their financial goals.

How do I contact Chi Ishobak?

You can contact Chi Ishobak by any of the following:

Phone: (269) 783-4157 Fax: (269) 783-2494 Website: www.chiishobak.org

Email: Sean Winters, Executive Director

sean.winters@chiishobak.org

Eric Stovern, Financial Services Manager

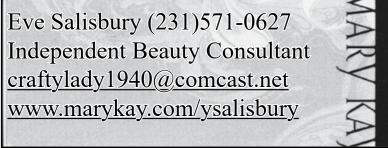
eric.stovern@chiishobak.org Mail: 27043 Potawatomi Trail

P.O. Box 766

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Advertisements







Education Department





Summer FUN!

If you and your child (ages 8 and up) are looking for some fun activities this summer, the Education Department will be having a social gathering every TUES & THURS from 2pm - 4pm through the months of June & July, at the Muskegon office. If weather permits, we will do outside activities like tennis, disk golf, fishing, biking, hiking, basketball, etc. Indoor activities include beading, card or board games, art, etc.

June 2nd — July 28th 2016

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

LRBOI-Muskegon Office

1101 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441

Want to register or have questions? Call Santana Aker @ (231) 398-6654

Parents are encouraged to participate (chaperone forms needed).



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 21st Annual Jiingtamok (Pow Wow)

Host Drum: Warpaint Singers Co-Host: Urban Nation Invited: War Party Swirling Wind Mswke Kiizhik Painted Rock Sons of Three Fires Rizing Bear

First 5 Show-Up Drums to Register ONSITE will receive a \$300 honorarium
All Drums must have 6 registered singers, NO drum hopping

Head Veteran: George Martin
Arena Director: Andre Neebnagezhick
M.C. Philip Memberto
Dance Judges: Dave & Punkin Shananaquet
Drum Judge: Walker Stonefish
Princess Judge: Kareen Lewis

Head Dancers:

Session 1: Al Metzger & Theresa Johnson Session 2: Ron Wittenberg & Janine Sam Session 3: Frank Lewis & De-Ahna Underwood

Drum Contest, Dance Contest All Categories LRBOI 2016/2017 Princess Contest

Drum Competition:

 $1^{st} = $2,000.$ $2^{nd} = $1,000.$

3rd = \$500.

Tiny Tots Special

Grand Entry Saturday at 12:00 & 7:00 and Sunday 12:00

JULY 2ND & 3RD

No Admission Fees, Native Vendors Only, Vendor Spots Available \$75. No Alcohol, Drugs or Pets On-site Camping, some electricity hookups available, bathrooms with showers. Call ahead to reserve a room or spot at the RV Park at the Little River Casino Resort Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244, located across the street from the Pow Wow Grounds (Sorry No Pow Wow Rate Available)

For Drum Information Contact Philip at 315.925.9545

Pow Wow Located at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 Behind Tribal Gas Station

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KAREEN AT 231.398.6895

Parents as Teachers



Parents as Teachers in Manistee County

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has trained and certified staff for the Parents as Teachers program. The LRBOI Family Services Department is a certified affiliate of the parents as Teachers program. We see prenatal women and families with children up through age 5.



Parents as Teachers



For More Information on the Parents as teachers Program with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, please contact:



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department 2608 Government Center Dr. Manistee, MI. 49660 231-398-6736



Take back prescription drugs

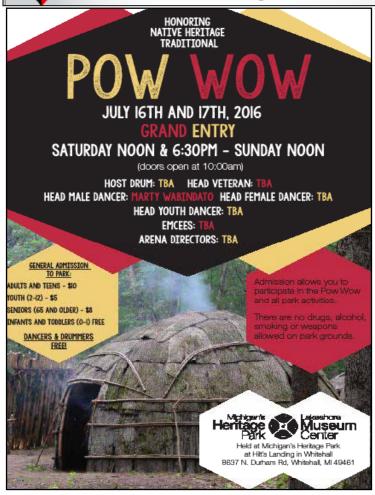
The Tribal Public Safety Department wanted to remind you that they take back the prescription drugs program year 'round out at the Tribal Police Department offices on M22. Tribal police have a secured location for these drugs and regularly arranges for their disposal.

Bring these drugs into the department. Leaving them in the medicine cabinet or somewhere in the home poses a danger to youngsters and other family members. Properly disposing of these drugs protects our young, our families and our environment



Programs and Events

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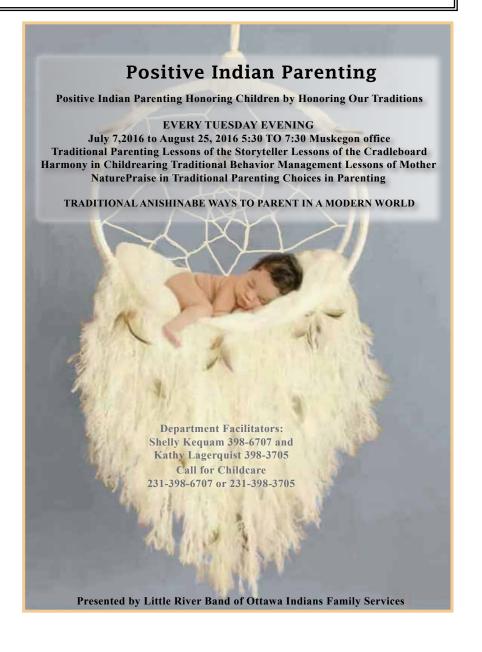


HOUSING DEPARTMENT:

The Tribally funded Down payment and Closing Cost Assistance program has been funded for this year, 2016. Tribal Citizens can receive up to a combined maximum of \$5,000.00. The combined maximum is based on 2.33% for the down payment assistance up to \$3,500 and 1.00% for closing cost assistance up to \$1,500. The assistance is calculated on the total purchase price and the eligibility criteria highlights are as follows.

- 1. Must be an enrolled member of LRBOI.
- 2. Must be at least 21 years old.
- 3. Must not currently own a home/residence.
- 4. Residence must be the borrower's permanent primary residence.
- 5. Must not have previously accessed funds under this or any other Tribal program that provides down payment and closing cost assistance.
- 6. Must be a single family residence.

If you are interested please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department at 231-398-6878 or cgehrke@lrboi-nsn.gov.



Chi Ishobak The Front Porch



Chi Ishobak Inc. Continues to Empower Tribal Entrareneurs



Chi Ishobak, Inc. Provides Financing to The Front Porch to Start Full Service Antique and Vintage Shop.

May 6, 2016

Dowagiac, MI - Chi Ishobak is pleased to announce a financing partnership with The Front Porch. The Front Porch, owned by Michael and Irma Carney, became the most recent organization to receive funding from Chi Ishobak's Commercial Loan Program. Michael is an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

The Front Porch began as a hobby business in 2014 that repurposed and restored vintage furniture and home décor pieces. The Carney's had a dream of expanding this business into a local shop. One day the stars aligned and the timing was impeccable as retail space became available in a historic building located in downtown Muskegon. This space provided an opportunity that the Carney's could not pass up, the reality of turning The Front Porch into a full service antique and vintage shop.

Financing for start-up businesses can be extremely hard to obtain. This is where Chi Ishobak came into the picture for The Front Porch. Chi Ishobak was able to provide business development resources and loan capital for this new venture. There is a great deal of commitment and planning required for any business and Michael and Irma were ready for the next steps.

"Michael and Irma have invested an enormous amount of time, emotion, sweat, and personal finance into their dream," Eric Stovern, Financial Services Manager of Chi Ishobak said. "We (Chi Ishobak) were able to work with Michael and Irma to develop their business plan, obtain financing, and begin the build-out their new space."

With financing in place, The Front Porch will build-out their retail space and obtain necessary inventory, fixtures, and equipment to open their doors to the public. Their new location has access to numerous community functions and foot traffic that will bring a variety of customers into the

"It has been amazing having the Chi Ishobak team believe in our dream just as much as we do and refreshing knowing that they sincerely care about our success," added Michael and Irma. "Chi Ishobak pushed us to think about all aspects of opening and operation a thriving business."

The Front Porch is located at 758 Pine Street, Muskegon, MI 49442. You can visit The Front Porch at www.thefrontporchgoods. com or on their Facebook Page. The Front Porch can be reached at (231) 750-1987 if you have any questions or are interested in their products and services.

The Front Porch is on the growing list of minority-owned businesses that Chi Ishobak has had the privilege to provide financing for. Chi Ishobak's Commercial Loan Program is designed to assist small-business start-up or expansion.

Chi Ishobak is a Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Michigan 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. It is the mission of Chi Ishobak to provide access to affordable capital for tribal citizens for the purposes of business loans and individual financial development through collaborative and educationoriented lending services while practicing responsible lending to ensure loan capital for future generations of tribal citizens. Chi Ishobak currently provides commercial and consumer loan products for enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is the goal of Chi Ishobak to work with every tribe within the State of Michigan.

"Chi Ishobak would love to create this type of relationship with other Michigan Tribes," added Winters. "We are all family and the greater number of tribal citizens we can help will accelerate the benefit across Indian Country."

Additional information can be found through Chi Ishobak's website at

www.chiishobak.org

or by contacting Chi Ishobak offices at (269) 783-4157.

May is Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

Check your tanning IQ and protect the skin you're in

LANSING, Mich. – As warmer weather approaches, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges all residents to protect their skin from ultraviolet (UV) rays by addressing and correcting com-

mon misconceptions about tanning.
'According to the CDC, indoor tanning can cause skin cancer including melanoma, the deadliest type of skin cancer," says Eden Wells, MD, chief medical executive of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "Indoor tanning is particularly dangerous for younger users; people who begin indoor tanning during adolescence or early adulthood have a higher risk of getting skin cancer. People need to protect their skin and limit their exposure to ultraviolet rays, whether from the sun or indoor tanning beds." MDHHS reminds all residents that:

- Controlled tanning is not safe tanning
- A base tan is not a safe tan.

Tanned skin is not healthy skin

A tan is how the body responds to injury from ultraviolet (UV) rays, showing that damage has been done. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Burning Truth awareness campaign sets the record straight on tanning and skin cancer, the most common cancer in the United States.

A 2013 study found that one in five high school females still engaged in indoor tanning and about one in ten girls used an indoor tanning bed 10 or more times during the year. Using a tanning bed before the age of 35 is associated with a higher risk of developing melanoma.

The American Cancer Society projects that in Michigan, there will be more than 2,500 cases and 300 deaths due to melanoma in 2016. Protect your skin from the harmful effects of UV rays. Avoid the sun during the middle of the day. Cover exposed skin, wear sunglasses and a hat and also use sunscreen appropriately to lower your risk for skin cancer. Avoid tanning beds and check your skin regularly and be sure to talk with your doctor if you notice any changes with your skin.

To read stories from young women about tanning and subsequent experiences with skin cancer including melanoma, visit http://www. skincancer.org/true-stories/teen-tanners. To learn what skin cancer and melanoma look like, visit http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer/galleries/skin-cancer-images. For more information on lowering your risk for skin cancer, go to http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer/index.



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Trading Post

Cigarette Purchases:

Tribal members are NOT allowed to pur- Motor Fuel Purchases: non-members (including family members) who are not eligible for the exemption. Tax-exempt purchases are for the Tribal member's personal use only.

It is against the law for Tribal members to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members. Tribal members are NOT allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for other tribal members who have already reached their monthly quota. Please see the Regulation excerpt below regarding penalties that will be assessed.

Tribal Regulation #R100-02:AC-07 Chapter 7. Tobacco Products. 3-6. Civil Penalties; Remedies.

b. Any person who violates Section 3-5(a) by purchasing tax-exempt tobacco products for, or selling tax-exempt tobacco products to, any person not entitled to purchase the same under the terms of the Tax Agreement shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction by a person which violates Section 3-5(b) shall be treated as a separate offense.

c. Any Retailer who knowingly violates Section 3-5(b) shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each transaction shall be treated as a separate offense.

bers are NOT allowed to purchase taxexempt purchases on behalf of another eligible Tribal member. For example, you cannot purchase tax-exempt cigarettes for your Tribal parent, sibling, cousin, other relative, or friend because they are sick at home, working late, or unable to get to the Trading Post to make their own purchase. The tax-exempt tobacco purchase MUST be for the Tribal member purchasing it at PURCHASING the time of sale.

All Tribal members purchasing tax-exempt Payment for all tax-exempt fuel purchases priate purchase log at the counter. There SHOULD NOT pay for fuel at the pump.

Tax-Exempt Purchases at the Little River have been multiple issues with members not signing the log, and/or not completely filling out all of the information requested.

chase tax-exempt tobacco products for All Tribal members are required to be registered for the tax-exempt Motor Fuel program. Fueling a vehicle that is not registered with the Tax Office is strictly prohibited. The penalty for purchasing taxexempt fuel for any person not entitled to purchase it is \$100 per transaction plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges for up to one year.

> The rules clearly state that Tribal members must register the vehicle that they are purchasing tax-exempt fuel for. There is no provision for purchasing fuel for a nonmember's vehicle unless you are a disabled Tribal member that has registered with an "authorized purchaser". The Tax Office and the Little River Trading Post have Motor Fuel Registration forms available. If you need a Disabled Registration form, please contact the Tax Office.

Only Tribal members are entitled to buy and use tax-exempt fuel purchased under the terms of the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. The exemption does not extend to friends or family members that are not Tribal members. Enforcing this rule is difficult because it is hard to know how the fuel will be used once the vehicle leaves the station. The ultimate use of the fuel must be trusted to the integrity of the Tribal member. However, at the point of sale, the staff have been instructed to enforce the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel program rules. This includes, but is not limited to; disallowing the discount on Also, please remember that Tribal mem- fuel purchased for a vehicle that the Tribal member is not using at the point of sale.

> Tribal members that purchase fuel for a non-member or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment. The following schedule outlines the enforcement procedure that is followed.

> PROCEDURES TO BE USED WHEN TAX-EXEMPT FUEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

cigarettes MUST show their Tribal ID to must be made inside the gas station AFTER the cashier on duty and complete the appro- fuel has been pumped. Tribal members

After pumping the desired amount of gas, proceed inside the station and inform the attendant on duty that you are a Little River Band member and are eligible for a tax exemption on your motor fuel purchase before they ring up your sale.

Present your Little River Band picture I.D. card to the attendant for verification. They are required to verify the name, number, and picture on your I.D. card. They cannot give you the discount if you do not have your I.D. card present at the time of purchase. Plus, there may be a new attendant on duty who does not know Tribal members and their names, so it is always necessary to provide your I.D. card.

The attendant will ask you to complete the "Log of tax-exempt sales". You must enter the date, your Tribal I.D. number, signature, license plate number and number of gallons purchased. Refusal to provide this information will result in denial of your tax exemption. Also, so that your purchase does not get logged incorrectly, please write clearly so that it can be read for data entry.

Tribal members may NOT purchase fuel for a non-Tribal member's use. Doing so will result in suspension of your taxexempt purchase privileges. Additional penalties may also be assessed as outlined in the Motor Fuel Regulations.

Keep track of your gallons so you don't go over the monthly limit. The penalties for over-limit purchases could cancel out any savings you realize on your fuel purchases.

Again, a Tribal member cannot purchase tax-exempt fuel for a vehicle that is being used by a non-Tribal member. The penalty is \$100 for each offense (per Tribal Regulation #R100-AC-08, §3-8 (b)). The fuel discount will not be given for two separate vehicles at one purchase! Do not ask for this exemption unless the second vehicle is being towed or is on a trailer pulled by the vehicle the Tribal member is using.

Your Responsibility

Tribal members are responsible for staying within their monthly limit. It is not the job of the Little River Trading Post

Tax Department



to track your purchases and it is not their fault if you go over your limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in a tax assessment and penalty plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges until the assessed amount is paid in full.

Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

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

It takes time to prepare the paperwork required by the State of Michigan before you can get your tax exemption. The certificate also requires an authorized signature, which may take additional time to obtain. Sometimes the Tribal member is eligible but only after they provide Proof of Residency to become a Resident Tribal member, which then takes more time for the complete process. On occasion, the Tax Office may be closed for a meeting, work assignments outside of the office, on vacation, or assisting another Tribal member and not be readily available. The Tax Office consists of only one staff member. The best advice is to plan ahead and contact the Tax Office once you know what you are going to buy, but before you complete the bill of sale. No refunds can be given for sales taxes paid because a Tribal Certificate of Exemption was not obtained.

To contact the Tax Office, call Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874, toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6874, or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn. gov.

Tax-Exempt Quotas

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

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 25 packs per Tribal member.

Remember:

Tribal members are responsible for tracking their own purchases. Do not rely on the Trading Post to track your purchases for you

How to Become a Resident Tribal Member

To become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM), a Little River Band Tribal Member must live within the 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 Tax Office 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.

Proof of Residency for Resident Tribal Members

Proof of Residency is required for any address change to "Resident Tribal Member" status. This means that if you move, you will need to provide official documentation of your proof of residency in order to have "Resident Tribal Member" status. This applies, even if you are moving to a different address within the Tax Agreement Area.

A Proof of Residency must be on file for a Resident Tribal Member's current address before a Certificate of Exemption can be issued for a tax-exempt purchase under the terms of § III(A)(2 &3) of the Tribe/State Tax Agreement. A Tribal member must live at the physical address within the Tax Agreement Area to benefit from the tax-exempt status.

Those members currently listed as "Resident Tribal Members" shall remain on the RTM list unless information is received by the Enrollment or Tax Department that flags a physical residence into question. In addition, RTMs using a mailing address outside of the Tax Agreement Area may be required to provide proof of physical residency for verification.

Resident Tribal Member Tax Exemption Certificates

Resident Tribal Members must apply to the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption BEFORE making a tax-exempt purchase. This includes a vehicle (including recreational) purchase or construction materials for affixation to the RTM's personal residence. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. Application forms are available on the Tax Office page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information". The application form must be completely filled out and signed before a Certificate will be issued. Again, RTMs must apply to the Tax Office for a Tribal Certificate of Exemption BEFORE making a tax-exempt purchase. Please plan ahead so that you're not at the dealership calling and waiting for a Certificate because under occasional circumstances, the Tax Officer may be out of the office, in a meeting, or assisting another Tribal member.

Joint Purchases – A Resident Tribal Member shall qualify for a 50 percent exemption on purchases that are made by a Resident Tribal Member, or their non-Resident Tribal Member spouse, and exclusively titled in both their names.

If you have any questions about your specific location and if it falls within the Tax Agreement Area, Resident Tribal Member status, the Proof of Residency form and requirements, or the Certificate of Exemption process, please call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874 or 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6874. You can also access this information on the Tax Office page of the Tribe's website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Natural Resources

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Harvest regulations for the 2016 Black Lake Sturgeon Harvest

2016 Spring Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake

The season will be similar to last year for sturgeon harvest in Black Lake with two sturgeon which may be harvested by spear, bowfishing, and/or hook and line. Contact the Natural Resources Department at (231) 723-1594 to obtain a permit or for more information.

2016 Regulations for Lake Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake

1.Two (2) fish quota for entire lake for 2016. After both fish are harvested, the fishery is closed and all licensed anglers will be notified by LRBOI NRD personnel. Only two (2) fish total can be harvested regardless of the number of licensed anglers.

2. Season: Sunday, May 1st through Thursday, June 30th (or until quota is reached after which season will be immediately closed).

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3. No minimum size limit.

4.Method of harvest is open water spearing, bowfishing, and/or hook and line. Snagging is not allowed.

5.Angler must maintain in their possession at all times a valid Lake Sturgeon Harvest Permit for Black Lake in order to fish. This permit must be acquired from the Natural Resources Department 48 hours prior to fishing. The permit will indicate specific dates for which the permit is valid. Because LRBOI Natural Resource Department or Conservation Law Enforcement staff will be present during all sturgeon fishing. Angler must call contacts designated on the permit if the permit will not be used for any of the designated days.

6. Daily Angler check-in is required
. Once angler arrives at Black Lake they will call contacts designated on permit prior to fishing for the day.

7. After an angler harvests a sturgeon they must immediately contact the LRBOI NRD staff. Anglers will be given a shortwave radio or be notified of other means to contact the LRBOI NRD staff present at Black Lake.

8. Mandatory registration of sturgeon is required immediately upon harvest with a LRBOI NRD field staff.



- 9. Registration of fish harvest will include an examination of the fish.
- 10. Tribal Law Enforcement may check anglers during each fishing day.
- 11. If quota is exceeded the excess fish will be turned over to LRBOI NRD and/or Law Enforcement personnel and retained for future ceremonial purposes.

Climate Change Planning at Natural Resources



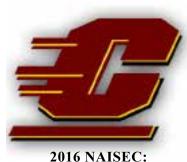
On April 22nd, the Natural Resources Department kicked off the Climate Change Adaption Planning Grant at the department office. The meeting was attended by most of the NRD staff, and was led by Kyle Powys Whyte, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Community Sustainability at MSU. He introduced the NRD staff to various ways that other Tribes have looked at climate change and how to plan for it.



This meeting was just the first step. Next, NRD will be seeking input from our membership on climate change and what it means to you. And at the end of the grant LRBOI will have a climate change adaption strategy that will help guide the Tribe on our way forward.

Miigwech Kyle, and NRD!

North American Indigenous Summer Enrichment Camp



2016 NAISEC: JULY 17 - JULY 21

The Office of Native American Programs at Central Michigan University invite all Native American students interested in exploring life at college to apply for the week-long North American Indigenous Summer Enrichment Camp.

Participants: Native American students entering the 8th -12th grades in Fall 2016 are eligible to apply. The first 20 students who return completed a applications will be accepted into the program.

Where: Students will be housed in a residence hall and involved in activities within Central Michigan University's campus.

Why: NAISEC aims to expose young Native people to higher education and improve participants' understanding and perceived ability to succeed in a college setting. The following are key components of NAISEC:

Academic Understanding:

Students will learn how to take proper notes, prepare for exams and how to use the University library for research.

Cultural Understanding:

Students will receive lessons on Anishinaabe language and history, contemporary issues in Native American communities and cultural leadership skills.

Preparing for College:

Students will attend workshops with admissions, career services and financial aid.

Critical Thinking:

APPLICATION COMING SOON!

Students will be challenged to look at issues from multiple perspectives rather than one, to see the impact of their ability.

Learning Community:

Students build team working skills and understand the value of working with others.



Spring Fire and Lifeway Teachings

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The Spring Fire and Lifeway Teachings went very well even though we had to deal with the cold and wet weather. Because of the weather and the teaching lodge being soaked we made a decision to move our teaching inside and not light the Fire until Friday morning. On Thursday morning was Kareen Lewis and some folks there ready to get things going. I was very Thankful that they were there in the morning. They had the lodge clean up and ready to go but because of the wetness we still moved inside to the Council Chambers. I would like to express my gratitude to the Council and Ogema for allowing us to use the Council Chambers.

We started our teaching for the day around nine in the morning with our Pipe and Water ceremonies. The teachings that were attended during the day went very well with many Teachings being covered. The main teaching in the morning was about the Sacred Fire and Fire keeping. Many teachings and discussion was held in regards to Fire Keeping and Fire Keepers responsibilities that universally happen in the Three Fire territory when those Fires are sparked. Since we have had confusion with our Fires and Fire Keepers it would be great to see more men and women at this Teaching. We will covered this again at Fall Sacred Fire and Teachings.

We had good attendance all Day for our teachings. There was 35 to 40 in attendance at morning teachings and for afternoon teachings 30 to 45. For Friday. The Scared Fire was spark at Sunrise by Al Metzger. Indio Mitchell took care of that Fire all day till his relief came in which was Chuck Shaw.

The teachings went very good on Friday. The Teachings were held at the LRBOI Community center. Most of the Pipe Carriers and Presenters

thought it would be better to stay inside. The Fire at the lodge was keep by Indio Mitchell all day. He was brought food by the ladies who prepared it and he did know we were at the center. Miigwetch Indio for your commitment and honoring our Grandfather Sacred Fire. Chuck Shaw took care of the Fire Sundown to sunrise Saturday, then Philip Memberto relieved Chuck. The Teaching went very well at the community center, our Pipe and Water Ceremonies were completed and our teaching went very well all day. We had 30 to 60 participants during Friday teachings. I would like to acknowledge the Tribal Council members who did attend: Virgil Johnson, Ron Wittenburg, Shannon Crampton, Marty Wabindato. Virgil and Shannon stayed most of the afternoon, Sandy Lewis was there almost all day, miigwetch. It is good to see our Council members involved in these most awesome teachings that make who we are and where we really blossomed from. We cannot find our way into the Future unless we acknowledge our past.

All the invited guess and participants did a wonderful job.

I would like to say a chi miigwetch to Jay Sam and Kareen Lewis for getting things done in preparation. I would to say miigwetch to those who prepared all the great food, that would be Noelle Cross and Arianne Gray and her little helpers for the great breakfasts, we all are thankful.

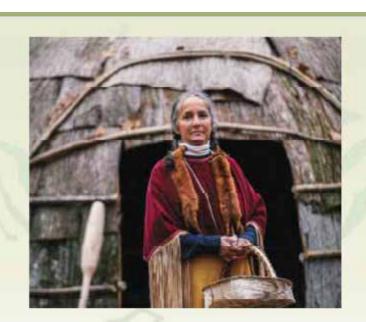
We looked forward to the Fall Sacred Fire and Anishnabe Lifeway Teaching.

If I have forgotten anyone who helped and worked on these doings I truly apologize.

Submitted by Philip Memberto

Election!

On May 20th, 2016 the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be sending out Voter Registration Packets for the Secretarial Election. There will be a Post Card to fill out and return to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, this is your Voter Registration Card. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU SIGN UP TO VOTE. This Secretarial Election is to Vote on Constitutional Changes. How this turns out will affect not just a few of our Tribal Members but all of them. So make sure you Register to Vote for this Special Secretarial Election, so your voice can be hear.



STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To interpret Native life during the 1650s in a wigwam village

at

Michigan's Heritage Park in Whitehall

For more information please email wendy@lakeshoremuseum.org or call 231-894-0342



Government



Commission Openings!

Even though most committee positions have been filled, the tribe continues to seek applications from qualified members interested in serving upon the Commerce, Gaming, Housing, Binojeeuk, Enrollment, Health and Natural Resources Commissions.

Ogema Romanelli is building a pool of tribal members who are interested in sitting on a Commission. Members are invited to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact our office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

Tribal Members from Outside the 9 county area are also invited to apply.

Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288. 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.

Casino Employment

Check out the new Employment Opportunities tab on the tribal website at

https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/resources/employment
Our new preference ordinance is there along with links to website and job opportunities. All in one place for your convenience! Check out the exciting opportunities that await you at the Little River Casino Resort There are many ways to apply. Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530 Stop by our Human Resources Department located at

2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI
Monday – Friday 7am-5pm
Send your Application, Resumeand Cover letter to:
Little River Casino Resort
Attn: Recruiting P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: (231) 723-4530 · Fax: (231) 723-1589 Email: <u>recruiting@lrcr.com</u>

Available job openings can also be found at all LRBOI Tribal Government buildings, in LRBOI Tribal Newsletters and at Michigan Works!

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI- Indian Preference in Employment (Ordinance #11-600-02)

LRBOI Warriors Society

The Committee consist of the following:



Commander- John Shano

Vice Commander -Leonard Rittenhous

Secretary - Virgil Johnson

Treasure - Vacant

Sargent of Arms -Chuck Nelson

Chaplin- Chuck Fisher

The Warrior Society is ever looking
For Tribal Member Warriors to honor and support
If you or someone you know would like to attend any
meetings, events, or join, please contact
allWarriorSociety@lrboi.com

Amy Denise Gilbert-Meteer-ba December 27, 1973 - April 12, 2016



Amy D. (Kleeman) Gilbert-Meteer, 42, of Traverse City, passed away on April 12, 2016 at her home. She was born on December 27, 1973 in Traverse City to Kenneth A. and Denise (Smith) Kleeman.

Amy is survived by her husband, Lee Meteer; her sons, Dalton Hosler of Bellaire and Kenneth "Kenny" Anthony Gilbert of Traverse City; stepchildren, Emmet Meteer of Ludington, Myiesha Meteer and Zack Meteer, both of Traverse City; a granddaughter, Ivy; her parents, Ken and Denise of Mancelona; and her siblings, Samantha "Sam" Kleeman of Mancelona, Holly (Chad) Draper of Ellsworth and Robert E. Kleeman of Arizona. Amy married Lee Meteer on April 26, 2013 in Traverse City. Her hobbies included hunting, fishing, crafts, and leather work. She loved her native American heritage and anything that included "nature".

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska. Visitation will begin at 5:00 pm until the time of service.

Memorials may be given to an Education Fund for Amy's children, checks payable to Lee Meteer, c/o Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, 106 S. Cherry, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Jeri Leigh Chippewa-ba



Reflections of Jeri Leigh Chippewa Jeri was my first niece born to my sister. Jeri was my special girl. Her greatest happiness and her "pride and joy" were her children and her grandbabies. She was a loving mother and a loving grandmother. She was never afraid to say I love you, and she always had hugs for me. I loved her like she was my own daughter, and there will always be a special place in my heart just for her. Now, you have left us way too soon and way too young. I never got to say how much [love you and to let you know how much you meant to me, but I think you already knew that. You have left a void in my heart that only time will heal. Now I have only memories of you, but I will cherish

them forever. When I would come to see you, your face would light up, and your smile melted my heart. I'll miss your voice saying, "I love

you Aunt." Know that I will always cherish you in my heart May you rest in the arms of our Lord Jesus "My Pretty Girl." Love and Prayers Forever, Auntie AI Tiffany Rae Muma-ba June11, 1980- March 5, 2016



Tiffany Rae Muma was born in Monroe, Michigan on June 11, 1980. She was the youngest of three daughters born from the union of Stephen Muma and Sharon (Hamilton) Muma. Tiffany received her diploma from Monroe High School in 2001. She went on to attend Oakland University where she earned Associate's Degrees in Photography and Interior Design.

Tiffany was a remarkable woman. She showed perseverance throughout her life even when suffering from poor health for more than fifteen years. She was an active member of the Lupus Foundation and very proud of her Native American Heritage being a member of the Ottawa Tribe. She valued her Christian faith and received her spiritual nourishment through attendance at the Monroe Church of Christ. Tiffany had a positive outlook on life, and she made the most of each day. She was a great friend and counselor to those around her. Her thoughtfulness for others led her to drop whatever she was doing, no matter the time of day.

Tiffany had a passion for photography, and she loved to capture special maternity, infant, and children. She also kept daily journals, often spending much of her time reflecting upon her wishes, dreams, and thoughts. Tiffany Rae Muma, age 35 of Monroe passed away peacefully at ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Her loving family was at her side. Her passing was preceded by paternal grandparents: Donald and Josephine Muma.

To cherish her memory she leaves her beloved parents: Stephen and Sharon Muma of Monroe; maternal grandmother: Ruth Hamilton of Woodhaven; two dear sisters: Terra (William "Bill") Muma Currier of Holland, Michigan and Staci (Stephen) Cheney of Ypsilanti; her niece: Josephine "Josie" Currier; her nephew: Key Currier; many aunts: uncles; cousins; and friends. See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/monroenews/obituary.aspx?pid=178004387#sthash.3000B

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Elder Meals





Happy Birthday

Shirley Mae Holman
Lorraine Marie Ceplina
Charles Lester Fisher
Fern Cecelia Barber
Jean A. Aber
Charlotte Mary Vega
Linley Charles Peterson
Martha Joan Rohrmoser
Gerald Ronald Battice
Leroy Savinius Smith

Barbara Jean Miller-Bresse Marvin Joseph Nadiger Dorothy Maxine Rozell Stephanie Ellzabeth Dysard Barbara Ellen Alberts Linda June Slater Henry Francis Theodore Richard Paul Lambert Erland Alfred Riihimaki



Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2016

General Information

- ⇒ Meals served at Noon
- ⇒ No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder
- ⇒ Guest Meals are \$6.00
- Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food
- Coffee, Milk and Water are available at every meal



Nutrition Tips of the Month

Walking is a perfect way to start exercising. It requires no special equipment, aside from a pair of comfortable walking shoes, and can be done anywhere.

Activities:

- ⇒ Mondays—Language Class
- ⇒ Wednesdays -Wii Bowling
- ⇒ June 17 Muskegon Lunch
- ⇒ June 23— B.I.N.G.O

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions 231-398-6886



Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Corn & Dessert Wii Bowling	2 Chief's Choice	3	4 Elder Committee Meeting Lunch Served at Noon
	6 Club Sandwich Potato Wedges Broccoli & Dessert Language Class 12:30	7 Beef Stroganoff Pasta Asparagus & Dessert	8 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Mixed Veggie Wii Bowling	9 Turkey & Gravy Sweet Potatoes Green Beans & Dessert	10	11
12	13 Chicken Wild Rice Peas & Dessert Language Class 12:30	Angus Dug's, Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni Salad & Dessert	15 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Corn & Fruit Wii Bowling	16 Spaghetti Broccoli and Garlic Stix & Dessert	17 Muskegon Meal Please RSVP Noelle @ 231-398-6886	18
Happy S Father's Day.	20 Baked Fish Sweet Potato Fries, Okra Language Class 12:30	21 Burger Macaroni & Cheese Cauliflower & Dessert	22 Chicken Potpie & Dessert Wii Bowling	23 Pot Roast Fingerling Potatoes, Carrots & Dessert B.I.N.G.O!	24	25
26	27 Calzone Veggies Dessert Language Class 12:30	28 Tuna Melt Chips Asparagus & Dessert	29 Vegetable Beef Soup Oven Fresh Roll & Fresh Fruit Wii Bowling	30 Chicken Fajitas Rice Peppers & Onion		Menu subject to change with out no- tice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.





Loan Facts you should know:

- •You must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe to qualify
- •Your home can be on or off the reservation (within approved areas)
- •Downpayments are as low as 1.25% 2.25%
- •Gifts and tribal assistance are permitted
- •Regular 30 yr fixed interest rates available
- •No hidden terms or fees
- •Common sense approval process
- •Low Monthly Mortgage insurance
- •Only a 1.5% guarantee fee to the government
- •Doublewide and modular homes allowed
- •Cash out refinance to 85% loan to value
- •New construction and renovation allowed
- •In-house loan approvals and funding

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Everyone



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Wenesh Pii: April 7,2016 thru June 9, 2016

Thursdays 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Aanii piish: Tribal Government Center

Weekly session include: sharing circle & meal & Craft time

To Reserve your Spot please contact : Julie Wolfe @ At 231.398.6740

If you need Transportation please call me



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Events and Directory



Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or

- 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
- *Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.
- *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.
- Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
- * Charge will be for meal of the highest price.
- *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.
- 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
- Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees. Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.
- *Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and \ provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.
- *Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when Checking in and occupy the
- *No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.
- In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
- River Credits will be given to all LR-BOI Tribal Members only (no spouses). Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
 - *Spring and Fall membership meeting
 - *LRBOI Elders Conference
 - *Elders Christmas Party
 - *Tribal Members only
- · No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.\
- Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).

Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.

Fidors Moel 2016 Momborship Meetings Call Little River				
Trans.	Tribal Court	justice center on M22	231.398.3406	
	Work Force Development	government center-main entrance	231.398.6842	
	Utilities/Waste Water	dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)	231.398.2285	
	Tax Office	government center -main entrance	231.398.6874	
	Public Safety	justice center on M22	231.398.2225	
	Public Affairs	government center- main entrance	231.398.6872	
	Prosecutor	justice center on M22	231.398.2242	
	Planning Department	government center -main entrance	231.398.6810	
Vinne	Peacemaking/Probation	justice center on M22	231.398.2239	
SHAPE OF	Natural Resources	9th street offices manistee	231.723.1594	
	Members Assistance	government center-main entrance	231.398.6718	
	Members Legal Asst.	justice center on M22	231.398.2234	
VIAITS!	Human Resources	government center- main entrance	231.398.6871	
	Housing	aki maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6879	
a little	Historic Preservation	government center-lower level	231.398.6891	
	Health Clinic	government center -north end	231.723.8299	
THE REAL PROPERTY.	Grants Department	government center- main entrance	231.398.6843	
Name of	Gaming Commission	interim casino	231.723.7755	
	Family Services	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734	
	Fitness Center	government center-lower level	231.398.6636	
limit.	Enrollment	government center-main entrance	231.398.6712	
	Education	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735	
Santa de la constanta de la co	Commodities	little river casino warehouse	231.398.6716	
	Commerce	government center -main entrance	231.398.6815	
	Be-Da-Bin	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741	
lants.	Accounting	government center -main entrance	231.398.6868	
	Departments	Location Director of	or main phone numbers	





Elders Meal Aki **Community Center** Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class **Every Friday** 10:30am

2016 Membership **Meetings** October 8, 2016 2017 Membership

Meetings April 8, 2017 & October 9, 2017

Call Little River Resort Hotel in US Toll-Free: 1-888-568-2244 or Local 231-723-1535



Membership Meeting

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The LRBOI Election Board adopted their new 2016 regulations at their regular meeting. The entire document is posted on the website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov.

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Or Current Resident

Warriors Society



The LRBOI Warriors Society would like to invite all Tribal Members and/or Descendants of LRBOI Members serving (active duty) in the service to submit information on where they are deployed, Rank, and Branch of Service. With this information we would like to extend our appreciation by Honoring them in the Currents, River News and if they are present at LRBOI 2016 Pow Wow.





Fall Membership Meeting October 8, 2016

Friday October 7, 2016	Ogema	Little River Casino Resort
7 pm – 9 pm	Meet & Greet	Three Fires Conference Center

Saturday October 8, 2016 Membership Meeting Little River Casino Resort Event 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Center

Meeting Agenda

	8 a.m. – Regista Begins	Located in the Event Center
	9 a.m. to 12 p.m Informational Booths	Hallway – Three Fires Conference
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10:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations Event Cente
Opening of meeting

12 p.m. Lunch Served Event Cent
Information booths close

1 p.m. - Official meeting begins - Quorum Call

Question and Answer Period will follow

Thank - you for attending and Safe Travel Home

Note-Agenda striect hange at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in memorship is reached~