



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
RAPID RIVER NEWS

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September 6 2016

TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS IN MUSKEGON

The Enrollment Department will be at the **Muskegon Office** on September 15 from 9 to 5 to do I.D. cards and help with any other forms that you may need = Bereavement, Change of Address, Cancellation of Direct De-posit and Direct Deposit Forms.

The Members Assistance Department and Be Dab Bin will be present as well to help anyone with forms or questions.

Again **Thursday, September 15 from 9 to 5.**

If anyone wants to Register to Vote, we will have that form available there. You can register only up to 10 days before the Membership Meeting.

NEWS FROM ENROLLMENT

We have just completed our Bi Annual audit, two auditors were here for four days to look over the files we have done in the last two years.

NOTICE – NO COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14

WARRIOR SOCIETY MEETING IN MUSKEGON SEPT. 10 at 10 am.

The Warrior Society will be meeting at the Silverside Museum in Muskegon and are encouraging all Tribal veterans to attend.

The Silversides Museum is located at:

1346 Bluff St, Muskegon, MI

NOTICE

The Elders meeting has been moved to September 10. Lunch will be served at noon with the meeting following at the AkiMaadiziwin Community Center

The Rapid River News is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River band of Ottawa Indians, and at present being done by a fill in staffer.

{Apologize for the lack of previous style and brevity of information in this edition.}

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi@nsn.gov Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings By calling the HR Department. Check the website at www.lrboi@nsn.gov for the latest postings.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged. Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application. When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact The Human Resource Department at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov You can download the Employment Application and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions. What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at any time and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions. Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 Fax: (231) 398-9101
Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

COMMISSION OPENINGS

Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees. The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various 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 Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema’s 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**



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.

A NOTICE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

LRBOI Tribal Government has opportunities for temporary work assignments in both its Member’s Assistance Department and Human Resources Department. Persons that have intermediate computer skills and office experience are sought to fill these temporary assignments. Positions will receive training once selected.

Please be aware that other departments may exercise the option to hire a temporary employee as needed, and will review the applications on file from those seeking a temporary appointment. Temporary appointments can work up to 29 hours per week. If you are interested, please file an application with Human Resources. You can obtain an application by contacting HR at (231) 398-6859, or via email to jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov.

2nd ANNUAL RUN FOR RECOVERY

5K RUN/WALK

September 24, 2016

MANISTEE, MI

Packet Pick Up: 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Run/Walk to Start Promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Location: First Street Beach Pavilion (near the Dog Park)

Cost: \$20.00 early Registration fee until September 20, 2016.

Late Registration fee \$25

This is a FUN RUN. IN RECOVERY EVERYONE IS A WINNER.

We will not be providing official chip times.

All participants will receive a finisher medal.

There will be a watering station halfway and post-run snacks.

Northern Michigan Recovery Residences is committed to helping communities develop recovery residences and recovery supports. Proceeds will go to establish Michael's House, a project of Northern Michigan Recovery Residences in Manistee, MI (serving Manistee and Benzie Communities since 2005). Northern Michigan Recovery Residences is a one-of-a-kind, supportive, transitional residential program for individuals in recovery who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness.

Thank you to our Sponsors: TBA

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School of Social Work

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The MSU School of Social Work is excited to announce an upcoming program!

**#4151 Michigan Indian Day 2016:
Zoongaadiziwin "Strong Life"**

Date: 9/23/2016

Description: The Zoongaadiziwin self-sufficiency program focuses on the devastating effects of generational poverty in Native American communities. This pervasive poverty has far reaching consequences in many areas, including health, education, substance abuse, and self-sufficiency. The Zoongaadiziwin program seeks to assess the multiple factors associated with challenges of individual and families and provide a sustainable and multi-generational therapeutic intervention.

CE faculty: Jason Cross, MSW, is the Director of Family Services, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians He received his MSW with a concentration in organization and community leadership from MSU in 2015.

Date: 9/23/2016

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: MSU Federal Credit Union, 4825 Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing MI 48824

Register by 9/17/2016 and SAVE!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print legibly

Run for Recovery SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Complete one registration for each participant

Signature is mandatory.

Name: _____ Age: ____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone#: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$. _____

Make Checks payable to: Northern Michigan Recovery Residences

Mail to: Northern Michigan Recovery Residences, P.O. Box 321, Manistee, MI
49660

Questions? Call Kevin or Dottie @ 231-723-1092

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

I understand that participation in this event may be physically strenuous, and attest that I am physically fit to participate. I understand and agree to the Mandatory Waiver and Release of all claims in this form. In consideration of accepting this entry, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Northern Michigan Recovery Residences, the City of Manistee, or anyone associated (including volunteers, Committee Members) with this event for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event.

Participants Signature _____ Date _____:

(18 years old, or guardian) _____ Date _____

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.

INTERNSHIP and CAREER STUDIES ANNOUNCEMENT:

Two programs are now available to help LRBOI Tribal Members and LRBOI Descendants acquire skills and knowledge to prepare for their future careers at LRCR.

What: Two different work programs are available, an INTERNSHIP PROGRAM and a CAREER STUDIES PROGRAM, with a limited number of positions available in each program.

Who: LRBOI Tribal Members and LRBOI Descendants, 18 and older, are eligible to apply.

When: 12 week paid program begins after approval process.

Where: there are TEMP positions open in both Members Assistance and HR. We are looking for Administrative Assistant temporary assignees right now. Up to 29 hours per week. Submit application and resume to jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov. Various Departments at Little River Casino Resort.

How: Submit application and then undergo interview process to be approved.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

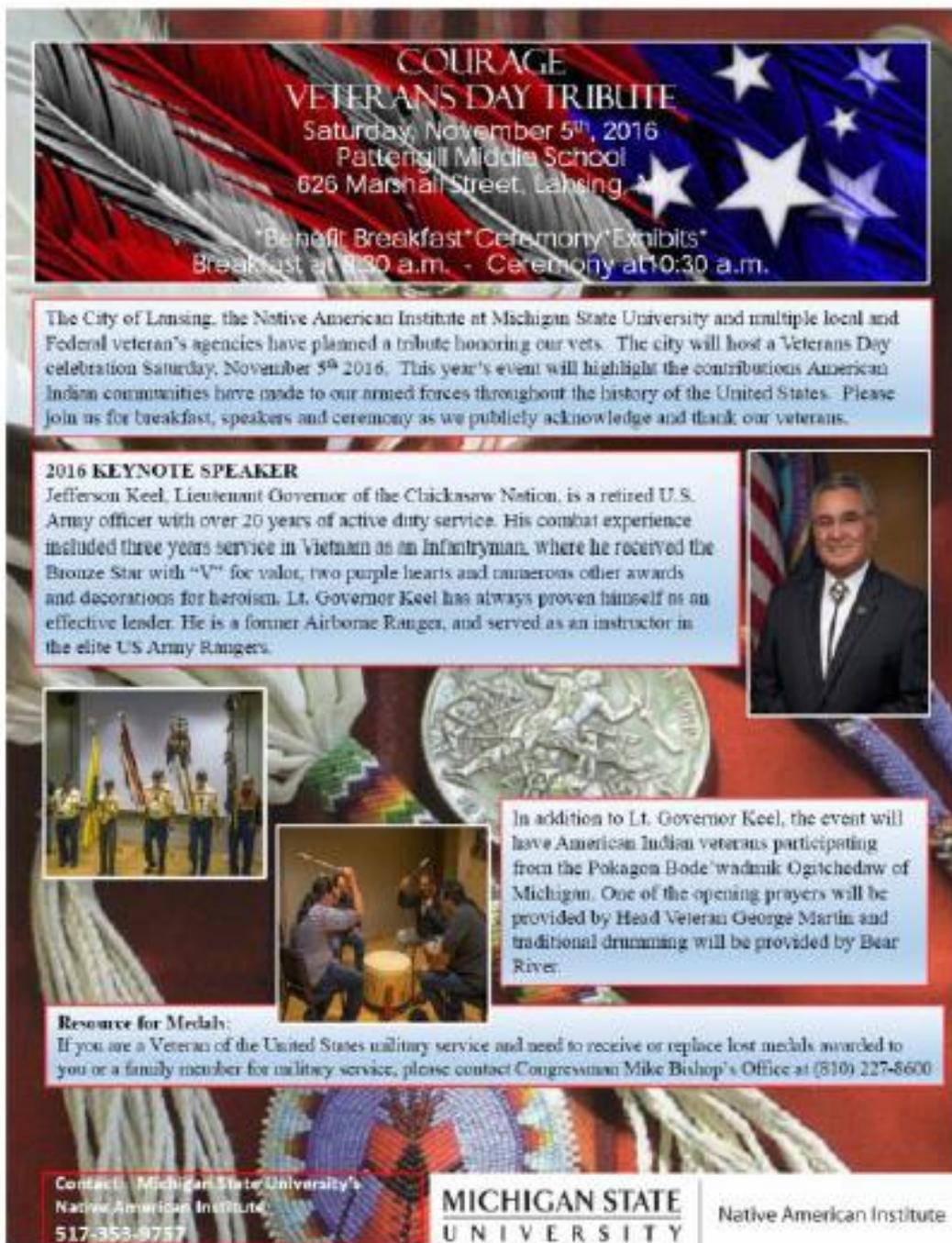
for Tribal Member and Descendant college students, in association with the internal internship programs that are available from their specific colleges.

CAREER STUDIES

PROGRAM – for Tribal Member and Descendant NON-college students. This program is not for college credit, and the process is managed entirely within LRCR.

FOUR positions are available in each program. Eligible applicants must submit all required documents to be considered.

Applicants must pass all pre-employment screening processes required for all newly hired employees. Application packets are available upon request Contact: Sandy Mezeske, Executive Administrative Assistant Tribal and Organizational Development Department of Little River Casino Resort sandym@lrcr.com 1-231-398-4029



**COURAGE
VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE**
Saturday, November 5th, 2016
Pattengill Middle School
626 Marshall Street, Lansing

Benefit Breakfast Ceremony *Exhibits*
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. - Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

The City of Lansing, the Native American Institute at Michigan State University and multiple local and Federal veteran's agencies have planned a tribute honoring our vets. The city will host a Veterans Day celebration Saturday, November 5th 2016. This year's event will highlight the contributions American Indian communities have made to our armed forces throughout the history of the United States. Please join us for breakfast, speakers and ceremony as we publicly acknowledge and thank our veterans.

2016 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, is a retired U.S. Army officer with over 20 years of active duty service. His combat experience included three years service in Vietnam as an Infantryman, where he received the Bronze Star with "V" for valor, two purple hearts and numerous other awards and decorations for heroism. Lt. Governor Keel has always proven himself as an effective leader. He is a former Airborne Ranger, and served as an instructor in the elite US Army Rangers.





In addition to Lt. Governor Keel, the event will have American Indian veterans participating from the Pokagon Bode'wadnik Ogitchedaw of Michigan. One of the opening prayers will be provided by Head Veteran George Martin and traditional drumming will be provided by Bear River.

Resource for Medals:
If you are a Veteran of the United States military service and need to receive or replace lost medals awarded to you or a family member for military service, please contact Congressman Mike Bishop's Office at (810) 227-8600.

Contact: Michigan State University's
Native American Institute
517-353-0757

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“On August 10, 2016 by majority vote Tribal Council made emergency amendments to the Gaming Enterprise(s) Board of Directors Act of 2010, changing the title to the Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010. In the interim, oversight of the Little River Casino Resort is the responsibility of the Ogema and Tribal Council. Please note that all Board of Director’s meetings have been cancelled. If you have any questions regarding the status of the business, the appropriate forum is during the Business Update at any regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting. Please send any written inquiries or comments to Ogema Romanelli and/or Council Recorder Riley and they will be forwarded to the appropriate party.”

Thank you,

Updated Fish Consumption Guidelines

The Natural Resource Department has updated its fish consumption recommendations for Manistee Lake and Tippy Pond Dam. Fish collected for these recommendations are either commonly consumed by Tribal members or not routinely tested by the State of Michigan. Fish consumption guidelines are based on contaminant trigger levels, for total mercury and PCB, set forth by the Michigan Department of Community Health. Consumption guidelines are protective of the general public, women of childbearing age, and children under 15.

Tippy Dam Pond

Safe eating recommendations ² :		
Species	General population	Women and children *
Smallmouth Bass	> 18 "	> 18 "
Northern Pike	> 24 "	> 24 "
Walleye	None	None
Black Crappie	None	None
Channel Catfish	None	None

Manistee Lake

Safe eating recommendations ² :		
Species	General population	Women and children *
Smallmouth Bass	None	> 10 "
Northern Pike	None	All Sizes
Walleye	None	All Sizes
White Sucker	None	All Sizes
Chinook Salmon	None	All Sizes

Consumption Key	
	Do Not Eat
	6 meals/Year
	1 meal/Month
	1 Meal/Week
	No Restrictions

Note: There are no consumption restrictions for fish lengths below recommendations. 1 meal = 8 ounces

* Women of childbearing age and children under 15. This demographic has an increased health risk from fish contamination

Tips for Reducing Contaminant Consumption

1. Choose smaller fish. Contaminants accumulate over time in muscle tissue (mercury) and fat (PCB's).
2. Trimming fatty areas and grilling/broiling fish can reduce PCB exposure.
3. Reduce consumption of predatory and bottom-feeding fish. These fish typically contain higher levels of contaminants

For Further Information:
Shaughn Barnett (Water Quality Specialist)
231-398-2192



On September 7, 2016

Come walk with us

to show your support for

Suicide Prevention and Awareness.



Meet at the river walk deck (behind House of Flavors) at 6pm to listen to our respected community member Kenny Pheasant who will be serving as our guest speaker to talk about suicide in our community. After the privilege of listening to Kenny Pheasant speak we will walk down to river street to the water fountain for healing song and a moment of remembrance.



We will then return to deck area for an ice cream social.

Any questions: please contact Julie @231-398-6740

Hosted by Manistee County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Coalition

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2016 EAGLE STAFF GATHERING

WHEN:

Registration/Check In—
September 23 9am - 9pm
Event—**September 24 - 25**

WHERE:

Camp Jijak
2558 20th St.
Hopkins, MI 49328

DIRECTIONS:

- ~Take US-131 to Exit #61
- ~South on 12th St (0.8mi)
- ~Right onto 128th Ave (4.1 mi)
- ~Left on 20th St (1.3mi)
- ~Camp Jijak is on the right

HEAD STAFF:

Doris Boissoneau
Head Veteran...George Martin
Event MCs...Chris Pheasant & Shannon Martin
Arena Director...Dave Shananaquet
Fire Keeper...Brian Dayson
Sunrise Ceremony...Beendigaygizhig DeLeary

HOSTED BY:

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish
Band of Pottawatomi Indians

REGISTRATION

To be a registered Carrier this year, please completely fill out the registration form. Please visit:
<http://goo.gl/5AVzJZ> to register.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 26, 2016

Registered Eagle Staff Carriers will receive 1 room for 2 nights and a stipend.

ONSITE LODGING AVAILABLE

- ♦ Limited powered RV camping available based on needs
- ♦ Unlimited self-powered RV sites
- ♦ Primitive camping also available

CRAFT VENDORS WELCOME!

Please contact Jeff Martin for registration forms and cost information—

Jeff.Martin@glgc.org

OR

(269) 792-7580

Grandparents Day: Sunday September 11

By Edwin Walker, Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging and Acting Administrator, ACL

September 11 is National Grandparents Day. Since 1978, the first Sunday after Labor Day has been designated as a day to pay tribute to our nation's grandparents. Grandparents are our important connections to the past and they help to lay the groundwork for our futures.

Like many Americans today, I too experienced first-hand the love, wisdom and caring that can only come from a grandparent. I was raised in part by my grandmother who instilled values and principles that I live by today. There is nothing that can compare to the cherished relationship that can exist between a grandparent and a grandchild.

Not only do grandparents play an important role within their families, sometimes they may find themselves back in the role of parent raising children due to unfortunate events. For many grandparents, stepping into a parental role again, means confronting new and different challenges than those they faced when they raised their own children. The Administration on Aging's [National Family Caregiver Support Program \(NFCSP\)](#) provides support for grandparents who are raising their young grandchildren. The program enables the Aging Network to address the unique needs of grandparents who step in to provide care for their grandchildren.

Fall Sacred Fire and Anishnabe Teachings October 6th to October 6th to October 8th, 2016

These teachings are open to all.

Please come with a Good Heart, Good intentions, for a good outcome.

October 6th 2016

6:30 - 8:00 - Sunrise Ceremonies.

All Men and Women Pipe Carriers are welcome to participate.

Water Ceremony and mornings songs.

8:15 - 9:15 - Breakfast - At the Little River Community Center.

9:30 - 11:45 - Why we have seasonal ceremonies. Men and Women teachings in our communities and other communities. The importance of maintaining our Cultural ways and practices.

All invited presenters and participants are encouraged to participate and offer their knowledge.

12:00 noon - Lunch with Little River band Of Ottawa Elders meal program.

1:30 - 2:30 - Continue from morning teachings.

2:30 - 2:45 break

3:00 - 4:30 - How do we encourage other others to participate in our cultural ways, not just ceremonies, but crafts, gatherings of all kinds.

Closing day offerings and prayers for the people.

October 7th, 2016

6:30 - 8:00 - Sunrise Ceremonies. All Men and Women are welcome to participate.

Water Ceremony and morning songs.

8:15 - 9:15 Breakfast at Community Center

9:30 - 12:00 - The Effect of Boarding Schools on our Anishnabe People. How this has effected us as a Nation and People, the trauma it has caused our people for generations , the teachings of a long long road to acknowledgement and day to day hopeful recovery of our People.

12:00 - Lunch

1:30 - ? Continue from morning teachings.

End of this day we will discuss what teaching were helpful and what teachings the people want for the Spring Sacred Fire and Teachings 2017.



Fall Membership Meeting

October 8, 2016

Friday October 7, 2016 7 pm - 9 pm	Ogema Meet & Greet	Little River Casino Resort Three Fires Conference Center
Saturday October 8, 2016 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Little River Casino Resort Event Center

Meeting Agenda

8 a.m. - Registration Begins	Located in the Event Center
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths	Hallway - Three Fires Conference
10:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations Opening of meeting	Event Center
12 p.m. Lunch Served Information booths close	Event Center
1 p.m. - Official meeting begins • Quorum Call	
Question and Answer Period will follow	
<i>Thank - you for attending and Safe Travel Home</i>	

Note: Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in some instances reached-