



# Rapid River News

March 21, 2016

Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)!

The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

## Election Regulations 2016

Tribal Election Board approved their new, updated regulations. The new regulations have been posted on the website at [www.lrboidnsn.gov](http://www.lrboidnsn.gov).

## Board Openings

At this time there are two openings on the Casino Board of Directors, any tribal member is free to apply. A thorough background check must be completed. For more details, please contact Mary Thomas at 1-231-398-6824

## Membership Meeting Dates for 2016 & 2017

(Call the Casino hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations).

Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the Friday night before the meeting at 7 p.m.

April 9th, 2016 & October 8th, 2016

April 8th, 2017 & October 7th, 2017

Treaty Recognition Day, March 28th - **Government Offices Closed**

Spring Fire and Teachings April 6th – 9th

Midwest Peacemaking Conference June 8th through 10th

Jiingtamok July 2nd & 3rd

## Indian Village Youth Camp

(first camp) July 14th through 17th. The dates for the popular Indian Village Youth Camp have been announced. Two camps will be held with the first in July on the 14th through the 17th. The second is going to be in August from the 11th through the 14th. Watch for more details to come.

Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp July 30th & 31st

Indian Village Youth Camp (2nd camp) August 11th through 14th

## LRCR Board Sessions for 2016

Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited.

March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am.

Those sessions are scheduled for March 25, 2016.

## Workforce Development

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Commerce Department is seeking an individual who would be willing to assist the Commerce Department in the formulation and establishment of an Economic Development Corporation. The applicant must be a tribal citizen and must have an advanced skill set in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, Outlook, etc.) In addition, the applicant must have analytical, financial and presentational skills. This will be a short term assignment initially limited to 320 hours in the current fiscal year. The rate is \$15.00 per hour. The applicant must meet all Commerce Department Work Experience component requirements including tribal citizenship, passing an employment background check and drug screen, and interview. Please submit a resume and request application materials by contacting David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, in person, by email, phone or fax. This would be an ideal summer job for a college student who may be interested in economic development work with the skill set we are seeking.

[https://lrboidnsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Revised-Application-for-Programs-10\\_2014.pdf](https://lrboidnsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Revised-Application-for-Programs-10_2014.pdf)

[https://lrboidnsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-Workforce-Development-Program-Revised-01\\_2016.pdf](https://lrboidnsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-Workforce-Development-Program-Revised-01_2016.pdf)



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## Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

### LRBOI Warriors Society

Commander—John Shano

ViceCommander—Leonard Rittenhouse

Secretary—Virg Johnson

Treasurer—Open

Sergeant at Arms—Chuck Nelson

Chaplain—Chuck Fisher

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

### LRBOI Commerce Commission / Commerce Department

Your Tribal Commerce Commission and Commerce Department would like to introduce you to the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC). From Business Plan Development to strategy on Raising Capital, Financial Management and Technology Commercialization, they can provide free or low cost help that can get your business off to a successful start. Visit [SBDCMichigan.org](http://SBDCMichigan.org)

### LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department has been working on the design of a new Pavilion to be constructed at the Aki maadziwin residential development next to the playground. The pavilion will provide a nice shelter for picnics and gathering while the children are having fun at the playground. Also included are restrooms and drinking fountains.

The Pavilion is phase II of our Recreation Plan developed with the Housing Commission. Phase I was the construction of the Children's Playground.

We have also planned for the Construction of two new income based residential rental units at Aki. The new homes will have three bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, basements and an attached garage.

Construction is expected to begin this summer and continue until completed.

The cost for this development is being paid for by our Indian Housing Block Grants, which is provided to us by NAHASDA/HUD.

### 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](http://www.lrboi@nsn.gov) Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings By calling the HR Department Check the website at [www.lrboi@nsn.gov](http://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

Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto: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 anytime 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](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



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## Tribal Court Docket

(Subject to additions or deletions)

### Monday, March 21, 2016

		Judge Bailey
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Pete, J.	14059TM Show Cause
11:00 a.m.	LRB v. Giltz	16032TM Pretrial
01:15 P.M.	Burmeister v. Burmeister	15235DO Final Divorce
01:45 p.m.	In Re: Burmeister	15055PF Guardianship Hrg.
03:00 p.m.	LRB v. Metzger	16047TM Arraignment

Updated: 3/9/16

**COURT OFFICES CLOSED FOR TREATY RECOGNITION ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

### Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation  
 CS Child Support  
 CT Civil Ticket  
 DM Divorce with children  
 DO Divorce w/o children  
 EA Enrollment Appeal  
 EB Election Board Appeal  
 EM Emancipation of Minor  
 FJ Foreign Judgment  
 FSJ Foreign Support Judgment  
 GA Gaming Appeal  
 GC General Civil  
 GM Guardianship of Minor  
 GR Employment Matter  
 JC Judicial Complaint  
 JV Juvenile  
 LT Landlord Tenant  
 NA Neglect Abuse  
 NC Name Change  
 PF Probate  
 TPO Personal Protection Order  
 TA Trust Access  
 TM Tribal Misdemeanor  
 WC Workmen's Compensation

## PRESENTERS CALL

### **23rd Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp 2016 Manistee Mi.**

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We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 30th, July 31 2016. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters may be asked to present up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic.

We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion, if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful Camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information by email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration.) If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present. The deadline for all of this information is May 10, 2016. Here is my contact information: kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov 231-398-6892

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Departments	Location	Phone numbers
<a href="#">Accounting</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6868</a>
<a href="#">Be-Da-Bin</a>	<a href="#">government center- clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6741</a>
<a href="#">Commerce</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6815</a>
<a href="#">Commodities</a>	<a href="#">aki maadiziwin -community center</a>	<a href="#">231.398. 6715</a>
<a href="#">Education</a>	<a href="#">government center- clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6735</a>
<a href="#">Enrollment</a>	<a href="#">government center-main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6712</a>
<a href="#">Fitness Center</a>	<a href="#">government center-lower level</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6636</a>
<a href="#">Family Services</a>	<a href="#">government center- clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6734</a>
<a href="#">Gaming Commission</a>	<a href="#">interim casino</a>	<a href="#">231-723-7755</a>
<a href="#">Grants Department</a>	<a href="#">government center- main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6843</a>
<a href="#">Health Clinic</a>	<a href="#">government center -north end</a>	<a href="#">231.723.8299</a>
<a href="#">Historic Preservation</a>	<a href="#">government center-lower level</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6891</a>
<a href="#">Housing</a>	<a href="#">aki maadiziwin -gommunity center</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6879</a>
<a href="#">Human Resources</a>	<a href="#">government center- main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6871</a>
<a href="#">Members Legal Asst.</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2234</a>
<a href="#">Members Assistance</a>	<a href="#">government center-main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6718</a>
<a href="#">Natural Resources</a>	<a href="#">9th street offices manistee</a>	<a href="#">231723-1594</a>
<a href="#">Peacemaking/Probation</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2239</a>
<a href="#">Planning Department</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6810</a>
<a href="#">Prosecutor</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2242</a>
<a href="#">Public Affairs</a>	<a href="#">government center- main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6872</a>
<a href="#">Public Safety</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2225</a>
<a href="#">Tax Office</a>	<a href="#">government center -main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6874</a>
<a href="#">Utilities/Waste Water</a>	<a href="#">dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2285</a>
<a href="#">Work Force Development</a>	<a href="#">government center-main entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6842</a>
<a href="#">Tribal Court</a>	<a href="#">justice center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231-398-3406</a>

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information.



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## Tax Alert!

Please note that when preparing your taxes (even by a certified tax professional), make sure your per capita payments are recorded properly. It has been reported to the Tax Office Some tax offices have **not** been filing returns correctly when it comes to per capita income.

According to the "Tax Agreement Between The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan", § IV (A) (9) "All per capita payments by the Tribe to Resident Tribal Members are exempt without regard to the source of payment." There is a difference between the definition of a Tribal Member and a Resident Tribal Member. A Tribal Member is defined as "An individual who is an enrolled member of the Tribe." According to the Tax Agreement, the definition of a Resident Tribal Member is "A Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area." The key factor here is that you **must be a Resident Tribal Member**. Also, the definition of the Agreement Area is "The area designated as such in Appendix A of the Agreement." Appendix A defines the area as:

Manistee County:

Survey sections 24, 25, 35, and 36 in T22N, R17W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R16W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R15W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R14W; survey sections 19-21 and 28-33 in T22N, R13W; survey sections 1-3 and 10-15 in T21N, R17W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R16W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R15W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R14W; and survey sections 4-9 and 16-18 in T21N; R13W; and

Mason County:

T18N, R16W; and T17N, R16W

The Tax Agreement can be referenced through the Tribe's website, under the Tax Department, at [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) or through the State of Michigan Treasury website at [http://www.michigan.gov/taxes/0,4676,7-238-43513\\_43517-155416--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes/0,4676,7-238-43513_43517-155416--,00.html) and includes Frequently Asked Questions as well as forms and notices.

If you live within the Agreement Area and have changed your address with Enrollment, it does not mean you are automatically a Resident Tribal Member; you must provide a Proof of Residency. If you are not sure of your member status and would like to find out, please contact Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874 or toll-free at (888) 723-8288, ext. 6874 or email [vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov). Miigwech!

## 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.

## Why 1st Tribal Lending



1st Tribal Lending is comprised of the most experience HUD Section 184 lending team in the nation. Much of our staff has been in the HUD Section 184 industry for greater than ten years. Our underwriters were among the first in the nation to become approved to directly underwrite this loan product.

The 1st Tribal Lending team has successfully closed thousands of HUD Section 184 loans across the nation. Within this amazing volume of lending, loans on the reservation, off the reservation, site built construction, manufactured homes, and purchases on and off the reservation, and re-

finances for a multitude of purposes have been successfully funded. Some lenders do only one or two of these options. 1st Tribal can do them all!

1st Tribal Lending 2401 – D San Pablo Dr. Pinole, CA 94564 Toll Free: (866) 235-4033 Main # (510) 856-2184



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## Anishnaabe Gwitzenhsak Waakaasewin Native Boys Circle

Everyone  
Welcome



Open to  
youth ages  
9-13

**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

## Jiingtamok Planning



The annual "Are you interested in helping with the Jiingtamok meeting" will take place on the 5th of April at 5:23PM EDT in the area near the entrance.  
Thanks

## Elder Meal Menu AKI Maadiziwin Community Center

No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder

Tip of the Month—Practice Portion Control

- 1 hamburger (without bun) = a deck of cards
- 1 cup fries = about 10 fries
- 4 oz nachos = about 7 chips
- 3 oz meatloaf = deck of cards
- 1 cup chili = baseball
- 1 sub sandwich = about 6 inches
- 1 burrito = about 6 inches

Activities:

Mondays—Language Class/ Wednesdays -Wii  
Bowling/ Bingo—Thursday the 10th/ March 18 -  
Muskegon Lunch

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions 231-398-6886 Email: [ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov)

Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.



Guest Meals are \$6.00  
Meals served at Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 <i>First Day of Spring!</i>	21 BBQ Chicken Rice Mixed Veggie &	22 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato Green Bean &	23 Beef Hotdogs Baked Beans Peas & Carrots	24 Breakfast for Lunch	25	26 
	28 Tribal Holiday - Offices Closed for Treaty Recognition	29 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat, Broccoli, breadsticks &	30 Pork Roast, Red Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Dessert	31 Hamburger, Potato Salad, Corn & Dessert	Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000	



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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**PROJECT:** NEW COMMUNITY PAVILION AND RESIDENCES  
Aki maadiziwin

**OWNER:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a Federally Recognized Sovereign Indian Tribe

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Reservation

### **BID PLACE AND TIME**

Sealed bids for the project will be received as follows:

**LOCATION:** Housing Department  
Aki maadiziwin Community Center  
2953 Shaw Be Quong  
Manistee MI 49660

**DATE AND TIME:** 4:00 PM Local Time  
Thursday, March 24, 2016

Bids received thereafter will not be considered.  
Bids will be publicly opened at that time.

### **PREBID MEETING**

A pre-bid meeting with representatives of the Owner and Architect will be conducted as follows:

**LOCATION:** Housing Department  
Aki maadiziwin Community Center  
2953 Shaw Be Quong  
Manistee MI 49660

**DATE AND TIME:** 10:00 AM Local Time  
Thursday, March 3, 2016

### **DOCUMENTS ON FILE**

The Drawings and Project Manual may be examined at the following places:

The Design Forum Inc., Architects/Planners, 560 Fifth St. NW, Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504.  
The Housing Department at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center, at the address noted above.  
Builders and Traders Exchange, Grand Rapids and Traverse City Michigan.

### **DOCUMENT DEPOSIT**

Prospective bidders may obtain electronic sets of Drawings and Project Manuals from the Architect free of charge.

### **BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

The Owner may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work. The Owner may request the bidder to furnish all such information and data for this purpose.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.

### **BID SECURITY**

A certified check or bidder's bond or an irrevocable letter of credit, payable to the Owner for the sum of not less than 5% of the amount of the bid, will be required with each bid to secure the Owner from loss or damage by reason of withdrawal of the bid or the failure of the bidder to enter into a Contract.

If the successful bidder fails to furnish satisfactory bonds and/or insurance within 10 days after notice of award, such security shall be forfeited as liquidated damages to the Owner to compensate for losses due to delay and/or increased costs of the work. The securities of the three lowest bidders will be retained until the bonds and insurance of the successful bidder have been approved by the Owner. The securities of other bidders will be returned within 10 days after bid opening.



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## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

### **ACCEPTANCE**

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Owner is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids and to accept any one or combination of alternate bids in the interest of the Owner.

### **WITHDRAWAL**

Any Bidder may withdraw a bid at any time prior to scheduled deadline for Owner's receipt of bids. No bid may be withdrawn or modified within a 60-day period from the time of its presentation.

### **WAGE RATES**

Prevailing wages are to be paid on this project in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. Refer to the General Conditions for Construction Contracts – Public Housing Programs form HUD-5370 (1/2014).

### **ASBESTOS-FREE CERTIFICATION**

No asbestos-containing materials shall be purchased or installed as any part of this project. The Contractor will be required to certify that no asbestos-containing materials have been placed in this project.

## **Spring Sacred Fire and Anishinaabe Lifeway Teachings**

April 7th to April 9th, 2016 at Teaching Lodge Pow Wow Grounds

We will light the Sacred Fire at Sunrise April 7th, 2016. We will be utilizing the talking circle format as we done last fall. This way all the presenters and all who attend will be able to speak and offer the teachings they know and have been taught. We all have good teachings to offer. There will be many teachings we intend to cover so the days will be full. Men and Women teachings will be covered. We will start each morning with our Pipe ceremonies, Water ceremony, songs and prayers.

Teachings we will be covering are listed below:

Pipe ceremonies, water ceremony, our sacred songs, sacred fire and why we have it, smudging and our sacred medicines, sweat lodges, Fire keepers and Fire Keeping the general responsibilities that are universally followed in the Three Fires Tribes. 7 Grandfathers, our clans, why we fast, why it is important to teach our young folks these traditional ways, the importance of our spiritual people, importance of our elders. Role modeling in our community for our youth as we teach lifeway's of the Anishinaabe. The importance of service with our Anishinaabe Lifeway's, the importance of feasting in our homes and community, the importance of Clan Mothers and Anishinaabe Kwe Leaders.

Please come join us, bring your knowledge and share. Being respectful is a must in these settings. All Pipe Carriers are welcome. All are welcome Anishinabek and non-native.

If we gather with good a good heart, with good intentions, we all hopefully leave with a good outcome.

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## **Little River Charity Golf Classic**

MANISTEE, MI. – Little River Casino Resort is pleased to announce that its 17th Charity Golf Classic will take place on Friday, July 8, 2016. This annual event features a day of interactive golf complete with prizes, a gift raffle and live music

with a spotlight on area charitable community service organizations to benefit from this year's event proceeds. The casino resort underwrites all costs associated with the event and donates 100% of all monies received from participant fees and sponsorship funds raised. In 2015 \$59,500 was distributed to six charitable organizations and has distributed over \$670,000 since its inaugural event in 1999.

Charitable 501(c)(3) community service organizations located within the Manistee area are encouraged submit an application for consideration to receive a share of the 2016 event proceeds. Eligible organizations may contact Chad Eckhardt, LRCCR Player Development Manager, to receive an application form. The deadline for applications for consideration is Friday, April 15, 2016.

Contact Chad Eckhardt at [chade@lrcr.com](mailto:chade@lrcr.com) or call (231) 398-3821 for details.



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## STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2015/16

### Instructions

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the Program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/ approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2015/2016 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2016 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians in Wilson, MI  
**VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY !!!**

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address **not later than 5:00 PM on April 1, 2016:**

*Leann Stindt  
103 Big Bear Rd.*



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**Everyone is welcomed to attend!**

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Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day. At the conclusion of the last teaching, Thursday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night.

For information, please call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6893 or 6895



We will light the Sacred Fire at Sunrise April 7th, 2016. We will be utilizing the talking circle format as we done last fall. This way all the presenters and all who attend will be able to speak and offer the teachings they know and have been taught. We all have good teachings to

offer. There will be many teachings we intend to cover so the days will be full. Men and Women teachings will be covered. We will start each morning with our Pipe ceremonies, Water ceremony, songs and prayers.

Teachings we will be covering are listed below: Pipe ceremonies, water ceremony, our sacred songs, sacred fire and why we have it, smudging and our sacred medicines, sweat lodges, Fire keepers and Fire Keeping the general responsibilities that are universally followed in the Three Fires Tribes. 7 Grandfathers, our clans, why we fast, why it is important to teach our young folks these traditional ways, the importance of our spiritual people, importance of our elders. Role modeling in our community for our youth as we teach lifeway's of the Anishinaabe. The importance of service with our Anishinaabe Lifeway's, the importance of feasting in our homes and community, the importance of Clan Mothers and Anishinaabe

Kwe Leaders.

Please come join us, bring your knowledge and share. Being respectful is a must in these settings. All Pipe Carriers are welcome. All are welcome

Anishinabek and non-native.

If we gather with good a good heart, with good intentions, we all hopefully leave with a good outcome.

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## Michigan Indian Leadership Program (formerly the Pre-College Leadership Program) at Michigan State University

**July 10-15, 2016**

**Contact Information:**

Stephanie Chau,  
Assistant Director of  
Undergraduate Diversity  
(517) 355-0177  
(517) 355-0234  
chaus@msu.edu



**2015 Participants Making Black Ash Baskets**

- FREE Summer Program to Help Students Prepare for College
- Explore Academic Programs at Michigan State University
- Cultural Workshops and Social Activities
- Network with Native Staff and Faculty
- Extracurricular Development
- Study for the SAT
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2016
- For More Information and Application, Please Visit Our Website:  
[http://www.canr.msu.edu/pre\\_college/pre-college\\_leadership\\_program](http://www.canr.msu.edu/pre_college/pre-college_leadership_program)

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The Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at MSU



# Rapid River News

March 21, 2016

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Invites you to the 23rd Annual  
2016 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp**

**July 30-31  
2016**

-  No Registration Fee
-  All Meals are Provided
-  Camping is available (first come first serve)
-  On-Site Rest Rooms & Bath house

Location: 2596 Loon Deive, Manistee, Mi.  
Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the  
Little River Casino Resort

**Saturday, July 30:**

**Waabini Manidookewin  
(Sunrise Ceremony)**

**8:00am  
Breakfast**

**8:30am  
Opening Ceremony**

**9:15am- 12:00pm  
Presentations/ Workshops**

**12:00pm  
Lunch**

**1:15pm- 5:00pm  
Presentations/ Workshops**

**5:00pm  
Dinner**

**7:00pm  
Jiingtamok(Pow wow)**

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**12:00pm  
Lunch  
Giveaway & Closing**

-  "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
-  For the Sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (Women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
-  We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
-  Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway Gift.
-  The Agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) or [www.anishinaabemaadaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemaadaa.com) for updates. Some presentations/ workshops *may* include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



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**For More Information, please contact:  
Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892 or 231-590-1187  
Email: [kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov)**



# Rapid River News

March 21, 2016

## 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:** 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](mailto:sandym@lrcr.com) 1-231-398-4029

## House for rent



**Kitchen & Dining Area**



**Master Bedroom**



**Master Bathroom**



**Downstair Living Room**

**We have this beautiful spacious  
3 bedroom 2 bath 2120sqft ,  
576sqft attached garage  
farm house available for \$1300.00  
a month plus utilities.**

**For more information please contact:  
Jeanie Gibson  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660  
Phone: 231.398.6866, Fax: 231.398.6870**

**2051 E. Ellis Rd, Muskegon, MI 49444**



*"This beautiful Muskegon property is being offered for rent by the Tribal Commerce Department as part of the market-based rental program originally conceived by former LRBOI Commerce Director Robert Memberto."*



# Rapid River News

March 21, 2016

## Time to Dance

We are having Pow-wow dance classes in March. The classes will be every Monday, 5:30-7:00 at Aki Community Center. If you have never danced and would like to learn this would be a class for you. We will also touch on pow-wow etiquette. There will be overview on the Jingle dress dance steps and Fancy shawl. Also we will be showing you how to dance some of the dances that you see at the Pow-wow like: crow hop, two step, side step just to name a few. This is a good way to get in shape for the upcoming Pow-wow season and a great way to get some exercise.

For more information call  
 Deb Davis (231)510-2424

## Rental Apartment Available

The Little River Band Housing Department has a two bedroom Short Term (364 Days) rental apartment available for immediate occupancy in the city of Manistee. The unit has two bedrooms, one bathroom.

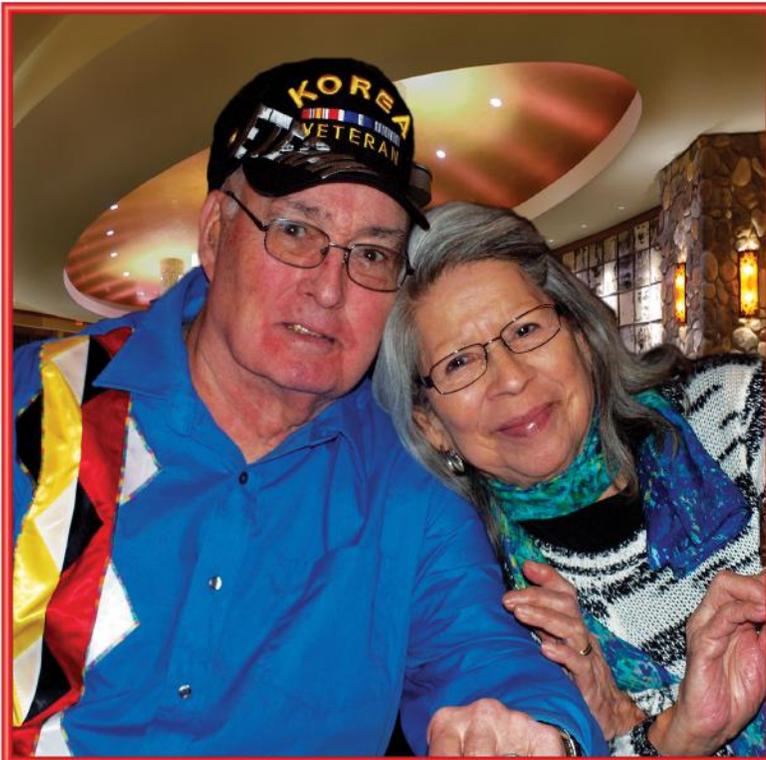
If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.

## Indian Taco Fundraiser

For the Lovely Stella Gibson

April 1, 2016 - 12p.m.- 2p.m.

**Come join us for some of the best Indian Taco's known to mankind. The money earned will help with various Costs related to long term hospitalization.**



**\$3  
 Blanket Dog**

**\$7  
 Taco**



**Aki Community Center  
 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung  
 Manistee, MI 49660**



# Rapid River News

March 21, 2016

## LRBOI

## Egg Hunt

Questions?  
Contact Julie Wolfe 231-348-6740

Prize Awarded  
for each  
age group  
(0-2, 3-6, 7&up)

Saturday March 26, 2016  
11:00 am at  
Gathering Grounds



All children must be accompanied by an adult

## FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Brought to you by the LRBOI Commerce Commission & Commerce Department

### Restore your financial health

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has signed an MOU with Chi Ishobak, a Native Community Development Financial Institution to provide tribal citizens with access to financial education, to help bring you to a state of financial wellness. Monday March 21, 2016 -1:30p.m. in the Law Library on the second floor Government Center

Tuesday March 22, 2016 - 9a.m. to 3p.m.  
Law Library on the second floor  
Government Center

Presentation by Sean Winters regarding Chi Ishobak, CDFI Entrepreneurial Support, Debt Elimination, Credit Building, Financial Responsibility, Cultural Obligation, Wealth Building that works Relieve financial stress with proper management of your finances Call for your 15 - 30 minute intake appointment

### Stuck in payday loans?

Need assistance every month to keep your utilities on, habitually falling behind on rent? Break the cycle now with personalized strategies and confidential assistance.

\*Make your appointment

\*Today

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