Save Our Sturgeon (SOS)

by Archie Martell

This fall the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and dedicated volunteers spent a week on the Big Manistee River removing young lake sturgeon from the river prior to the sea lamprey control treatment. Biologists and staff from the agencies captured the young sturgeon by heading out at night in boats and scanning the river bottom with spotlights. When one of the 5-8" long lake sturgeon was spotted they were carefully collected with a dip net and transported to the Tribes sturgeon rearing facility that is stationed on the banks of the Manistee River at Rainbow Bend. A total of 117 lake sturgeon were collected before the sea lamprey control chemical was applied to the river. The fish that were removed prior to treatment were protected in the streamside rearing facility that is located in the river. The sea lamprey control chemical was applied to the river. The sturgeon were protected in the rearing facility because they were held in water that had been collected prior to the chemical treatment. Once the chemical treatment of the river was completed the lake sturgeon were safely released back into the river at the point of their capture. Some of the sturgeon collected near the Sturgeon Rearing Facility were held in water that had been collected prior to the chemical treatment. The fish that were removed prior to treatment and protected in the streamside rearing facility represent a significant move forward in conservation of a threatened species. Fortunately, there is a commitment by all the resource agencies to work cooperatively on long-term solutions to protect the culturally and ecologically important lake sturgeon while effectively controlling sea lamprey populations and keeping our fishery healthy.
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The Enrollment Department would like to remind Tribal Members that the qualifying period to sign up or cancel the Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withholding from your PerCap payments is October 1st through December 31st. 15% federal income tax will be withheld from each payment if a Member decides to sign up. Once a Member volunteers to the withholding or cancels, it shall be permanent until April of the following year.

We would also like to remind Tribal Members that Direct Deposit is available for your PerCap payments. This will ensure that you get your payment on the day the payment is made. For direct deposits forms to be valid your address must be up to date with the Enrollment Department. Please make sure your routing/account numbers are correct with your financial institution before submitting a form. Remember this form has to be notarized and must be submitted 30 days before the payment date.

If you have any questions or would like one of the forms mailed to you please contact the Enrollment Department. We can be contacted by calling toll free at (888) 723-8288 or can be contacted directly at (231) 398-6712 for Diane, (231) 398-6713 for Jessica or (231) 398-6720 for Merri. All of the forms are also available on the website.

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Community Voices

Friday, November 13, 2015 On lease land, Muskegon, MI 23 yards, 12 gauge
Thanks for all my blessings,
Lord Our Creator

Ben Ceplina’s first hunt. 7 points.
Election Notice

Date of Election: April 28, 2017

Offices to be Elected:
- Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District (two seats)
- Office of Tribal Council - At Large District (one seat)
- Office of Tribal Council - Outlying (two seats)
- Office of Election Board (three seats)
- Office of Appellate Judge (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

To Run for Office a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar.

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Drive, Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Drive, Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be from 10am until 6pm. The ballot counting will also take place in the Lodge and the counting process begins at 12pm.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours has been included in this mailing and will be from October 3, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and biography included in the Special Election Newsletter, the candidate must include the photograph and biography in their packet.

The Tribal Constitution has recently been amended by a vote of the Membership. The Election Board will be posting revisions to the Chapter 3 and 4 Election Board Regulations to reflect the Constitutional amendments. If enacted, these changes to Chapter 3 and 4 will be in effect for this election.

One of the Constitutional changes is that the Election Board is required to perform background checks for the position of Tribal Council, Tribal Ogema, and Tribal Judiciary. The background checks paperwork must be filled out and turned in with your Declaration of Candidacy Packet along with a fee to cover the cost of the background check service. The Election Board is researching check services and the amount of the fee will be included in the Candidacy Packets. Only cash and money orders will be accepted.

Election Calendar

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Please Note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations Chapter 2, section 19d: “If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 60 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election.”

Last Day to register to vote for the Primary Election is December 13, 2016

Last Day to register to vote for the General Election is February 27, 2017

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an Eligible Voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines. Registered voters are responsible for maintaining their current physical/mailing address with the Enrollment Department. Ballots will be mailed to the address on file in the Enrollment Department.
Recent amendments to the Tribal Constitution change the composition of the Tribal Council. Prior to these amendments, the Tribal Council seats were allocated as follows:

- Six of the members were elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine County Area (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford Counties)
- Two of the members were elected by all of the Members of the Tribe. These Council seats are known as “At-Large” seats.
- One of the members was elected by Tribal Members living outside the Nine-County area. This seat is known as the “Outlying” seat.

The proposed amendment would change the composition of the Tribal Council as follows:

- Four of the Council seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Nine-County area.
- One of the Council Seats will be At-Large
- Four of the Council Seats will be elected by Tribal Members residing in the Outlying area.

Another way to say this is that two Nine-County seats are being change to Outlying seats, and one At-Large seat is being changed to an Outlying Seat.

The Election Board is charged with implementing this change. This includes determining when the seats should be switched. and in what order.

In rules that are being posted this month, the Election Board has decided to make the changes in two steps. First, one Nine-County seat that is up for election will be switched to an Outlying seat in the 2017 General Election. Then, one Nine-County seat AND one At-Large seat that are up in the 2019 General Election will be switched to Outlying Seats.

The Election Board’s main reason for implementing the change in this way is so that there will be two Nine-County seats and two Outlying seats up in each future election. If the At-Large seat was switched to Outlying in 2017, then there would be three Outlying seats up in one election and one Outlying seat in the next election with this pattern repeating in future elections. The lone At-Large seat would be up once every other election, just as the lone Outlying seat is now.

The following graphics illustrate the new changes to the Tribal Council election pattern.
How the Turtle Got a Shell

It was one of those days when Nanabozho was in a strange mood. He had just awakened from a deep sleep that was disturbed by the noisy quarreling and scolding of the blue jays. He was a bit cranky as his sleep was disturbed and besides that, he was hungry. His first thought was to go down to the village and find something to eat.

Entering the village, he came across some men cooking fish. They had their camp located close to the water and Nanabozho spied many fish cooking over a fire. Now, being very hungry, he asked for something to eat. The men were happy to give him some, but cautioned him that it was hot. Not heeding their warning, he quickly grabbed the fish and burned his hand. He ran to the lake to cool it off in the water. Still unsteady from his deep sleep, he tripped on a stone and fell on Mishiike (Turtle) who was sunning on the beach. At that time, Mishiike was not as we know her today. She had no shell and was comprised of soft skin and bone.

Turtle complained loudly to Nanabozho to watch where he was going. Now, Nanabozho felt ashamed of his clumsiness and apologized to Mishiike. He wondered “What can I do to make it up for her?” He wanted to do something to help his friend. “I’ll have to sit and think it over,” he thought as he followed the path back to his wigwam.

Sometime later, he returned to the beach and called for Mishiike. Turtle poked her head through the soft beach mud. Nanabozho picked up two large shells from the shore and placed one on top of the other. He scooped up Mishiike and put her right in the middle, between the shells.

Nanabozho took a deep breath and began. “You will never be injured like that again,” he said slowly. “Whenever danger threatens, “ he continued, “you can pull your legs and head into the shell for protection.”

Nanabozho sat beside his friend on the beach and told Mishiike his thoughts. “The shell itself is round like Mother Earth. It has a round hump which resembles her hills and mountains. It is divided into segments, like martyrizes that are a part of her; each different and yet connected by her.”

Mishiike seemed very pleased with this and listened intently. “You have four legs, each representing the points of direction North, South, East, and West,” he said. “When the legs are all drawn in, all directions are lost. Your tail will show the many lands where the Anishnabek have been and your head will point in the direction to follow. You will have advantages over the Anishnabek, “he went on. “You will be able to live in the water as well as on land and you will be in your house at all times.”

Mishiike approved of her new self, and thanked Nanabozho for his wisdom. Moving now in a thick shell, she pushed herself along the shore and disappeared into the water. So, ever since that accident long ago, Turtle has been special to the Anishnabek. To this day she continues to grace Mother Earth, still proudly wearing those two shells.

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Kid’s Activities

Can you match the leaf to the right tree?

Maple (Anninaatig) Oak (Mitigomizh) Birch (Wiigwaasaatig) Willow (Oziisigobiminzh) Poplar (Azaadi) Spruce (Gaawaandag)

How many of these leaves can you find outside?

Answer Key (from left to right): Poplar, Willow, Spruce, Birch, Oak, Maple
Kid’s Activities

Aniibiish
Apakwaanaajinh
Asabikeshiinh
Autumn
Bat

Candy
Dagwaagin
Dibiki-giizis
Ghost
Gookooko’oo

Halloween
Howl
Jack o Lantern
Jiibay
Leaves

Ma’iingan
Moon
Owl
Ozaawikosimaan
Pumpkin

Spider
Spooky
Treat
Trick
Wolf

Mishiike
Budget Modifications
1. Acceptance of grant funds from the Manistee County Community Foundation - Live Well Manistee Collaborative Grant Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016 in the amount of $10,000. The Tribe has received a new Grant Award to assist in funding the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Child & Family Development Center. Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016; Authorizing the modification of the Utility Department Budget, Program #7500-703 in the amount of $34,403 Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget. Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

3. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2016; Authorizing the modification of the Bank Building Budget in the amount of $11,900 for costs associated with replacement of Roof Top Unit. Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget. Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2016-4th QTR to fund Child & Family Development Center Construction and Operational costs in the amount of $660,330.40. This resolution will support the construction costs related to the Child & Family Development Center not currently covered by grants. It will also cover the costs of employees until revenue is generated. Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

New Business
1. Approval of Donation to Homeward Bound Animal Shelter in the amount of $500. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan provides for awarding of funds to charitable organizations as part of the plan. Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema wish to show their support by donating $250 each. Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Approval of Donation to the International Down Syndrome Coalition in the amount of $500. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan provides for awarding of funds to charitable organizations as part of the plan. Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema wish to show their support by donating $250 each. Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

3. Correction to Resolution #16-0829-250; Emergency Adoption of Amendments to the Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-800-03 to Gaming Enterprise Oversight Act, Ordinance #10-800-03. The resolution was passed by motion and a correction needs to be made to the title of the resolution. Motion by Riley; supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)
Council Meeting

Closed Session
The following are motions and roll call votes that were moved from Closed Session to Open Session

Bids & Contracts
1. Ratification of Contract with Grand Traverse Conservation District for Invasive Species Control on Manistee Lake
   Assessment and treatment of invasive plant species around Manistee Lake
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Ratification of Central Michigan University Wild Rice Genetic Contract
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

3. Ratification of the T.E.A.M.S. Contract
   Motion by DiPiazza; Supported by Wabindato

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

4. Ratification of Business Voice over IP Contract with AT&T
   New Voice Calling Contract
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

   Motion Carried (7-1-0-1)

5. Authorization of Letter Agreement for Valliant Consulting for FY 2016 General Services to HR
   The Tribe has an ongoing relationship with Valliant Consulting to provide Salary/Compensation review. This limited engagement is to provide review for any new positions created within Tribal Government
   Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

6. Approval of Proposal from Valliant Consulting to Conduct Job Analysis and Job Description for 175 Positions within LRBOI Tribal Government
   Valliant was engaged to create a comprehensive salary compensation administration plan; the completion of a Job Analysis inclusive of rewriting or updating 175 positions within Tribal Government is the next phase in improving the salary administration program of the Tribe.
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

7. Approval of Contract with Data Works Plus
   Data Works Plus provides the technical support and maintenance for Public Safety’s Live Scan Fingerprint System (fingerprint for backgrounds that are submitted to the State of Michigan)
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

8. Authorizing the Ogema to sign Contract with Seung-Ni Martial Arts Academy to hold three (3) Self-Defense Classes for Domestic Violence Awareness Events
   The Tribe has received grant funds to enhance outreach to increase awareness of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

   Enter into Contract for setting Water & Sewer Rates
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

   Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Roll Call Voting Key
- Yes
- Abstain
- No
- Absent
Council Meeting

Council Meeting: September 28, 2016

General Business
1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 9/1/16 and 9/7/16 for Filing
Motion by Medaccco; Supported by Lewis

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

Budget Modifications

Roll Call
J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

2. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Family Violence Prevention & Services Act (FVSPA) and approving a modification to the operating budget MB-2016-49 in the amount of $99
Motion by Burger; Supported by Riley

Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)

3. Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS0-2017 Voca Crime Victim Assistance - Part 1 Grant and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-48 in the amount of $149,418 with authorization for the Tribal Ogema to sign the award
Motion by Medaccco; Supported by Di Piazza

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

New Business
1. Authorizing donation of $1500 for the Little Manistee River Watershed Plan
Motion by Burger; Supported by Medaccco

Roll Call
J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

2. Approval of Revised Gaming Comission Organizational Chart
Motion by Riley; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call
J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

3. Motion to Post for Public Comment the Proposed Amendments to the Housing Regulations, Chapter 6
Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call
J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

4. Approval of Tribal Ogema to Execute Tree Removal Agreement with the Manistee Blacker Airport
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Burger

Roll Call
J. Riley  J. Burger  F. Medacco
S. Crampton  G. DiPiazza  M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg  V. Johnson  S. Lewis

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)
## Council Meeting

### Roll Call

| J. Riley | J. Burger | F. Medacco |
| J. Burger | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| S. Crampton | G. DiPiazza | M. Wabindato |
| R. Wittenberg | V. Johnson | S. Lewis |

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

5. Motion to approve for posting for 30 days the previously adopted emergency amendments to Housing Chapter 2 Regulations for public comment
   Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

6. Approval of the Family Services Organizational Chart Update
   Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

7. Adopting Amendments to the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance to include a section for Pro Tempore Officers and to clarify the definition of a Majority Vote, Ordinance #06-100-03
   Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

8. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2016-05-4th QTR to Fund 5206-Election Board Board Stipends in the amount of $6,025
   Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

9. Motion to Move Items Closed Sessions C.6 and D.5 to Open Session
   Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

10. Approving the Tribal Ogema to authorize Calendar year 2017 reprogramming request and amendment No. 17-1 to the Multi Year Funding Agreement with Department of Interior Office of Self-Governance
    Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

### Adjourn

1. Motion to End Second Open at 1:41
   Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis

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### Roll Call Voting Key

| Yes | Abstain |
| No | Absent |

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    Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

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**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

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**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**
Roll Call

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General Business
1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 9/28/16
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Budget Modifications
1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Great Lakes Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016 in the amount of $100,000
The Tribe has received a grant for the Lake Sturgeon within Manistee River Project
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

Old Business
Speaker Johnson said they had a work session on the Financial Report from the Government and believed there is no action required on that. Johnson said they also received the Commerce Commission Report for July 2016. Johnson said he believed there was no action on that so let it be noted to the public that they have accepted those and they will be filed.

New Business
1. Approval to post for 30 Day Public Comment the Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping & Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory
Four substantive amendments are suggested and must be posted for 30 days prior to permanent adoption to allow for public comment
Motion by Di Piazza; supported by Riley

2. Approval of Expenditure for Payment of Annual Dues to the National Congress of American Indians
The Tribal Ogema has budgeted $25,000 for the purpose of making Membership Dues payment of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
Motion by Burger; Supported by Medacco

3. Approval of Expenditure for Councilor Burger to attend the 73rd Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention & Marketplace
The Convention will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona from October 10-14, 2016
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

4. Approval of Expenditure for the Tribe to pay for the Recorder Riley to attend the RES Conference November 13-17, 2016
The Conference is at Buffalo Thunder Casino & Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Burger

5. Approval of Expenditure for the Recorder Riley to attend the RES Conference November 13-17, 2016
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Motion by Lewis; Supported by Burger

Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

Motion Carried (8-0-1-0)

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)

Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)
3. Approval to submit to HUD the FY2017 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as developed by the Housing Department and Reviewed by the Housing Commission
The Report is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

4. Elder and Low Income Housing Rent Approving Tribal Council Resolution establishing Minimum Monthly Rents for Low Income and Elder Homes at Aki Maadiziwin
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

5. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to Execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Women’s Information Service, Inc. (WISE), Every Woman’s Place, Center for Women in Transition, and Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters (COVE)
Agreements with private parties must be authorized by Tribal Council and executed by the Tribal Ogema
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis

6. Authorization for Tribal Ogema to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Legal Aid of Western Michigan
Agreements with private parties must be authorized by Tribal Council and executed by the Tribal Ogema
Motion by Burger; Supported by Di Piazza

7. Motion to Table the Approval of Tribal Council Support of Standing Rock by designating Big Blue as Hub Donation Station & providing Transportation Costs
The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe stands in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline as it threatens their way of life, water, people and their land and are in need of support.
Motion by Riley; Supported by Crampton

8. Replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People’s Day that will be on the Second Monday in October of every year
Indigenous People’s Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land and to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that the Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other indigenous peoples contribute to communities throughout Michigan, the United States of America and all of the world.
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

1. Motion to end first open at 11:25AM
Motion by Burger; Supported by Lewis

2. Motion to go into second open at 2:46PM
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Wabindato

3. Motion to release the Moss Adams Report to Tribal Council in its entirety
Councilor Crampton said not to Tribal Council, but the report to Tribal Council in its entirety
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

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6. Motion to go into second open at 2:46PM
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Wabindato

Items moved from Closed To Open Session
1. Motion to release the Moss Adams Report to Tribal Council in its entirety
Councilor Crampton said not to Tribal Council, but the report to Tribal Council in its entirety
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Burger

Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)
CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Employability Services for American Indian and Alaska Natives
National Center for American Indians with Disabilities

SERVING RESIDENTS OF KENT COUNTY

WE COMMIT TO HELPING YOU:
• Recognize and zero-in on your gifts and abilities
• Self-determine your short and long term goals
• Explore and choose job options and growth opportunities
• Honor and document your experiences (Résumé, cover letter, etc.)
• Connect with the greater community (employers/ job trainers)
• Continue your growth and success after hire

CONTACT INFO:
Monique Jonaitis, Anishinaabe
616.794.6653
mjonaitis@ncaid.org

LOCATED AT:
Steepletown
671 Davis NW Rm #137
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
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 Commodity Program.

**USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards**
September 30, 2014 & October 1, 2015

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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
### Elder Meals

**Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2016**

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<td>Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato Veggie Blend &amp; Dessert <strong>Language Class</strong></td>
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<td>Chef’s Salad Breadsticks Dessert</td>
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**Meals Served at Noon**
- Monday-Thursday
  - No Charge for Elders, Spouse and Handicapped/Disabled Individuals who reside with Elder
  - Guest meals are $6.00

**Regularly Scheduled Activities**
- Mondays - Language Class
- Wednesdays - Wii Bowling

**Other Activities**
- Birthday of the Month & BINGO

**Menu Subject to Change, without notice.**
Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1500-2000 Calorie Diet.

**Little Changes that can make a BIG Difference**
1. Drink More Water and Be Active
2. Eat Breakfast
3. Watch your Portion Sizes
4. Make Half Your Plate Fruits & Veggies
5. Prepare Healthy Snacks
6. Read Your Food Labels

**Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal**

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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 comps.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.

4. 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 room.
   - No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year’s Eve.

5. In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.

6. River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).

7. 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

8. No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.

9. 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.

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**Events & Directory**

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**Upcoming Events**

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

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

- **Elder Conference**
  - November 5-6, 2016
  - Elder X-Mas Party
  - December 3, 2016

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

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

Wetland (N) areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season

- Wetlands provide food and medicinal remedies, habitat for wildlife and fish, and provide ecosystem services such as water quality mitigation, storm water storage, and groundwater recharge.
- Wetlands have been removed for purposes including agriculture, commercial and residential development, dredge disposal, and resource extraction (USEPA 1994).
- Wetlands within the 1836 Reservation consist of primarily emergent wetlands (wet meadows, marshes) and forested wetlands (floodplain forests, treed swamps) (ITC 2000)

Wet Meadow: A poorly drained area of soil that except for periods of seasonal high water are typically drier than other marshes and often resemble grasslands.
Marsh: Wetlands frequently or continually inundated with water, characterized by emergent soft stemmed vegetation adapted to saturated soil conditions.
Floodplain Forest: A bottomland forest community that occupies areas adjacent to streams and rivers, subject to periodic flooding and cycles of erosion and deposition.
Treed Swamp: an area of low lying wet or seasonally flooded land that is inhabited primarily by woody plants and trees, as opposed to a marsh that is inhabited by grasses, reeds and sedges.

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Plants You’ll Find In Wetlands

Wet Meadews
Sedges, Cattails, Bluejoint, And Reed Canary-Grass
Marshes
Cattails, Water-Plantain, Smartweed, And Wild-Rice
Floodplain Forests
Black And Green Ash, Rice Cut Grass, And Reed Canary-Grass
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Watersheds. Why are they important?

A watershed is an area of land that drains rain or snow into one location such as a stream, lake, or wetland. Watersheds provide water for drinking, agriculture and manufacturing, offer recreational opportunities (boating, fishing), and provide habitat for plants and animals (TNC, 2016).

The 1836 Reservation is located in the lower portion of the Big Manistee River Watershed. Upstream land-use activities can directly impact downstream water quality.


- Wetlands comprise 11% of the watershed and are primarily located along rivers and lakes. This is important as natural areas, such as wetlands, prevent flooding and filter out contaminants and nutrients before entering a waterbody.
- Wetlands within the Big Manistee watershed provide necessary habitat and food for species such as Eastern Massasauga, Spotted Turtle, Wood Turtle, Blanding’s Turtle, American Bittern, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Osprey, Wild Rice, and Northern White Cedar (MNFI 2016).

Top 3 Land Uses on the Reservation
1. Forest (55%)
2. Wetlands (15%)
3. Developed (10%)

The Big Manistee River Watershed Drains

1900 square miles
250 miles of mainstream river
100 tributaries
12 counties

before exiting into Lake Michigan from Manistee Lake
(River Restoration 2011)
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Elder Conference

Theme
Health Fair

Held at Event Center & Conference Rooms

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling
231-723-1535 or 888-568-2244

Ask for the Elder Conference Block and provide your Tribal ID Number to book your room

Saturday
November 5th, 2016
Lunch at 12pm
Dinner at 6pm

Sunday
November 6th, 2016
Breakfast at 8am

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Elders Christmas party

Little River Casino Resort
Event Center
Saturday, December 3rd, 2016
Lunch at 12pm (noon)

Items for the voluntary gift exchange may be labeled Man or Woman and placed on the tables provided.

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.