SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE

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

This Secretarial Election is to Vote on Seven Constitutional Changes that council has proposed. How this Secretarial Election turns out will affect not just a few of our Tribal Members but all of us. So make sure you REGISTER TO VOTE AND SEND IN IMMEDIATELY for this Secretarial Election. Let your voice be heard.
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 588

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

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 43516. (1) An individual who has been issued a hunting, fur harvester’s, or fishing license shall carry the license and shall exhibit the license upon the demand of a conservation officer, a law enforcement officer, a tribal conservation officer who complies with subsection (3), or the owner or occupant of the land if either or both of the following apply:
(a) The person is hunting, trapping, or fishing.
(b) Subject to section 43510(2) and except as provided in section 43513, the individual is in possession of a firearm or other hunting or trapping apparatus or fishing apparatus in an area frequented by wild animals or fish, respectively.
(2) Subject to section 43510(2) and except as provided in section 43513, an individual shall not carry or possess afield a shotgun with buckshot, slug loads, or ball loads; a bow and arrow; a muzzle-loading rifle or black powder handgun; or a centerfire handgun or centerfire rifle during firearm deer season unless that individual has a valid deer license, with an unused kill tag, if issued, issued in his or her name. The individual shall exhibit an unused kill tag, if issued, upon the request of a conservation officer, a law enforcement officer, or the owner or occupant of the land.
(3) A tribal conservation officer under subsection (1) must be in uniform, display proper credentials, and be on official duty within the ceded territory of the treaty of March 28, 1836, 7 Stat 491.
(4) As used in this section, “tribal conservation officer” means a conservation officer employed by the Great Lakes Indian fish and wildlife commission, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, or the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL
AMENDED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2016

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

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Total Work Sessions - 25 15 21 17 19 23 17 23 19 21

* - Business Related  V - Vacation  B - Bereavement

June 1st, August 3rd, September 21st and November 2nd dates were removed from the calendar

*Added to the calendar – June 29th, August 6th and November 5th
Beginning Monday (5/9/2016) construction began on the LRBOI Pharmacy Buildout at the Government Center. The construction company will be using the front (main) entrance to the Government Center to access the construction area and will generally be here during our normal 8-5 business hours. They will be accessing the pharmacy area through the hallway where Members Services are located.

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

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

Commodities

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and 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.

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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

Department Information
LRBOI Commodity Department is in a new location pass the Little River Casino turn on M22 turn left on Dontz Road first parking lot left side on front of Little Casino Warehouse. The office hours are 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M Lunch hour is 12:00 P.M to 1:00 P.M phone #'s are 231-398-6716 an 231-398-6715
Yvonne Theodore and Laurie Jackson FDPIR is funded through the USDA to serve low income Native American households on & off the reservation.
Take application with all the information requirements Application go’s to the state of Michigan snap check list and comes back to be certified. Households are called to be notified of decision for the FDPIR program. Households pick up 1 month food package at LRBOI warehouse in Manistee, MI.
**Summer Law Intern**

**Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek**  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Unified Legal Department  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, MI 49660  
RebeccaLiebing@lrboi-nsn.gov

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**Summer Law Intern***  
Temporary part-time hours w/ flexible schedule through tribe’s Work Force Development

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| Reporting to:    | Unified Legal Department  
Staff Attorneys |
| Summary:         | The intern(s) will work closely with the Unified Legal Department Attorneys in  
several clearly defined projects to be completed this summer. Interns will be  
exposed to the daily operation of the Unified Legal Department in its role as legal  
counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its Enterprises; and in its  
role as a legal resource to the various departments, commissions, and Boards of the  
Tribe. |

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

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

**Interested Applicants should reply with the following documents:**
- Current Resume
- College Transcripts
- Cover Letter explaining your interest in Tribal/Indian Law

Applicants must pass a drug test and background check.
Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments Collected for the Fiscal Year in Accordance with Resolution #03-0813-248

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

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

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

2. Commission/Committee Schedules:

   Commissions:
   - Binojeeuk Commission: 1:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays Family Services Department
   - Commerce Commission: 4:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday Big Manistee Room at LRCR
   - Enrollment Commission: 5:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday Enrollment Department Enrollment Department
   - Gaming Commission: 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays Gaming Commission Office
   - Health Commission: 4:30 p.m., 2nd Monday – Law Library
   - Housing Commission: 9:00 a.m., 3rd Thursday Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
   - Natural Resource Commission: 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday Natural Resource Meeting

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

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

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

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

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Chi Ishobak and LRBOI

Chi Ishobak and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians partnered back in October to provide a Commercial and Consumer Loan Programs for tribal entrepreneurs and consumers. “This is huge milestone for Indian Country.” Sean Winters, Executive Director stated, “This collaboration will truly build professional and personal capacity and provide benefit for tribal citizens.” We have recognized an increase in citizen phone calls and emails inquiring about loan applications and details since the Annual Meeting.” Winters added, “The more information that citizens have about our programs may potentially assist them in building and strengthening their family capacity.”

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

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

**Small-Business Loans – For the purpose of small-business expansion or start-up.**
- Must be an enrolled Little River Band or Ottawa Indians citizen.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a commercial loan application.
- Must perform a business development assessment.
- Must submit a business plan outlining the project.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Interest rates are determined based upon a risk rating of the application.
- All loans will be collateralized.
- Loan origination fees are 1% of the loan amount.
- All payment activity may be reported to assist in building individual credit.
- On-going business technical assistance is included as a condition of each loan to build capacity.

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

**Credit Builder Loans – For the purpose of establishing or repairing credit. This is not designed to make funds immediately available.**
- Must be an enrolled Little River Band or Ottawa Indians citizen.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a consumer loan application.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Loan amounts are between $500 - $1,500.
- Interest rates are 10% with automatic withdrawal and 12% without automatic withdrawal.
- Loan processing fees are $50 for loans up to $1,000 and $75 for loans over $1,000.
- All payment activity is reported to assist in building individual credit.
- Financial workshops or individual are included as a condition of each loan to build capacity.
- If approved, loan funds are held in a secured account until all loan payments have been satisfied
- This condition is in place to protect the Tribal citizen’s payment history to ensure proper credit building.

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

**Financial Wellness and Individual Financial Coaching**
This program is available by either a scheduled workshop series or by private coaching sessions. These meetings are designed to identify financial habits and behaviors in our personal financial management that may be ineffective and implement necessary changes. By utilizing lessons from our ancestors and modern financial tools, citizens can accomplish any goal from: savings, building credit, debt-reduction, and building credit.
What is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)?
A Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFI’s provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets.

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

What does Chi Ishobak offer?
Chi Ishobak offers commercial loans for small-business expansion or start-up. Chi Ishobak offers consumer loans for automobile purchases and credit building efforts. Chi Ishobak offers small-business development services designed to assist tribal entrepreneurs with legal formation, business plan development, financial projections, and loan packaging. Business development services are available whether or not you are seeking a loan. Chi Ishobak offers financial wellness education designed for Native American citizens. It is vital to provide citizens with the tools necessary to manage personal financial resources responsibly. Fundamental topics such as savings, communication with money, budgeting, debt-management, and buying behavior can help citizens establish healthy financial habits. Drawing upon the successful techniques of our ancestors gives us all the information and strength needed to be successful in today’s environment.

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

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

How do I contact Chi Ishobak?
You can contact Chi Ishobak by any of the following:
Phone: (269) 783-4157
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Summer FUN!

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

June 2nd — July 28th 2016

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

LRBOI—Muskegon Office
1101 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441

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

Parents are encouraged to participate (chaperone forms needed).
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
21st Annual Jiingtamok (Pow Wow)

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

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

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

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

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

Drum Competition:
1st = $2,000.
2nd = $1,000.
3rd = $500.

Tiny Tots Special
Grand Entry Saturday at 12:00 & 7:00 and Sunday 12:00

JULY 2ND & 3RD

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

For Drum Information Contact Philip at 315.925.9545
Pow Wow Located at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 Behind Tribal Gas Station

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KAREEN AT 231.398.6895
The Tribal Public Safety Department wanted to remind you that they take back the prescription drugs program year ‘round out at the Tribal Police Department offices on M22. Tribal police have a secured location for these drugs and regularly arrange for their disposal. Bring these drugs into the department. Leaving them in the medicine cabinet or somewhere in the home poses a danger to youngsters and other family members. Properly disposing of these drugs protects our young, our families and our environment.

Parents as Teachers in Manistee County

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

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

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

Parents as Teachers Affiliate

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

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

If you are interested please contact Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department at 231-398-6707 or cgehrke@lrboi-nsn.gov.
Chi Ishobak Inc. Continues to Empower Tribal Entrepreneurs

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

May 6, 2016
Dowagiac, MI – Chi Ishobak is pleased to announce a financing partnership with The Front Porch. The Front Porch, owned by Michael and Irma Carney, became the most recent organization to receive funding from Chi Ishobak’s Commercial Loan Program. Michael is an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

The Front Porch began as a hobby business in 2014 that repurposed and restored vintage furniture and home décor pieces. The Carney’s had a dream of expanding this business into a local shop. One day the stars aligned and funding was able to provide business development resources and loan capital for this new venture. There is a great deal of commitment and planning required for any business and Michael and Irma were ready for the next steps.

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

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

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

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

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Chi Ishobak currently provides commercial and consumer loan products for enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is the goal of Chi Ishobak to work with every tribe within the State of Michigan.

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

Additional information can be found through Chi Ishobak’s website at www.chiishobak.org or by contacting Chi Ishobak offices at (269) 783-4157.

May is Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

Check your tanning IQ and protect the skin you’re in.

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

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

MDHHS reminds all residents that:

- Controlled tanning is not safe tanning
- A base tan is not a safe tan
- Tanned skin is not healthy skin

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

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

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

Tax-Exempt Purchases at the Little River Trading Post

Cigarette Purchases:
Tribal members are NOT allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for non-members (including family members) who are not eligible for the exemption. Tax-exempt purchases are for the Tribal member’s personal use only.

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

Tribal Regulation #R100-02:AC-07
Chapter 7. Tobacco Products.
3-6. Civil Penalties; Remedies.
b. Any person who violates Section 3-5(a) by purchasing tax-exempt tobacco products for, or selling tax-exempt tobacco products to, any person not entitled to purchase the same under the terms of the Tax Agreement shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). Each transaction by a person which violates Section 3-5(b) shall be treated as a separate offense.
c. Any Retailer who knowingly violates Section 3-5(b) shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). Each transaction shall be treated as a separate offense.

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

All Tribal members purchasing tax-exempt cigarettes MUST show their Tribal ID to the cashier on duty and complete the appropriate purchase log at the counter. There have been multiple issues with members not signing the log, and/or not completely filling out all of the information requested.

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

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

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

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

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

Payment for all tax-exempt fuel purchases must be made inside the gas station AFTER fuel has been pumped. Tribal members SHOULD NOT pay for fuel at the pump.

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

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

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

Your Responsibility
Tribal members are responsible for staying within their monthly limit. It is not the job of the Little River Trading Post...
tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 25 packs per Tribal member.

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

How to Become a Resident Tribal Member
To become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM), a Little River Band Tribal Member must live within the Tax Agreement Area. The Tax Office maintains a list of Resident Tribal Members based on their physical address of record. On a monthly basis, the Tax Office sends name and address changes, obtained from the Enrollment Office, on the 15th, to the Michigan Treasury Department. Resident Tribal Member status takes effect on the 1st day of the following month.

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

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

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

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

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

To contact the Tax Office, call Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874, toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6874, or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov.
Harvest regulations for the  
2016 Black Lake 
Sturgeon Harvest

2016 Spring Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake  
The season will be similar to last year for sturgeon harvest in Black Lake with two sturgeon which may be harvested by spear, bowfishing, and/or hook and line. Contact the Natural Resources Department at (231) 723-1594 to obtain a permit or for more information.

2016 Regulations for Lake Sturgeon Harvest on Black Lake

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

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

3. No minimum size limit.

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

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

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

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

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

9. Registration of fish harvest will include an examination of the fish.

10. Tribal Law Enforcement may check anglers during each fishing day.

11. If quota is exceeded the excess fish will be turned over to LRBOI NRD and/or Law Enforcement personnel and retained for future ceremonial purposes.
On April 22nd, the Natural Resources Department (NRD) kicked off the Climate Change Adaption Planning Grant at the department office. The meeting was attended by most of the NRD staff, and was led by Kyle Powys Whyte, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Community Sustainability at MSU. He introduced the NRD staff to various ways that other Tribes have looked at climate change and how to plan for it.

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

Miigwech Kyle, and NRD!

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**Climate Change Planning at Natural Resources**

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**North American Indigenous Summer Enrichment Camp**

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

**2016 NAISEC: JULY 17 - JULY 21**

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

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

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

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

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

**Preparing for College:**
Students will attend workshops with admissions, career services and financial aid.

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

**Learning Community:**
Students build team working skills and understand the value of working with others.

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

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

We had good attendance all Day for our teachings. There was 35 to 40 in attendance at morning teachings and for afternoon teachings 30 to 45.

For Friday. The Scared Fire was spark at Sunrise by Al Metzger. Indio Mitchell took care of that Fire all day till his relief came in which was Chuck Shaw.

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

All the invited guess and participants did a wonderful job.

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

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

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

Submitted by
Philip Memberto
Government

Commission Openings!

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

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

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

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

Government Closes for the following Holidays

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

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288.
Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.
Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It’s always a good idea to call first.

LRBOI Warriors Society

The Committee consist of the following:

Commander- John Shano
Vice Commander - Leonard Rittenhous
Secretary - Virgil Johnson
Treasure - Vacant
Sargent of Arms - Chuck Nelson
Chaplin- Chuck Fisher

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

Casino Employment

Check out the new Employment Opportunities tab on the tribal website at https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/resources/employment

Our new preference ordinance is there along with links to website and job opportunities. All in one place for your convenience! Check out the exciting opportunities that await you at the Little River Casino Resort.
There are many ways to apply. Log onto our Website at www.LRCR.com and click on Careers Call our Human Resources Department at (231) 723-4530. Stop by our Human Resources Department located at 2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI.
Monday – Friday 7am-5pm
Send your Application, Resume and Cover letter to:
Little River Casino Resort
Attn: Recruiting P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660
Phone: (231) 723-4530 · Fax: (231) 723-1589
Email: recruiting@lrcr.com
Available job openings can also be found at all LRBOI Tribal Government buildings, in LRBOI Tribal Newsletter at Michigan Works!

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

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

Amy D. (Kleeman) Gilbert-Meteer, 42, of Traverse City, passed away on April 12, 2016 at her home. She was born on December 27, 1973 in Traverse City to Kenneth A. and Denise (Smith) Kleeman. Amy is survived by her husband, Lee Meteer; her sons, Dalton Hasler of Bellaire and Kenneth “Kenny” Anthony Gilbert of Traverse City; step-children, Emmet Meteer of Ludington, Myiesha Meteer and Zack Meteer, both of Traverse City; a granddaughter, Ivy; her parents, Ken and Denise of Mancelona; and her siblings, Samantha “Sam” Kleeman of Mancelona, Holly (Chad) Draper of Ellsworth and Robert E. Kleeman of Arizona. Amy married Lee Meteer on April 26, 2013 in Traverse City. Her hobbies included hunting, fishing, crafts, and leather work. She loved her native American heritage and anything that included “nature”. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 pm at Wolfe-O’Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska. Visitation will begin at 5:00 pm until the time of service. Memorials may be given to an Education Fund for Amy’s children, checks payable to Lee Meteer, c/o Wolfe-O’Neill Funeral Home, 106 S. Cherry, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Jeri Leigh Chippewa-ba

Reflections of Jeri Leigh Chippewa Jeri was my first niece born to my sister. Jeri was my special girl. Her greatest happiness and her "pride and joy" were her children and her grandbabies. She was a loving mother and a loving grandmother. She was never afraid to say I love you, and she always had hugs for me. I loved her like she was my own daughter, and there will always be a special place in my heart just for her. Now, you have left us way too soon and way too young. I never got to say how much I love you and to let you know how much you meant to me, but I think you already knew that. You have left a void in my heart that only time will heal. Now I have only memories of you, but I will cherish them forever. When I would come to see you, your face would light up, and your smile melted my heart. I'll miss your voice saying, "I love you Aunt." Know that I will always cherish you in my heart May you rest in the arms of our Lord Jesus “My Pretty Girl.” Love and Prayers Forever, Auntie Al

Tiffany Rae Muma-ba
June11, 1980- March 5, 2016

Tiffany Rae Muma was born in Monroe, Michigan on June 11, 1980. She was the youngest of three daughters born from the union of Stephen Muma and Sharon (Hamilton) Muma. Tiffany received her diploma from Monroe High School in 2001. She went on to attend Oakland University where she earned Associate’s Degrees in Photography and Interior Design. Tiffany was a remarkable woman. She showed perseverance throughout her life even when suffering from poor health for more than fifteen years. She was an active member of the Lupus Foundation and very proud of her Native American Heritage being a member of the Ottawa Tribe. She valued her Christian faith and received her spiritual nourishment through attendance at the Monroe Church of Christ. Tiffany had a positive outlook on life, and she made the most of each day. She was a great friend and counselor to those around her. Her thoughtfulness for others led her to drop whatever she was doing, no matter the time of day. Tiffany had a passion for photography, and she loved to capture special maternity, infant, and children. She also kept daily journals, often spending much of her time reflecting upon her wishes, dreams, and thoughts. Tiffany Rae Muma, age 35 of Monroe passed away peacefully at ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Her loving family was at her side. Her passing was preceded by paternal grandparents: Donald and Josephine Muma. To cherish her memory she leaves her beloved parents: Stephen and Sharon Muma of Monroe; maternal grandmother: Ruth Hamilton of Woodhaven; two dear sisters: Terra (William “Bill”) Muma Currier of Holland, Michigan and Staci (Stephen) Cheney of Ypsilanti; her niece: Josephine “Josie” Currier; her nephew: Key Currier; many aunts: uncles; cousins; and friends.

- See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/monroenews/obituary.aspx?pid=178004387#sthash.3000BxzN.dpuf
Shirley Mae Holman
Lorraine Marie Ceplina
Charles Lester Fisher
Fern Cecelia Barber
Jean A. Aber
Charlotte Mary Vega
Linley Charles Peterson
Martha Joan Rohrmoser
Gerald Ronald Battice
Leroy Savinius Smith

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

June Arlene Dart
Carolyn Marie Ashby
William Carlyle Seitz
Virginia Mae Husnick

**Elder Meals**

**Happy Birthday**

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**Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2016**

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

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

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

Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov

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

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1st Tribal Lending
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Pinole, CA 94564

Toll Free: (866) 235-4033
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General questions or concerns: webmaster@1tribal.com
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Post Closing: (510) 856-2182

1st Tribal Lending. Here at 1st Tribal Lending we are dedicated to providing you with Section 184 Home Loans.
**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.

- **20% Daily Discount in food outlets**
  *Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.
  *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

- **Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount**
  *(50% off if Tribal Member is alone).*
  *Charge will be for meal of the highest price.
  *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

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

- **Hotel room rate $79 plus tax and fees.**
  Suite rate $129 plus tax and fees.
  *Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.

- **Tuesday for 1 meal discount**
  *(50% off if Tribal Member is alone).*
  *Charge will be for meal of the highest price.
  *Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

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

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

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

- **River Credits will be given to all LR-BOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).**
  Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.

- **Spring and Fall membership meeting**
- **LRBOI Elders Conference**
- **Elders Christmas Party**
- **Tribal Members only**

- **No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.**

- **Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year’s Eve).**

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

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**Some Events To look forward to**

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

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

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

- **2017 Membership Meetings**
  October 9, 2017

- **Call Little River Resort Hotel in US Toll-Free:**
  1-888-568-2244
  **or**
  Local 231-723-1535
The LRBOI Election Board adopted their new 2016 regulations at their regular meeting. The entire document is posted on the website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov.

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

### Fall Membership Meeting

**October 8, 2016**

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### Meeting Agenda

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*Note: Agenda is subject to change at Ogema’s discretion and if quorum in membership is reached.*