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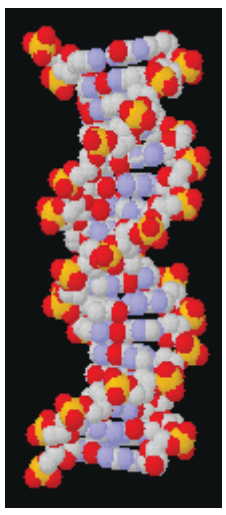

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2006 Language Camp a Great Hit!

After months of planning and years of experience, it is no great surprise that the 2006 Anishinaabemda Language Camp once again broke its own attendance record. This year, more than six hundred guests came together in Manistee to celebrate the Anishinaabe culture and language.

Thanks to Kenny Pheasant and many volounteers, the weekend was a smash and all who attended had a great time!

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9th Council Member Sworn In

Pat Ruiter was sworn in during the weekly Council meeting on August 2nd, 2006 to fill the vacant seat on Tribal Council. Following a special election that was contested and then resolved by the Election Commission, Pat took the oath of office and sat in with Council. Ruiter has served on Council in the past and is filling the vacant seat that remains open until the Tribal Elections in April. Ruiter is also head of the Boxing Commission.

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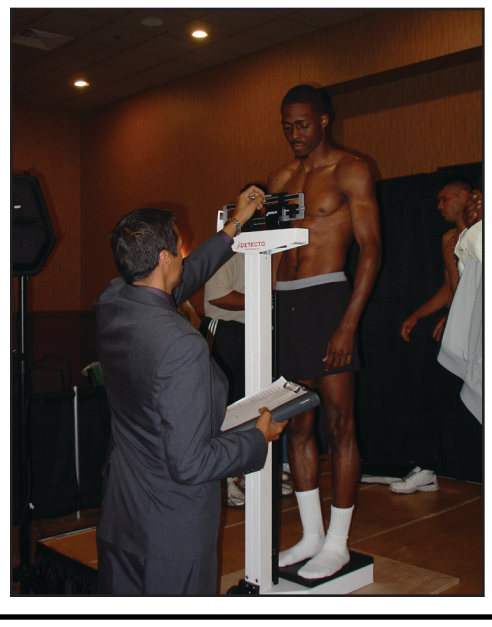

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Traditional Foods Focus Group Callout

In an effort to make strides in our understanding of "traditional foods" and the amount of contaminants they may have in the current state of our environment, a collaborative project with numerous Tribes from the Great Lakes region is being put together. Their goal will be to assemble a Guide of Tribal interests and concerns pertaining to traditional foods' consumption and quality.

This project needs a LRBOI focus group to meet before and after the Guide is issued to evaluate the success of the Guide. Members will be asked to answer questions about their views on contamination and food choices. They will meet again 5 or 6 months later to re-evaluate their knowledge on the subject. We are looking for 8 to 10 people that would be willing to come to both meetings.

Benefits-
$50.00 for travel time
Meal at the casino (we will host it over a lunch meeting)
Knowledge of potentially threatening food choices
Helping LRBOI to develop effective guidance for future generations
Develop future research needs

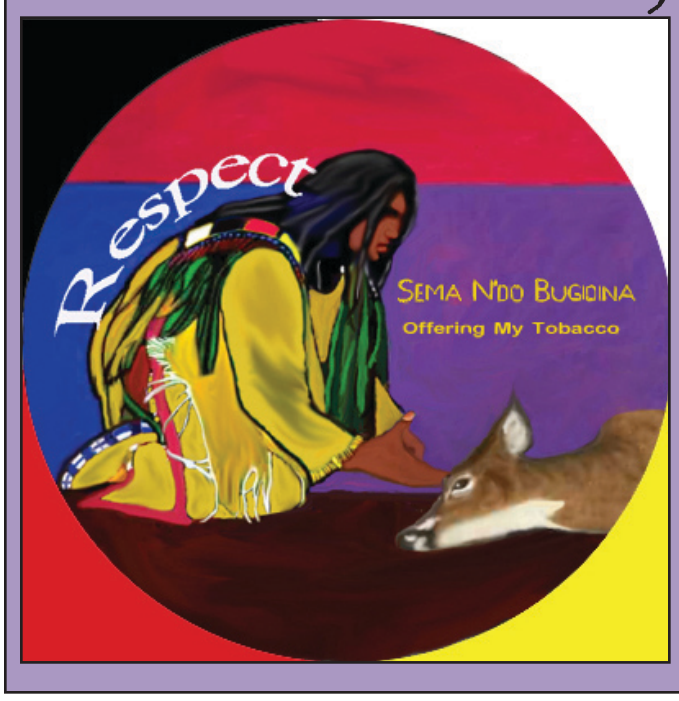
The first meeting will be this fall (October)
The second meeting will be in March or April 2007

If interested please contact:

Teresa Romero
LRB Natural Resources Dept
231-398-2181

Bimaadizi Da!

"Lets live life in a traditional way!"



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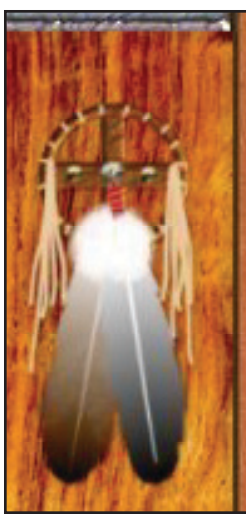
A Fun Time For The Entire Family!



Festival of he Falling Leaves Moon
Mackinac Island, Michigan
September 22~23!24, 2006

Battle Reenactments of the War of 1812~Great Lakes Indian, Voyager & Military Encampment.
Madame LaFrancboise Fur Fashion
Show~Native American Dance, Songand story Telling~Family Activites & more.

Celebrating Early America and the Fur Trade on one of the Top Ten Islands in the World!

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Committees/Commissions

Tribal Members interested in serving on a committee/commission are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema for any of the following committees/commissions:

Housing Commission
Natural Resource Commission
Binojeeuk Commission
Boxing Commission
Gaming Commission
Enrollment Commission
Cultural Preservation Committee

When submitting your letter of interest, please indicate which committee/commission you are interested in.

Commission and Committee Meeting Times and Places

Binojeeuk Commission
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
Gaming Commission Meeting Room

Boxing Commission
Tuesdays at 11:00 am.
Little Manistee Room at Little River Casino Resort

Enrollment Commission
Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
Community Center – 1762 U.S. 31

Gaming Commission
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Gaming Commission Meeting Room

Housing Commission
Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
Administrative Office – 1762 U.S. 31

Natural Resource Commission
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Natural Resource Department
– 159 Brickyard Rd.

Cultural Preservation Committee
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Dome Room – 375 River Street

Elders Committee
First Saturday of each month 12:00 noon
Community Center – 1762 U.S. 31

Small Business Task Force
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Newland Trailer

Health Board
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Tribal Council Conference Room
– 375 River Street

Muschigon Construction Board
Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
Grand River Room
Little River Casino Resort

Veterans Warrior Society
First Saturday of each month 10:00 a.m.
Grand River Room
Little River Casino Resort

Tax Office

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Tax Office - Questions & Answers

If you have tax questions that you would like to have answered in upcoming editions of Little River Currents, please send them to: Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or email them to: bczarnecki@lrboi.com.

The following questions come from phone calls received by the tax office.

1. **Can I get tax relief on the purchase of a new washer and dryer?**
2. **Do I have to pay sales tax on a new riding lawn mower?**

Answer:

The answer to both of these questions can be found in Tax Agreement § III(A)(2)(b) which says, "Purchases by a Resident Tribal Member of tangible personal property for personal use are exempt from both the sales tax and use tax if the transaction takes place in the Agreement Area and the property is used exclusively within the Agreement Area." However, § XII(C)(3) explains that the procedure for obtaining the exemption for these purchases is through an annual refund representing sales tax and use tax paid on tangible personal property acquired under § III(A)(2)(b). Therefore, it is important that all resident tribal members file the Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit form at the end of each year. The amount of the refund may be more or less than what you actually paid in sales taxes during the year.

Resident tribal members should file this form, even if they do not have income that is taxable. The refund is based on a modified adjusted gross income which includes the resident tribal member's taxable and nontaxable income. If you didn't file for your annual sales tax credit at the end of the year, it's not too late. Call or stop by the Tax Office for more information and to pick up the forms you need.

Reminder: Tribal Business License Required

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance, Article VIII, says that any business owned by the Tribe, Tribal members, or the Tribe and Tribal members, which is located within the Reservation or within the Agreement Area shall be required to obtain a Tribal business tax license from the Tax Department. This includes Tribal members selling merchandise at events occurring on Tribal and trust lands. Registration forms are available from the Tax office. Call the tax officer at 231-398-6874 for more information.

Motor Fuel Tax Exemption Program

The implementation date for the motor fuel tax exemption program was August 1, 2006. Each Tribal member who registers their vehicle with the tax office will initially be allowed to purchase up to 40 gallons per month of tax exempt gas or diesel fuel at Northern Pass Marathon. All Tribal members age 16 and over will receive complete program details, rules, regulations and a registration form in the mail just prior to the implementation date. The details and registration form are also available on the LRBOI website. To access this information, go to www.lrboi.com and click on Program Applications and Information. Then scroll down to Tribal Gas Tax Exemption Program. You can print the registration form that needs to be turned in or pick up one at the tax office. Also, please provide a copy of your vehicle registration to show that you own the vehicle that you will be fueling.

Non-resident Tribal members can send their completed forms (with of copy of their vehicle registration) by U.S. or interoffice mail or bring them to the tax office in person. Resident Tribal members will have to register in person at the Tax Office to get a sticker for their Tribal I.D. card that allows them to get an additional sales tax exemption on their fuel purchases.

I would like to encourage all Tribal members to register early to avoid the inevitable rush that will occur when the mailing goes out. However, discounted fuel could not be purchased until August 1st.. Please be sure to read and understand the rules because they will be enforced. Northern Pass will not notify you when you have reached your limit. Each Tribal member must keep track of their own purchases to avoid the $20 penalty that will be charged for each over-limit purchase.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about this program.

Barb Czarnecki
Tax Officer
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Ph: 231-398-6874
Email: bczarnecki@lrboi.com

There is an opening for The Small Business Incentive Task Force

Tribal Members interested in serving on The Small Business Incentive Task Force are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Council
Thank you

Language Camp

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Anishinaabe Language/Culture Camp 2006
July 28, 29, 30

Kenny Pheasant - Language Camp Organizer

Friday July 28

8:00	Breakfast	
9:00	Opening	
9:15	Stephanie Stone	Families helping families
	Margaret Noori	Waagosh Aadisokaan
	LTBB Language program	Odaminawaanhsan & Ngamwinan
10:45	Arlinda Stonefish	Creating change/non threatening approach
	Doris Boissoneau	Cedar teachings
	Joe & Cynthia	AMAZing Anishinaabemowin
12:00	Lunch	
1:15	Helen Roy	Nsotamokiing aabijichiganan nakaazang & zhichigewinan
	Will Morin	Interactive story telling
	Bea Shawanda	We have it all – cultural self empowerment
	Sammie Dyal	Making key chains
	Krooked Lake Drum	Singing & drumming
2:45	John Koon	How to make a black ash basket
	Liz Osawamick	Learning Anishinaabemowin through hand drumming
	Isadore Toulouse	Simple teaching strategies
	Carrie Leaureaux	Nbakanaage
4:00	Jeremiah Pheasant	Anishinaabe baseball
5:00	Dinner	
7:00	Welcome address	
	Talent show	
9:00	James Shawana	Songs in Anishinaabemowin

Saturday July 29

8:00	Breakfast	
9:15	LTBB Language program	Odaminawaanhsan & Ngamwinan
	Stephanie Stone	Organizing community Ojibway library
	John Koon	How to make a black ash basket
	Liz Osawamick	Ojibway sign language
	Sammie Dyal	Gindaaswinak bingo
10:45	Joe & Cynthia	Anishinaabemowin obstacle course
	Helen Roy	Kinomaagegamig nango ge-zhinaag'kiba
	Arlinda Stonefish	How to be the creator of your own journey
	Will Morin	The art of learning
	Sammie Dyal	Making key chains
12:00	Lunch	
1:15	Carrie Leaureaux	Concentration games
	Stephanie Stone	Families helping families
	Doris Boissoneau	Teachings of the Turtle Spirit
	Bea Shawanda	Dancing lessons… from the animals
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Ogema Patrick Wilson at language camp

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1:00	Giveaway	

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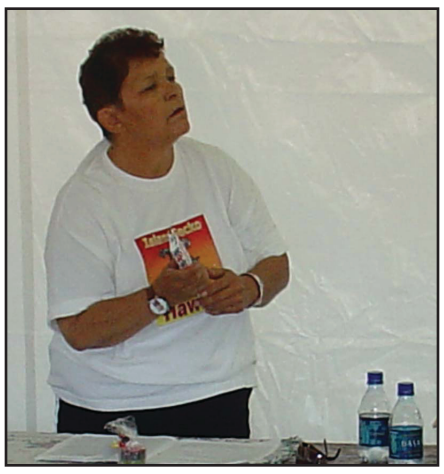

Congratulations to the winners of the Traditional Woodland Regalia Contest !

Held at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Jiingtamok on July 1st and 2nd, 2006.

The winners are:

18+ Years Male:
1st place—J. Hewitt
2nd place—Casey Coolidge, Auburn Hills, MI
3rd place—Mike F., Indiana

18+ Years Female:
1st place: Jean Hewitt*, Muskegon
2nd place: Jacqueline Rose*, Manistee
3rd place: Sharron Detz*, Manistee

12-17 Years:
1st place: Hobie Hagen, Muskegon, MI
2nd place: Bleu Bird*, Muskegon, MI
3rd place: Tim (Buddy) Oleniczak*, Freesoil, MI

6-11 Years:
1st place: Makenna Robertson, Hesperia, MI
2nd place: Mariah Eldridge, Grand Rapids, MI
3rd place: Makayla Eldridge, Grand Rapids, MI

0-5 Years:
1st place: Mary Bush, Shelbyville, MI
2nd place: Unknown (Illegible handwriting)
3rd place: Nathaniel Burkhart*, Bear Lake, MI

* denotes Little River Tribal member or descendant

Valerie Chandler
Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

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Michigan Languages Legislative Summit - by Nancy Kelsey

WASHINGTON, DC – More than 200 Congressmen and people from throughout Indian Country gathered at the National Indian Education Association's first-ever Native Languages Legislative Summit held in Washington, DC on July 12.

The free one-day event held on Capitol Hill focused on bills aimed at revitalizing Native languages through immersion programs as well as bills recognizing the World War II code talkers, who used their Native languages in defense of the country. Participants also took to the House of Representatives and Senate office buildings to meet with Congressmen such as John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) Dale Kildee (D-Mich.) was also in attendance.

"The window of opportunity in this Congress is closing fast," said Ryan Wilson, NIEA president. The summit was "crucial to the mere existence of Native languages."

He added, "if we did not rally Indian country, our lawmakers would not take it seriously…the only way to do that is to show up on Capitol Hill."

Of an estimated 300 languages spoken by Native people at the time of European contact, only 25 will be fluently spoken languages by the year 2050, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) told the group of about 150.

"Retention and preservation of Native languages is essential to preservation of your sovereignty," he continued. "If you want to stand proudly – [saying] I'm a Sioux, I'm a Mohawk – make sure your children know the language."

Rep. Kay Granger (R-Texas) urged the crowd to "contact members of Congress and ask them to get on this bill." Granger is the original sponsor of a bill recognizing the Comanche code talkers.

There's a lot we can learn from the mistakes of history, Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) told the audience.

"In my upbringing I was cautioned by my parents not to speak Hawaiian but to speak English," he said. "Of course we know today we could've learned Hawaiian as well as English."

In Hawaii, Akaka said, many of the students – including two that greeted him with a Native Hawaiian song – that are educated in both languages go on to be successful in higher education.

"Education is the foundation of success," Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) said.

He told the crowd that there are many issues along with language that Congress should address. Dorgan spoke of the Standing Rock Reservation in his home state where high suicide rates need to be explored.

"The very languages that our Native people have used in our defense of this nation face extinction," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska).

She also addressed concerns that English-only policies passed in many state would affect Native languages by saying that "in now way are our Native languages foreign languages."

Murkowski added that "if they are not preserved they will disappear completely."

Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.) thanked the code talkers and added that "we need to do this and we need to do it quickly."

"The point is this: if we're not willing to decide 'we're trustees of Indian education. Let's fund it.' There's something wrong with us," she said.

"In this Congress, it's all about choices and this Congress has to make the right ones," she said.

Per capita in the population, Native Americans stand out in the number of men and women in the armed services, Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) said.

Thune and Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) presented Lakota code talker Clarence Wolf Guts with a star quilt.

"The best thing we can do to honor [Wolf Guts] is to preserve the language," Johnson said.

"I never thought I'd be standing here," Wolf Guts responded. "But now that I'm here, I'm very, very happy."

Later, Rep. Rick Renzi of Arizona presented the three Navajo code talkers present with star quilts.

Also speaking at the summit was Representatives Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) who also attended and spoke at the Code Talkers reception as well.

"The event was a major success," NIEA president Wilson said. "(Congressmen) had an opportunity that's very rare. They were part of living history."

The struggle to save Native languages will continue beyond the summit, he said.

"The stakeholders in the language revitalization movement will not rest until this legislation is passed. We're prepared to climb any mountain."

Article written and submitted by: NANCY KELSEY

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Couldn't make the summit?
Visit www.niea.org to download a letter to send to your senator or representative urging them to support Native language revitalization.

Congratulations!!!!

The Grants Department is proud to announce that the Public Safety Department has just been awarded a grant in the amount of $148,988 from the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Tribal Resources Grant Program (COPS) for FY 2007.

The Grants Department is honored to be part of assisting in the approval process, the writing and submitting of each grant application that promotes each department's goals and objectives.

Kchi-Miigwetch to Joe LaPorte, Public Safety Director, Lisa Foster, Office Supervisor, Steve Junewick, Lieutenant, and Jimmie Mitchell, Grantwriter for their work on this grant.

Mark Dougher
Grants Director, LRBOI
mdougher@lrboi.com

Community Center

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Community Center Progress Update

On July 15th a group of tribal citizens gathered in the Community Center to jointly discover the vision they had for the new tribal center. Following is a summary presented to the group as they began the process of defining the center.

Project Summary for Community Center

In 1996, the Little River Band Tribal Council committed to building a community center and governmental headquarters building. Grant funding was sought and a Native American Architect was commissioned.

Several planning sessions were conducted to gather community, staff and Tribal Council together. A site was selected.

After an initial grant was obtained, the Tribal Council decided instead to utilize the grant, combined with a mortgage, to purchase and remodel two buildings on the South end of Manistee- what are now termed the Community Center and Administrative Building. Both of these buildings required a great deal of remodeling, and still require costly maintenance and upgrading.

As the Tribal government grew dramatically from 1999 to 2002, the Tribe continued down the path of purchasing and renovating older buildings throughout Manistee. In fact, just between 1997 and 2002, the Tribe spent approximately $2.5 million purchasing buildings for use around Manistee, and spent another $600,000 in remodeling.

Ten years and thirteen (13) buildings later the Tribe has spent a great deal of money on short term solutions, resulting in ongoing maintenance and remodeling expenses, staff inefficiency, and a great deal of inconvenience to the Tribal Membership, particularly the elders.

Furthermore there are still no suitable tribal facilities for the youth to go to for recreational activities.

The fragmented nature of the Tribal administration and services in an area that has been identified in previous strategic planning efforts that needs to be addressed. Development of a permanent governmental center with a community center in close proximity will enable the Tribe to better serve our members and will improve the quality of services available to members.

Meanwhile in 2003 the Little River Band Housing Commission brought forward a plan to construct a community center at Akimaadiziwin.

The LRBOI Housing Commission was formed in 1997 at a time when there was no land for housing owned by the Tribe. One of the immediate objectives of the Tribal leadership and the Housing Commission was to acquire suitable land for housing development. This was accomplished in 1999 with the purchase of a 180 acres parcel located one mile west of our casino resort. This property has since been placed into federal trust. The property was named Akimaadiziwin.

To date, over $5 Million in federal funds have been obtained and over $4 million in Tribal funds to develop Akimaadiziwin, including the construction of roads, water and sewer infrastructure/treatment, water storage and distribution, land, housing, legal assistance, planning and professional services.

Efforts are being made to expand the range of housing opportunities available for members at Akimaadiziwin, including affordable housing for young professionals, families, elderly independents, and for elders needing assisted-care.

It is desired the Akimaadiziwin become a place where people have close access (walking distance, if possible) to healthcare, education, governmental services, cultural activities, work revenues, leisure time and recreational opportunities. In this way, Akimaadiziwin will provide an attractive place that is desirable to members.

The development of a new Community Center located at Akimaadiziwin is one attempt to meet this objective.

Activities to date:

On October 26, 2005 the Tribal Council approved the publication of a Request for Proposal to hire an architectural firm to design the Community Center.

On November 4th, 2005 the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Architectural Services was published. The RFP was advertised in Indian Country Today, Traverse City Record-Eagle and the Construction News Service. The deadline for submission was December 8th, 2005. We received fourteen (14) proposals by the deadline date. Of those, eight (8) were from Native architectural firms.

On October 26, 2005 the Tribal Council also authorized the formation of a Community Center Workgroup. The main purpose of the Workgroup will be to review the responses to the Request for Proposal, to develop ideas and recommendations for the Community Center design, functions and location. The Community Center Workgroup members perform their functions on a voluntary basis and no stipends are budgeted for those who serve.

The Resolution provided that the composition of the workgroup includes the following elected officials and staff:

- Ogema Patrick Wilson
- Councilors Steve Parsons, Shannon Crampton and Norbert Kelsey
- Dan Shepard, Planner
- Chuck Fisher, Housing Director
- Mark Dougher, Grants Director
- Mary Witkop, Tribal Attorney

The Resolution also provided for members of the Tribal community to participate in the Workgroup. An article was published in the Tribal newsletter, issued mid-December, inviting interested Tribal members to contact Chuck Fisher by December 30th, 2005. A total of twelve (12) Tribal members responded to the invitation by the end of December.

On January 18, 2006 the Tribal Council appointed four (4) community members to participate on the Workgroup. They are:

- Marge Lutz
- Charlotte Vega
- Julie Wolfe
- Ryan Champagne

Between February 6th and April 10th, 2006 the Community Center Workgroup had eight meetings to review and rank proposals from the architectural firms and to conduct interviews of the four finalists. All four finalists interviewed were Native-owned architectural firms. The Workgroup selected Encompass Architects as the firm to work with the Tribe in the design of the new Community Center.

Fundraising Efforts to Date:

So far the Tribe has raised $500,000 from federal grant sources and the Tribal Council has committed another $500,000 towards the new Community Center project. There are a couple of grant applications still pending from federal sources and the Tribe will also be applying to several foundations for grants. The total project cost has not yet been determined.

CHS & EHAP News

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Aanii. Summer will be coming to an end shortly, where has the time gone! The weather certainly has been cooperating and acting more like summer. I would like to give you all a few friendly reminders, and wish you fun in the sun for the rest of the summer.

We made a few changes in the CHS/EHAP office. The following list will remind you as to who handles which part of the alphabet. The changes were as follows:

Cindy Drake – E thru Ki and B
(Extension #6626)

Kathy Berentsen – Kl thru N and D
(Extension #6617)

Ronda Koon/Gina Wright – O thru Sk and C
(Extension #6628 or #6620 respectively)

Karla Battice – Sl thru Z and A
(Extension #6625)

Attention EHAP members, please continue to have your confirmation numbers on your bills and/or claims. You guys are doing a great job!

Attention CHS members, thank you for calling in for pre-approval of all your appointments! There were only a small number of members who had to reschedule some appointments. Great job!

Please continue to leave your name and number on the voicemail. Be sure to speak clearly and slowly; especially if calling from a cell phone. Sometimes it is hard to understand the message if the phones have any background noise.

I ask for your continued patience while we undergo our office change. I would like to remind you that we have administration time on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, and on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If you do not receive a return call by the end of the day, please call back, maybe someone is out of the office. Again, Kchi-Miigwech for your patience.

Hope you all enjoy your summer! Remember that school starts soon and the schools will be needing updated physicals and immunizations! Please remember to call with any question or concern. The toll free number at the clinic office is 1.888.382.8299 or local 231.723.8299. Miigwech.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gina Wright
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

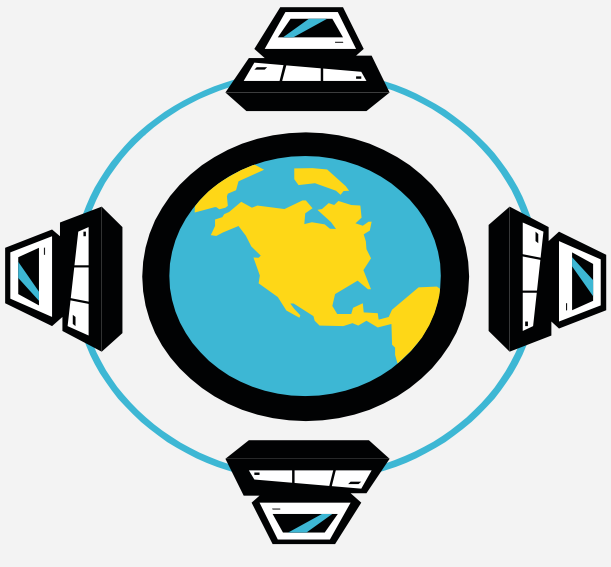
New: "CurrentsComments@lrboi.com" Created!

In the new connected world, it is sometimes easier for our Tribal Citizens to just shoot off a quick e-mail than it is to write a letter or fill out a form. Recognizing this, the tribal Public Information and Information Technology Departments have created a special e-mail account just for comments from you, the readers of Little River Currents.

If you have comments on the newspaper, the articles, ads or features, just shoot them to CurrentsComments@lrboi.com .

This new 'address' will also allow you to send questions concerning what you have seen in the Currents. The Public Information Department will then forward these comments to the right people in the government for you.

Again, add this address, CurrentsComments@lrboi.com to your favorite e-addresses and shoot us a note when you see something in the paper that you wish to comment on. As with printed submissions, we would appreciate a name, address and telephone number with the comment. That let's us get back to you if we need to do so.



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Commodity Department

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Yummy Pink Punch

4 liters cranberry ginger ale
1 gallon raspberry sherbet

In large bowl pour 2 liters of chilled cranberry ginger ale. Next scoop raspberry sherbet into bowl.
Then pour the next 2 liters of chilled cranberry ginger ale over sherbet. Serve.

Easy Bean Dip

2 cans of refried beans
1 8 oz. tub sour cream
1 packet of dry taco seasoning mix
1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese

Mix in medium bowl: refried beans, sour cream, dry taco seasoning.
Top with shredded cheese chill for 1 hour. Serve with tortilla chips.

Contact information for Food Distribution Programs in states other than Michigan will be published in upcoming issues of the *Little River Currnents*.

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Areas of Operation: (1) San Carlos Apache Reservation

Guideline Eligibility Chart

Food Distribution Program monthly income guidelines from the USDA.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations net monthly income standards for the the Contiguous United States

(Effective October 1st. 2005)

Household Size	Income Limit
1	$932.00
2	$1,204.00
3	$1,475.00
4	$1,747.00
5	$2,042.00
6	$2,335.00
7	$2,607.00
8	$2,879.00
Each additional member + $ 272.00	

The food distribution program serves 13 counties; you must be in one of these counties in order to be eligible for our services:

Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon , Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

For more information call :

1-888-723-8288 or 1-231-398-7615 or 1-231-398-6716
Ask for Yvonne Theodore, George Lawrence, or Laurie Jackson
Office hours are: 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

New income guidelines for the Food Distribution Program will be out October 1st, 2006.

They will be submitted in the up coming news letter, as soon as we receive them from USDA.

NATURAL RESOURCES

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SENATE APPROVES PIECE OF GREAT LAKES RESTORATION PLAN

BY KEN THOMAS ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - A cleanup plan for the Great Lakes is making progress in Congress after the Senate passed a Senate bill to support fish and wildlife habitats in the region.

The Senate approved the legislation late Tuesday, which represents a portion of a larger restoration plan for the Great Lakes that targets pollution, sewage overflow, the threat of invasive species and the need to rebuild wetlands surrounding the lakes.

The fish and wildlife proposal, which now moves to the House, includes language authorizing up to $20 million for grant programs to restore fish and wildlife habitats, funding for regional fish and wildlife projects and updated reports and online information on the ecosystem.

Actual spending levels will be considered by Senate and House appropriators later this year. The legislation reauthorizes legislation that was first enacted in 1990 and later in 1998.

"The Great Lakes are not only vital to Michigan, but to the nation, and we must recognize that we are only their temporary stewards," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who sponsored the bill with Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., a co-sponsor, said the lakes are "a critical part of the Michigan economy, bringing billions of tourism dollars to our state and creating jobs."

Several lawmakers representing Great Lakes states have backed a $23.54 billion measure launched earlier this year to restore the lakes, which contain 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water. Eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces border the lakes.

The legislation is based on a report issued last year that contained input from an assortment of lawmakers, environmental groups and other stakeholders. It followed a study by the Government Accountability Office, which found the current restoration programs lack unity.

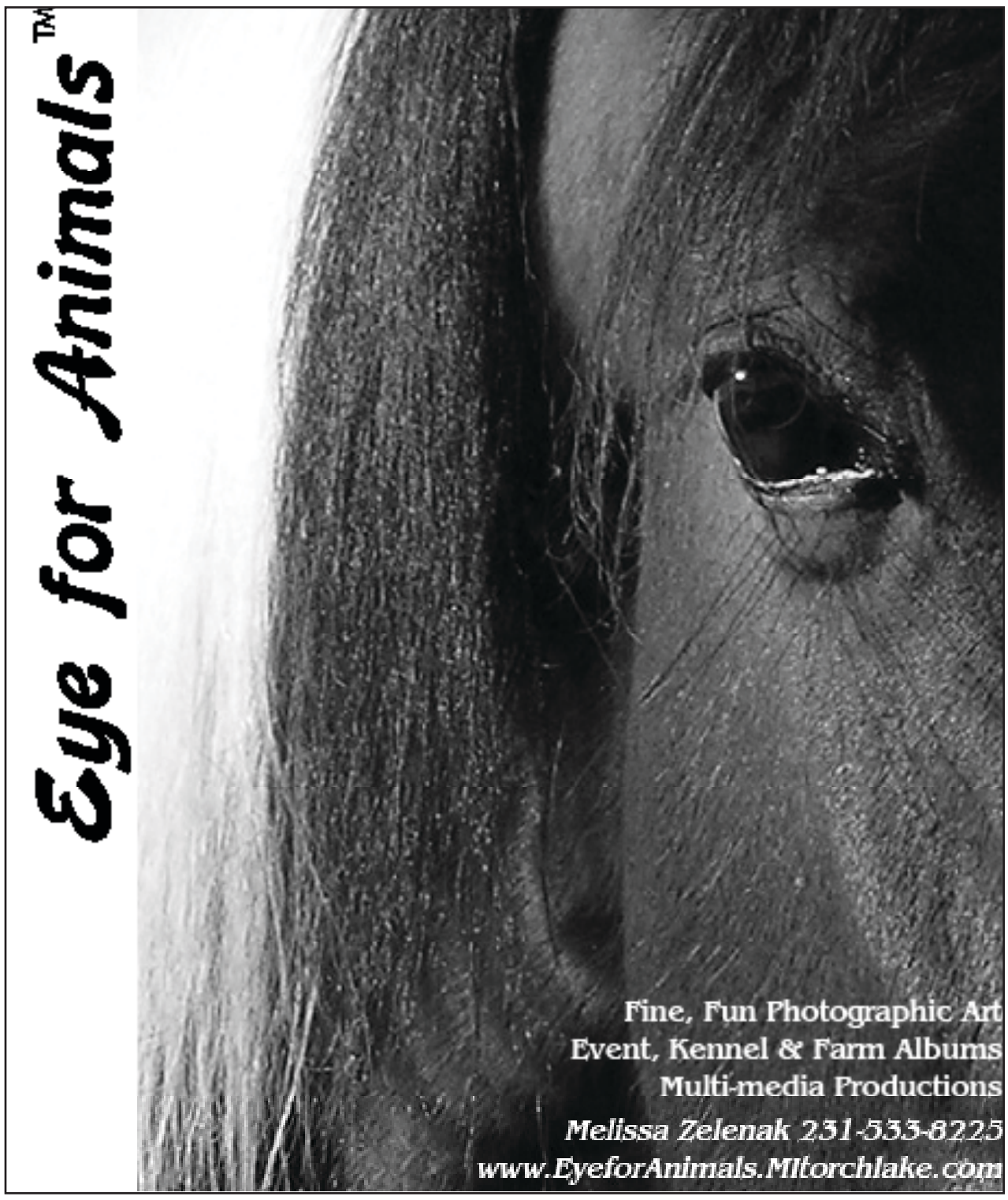
Gildo Tori, director of public policy for Ducks Unlimited's Great Lakes/Atlantic regional office, said his organization was hopeful that the fish and wildlife proposal would receive additional money in the budget.

The authorizing language increases from $8 million to $20 million under the bill, but support from budget leaders will be required to see the extra money.

"It's going to be a battle to get significant appropriations," Tori said.

Supporters of the comprehensive plan note similar restoration projects for the Florida Everglades took years to implement and hope to build momentum this year in the larger fight to improve the lakes.

"The challenge now is to muster the political will nationally to really inspire the comprehensive help the Great Lakes need," said Jordan Lubetkin, a spokesman for the Great Lakes office of the National Wildlife Federation.



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Alyce Giltz in Human Resources
@ 1-888-723-8288

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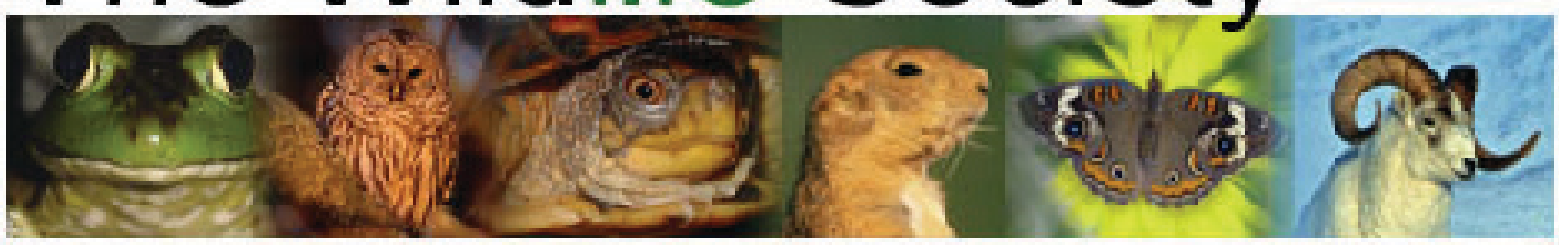
The Wildlife Society



Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education

2006 Alaska Tribal Scholarship Program – sponsored by the Native Peoples Working Group of The Wildlife Society

On behalf of the Native Peoples Working Group of The Wildlife Society I would like to announce the 2006 Alaska Tribal Scholarship Program. This scholarship is a competitive scholarship being offered to any member of a Native American/First Nations Tribe currently enrolled in a natural resources related field. Through a generous donation from the USDA-APHIS, the Native Peoples Working Group is offering 4 - $1,500 scholarships to selected students to attend the 2006 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Anchorage Alaska from September 23-27, 2006. The Native Peoples Working group will be hosting a Tribal Symposium titled *Indigenous Peoples Wildlife and Ecosystem Management: Past and Present* from 1:20 to 5:30 on Sunday, September 24 for all conference attendees. Scholarship funds will be used to purchase airline tickets to and from the conference, conference registration as well as hotel accommodations for the week of the conference. All Tribal/First Nations' members currently enrolled in a natural resources related field are strongly encouraged to apply.

How to Apply: Please mail or email your responses to the contact information provided below. Submissions must be postmarked no later than August 21, 2006:

Name:
Address:
Tribal affiliation:
College or University currently attending:
Degree that you are seeking (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate):
Field in which you will receive your degree (i.e. natural resources, wildlife management, etc.):
What extracurricular activities have you participated?
Memberships in organizations/societies?
Honors, awards or special accomplishments?
Essay: The Native Peoples Working Group of The Wildlife Society is dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and technical capabilities of wildlife professionals in natural resources as they affect native people. We promote native projects and programs that benefit wildlife resources and enhance wildlife management opportunities for native people. We encourage public awareness and appreciation of traditional knowledge and viewpoints of native people regarding wildlife and wildlife management. Our goal is to enhance an understanding of the full range of cultural, spiritual and subsistence values of wildlife to native people. In what way will your education and experiences provide and promote these activities for indigenous people? *Please limit your response to 1000 words or less.*

The Native Peoples Working Group encourages ALL native students currently enrolled in a natural resources related field to apply. Recipients will receive notification of awards by August 28, 2006. Please send or email submissions by August 21, 2006 to:

Nate Svoboda-Wildlife Biologist
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nsvoboda@lrboi.com

NRD Office Closed During Conference in September

The Natural Resources Department will be closed
from Monday September 18th through Thursday September 21st
during the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference.

NRD staff will be hosting and participating in the events of the conference.

Members will still be able to call in and leave voice messages which will be promptly returned, but the office will be closed.

DNA Testing Update

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The ABCs of DNA Come to LRBOI

July 10th, 2006 the Dome Room was the scene of a full day study on the subject of DNA Testing/Typing with an eye on understanding the use of the science as it relates to bloodlines and paternity.

Tribal Council members and Enrollment Commission management and staff were treated to a presentation by J. Thomas McClintock, Ph.D. from DNA Diagnostics, Inc. The seminar was entitled "The ABCs of DNA Paternity Testing."

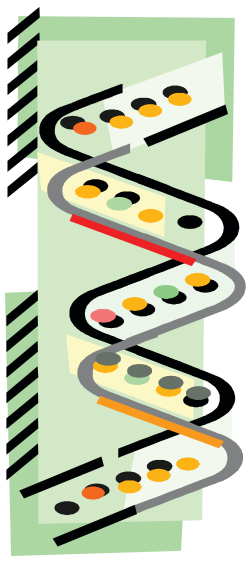
The seminar included sections on the "Analysis of DNA: The Genetic Material; Historical Considerations: Blood typing versus DNA typing and on into the Physical and Chemical structure of DNA." This first segment was to give the participants a scientific overview so that they would have a better basis to understand the role of DNA testing.

Then the assembled group of approximately 20 went on to look into DNA Paternity Typing/Profiling; Analysis/Interpretation of Paternity and Relationship testing and wrapped up with a study of new technologies and the implications of Paternity/Relationship testing.

Diane Lonn, the Enrollment Director said that, "It was a wonderful learning tool for the Enrollment Department. We learned how DNA can link generation to generation, how to read the information and how we in Enrollment will be able to use it in the future. Dr. McClintock is well versed in DNA and a great presenter, his material was easy to understand and was quite extensive."

DNA testing has received a great deal of attention through entertainment programs such as the fictional, but realistic, 'CSI-Miami' and other popular programs.

Dr. McClintock clarified that while DNA testing is primarily for identification/parentage discovery issues, it can be used to determine Ancestry for three specific areas: 1) Allows general public to discover their hereditary profile, 2) is a tool for those individuals or groups interesting in exploring their ancestry and lineage and 3) Certain test results are based on geographic origins (such as Native American).



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MUSKEGON COUNTY
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WISE Crisis (231) 796-6600
Or (800) 374-9473

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LRBOI Family Services: Departmental Information: LRBOI Manistee Office

Location: 1762 US 31 South
Manistee Mi 49660

Phone: 1-888-723-8288 or (231) 398-6726

Hours: Monday thru Friday 8 to 5

LRBOI Muskegon Office

Location: 1465 Apple Ave, Muskegon Mi 49442

Phone: 231-777-1390

Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday- 9 to 4:30*

*** Please call for an appointment as workers may not be available for walk-ins.**

Appointments can be scheduled by calling
(231) 777-1390 or 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6726

BE-DA-BIN

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2006 FAMILY OLYMPICS

The Results are in!!!!! Little River Band Olympians did a awesome job representing our Tribal Nation at the 19th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics. We all had fun and did our best. As a Team we brought home the silver (2nd) medal in the Nations at the games for our outstanding competition. Miigwech to everyone that took part in our Alcohol and Tobacco Free Day!

***Deacon Wilson**, CHR and*
***Julie Wolfe**, Youth Prevention Counselor*

Results

Baby Crawl

2nd Place (under 1, F)	Jade Shepard

Softball Throw

2nd place (16-18, F)	Amber Shepard
3rd Place((10-12,M)	Aaron Peoples
3rd Place (25-40, F)	Ronda Koon
1st Place (7-9,M)	Thomas Berentsen
3rd Place (16-18, M)	Nick Berentsen
1st Place (25-40. M)	Deacon Wilson

Football Throw

3rd Place(5-6, M)	Mathew Sandal
2nd Place (16-18,M)	Nick Berensten
1st Place(7-9,M)	Thomas Berentsen
2nd Place(5-6,M)	Joshua Stone
2nd Place(7-9,M)	Kyle Stone
1st Place (16-18, F)	Amber Shepard

Running Long Jump

2nd Place(7-9, F)	Jordan Alberts
1st Place (19-24,M)	Charkeia Davis
1st Place (19-24, F)	Theresa Davis
1st Place (25-40,M)	Deacon Wilson

Standing Board Jump

1st Place(5-6,M)	Joshua Stone

50M Run

2nd Pllace (7-9, F)	Jordan Alberts
3rd Place (7-9,M)	Thomas Berentsen
1st Place (7-9, M)	Kyle Stone
2nd Place (41-54, F)	Sharon Shepard

100M Run

2nd Place (5-6,M)	Kenneth Davis
3rd Place(25-40,F)	Becky Stone
2nd Place (19-24,M)	Charkeia Davis
1st Place (19-24, F)	Theresa Davis
2nd Place (16-18, F)	Amber Shepard

400M Run

1st Place (16-18, F)	Amber Shepard

800M Run

1st Place(41-54,F)	Kathy Berentsen

400M Walk

3rd Place (41-54, F)	Sharon Shepard

800M Walk

2nd Place(41-54, F)	Sharon Shepard

Jump Rope

3rd Place(10-12, F)	Monica Novitiski
2nd Place (7-9, F)	Jordan Alberts

BE-DA-BIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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(231) 723-8299

Aanii membership… Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Program is sponsoring Addiction Counseling training through the Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addictive Disorders (UMICAD). We would like to invite those interested to attend this training at no cost. This training is going to be held at The Three Fires Conference Center, Manistee, Mi, on September 6, 7, and 8, 2006 from 8:00 am till 4:30 pm. The training topics that will be covered: Native perspectives on death, dying, and grief, Spirituality-Traditional/religions, four directions, clan systems, native history, inhalants, prescription drugs, recovery model, 12 core functions, pharmacology. Upon completion of the seminar a CAC I, II, or III certification may be applied for after successfully passing the appropriate test that will be offered on the last day of training. Please contact Julie Wolfe, Youth Prevention Counselor if you wish to attend.

1-888-382-8299 ext 6632 or by email jwolfe@lrboi.com

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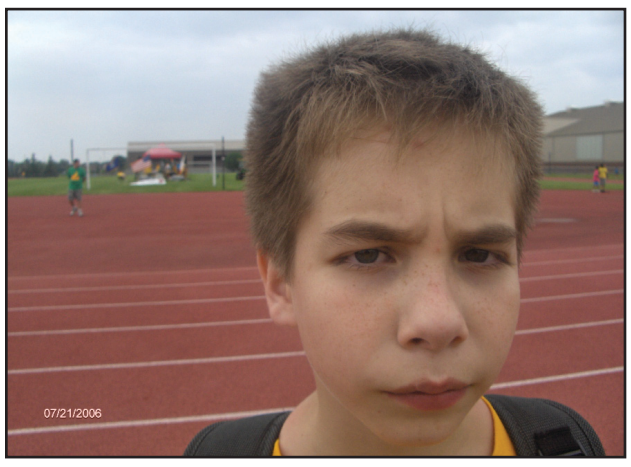

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2006 Motorcycle Weekend Mdaamini-Giizis (Corn Moon)
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2006 Good Thunder Weekend a Success!

Good Thunder Owners - Don and Deb Stone - with the custom motorcycle raffled at the Little River Casino Resort

Friday July 7th – The weekend started with an estimated one hundred motorcycles gathered in the lot of Good Thunder Motorcycle Company for a flag raising ceremony. The rumbling assembly then took the road to tour Manistee County's world famous winding roads. Don and Deb Stone, owners of Good Thunder Motorcycle Co, organized the weekend event and after many weeks and long days of planning it was in a roar of success that the bikes reached River Street and finally arrived at First Street Beach. Vendors of all sorts selling food, jewelry, helmets, jackets, clothes and representing various charities as well as the Budweiser tent and live bands were waiting for them.
The event, expected to take place yearly, was put together to raise funds for the New Life Tabernacle Youth of Manistee,

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Manistee County and the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
All-weekend events included a Swap Meet in front of the Good Thunder shop, poker runs and poker walks on downtown River Street, live music on First Street Beach both Friday and Saturday evenings, Vendors and, to the great delight of River Street business owners, a constant buzz of activity in downtown Manistee.
There was no shortage of special events throughout the weekend and everyone seemed to be having a great time at every corner. Saturday was packed with things to do; the ride-in bike show on River Street brought all kids of motorcycles and on-lookers were encouraged to vote for their favorite. Original creations such as a Darth Vader helmet in the sidecar of a vintage moped and a custom streamline midnight blue low-rider from California were on display for all to admire. Conversations flowed and all had a great time. Further down the road at the corner of Pine and Water Street Bill Wild organized a Biker Rodeo. This one of a kind set of

games put to the test the skills of avid bikers; how slowly can you ride without touching a boot to the ground? Other games included jumping off a bike to look for a potato in a haystack, not as easy as it sounds! And keeping the bike on a plank covered in vegetable oil…
Saturday's highlight was from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Little River Casino Resort, when custom motorcycles from Michigan

and surrounding states were placed on display. Voters were hard pressed to pick between the multitudes of truly original creations. There were speed bikes and choppers, low-riders and some that were hard to classify. But the main event was the giveaway of a custom Good Thunder motorcycle; tricked out with every possible upgrade including an airlift, gold leaf inlay in the graphics, diamond cut engine and more. This spectacular motorcycle caught the eye of any patron of the casino and many joined the players club to get a

Many volunteers came together to make the event possible

chance to win it. It was a lovely lady who took the prize. In shock and elated, she walked up to the fireplace stage, among hundreds of onlookers and claimed her prize… and newfound fame. When asked what she planned to do with the bike, Joyce answered that her whole family; her children and grandchildren, all grew up racing dirt bikes: there will surely be much appreciation for the one of a kind custom Good Thunder bike.

To top off the day, live music, the Budweiser tent and vendors welcomed an estimated five hundred people to First Street Beech for the evening. At dusk, an impressive display of fireworks awed the crowed for better than a half hour.
The weekend ended with a breakfast and a Stunt show as well as an auction to raise funds for the charities. All weekend, volunteers greeted tourists, participants and locals with smiles and information typical of Manistee's welcoming character. Almost $10,000 was raised for charity.

Many thanks to Don and Deb Stone for a wonderful weekend! We will all look forward to next year's Good Thunder Weekend!

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2006 Motorcycle Weekend

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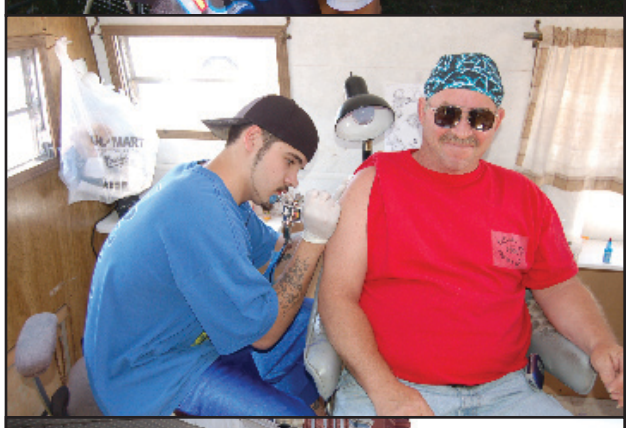

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From Sam Huston State University

Native Americans in World War II

by Thomas D. Morgan

The Home Front

Well-known American humorist Will Rogers, a Cherokee from Oklahoma, said, "The United States never broke a treaty with a foreign government and never kept one with the Indians." Nevertheless, the government of the United States found no more loyal citizens than their own "first Americans." When President Roosevelt mobilized the country and declared war on the Axis Powers, it seemed as if he spoke to each citizen individually. Therefore, according to the Indians' way of perceiving, all must be allowed to participate. About 40,000 Indian men and women, aged 18 to 50, left reservations for the first time to find jobs in defense industries. This migration led to new vocational skills and increased cultural sophistication and awareness in dealings with non-Indians.

The purchase of Treasury Stamps and Bonds by Indian tribes and individuals was considerable. By 1944, war bond sales to Indians had reached $50 million. Indians also made generous donations to the Red Cross and other organizations, giving what they had. All of this from a minority group at the bottom rung of the economic ladder.

Some 2,500 Navajos helped construct the Fort Wingate Ordnance Depot in New Mexico, and Pueblo Indians helped build the Naval Supply Depot in Utah. Because of their hunting, survival, and navigational skills in the harsh regions of the north, Alaskan Indians were involved in territorial defense. The entire football team at the Santa Fe Indian School volunteered for the armed forces after the 1942 homecoming game.

Women took over traditional men' s duties on the reservation, manning fire lookout stations, and becoming mechanics, lumberjacks, farmers, and delivery personnel. Indian women, although reluctant to leave the reservation, worked as welders in aircraft plants. Many Indian women gave their time as volunteers for American Womens' Volunteer Service, Red Cross, and Civil Defense. They also tended livestock, grew victory gardens, canned food, and sewed uniforms. A wealthy Kiowa woman in Oklahoma sent a $1,000 check to the Navy Relief signed with her thumbprint. Alaskan women trapped animals to earn war bond money. By 1943, the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) estimated that 12,000 young Indian women had left the reservation to work in defense industries. By 1945, an estimated 150,000 Native Americans had directly participated in industrial, agricultural, and military aspects of the American war effort.

The Indian Service sent 1,119 of its 7,000 employees into military service. Of these, 22 died, while 7 won Silver or Bronze Stars. In 1942, the Japanese captured 45 Aleuts on Attu. Only 24 returned from captivity in Japan, where they had worked in clay pits.

The federal government designated some Indian lands and even tribes themselves as essential natural resources, appropriating tribal minerals, lumber, and lands for the war effort. After the war, Native Americans discovered thattheirservice forthe warefforthad depleted their resources without reward. Indian lands provided essential war materials such as oil, gas, lead, zinc, copper, vanadium, asbestos, gypsum, and coal. The Manhattan Project used Navajo helium in New Mexico to make the atomic bomb. The war effort depleted the Blackfeet's tribal resources of oil.

Tell it to the Marines

German soldiers during World War I had been befuddled by Indians who transmitted messages over field phones in the Choctaw language. The 32d Infantry Division, Third Ammy, used Indians from Michigan and Wisconsin to work with microphones and to transmit messages in the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1940. During World War II, the U.S. Marine Corps recruited Navajo Indians for the same purpose. Navajo marines used their language as a battlefield code that the Japanese never broke. The Navajo Code Talkers became the most celebrated and publicized of the radio units.

Marines were "elite" fighters and welcomed Indians because of their warrior reputation. The Navajo marines ended their ceremonial chants by singing the Marine Corps Hymn in Navajo. Their eloquence came naturally to Indians because theirs is an oral culture. Navajos formed special all-Navajo Marine Corps signal units that encoded messages in their native tongue. Taking advantage of the flexibility and range of the Navajo language, they worked out translations of military and naval terms so that orders and instructions could be transmitted by voice over the radio in a code the Japanese were never able to break. They were used first in late 1942 on Guadalcanal. Special Code Talker units were eventually assigned to each of the Marine Corps' six Pacific divisions. By war's end, over 400 Navajo had served as Code Talkers. Untold numbers of Marines owe their lives to the Navajo Code Talkers.

Indians also excelled at basic training. Maj. Lee Gilstrop of Oklahoma, who trained 2 ,000 Native Americans at his post, said, "The Indian is the best damn soldier in the Army." Their talents included bayonet fighting, marksmanship, scouting, and patrolling. Native Americans took to commando training; after all, their ancestors invented it. One Sioux soldier, Kenneth Scisson of South Dakota, became an American commando unit's leading Gemman-killer. On a single patrol, Scisson added ten notches to his Garand rifle. Native Americans endured thirst and lack of food better than the average soldier. They had an acute sense of perception and excellent endurance, along with superior physical coordination.

Indians first saw action in the Pacific theater. Over 300 Indians, including a descendant of the famed Apache chief Geronimo, took part in the defense of Bataan and Corregidor. Over 2,000 Indian farmers, workers, and businessmen in Oklahoma and New Mexico trained and fought as part of the 45th Infantry Division for 511 days of combat in Italy and Central Europe. The "Thunderbirds" had the highest propor tion of Indian soldiers of any division, but Indians served conspicuously in the 4th and 88th Divisions, the l9thand 180thInfantryRegiments, and the 147thField Artillery Regiment, and in sundry Oklahoma National Guard units.

For Native Americans, World War II signalled a majorbreak from the past. Many Indians inthe military made a decent living for the first time in their lives. By 1944, the average Indian's annual income was $2,500, up two and one-half times since 1940. Military life provided a steady job, money, status, and a taste of the white man's world. Indians leamed assertiveness they could use in their fight for equal rights after the war.

The Warriors and War Workers Return

The war, therefore, provided new opportunities for American Indians, and these opportunities disrupted old patterns. The wartime economy and military service took thousands of Indians away from the reservations. Many of these Indians settled into the mainstream, adapting pemmanently to the cities and to a non-Indian way of life. Moreover, thousands retumed to the reservation even after they had proved themselves capable of making the adjustment to white America. Those who left traditional cultures did not necessarily reject their heritage. Instead, they forged a new Pan-Indian identity to cope with the differences they perceived between themselves and whites.

World War II became a turning point for both Indians and Caucasians because its impact on each was so great and different. Whites believed that World War II had completed the process of Indian integration into mainstream American society. Large numbers of Indians, on the other hand, saw for the first time the non-Indian world at close range. It both attracted and repelled them. The positive aspects included a higher standard of living, with education, health care, and job opportunities. The negatives were the lessening of tribal influence and the threat of forfeiting the security of the reservation. Indians did not want equality with whites at the price of losing group identification. In sum, the war caused the greatest change in Indian life since the beginning of the reservation era and taught Native Americans they could aspire to walk successfully in two worlds.

A good deal of credit must go to the Native Americans for their outstanding part in America's victory in World War II. They sacrificed more than most-both individually and as a group. They left the land they knew to travel to strange places, where people did not always understand their ways. They had to forego the dances and rituals that were an important part of their life. They had to leam to work under non-Indian supervisors in situations that were wholly new to them. It was a tremendously difficult adjustment; more than for white America, which had known modem war and mobilization before. But in the process, Native Americans became Indian-Americans, not just American Indians.

Lt. Col. Thomas D. Morgan, USA (Ret.), is a military operations analyst at FortLeavenworth, Kansas, with a leading defense contractor. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery, and served on active duty at various assignments in the United States, Germany, Vietnarn, Panama, and Belgium. He holds an M.P A. degree from the University of Missouri and an M A. degree in History from Pacific Lutheran University.

Tribe Scores a 'Knockout' with ABC

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians through the combined efforts of the Boxing Commission and Little River Casino Resort has been admitted to the American Boxing Commission in record time. Currents recently conducted an interview with Commissioner Shane Crampton from the Boxing Commission and Shannon Crampton from the Tribal Council. (Note: Councilman Crampton represented the Tribal Council in place of the Boxing Liaison, Israel Stone who could not attend the ceremony in Philadelphia.) This is the first article in a series on Boxing and the tribe.

(Currents) Shane, give us some background as to what led up to the point of our being admitted to this important body.

(Shane) "What us got us here this quickly was the way that our people are, the way that they train, the way we pulled off our first few boxing matches. A lot of our guys have a lot to do with this, especially the inspectors. Once we got with the (folks from) the ABC, they asked how do you guys work with the state to regulate your fights and we told them that we didn't work with them. ABC said that obviously you have state inspectors coming in and we said that, "No we don't." They couldn't believe that our guys, especially Ben Hamilton in particular hadn't been working for 2-3 years in boxing. We're the only tribe in the United States that uses their own people for inspectors, hand-wrappers and corner people. A lot of tribes have e-mailed me and asked how do we go about doing that?"

"What is exciting is that we're exactly two years ahead of where we had wanted to be at this time. It's almost like we got here so quick that we have to catch our breath. Our heads are spinning! When we were in Philadelphia, we were voted in unanimously 24-0. We had a couple guys from ABC come and witness two of our shows from Mohegan Sun in Connecticut who've put on multiple fights with legendary names. These came to us and instead of treating us like country mice, they gave us everything. They are a big reason for our success, but our people all the way from the instructors to the guy who puts the last chair away at 4 a.m. are really responsible. I mean it takes everybody to make this a success."

(Shane continued)…"I would really like Membership to get behind this program because we have exciting things coming. One thing that was really exciting was that we had Don King and Michael Jordan confirmed to come in and stay at the casino to see the fight, but weather that night had a severe storm coming in but they couldn't land and had to turn around."

"This fight we do plan on having some notable celebrities in the audience, with some other surprises down the road. One of our goals, my goal and I know that it is a goal shared by Pat (Ruiter, Boxing Commission Chair) and the rest of the commission is that we want to get this to the point that we start making a lot of money and then start taking some it and distributing it to our members."

(Currents) When is the next fight and what do people think about our facility?

(Shane) "The next fight is scheduled for September 15th and it is going to be broadcast on Fox Sports. We do have HBO and Showtime coming to us and now it seems that everyone wants to compete.

One good thing is that when we went to Philadelphia, we had the show three days before we were voted in. So everybody in the boxing community had seen our show. They critiqued our show and they could not believe what a beautiful facility we had. Showtime executives commented that everyplace they've had a show they have had at least one complaint about something. There were no complaints here at all and the only comment we heard was, when you going to have us back?

Obviously, we did this show and got into ABC to get some credibility in the boxing world. The question now is do we want to take a risk on having another show, a major show on television like Showtime or HBO before the facility is built? I don't think we want to take that risk in case something were to go wrong, but our facility soon is going to be able to accommodate any of these and we do have some exciting offers. We get offers all the time about shows that they want to do here and I want all the members to know that we also do have a Ring Card Girl contest coming up soon. One will be in Manistee, one in Muskegon and one in Traverse City. One person will be chosen out of each town and they will be judged by the audience, by the fans. Members can call me for information, anything they want to know about the boxing program and even ideas on how to make the shows better. My phone number is 231.264.8489 or 231.534.0332. There is a tribal member discount available; we are also going to try to put together something for giveaways and T-shirts. We're learning how to do this boxing, but it came on so fast, so quick that it's been difficult. We did our first show in November, shortly after we went out to the Mohegan for training.

We definitely want to bring more of our people into the program and feel that there are some wonderful opportunities for all of us and for the Tribe.

Next month, Currents will talk to Shane and Shannon about what the boxing program means to the tribe. Councilor Shannon talks about how the boxing program has the potential to bring in even more revenue than the Casino does and what that means to our people.

Interview and article by:
Glenn Zaring - Public Information Director

- Boxing -

What goes into making a fight happen? Who hides behind the scenes?
From rules and regulations to drinks and entertainment;
An inside look at boxing.
The *Little River Currents* will continue to take an investigative look into the hard work and long hours that it takes to 'Put on a Show' for the boxing matches.

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NEWS UPDATE
August 7, 2006

The Blue Lake Township Board of Trustees voted against the request of the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America for residential rezoning the Owasippe Scout Reservation property. The Township Board followed the recommendations of many authorities and interested parties who have provided facts and opinions against the rezoning proposal.

Those entities who came solidly down in favor of denying the request of the Chicago Boy Scouts included the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission, Muskegon Area Planning Commission, Muskegon Soil and Water Conservation District, professional planning consultants retained by the Township, more than 2,500 individuals who petitioned the Township in writing and more than 400 individuals who spoke or were present at the Public Hearing concerning the rezoning proposal in January.

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center provided information, strategic planning and suggestions to many of the individuals and grassroots organizations who worked hard to achieve a NO vote for the residential rezoning of Owasippe.

ZONING BATTLE IS FAR FROM OVER!

The Chicago Boy Scouts did not exhaust the local appeals of the Township vote. They have avoided an appeal to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Instead the Chicago Scouts have decided to go forth in Circuit Court and Federal Court with separate complaints against the Township. As a matter of fact the Chicago Boy Scouts filed their court complaints BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP VOTE WAS EVEN TAKEN.

West Michigan residents and local authorities have felt that the Chicago Boy Scouts have been planning for a court fight for a long time, since the very beginning of their attempt to create residential zoning on the entire Owasippe property. In the very first formal communications with the Township, the Chicago Boy Scouts began their "saber rattling" about bringing the matter to a judge if the Scouts were denied their request.

The OOEC observes that the current proposed sale by the Chicago Boy Scouts is a continuation of a long-established Boy Scout policy of selling real assets in order to fund their current program operations. In the recent past (about 16 years ago) the Chicago Boy Scouts sold more than 8,000 acres of Owasippe property for residential development. The Chicago Boy Scouts have sold all of their other camp real estate holdings.

THE OWASIPPE SOLUTION

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center is now even more steadfast in working towards a resolution of the Owasippe property issue. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE SALE OF THE OWASIPPE PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NOT-FOR PROFIT WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION AND RECREATION FACILITY. The OOEC has developed a business plan and assembled partners that make the creation of that facility possible. This facility would continue to offer a location for a Boy Scout summer camp program as well as make the facility available to many other youth organizations of West Michigan and beyond.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Our vision, news updates and more information is available on our website at www.ooec.org. Your financial support is tax deductible. Contact us through our web site or by writing to:

Jim Schlichting
Development Director
Owasippe Outdoor Education Center, Inc.
143 W. Sherman Blvd.
Muskegon MI 49444

Notice

The Little River Casino Resort Gift Shop now has bags of tobacco for sale ($5.77 ea.)

Thanks to Bill Gavin the Hotel Director for taking this initiative.

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Your Satifaction Is Our #1 Priority
References Available
E-Mail c.w.skinner@earthlink.net

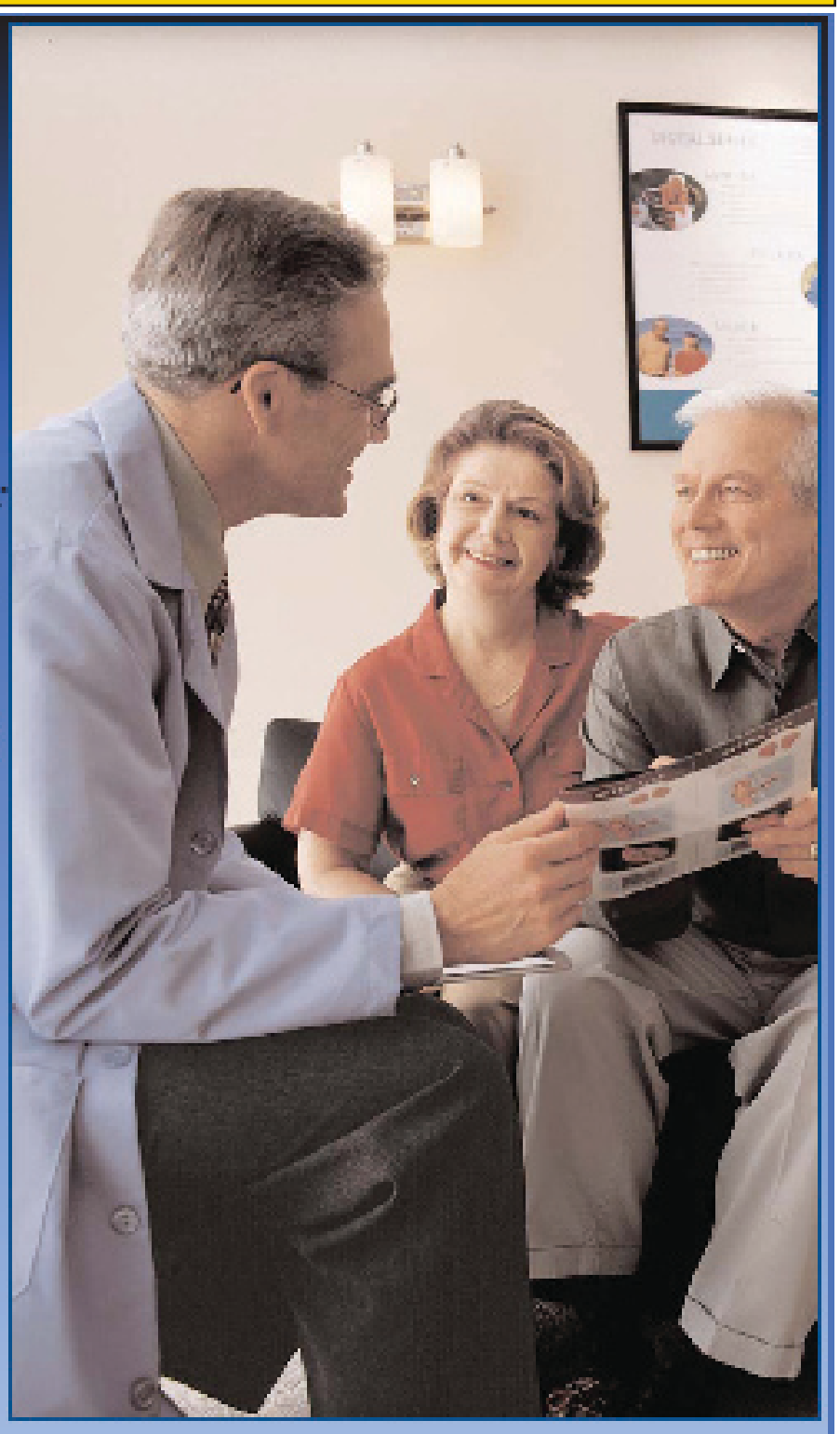
Bear Project Update

We are at the end of the second year of work on the bear project! All that is left is to remove the hair snares. The 2006 field season was a great success! We collected a bunch of hair samples for genetic identification and we are currently developing the bear population model for our area.

I thought everyone might enjoy a few of the pictures John Grochol-ski and Rich Koon recently took of bears at the hair snares.

Mark Knee
Wildlife Biologist - LRBOI NRD

A great deal just got a lot better!



Dear Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members and Employees,

Beltone has been helping people hear better for over 65 years. A commitment to education and ongoing training plus high technology has set Beltone apart as the most trusted name in hearing care among adults over 50. Plus, BelCare™ assures you a lifetime of attention at any one of Beltone's hearing care centers nationwide. No other company offers the same level of commitment.

As a Little River Band of Ottawa Indian member or employee you will receive the following:

- **15% discount off the retail price of any Beltone hearing aid**
- **FREE hearing screening**
- **Fixed monthly payments available**
- **Available to immediate family members (grandparents, parents, spouse and children)**

There are more than 65 Beltone hearing care locations in Michigan and more than 1300 locations in the United States. Come in and experience the Beltone difference today!

Call 1-800-BELTONE (1-800-235-8663) or visit our website at www.beltone.com for the nearest location.

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Tribal members and employees must present their Tribal member identification or employee identification card at any Beltone location to receive the discount when purchasing any Beltone hearing aid.

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JOBS AT LRCR

To obtain Job Descriptions or to apply for positions at the Little River Casino Resort, please call:
888-568-2244 and ask to speak to a Recruiting Representative.
For up to date Job Postings, please visit our website at **lrcr.com** and go to the employment section.
You may also call Human Resources **toll-free at 888-568-2244** or call the **Job Hotline at 800-806-4348**.

The website and hotline are updated as positions become available.

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For Immediate Release
July 24, 2006

Contact: Ted Lawrence
734-662-3209 x. 31
Photo: www.glfc.org/Awards/photos2006

Great Lakes Fishery Commission Honors Tribal Leaders Henry Buffalo Sr. and Richard Gurnoe For Exceptional Contributions to Partnerships

ANN ARBOR, MI—The Great Lakes Fishery Commission presented the Buzz Besadny Award for Fostering Great Lakes Partnerships to the families of Henry Buffalo Sr. and Richard Gurnoe. The award recognized the lasting relationships between Great Lakes tribes and state governments that Mr. Buffalo (deceased) and Mr. Gurnoe (deceased) forged more than two decades ago. Buffalo's and Gurnoe's achievements brought tribal input into Great Lakes fishery management and substantially built tribal management capacity. The Buffalo and Gurnoe families currently reside in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

"Mr. Buffalo and Mr. Gurnoe are recognized for their dedication and exceptional leadership in creating successful tribal partnerships within the Great Lakes region," said Commission Vice-Chair Gerry Barnhart, Director of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources for the State of New York. "Working in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Buffalo and Gurnoe organized the tribes into a functioning fisheries management entity, the Indian Fishery Commission, the precursor to today's highly respected Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Buffalo and Gurnoe also helped create the intertribal organization's biological, enforcement, and management capabilities as well as an operating judicial system."

"Parallel to their successful efforts to organize the tribes," Barnhart continued, "Buffalo and Gurnoe also sought to better integrate tribal and state fisheries management. As such, they gained tribal acceptance of A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries, a multi-state/provincial agreement about shared fisheries. They also convinced the Joint Strategic Plan signatories that the tribes should be a part of the plan. The state-tribal-federal relationship they forged has allowed for more effective collaboration within the Great Lakes basin."

"As a result of their efforts, Mr. Buffalo and Mr. Gurnoe stimulated a tremendous evolution in Great Lakes fishery management," added Barnhart. "Their interactions evolved into those of mutual respect. Tribal leadership and state, provincial, and commission officials have a better understanding of the Great Lakes fish community and of each others' needs. We gained a better understanding of how to collaborate, we gained a more holistic picture of what it means to be a part of the Great Lakes basin, what it means to be a part of the Great Lakes fishery; we learned how to be better stewards of our natural resources. This is exactly what the Joint Strategic Plan envisioned. These men's efforts have had positive effects lasting long after their passing."

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Notification of Discontinued Program

Over the past year or more, rather than dispose of computer equipment that has been replaced with upgraded equipment, the Tribe has given those departmental computers to Elders. These computers were no longer being utilized within the Tribal departments because they had been replaced with more appropriate equipment that were compatible with the software and networking needs of the department. The computers would have had all sensitive information removed along with programs and operating systems in order to protect the Tribe's information and existing licensing agreements.

As a result of this activity over the past year, we have found that the computers are prone to failures in hardware and software, and may need technical assistance to maintain them in working order. The Tribe does not currently employ sufficient technical support to provide these services, and expansion of this support service is currently not feasible.

This is notice that the Tribe will no longer be giving discontinued computers to Elders, or members. The Tribe will be reallocating computer equipment until all useful life has been realized, and then will dispose of the computer equipment through proper channels. It is hoped that through this new process we can reduce computer equipment costs and obtain all value from existing equipment. If there is remaining value, the computer equipment may be sold in bulk to reliable resale/wholesale vendors, or at a 'Tribal Yard sale.'

CURRENTS SUBMISSION COUPON

Please fill out the following coupon, cut it out, and mail it to; *Little River Currents* 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660
Dedications we receive will be published in the next available newspaper issue.

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Write your dedication text out completely, for example: "Happy 60th Anniversary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Harry, April 1, 2004. From your family and friends." Dedications are printed EXACTLY as printed in the space below.

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Members' Assistance

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Current Assistance Programs

***Food Assistance Program**
This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits.
-Amount of assistance: $200.00 per year per household;
provided in $50.00 increments.

***Low Income Energy Assistance Program**
This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year and amount not to exceed $200. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: $200.00 per year; per household.

***Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**
This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Program may be access once every two years.
-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed $1000 or; in the event of eviction or foreclosure amount not to exceed $1000 to stop eviction or foreclosure proceedings.

***Home Repair Program**
The Home Repair Program assists homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. Assistance is available in all states. Note: Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Gross Income, please contact department for income criteria.
-Amount of assistance: $6000.00 per household

Well and Septic Program
The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas; there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;
a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
c. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
d. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
e. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

Members Assistance Program Income Guideline

Family Size 150% FPIG
Eligibility is based on 3 months income prior to application

1 $14,700 - $3,675
2 $19,800 - $4,950
3 $24,900 - $6,225
4 $30,000 - $7,500
5 $35,100 - $8,775
6 $40,200 - $10,050
7 $45,300 - $11,325
8 $50,400 - $12,600

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 24, 2006
**Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government.*

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application.
Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator
Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288
Fax 231-398-6748

LRBOI Direct Contact Numbers

Ogema's Office	231-398-6824
Tribal Council	231-398-6845
- Kimberly Alexander	231-398-6835
- Shannon Crampton	231-398-6849
- Norbert Kelsey	231-398-6828
- Don Koon	231-398-6831
- Steve Parsons - Speaker	231-398-6830
- Elaine Porter	231-398-6833
- Janine Sam - Recorder	231-398-6834
- Israel Stone	231-398-6807
Accounting	231-398-6878
Be-Da-Bin	888-382-8299
Casino – Toll Free	866-466-7338
Clinic Operations	888-382-8299
Contract Health/EHAP	888-382-8299
Community Health Representatives (CHR)	888-382-8299
Economic Development	231-398-6806
Election Board	231-398-6852
Education	231-398-6724
Elders	231-398-6709
Enrollment	231-398-6713
Family Services	231-398-6726
Food Commodities	231-398-6715
Grants	231-398-6870
Gaming Commission	231-398-2269
Health Toll Free	888-382-8299
Historic Preservation	231-398-2221
Housing	888-723-8288
Human Resources	231-398-6704
Language Hotline	877-789-0993
Legal Department	231-398-6819
Legal Assistance Program for Members	231-398-6820
Member's Assistance	231-398-6731
Little River Casino Resort	888-568-2244
Natural Resources	231-723-1594
Peacekeeping	231-398-2239
Planning	231-398-6810
Prosecuting Attorney	231-398-2242
Public Information	231-398-6840
Public Safety	231-398-2225
Reception	888-723-8288
Tax Department	231-398-6874
Toll Free	888-723-8288
Tribal Court	231-398-3406
Utilities	231-723-2309
Warriors Society	231-398-6720

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Little River Casino Resort

Look what's Rolling at the River!

Educational Sponsored Internship Opportunities at the Little River Casino Resort

We want to remind everyone about the Educational Sponsored Internship Program available at the Little River Casino Resort. This is an opportunity extended to anyone attending an accredited college or university needing to complete a required college/university sponsored internship. As a LRCR intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of department leaders.

There will be weekly meetings, training, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend and participate in. For more information regarding Educational Internship opportunities, please contact Lisa Sagala, Recruiting Supervisor at 231-723-4530 or 888-568-2244.

Little River Casino Resort has welcomed the following newly hired preference employees:

- *Brian Medacco – from internship to Accounting Budget Analyst*
- *Justin Brown – Bus Person*
- *Elizabeth Gibson – Hotel Housekeeper*
- *Virginia Rose – Hotel Laundry Attendant*
- *Cynthia Ginger – Cage Cashier*
- *Noelle Cross – Food Server*

Tribal Member Highlight

Brett Champagne
Lead Sous-Chef "In Training"

Brett Champagne was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to parents Jerry and Cindy Champagne. Brett has two older sisters, two older brothers and one younger brother. Brett is descended from the Pete and Antoine families. Brett's true pride and joy is his 2 ½ year old son, Jayce.

Brett began his career early at age 14 working at a steakhouse in Milwaukee. His jobs included busser, dishwasher and pantry cook. He then worked under Executive Chef, Steven Porcea for 3 ½ years, where he was continuously learning.

Brett first came to Manistee in the summer of 2000 and worked at Arcadia Bluffs, a resort north of Manistee. He moved back in 2002 and was hired at LRCR in May 2003 as a Front of House Restaurant Supervisor and five months later moved into a Sous Chef position. He left the resort to take on the challenge of helping to open a new restaurant in Traverse City, returning to his Sous Chef position with the resort in July of 2005. Brett has been very active in his professional development and takes great pride in his work and enjoys expressing himself through food. He likes to please people by presenting food in new and different ways.

Don Paone, LRCR F & B Director is very pleased with Brett's commitment to the LRCR and to his professional development. Ron Pete, F & B Manager has commented that "Brett is caring, confident and always has the resort's best interest in mind. He is a team player." As a developmental opportunity, it was recently announced that Brett is now in training as the resort's Lead Sous Chef. He is currently responsible for about 70 employees and is basically on call 24 x 7. His goal is to one day become the resort's Executive Chef. Brett's future development will possibly include some formal culinary education. His great work ethic and sincere desire to succeed will hopefully continue to compliment the LRCR for years to come.

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We wish Brett the best and know he will be successful. He is a true asset to the Little River Casino Resort.

Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating "Years of Service" Anniversaries in May include:

July

- Pamela Johnson
  Hotel Front Desk Clerk - 1 Year
- Carl Stone Jr.
  Security Level II – 1 Year
- Yvonne Sandell
  Security I – 1 Year
- Sandra Meadows
  EVS Supervisor – 2 Years
- David Lonn
  Security Level I – 2 Years
- Roger Vriesman
  Slot Tech Level I – 2 Years
- William Bottrell
  Security Level II – 3 Years
- Linda Hoover
  EVS Cleaner – 3 Years
- Gregory Groleau
  Table Games Poker Supervisor 4 Years
- Jessica MacKlam
  Hotel House Person – 4 Years
- Karl Waitner
  Marketing Group Sales Manager 6 Years
- Eileen Gibson
  Table Games Assistant Shift Manager 7 Years

August

- Bonnie Yates
  Hotel Housekeeping – 1 Year
- James DeVerney
  Table Games Floor Supervisor 1 Year
- Keeli Peterson
  Hotel Front Desk Clerk – 1 Year
- Rebecca Stone
  Hotel PBX Operator – 1 Year
- Donald Superczynski
  Groundskeeper – 1 Year
- Richard Masse
  EVS Cleaner – 4 Years
- Ronald Besiallon
  Table Games Assistant Manager 4 Years
- Charles Bravebull
  Slots Performance Supervisor 7 Years
- Timothy Chandler
  Lead Slot Tech. – 7 Years

Casino Calendar

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September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Drop 35 9p-1a* *(Dance/Variety hits)*	2 *Drop 35 9p-1a* *(Dance/Variety hits)*
3 *Drop 35 9p-1a* *(Dance/Variety hits)*	4 **Polka Monday** Rodney Beyer Poker Tournament **Labor Day**	5 Poker Tournament	6 Club 55	7 *CP2 (Variety)* **$1 Million Royal Flush** **6p & 7p $500** **8p & 9p RF game**	8 *CP2 (Variety)* **VIP 7p-9p** BBQ Party	9 *CP2 (Variety)* *Fall Membership – Three Fires Center*
10 **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; $30; 6p&8p**	11 **Polka Monday** Jack Videtich Orch. Poker Tournament	12 Poker Tournament	13 Club 55 Karaoke Top Kat Entertainment 7pm-11pm	14 *Detour* *9p-1a (Rock 'n Roll)* **$1 Million Royal Flush** *Business After Hours – Three Fires Center*	15 *Detour* *9p-1a (Rock 'n Roll)*	16 *Detour* *9p-1a (Rock 'n Roll)* *Wedding Rec./300 ppl Three Fires Conf. Ctr.*
17 **River Riches** 4p- 6p $500 7p- $10,000 8p- $1,000	18 **Polka Monday** Virgil Baker/Just 4 Fun Poker Tournament *Native Am Fish & Wildlife Convention; Three Fires Conf. Ctr.*	19 Poker Tournament *Native Am Fish & Wildlife Convention; Three Fires Conf. Ctr.*	20 Club 55 *Native Am Fish & Wildlife Convention; Three Fires Conf. Ctr.*	21 *Thunderoad* *9p-1a (Country)* **$1 Million Royal Flush** *Native Am Fish & Wildlife Convention; Three Fires Conf. Ctr.*	22 *Thunderoad* *9p-1a (Country)* **Corvette Giveaway** **GOLD 6p-9p**	23 *Thunderoad* *9p-1a (Country)* *Reaffirmation Day Reception/3 Fires*
24 **River Riches** 4p- 6p $500 7p- $10,000 8p- $1,000	25 **Polka Monday** Andy Nester Orch. Poker Tournament	26 Employee Luncheon Poker Tournament *MI Credit Union League/Three Fires*	27 Hump Day Club 55 *MI Credit Union League/Three Fires*	28 *Risque 9p-1a* *(Dance/Variety hits)* **$1 Million Royal Flush** **6p & 7p $500** **8p & 9p RF game**	29 *Risque 9p-1a* *(Dance/Variety hits)*	30 *Risque 9p-1a* *(Dance/Variety hits)* *Ducks Unlimited – Three Fires; 200 ppl*
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Memo

To: All Little River Casino Resort Employees
LRBOI Government Employees
LRBOI Tribal members

From: Don Paone, Food and Beverage Director, LRCR Directors and Board of Directors

Date: March 25, 2006- * (Amended July 21, 2006- see below)

Re: New LRCR Food Outlet Discounts

We are pleased to announce the creation of an employee and Tribal member discount in all LRCR food outlets. This new program provides a 20% discount in all food outlets at the resort for **all LRCR and LRBOI employees and LRBOI Tribal members. The program starts effective April 1st, 2006.**

The following guidelines apply:

- Discounts can only be applied to food and beverages purchased by an LRCR/LRBOI employee or Tribal member for up to six people.
- Discounts are available during all outlet operating hours regardless of whether an employee is on or off duty.
- Employees or Tribal members must present their actual employee ID or Tribal ID to the cashier at the time of purchase in order to have the discount applied to that purchase. Cashiers are not authorized to apply the discount without the required ID being presented.
- These discounts cannot be combined with any other discounts, offers or programs such as Tribal two for one Thursdays or Club 55.
- Sales tax will be applied to the amount after the discount. The total, including tax, will be due at the time of the sale.
- Discounts are available in the actual food outlets only and cannot be applied to food or beverage purchases made:
  - on the gaming floor
  - at entertainment events, shows, concessions or other marketing sponsored events,
  - events held in any conference facility
  - from room service or other delivery programs.

* **This program is available to all qualified participants as outlined above all year long. This program has been modified via LRCR Board of Director's approval on July 20, 2006 to eliminate the prior "Blackout Period" restrictions.**

- LRCR and F&B management reserve the right to modify or cancel this program at any time.

We hope you continue to enjoy this new discount designed to provide you more opportunities to use our food outlets. Bon Appetit!

Family Focus

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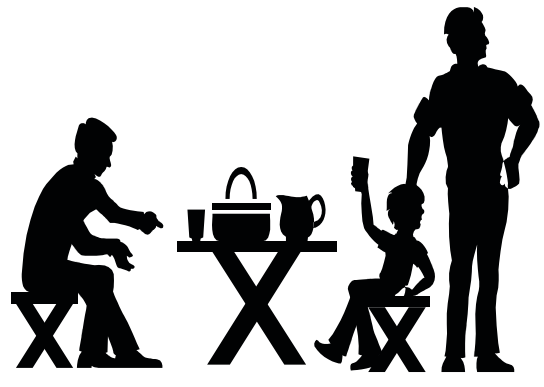
Family Involvement in Healthy Lifestyles - Part 2

In today's society it seems that the fast paced, get things quick mode has completely taken over how a family eats and spends time together. Its is all too common with the hectic daily activities that parents have forgotten the most simplest way to share time with your children is having a sit down family meal. The American Dietetic Association recommends that families eat together at least a few times a week. This is the prefect opportunity for parents to encourage their children's healthy eating habits and is also allows for manage what their children eat. When applying changes in the way my family ate, I was very surprised that we were eating way too much. We weren't eating 5 course meals but our portions were way out of whack. Appropriate serving sizes are much smaller than what I was putting on my children's plates. Portioning out recommended serving sizes by measuring and weighting out food for the family meal is very time consuming. Simply visualizing what the portions should look like made it much easier.

For example:

- ½ cup of rice looks like a cup cake wrapper
- A 3 ounce serving of meat looks like a deck of cards.
- 1 medium piece of fruit looks like a tennis ball.
- 1 ounce of cheese looks like a pair of dice.



Depending on your families calorie needs are it can be adjusted. For example:

- 6 ounces of meat looks like 2 decks of cards.
- 1 ½ cup of pasta looks like a medium fist and a cup cake wrapper
- 1 cup of cooked veggies looks like 2 scoops of ice cream.

With some of life's simple pleasures there must be caution, families often will go out to eat because the food is FAST. We are convinced by those catchy ads that the value meal is the best. It may be good for the budget but it is definitely not good for your health. Value meals often include a sandwich, fries and a pop; the sandwich alone can have as much as 730 calories, that in it self should be counted as a meal. A medium order of French fries has an average of 400 calories not mention the medium pop with as much as 210 calories. Total of a whopping (no pun intended) 1340 calories and approximately 60 grams of fat, this is an entire days worth of calories for most folks. On the lighter side (I did it again) there are some fast food establishments that claim that they provide healthier choices but be careful. Some of the healthy alternatives have hidden calories and high fat content which completely blows the image they are given. When it comes to the eye catching meals that are prepared with children in mind the same theme is followed. A child's meal with a regular hamburger, fries, and a pop has a total of 620 calories and 22 grams of fat. There have been improvements made to some children meals. That same hamburger, apple slices with a low fat dip, and apple juice has 450 calories and only 10 grams of fat. Any little improvement is great but fast food has a long way to go to be considered healthy. When your family takes that trip to the world of restaurants here are some easy rules to help everyone eat better:

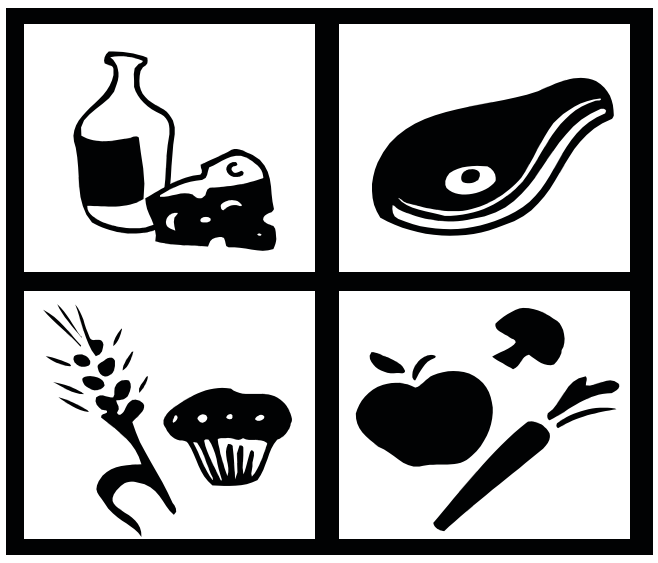
Order take out- We tend to eat more when we aren't eating at our own tables.
Avoid Buffets- Buffets promote over eating.
Stick to the light menu- Baked or broiled instead of fried. Salad or steamed veggies.
Dressing on the side- Lets you control that amount you eat.
Don't be afraid to special order- Ask for veggies or main dishes without the heavy sauce.
Watch portion size- Ask for a to-go box when the food comes and take half home.
Share- Restaurant portions are usually enough for two.

Whether you are at home or at a restaurant, eating together can bring a family closer here suggestion to make the process easier:

- Eating together not only helps us manage what our kids eat it but helps to give our family the opportunity to reconnect.
- Preparing meals as a family may take a little more time and a lot of patience but it is a task easy completed as a team.
- Assign tasks to every family member, even the youngest; and when dinner is done it gives the entire family a sense of accomplishment.
- Shut the T.V. off during meals, eating in front of the T.V. takes the focus off eating which makes it harder to pay attention to being full which means we over eat, this also turns the focus on the individuals at the table.

Studies have shown that parents who sit down with their children during meals provide more emotional support and help build their children's self confidence which makes them less likely to turn to food for stress relief. Sharing highs and lows from the day or sharing a story, it encourages talking and listening. Parents need to really listen; there is nothing more satisfying to a child then to really be heard. This most important thing over everything else is to make these family meals enjoyable.

Article by Angie Turner
Family Services Department



A Challenging Job Opportunity

Are you up to the challenge of running a construction company?
The Muschigon Board of Directors is looking for a unique individual to run Muschigon Construction LLC. If you have a background in construction and project management, this is for you!
Here are the details:

Job Title: **General Manager**
Status: Full Time
Department: Muschigon Construction LLC
Reports to: Muschigon Board of Directors

Job Description

Summary of Responsibilities

Under the direction of the Muschigon Board of Directors, the General Manager performs a wide variety of tasks directly related to the planning, advocacy, development, financing, construction and operations. This position is characterized by a high degree of initiative, responsibility, accountability, and ability to work congenially with a wide variety of individuals, financial institutions, community-based organizations, governmental entities and the Muschigon Board of Directors. A General Manager can expect to manage 3-4 projects at any given time.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

· Has lead responsibility for researching and applying all phases of development, from acquisition and predevelopment, through construction and permanent phases.
· Works with Muschigon Board of Directors on acquisition of major equipment.
· Develops pro-formas and feasibility studies of proposed projects; manages development and construction budgets for current projects;
· Works closely with clients on developing operation budgets, and managing transition of projects;
· Select and manage development team members, including architect, contractors, financial consultants, legal consultants, engineers, and property management agents;
· Works with Team Members to develop project design, from schematic design through construction documents and construction administration;
· Guides projects through application for zoning and use permit approval;
· Acts as liaison between the organization and the general public related to specific development projects, and garners community-based support for potential projects;
· May attend city council, housing committees, planning and zoning committee and other community meetings on related matters;
· Performs all other assignments/tasks that are assigned by the Board of Directors or others which are not covered in this job description and which the individual could reasonably be expected to perform.

Qualifications

· A minimum of seven(7) years of general/commercial construction and experience;
· Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
· Ability to understand, develop, and manage construction budgets;
· Ability to seek creative, viable solution to problems and coordinate many phases of project development with attention to detail;
· Basic knowledge of architecture, design and planning;
· Strong analytical/assessment and computer skills;
· Ability to work with, communicate with, and manage a team of other development professionals and consultants;
· Possesses a valid driver's license with no restrictions and be able to travel.

Education and or Experience

A Bachelor's Degree in the related field is preferred.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of the job, dexterity in using a telephone, computer keyboard and mouse, and calculator while seated at desk is required. The employee may be required to visit construction sites with limited accessibility. The employee must regularly lift ten pounds. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

How to Apply

Please send resume and cover letter to:
Muschigon Construction LLC
375 River St.
Manistee, Michigan 49660.

TOM'S TIMBERS
RUSTIC LOG FURNITURE
By TOM WAHR
2924 VANDENBERG
MUSKEGON, MI 49444
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e-mail t.wahr@comcast.net
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Friendship

By Christine Verheek

As some of you know, as well as some of you don't, this past June I have traveled with the tribe youth. Well, I spent seven days in the beautiful state of Oklahoma. I went there for a tribal youth leadership camp, but I learned a bigger lesson then just leadership and how to be one, I learned about friendship. And I want to share that lesson with all of my readers. So they can pass it on.

Friendship we have all been taught since we were little, but we were taught, in my eyes the wrong way. See, we were all taught that friends are always there, no matter what, and no matter what they got your back. Yes, that is true to an extent. But is a friend just a person? The answer is no, its not just a person, because it could be a dog, a stuffed animal, or even a piece of paper and a pen.

A friend that is a person has some faults to it. Here are some examples they could move, or you could get into a huge fight and lose your friendship. But for the main part that we look at when we start a friendship with a person are the positives. Here are some examples, you have fun with them, they make you laugh, and you trust them to hold your secrets. Having a friend that is a person is a good thing because you can talk to them, and get their out look on it. You got to also remember that having a friend could be more. I learned just that, when I was in Oklahoma.

At a certain part of the day, we would have journal. We got to write whatever we wanted, no matter what mood we were in, and the good thing was it couldn't offend or hurt anyone's feelings, and it was always there. I was so amazed at the amount of emotions that flowed right out of me and on to that tiny piece of paper. It was like I was talking to someone so wonderful, and caring, because I was never interrupted or pushed to silence. The best thing is a piece of paper can hold as many secrets as you want it to, and it can't tell a soul. But it's not all about keeping your feelings hidden on a piece of paper because, if you are someone that has a hard time talking to someone over the phone, over the computer, or in person. You can write it down and have them read it on their own time. That way you can let them know and not feel embarrassed about it.

Another way of friendship I learned is by being brave and taking the chance to trust people, which you don't know. We did this by splitting the women and the men up. We called it Women's Circle and Men's Council. The women went into one room and the men went in another. We talked about everything, and anything that we wanted to, for example, relationships, past times. Then we asked to take an index card, and answer these questions- What we never want to see happen to a man or a woman again? What we need from a man or a woman? What we want from a man or a woman? - After we answered the questions we had to go in front of the men, while they sat there and were not allowed to talk, and tell them our answers. Then they would have to repeat it back to us. After the women were done the men had there turn. It was such a moving experiment that we all had tears in our eyes.

These are just two examples of friendship. Also you can gain a friend by just listing to what they have to say and being there when they need it most. And even if it feels like you aren't noticed for the things you do. Just remember the one that judges us all in the end is God and he notices everything, and anything that we do, even if it is a pat on the back, or a shoulder to cry on. So just remember you are noticed every day of every year you are alive.

Denver Post:

Colorado Lawyer Nominated for Indian Affairs Post

Washington - A Colorado lawyer has been nominated to oversee the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

President Bush on Wednesday named Carl J. Artman, currently a lawyer for the Interior Department, as his choice to be assistant secretary of the interior for Indian affairs. The position requires Senate confirmation.

Carl J. Artman, an Interior Department attorney, would oversee the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Artman is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin and previously served as chief counsel to the tribe. He currently serves as the Interior Department's associate solicitor for Indian affairs.

Artman practiced law in Denver from 2000 to 2002. He received an advanced law degree from the University of Denver law school in 2003.

He was listed in 2002 as general counsel and vice president of business development at CorAccess Systems LLC in Denver.

Bush named Artman to the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities in 2002.

Earlier in his career, Artman served as legislative counsel for Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio.

If confirmed, Artman will oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which provides services to American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Office of Federal Acknowledgment and the BIA school system.

By Mike Soraghan
Denver Post Staff Writer

Submissions

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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Sweatpea!
- Mom & Dad want you to know we are VERY proud of you and are so happy that the Creator allowed us to be your parents."
- Lynn Piwonski

Happy Birthday to Angela Eagle! You are so GREAT!
-Love Angela Eagle JLOL!

Happy Birthday Big Brother William
-Your sister and family
We love you very much XOXOXO

Happy Birthday Big Cousin Justin
-your little cousins and family
We love you very much XOXOXO

Happy Birthday Sandy & Yvonne

Happy Birthday Lorie King
- Yvonne & Family

Happy Birthday Deb Renner
Yvonne & Family

Happy Birthday Cheyenne Renner
- Yvonne & Nicole & Family

Happy Birthday Dale Mathews
Yvonne & Family

Happy Birthday Cody King
- Aunt Yvonne & Family

Happy Birthday Uncle Jerry
- Yvonne & Family

Happy Birthday Nicole Ward
- Love Mom & Family

Happy Birthday Bob Renner
- Yvonne & Nicole & Family

Happy Birthday Charlie King
- Yvonne & Nicole & Family

Happy Birthday Bruce King
- Yvonne & Nicole & Family

Happy Birthday Gina Wilson
- Yvonne & Nicole & Family

Happy Birthday Poppa! You're the BEST Poppa ever and we love you SO much!
- Love, Smiley & Little Baby Katelyn

Happy Birthday Jeff Chandler (August 4th)! We wish you the very best!
Love, Valerie & Matthew

Happy Birthday Tammy Carter (August 24th)

Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy Birthday Cindy Champagne, (August 15th)
- From your family, Brett, Ryan and grandson Jayis.

Happy Belated Birthday Robert Chandler (August 8th)! We hope you have a great day and many more to come!
- Love, Sandy, Valerie, Matthew, Joan, Geoff, Nathan, and Katelyn

Happy Belated Birthday to my almost teenager Chyenne!
-From Rachel, Bronsen, and Blaque

Congratulations!

Congratulations!!! William Howard Brawer II "Our Freshman" We are very proud of you. Lydia says "Yeah Bub-Boo" J Lyndsey is smiling at you!!
-Your family loves you very much. XOXOXO

Congratulations to my lil Mr. aka: Mathew Sandel! Mathew won a Ribbon at the Michigan Indian Summer Olympics for Football Throw. You ROCK!

Congratulations to all LRBOI who participated in the Michigan Indian Summer Olympics we came in Second place overall!

"Congratulations Terry Piwonski for passing you're A+ certification"
- Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations Tanja Willard Class of 2006. You did it!
-Your very proud parents love ya!

Calvin, Congratulations on your new job!
-Love Mom, Billy& Jean

Way to go at the Tribal Olympics
L.R.B.O.I. Rocks!
-The Clynes

Wedding Congratulations to Tammy Carter & Mark Bowen (August 26th)!
- Wishing you much happiness,
Valerie & Matthew

Congratulations to Janette and Marty for 'Tying the knot"!
- Love, your friends at LRBOI

Birth Announcement

Sorry Grandma took so long putting this Joyful news in the paper- Born March 21,2006, Arianna Alkna Lucille Martel 7lbs. 7 oz. 21 inches long-born at 9:35am. Chi-Miigwetch Creator for my new special Granddaughter. You are so special, & beautiful, & precious. You are loved so much.
-Love, Grandma Georgianna & Grandpa Ed Adamczak
Happy Belated Birthday we love you!

Congratulations to Brandi and Chad on the birth of their baby: Avery Ellis Cook weighed 8lbs. .04oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Chad and Brandi!!

Poem

I was drawn away from my culture when they took our land away
But slowly & surely I'll learn the best I can
Learn my native language so that I may teach my kids
Teach them how to dance like my daddy did
Teach them how to do beadwork like my mommy did
Pass along my culture to keep my Tribe alive
And pass along the heritage that I am so proud to be

-Dedicated to my daddy Martin Wabindato and to my mother Hope Keldie, I love you and miss you daddy

Happy Anniversary

Happy Wedding Anniversary
Brian & Lorie King
Yvonne & Family

Obituary...

Daisy (Wawatasi "Firefly") Shano

Lansing, MI
March 6, 1914 - July 6, 2006

Daisy Wawatasi Shano was born at Indian Village, MI

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond's glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.

Daisy was born in rural Manistee County at Indian Village. She was raised at Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing after being orphaned at the age of 3. After graduating high school, she returned to her grandmother in Brethren, before moving to Harbor Springs. There she was befriended by a local priest, Father Aubert, who helped her find job placement in Detroit. In Detroit, she met her husband John, who had moved there from Sugar Island. They raised their family in the suburban Detroit area. Following the death of her husband in 1977, Daisy moved to Lansing where she resided at Cedar Place Senior Housing.
She was a well-known and respected Indian Elder throughout Michigan where she attended Pow Wows as a traditional dancer and beadwork artist. A gifted seamstress, she designed and made dance regalia for her children and many others. Daisy was a member of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Woodlands Indian Community Center in Lansing. Daisy was preceded in death by her husband, John and her son, Norman A. Shano. She is survived by her daughter, Rochelle (Frank) Ettawageshik of Harbor Springs; son, John G. (Susan) Shano of Waterford; grandchildren, Kevin (Jamie Critzon) Shano of Ferndale; John Shano of Waterford; William and Shauna Whitepigeon of Lansing, and Piper (Chris) Smith and great-grandchild, Jacob Smith of Ferndale.
Funeral services were held July 8th & 9th at Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home in Lansing. Interment was held July 10th at Corfu Cemetery in Brethren. Celebration feasts were held at Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Community Center.
Daisy's family would like to thank all who volunteered their services. Those desiring, may make contributions to Hospice of Lansing, 6035 Executive Drive, Suite 103, Lansing, MI 48911, in memory of Daisy (Wawatasi) Shano

LRBOI News

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Little River Casino Resort's 7th Annual Charity Golf Outing

The Little River Casino Resort's 7th Annual Charity Golf Outing was held on July 21, 2006 at Manistee National Golf & Resort. 162 golfers participated in the event, which was a four person scramble.

Winning first place and a $1,000.00 cash prize with a score of 55 was the team of Mike Baerwolf, Ted Benchley, Brian Benson, and Tim Jensen, sponsored by Lake Michigan Broadcasting.

Tied for second with a score of 58 were the teams of Chris Warren, Ross Biederman, Dan Wille, and Josh Reynolds, sponsored by WTCM/WCCW and Doug Rexroat, Ron Walters, Jason Bostwick & Jerry Guenthardt, sponsored by Advantage Electric. Each of these teams were awarded a $600.00 cash prize.

Many individual prizes were also awarded, as follows:

Hole # 1 Longest Putt for Women went to Connie Waitner Hole # 1 Longest Putt for Men went to Brian Benson Hole # 4 Closest to the Pin for Women was Sue Myers Hole # 4 Closest to the pin for Men was Tim Genson Hole # 6 Closest to the Pin for Women went to Cathy Cooley Hole # 6 Closest to the Pin for men went to Bob Kanaskie Hole # 8 Longest Drive for Women went to Mary Jo Zadow Hole # 10 Longest Putt for Women was Cathy Cooley Hole # 10 Longest Putt for Men went to Craig Cottrell Hole # 13 Closest to the pin for women was Cathy Cooley Hole # 13 Closest to the Pin for men was Gary Sobkowiak Hole # 14 Shortest Drive for Women went to Dee Ann Cocci Hole # 14 Shortest Drive for Men went to Tom Guenthardt Hole # 15 Longest Drive for Men was Jason Bostwick

Each of the winners of the individual prizes received a $40.00 cash prize.

All golfers were provided with a continental breakfast, a boxed lunch that was packed in a Coleman cooler that was theirs to keep, and a bag of goodies.

After the event, golfers went to the Three Fires Conference Center at the casino for the awards ceremony and a meal. Over 50 raffle prizes were given out.

Each of the five charities that will split the proceeds of the golf outing took the opportunity to thank all the sponsors and golfers, and give a brief talk on what the donation will mean to their operations.

The following five charities will each receive $8,460.00 as a result of the Little River Casino Resort Charity Golf Outing:

Circle Rocking "S" Children's Farm

West Shore Medical Center, to be used specifically for the F.I.T. Kids program.

Manistee County Library, to be used specifically for renovations to the Children's Room at the library's main branch.

Manistee County Habitat for Humanity

Manistee County Women's Empowerment Circle Endowment Fund

Moon Bear Pottery & Indian Arts
Coldwater, MI

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The Great Lakes Watershed Basin

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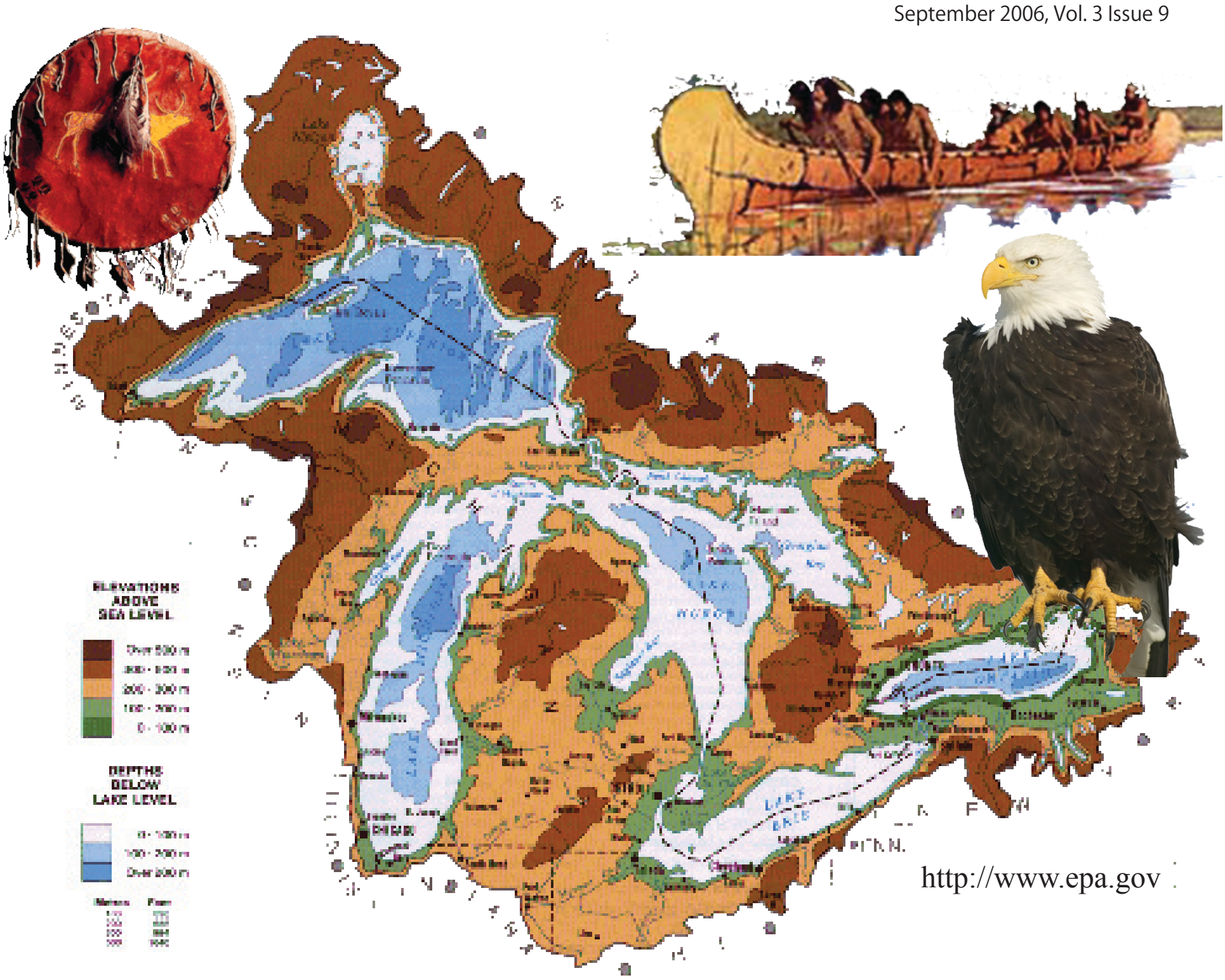

The Great Lakes were formed by the retreat of the mile-thick glaciers of the Wisconsin Ice Age between 10,000 and 7,000 years ago. The watershed is an irreplaceable international treasure that includes eight States and one Canadian Province. The Great Lakes hold about 6 quadrillion gallons of water, or about 95% of the United States' fresh surface water and 20 percent of all the fresh surface water in the world. If the water in the Great Lakes was spread evenly over the continental U.S., it would cover the land with about 10 feet of water! From East to West, the Great Lakes stretch for nearly a thousand miles across the heartland of the United States and Canada. The watershed drains almost 200,000 square miles. The U.S. Great Lakes shoreline is over 4,500 miles long, longer than the U.S. East and Gulf coasts combined. The total Great Lakes shoreline is over 10,000 miles long, including 35,000 islands. The Great Lakes watershed is so large that it is one of the most identifiable features of North America when viewed from space.

Although part of a single system, each lake is different. In volume, **Lake Superior** is the largest. It is also the deepest and coldest of the five; it could contain all the other Great Lakes and three more Lake Eries. Because of its size, Superior has a retention time of 191 years (that's how long it takes for all the water to be replaced!) Most of the Superior basin is forested, with little agriculture because of a cool climate and poor soils. The forests and sparse population result in relatively few pollutants entering Lake Superior, except through airborne transport.

Lake Michigan, the second largest, is the only Great Lake entirely within the United States. The northern part is in the colder, less developed upper Great Lakes region. It is sparsely populated, except for the Fox River Valley, which drains into Green Bay. This bay has one of the most productive Great Lakes fisheries but receives the wastes from the world's largest concentration of pulp and paper mills. The more temperate southern basin of Lake Michigan is among the most urbanized areas in the Great Lakes system. It contains the Milwaukee and Chicago metropolitan areas. This region is home to about 8 million people or about one-fifth of the total population of the Great Lakes basin.

Lake Huron, which includes Georgian Bay, is the third largest of the lakes by volume. Many Canadians and Americans own cottages on the shallow, sandy beaches of Huron and along the rocky shores of Georgian Bay. The Saginaw River basin is intensively farmed and contains the Flint and Saginaw-Bay City metropolitan areas. Saginaw Bay, like Green Bay, contains a very productive fishery.

Lake Erie is the smallest of the lakes in volume and is exposed to the greatest effects from urbanization and agriculture. Because of the fertile soils surrounding the lake, the area is intensively farmed. The lake receives runoff from the agricultural area of southwestern Ontario and parts of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Seventeen metropolitan areas with populations over 50,000 are located within the Lake Erie basin. Although the area of the lake is about 26,000 km2 (10,000 square miles), the average depth is only about 19 metres (62 feet). It is the shallowest of the five lakes and therefore warms rapidly in the spring and summer, and frequently freezes over in winter. It also has the shortest retention time of the lakes, 2.6 years. The western basin, comprising about one-fifth of the lake, is very shallow with an average depth of 7.4 metres (24 feet) and a maximum depth of 19 metres (62 feet).

Lake Ontario, although slightly smaller in area, is much deeper than its upstream neighbor, Lake Erie, with an average depth of 86 metres (283 feet) and a retention time of about 6 years. Major urban industrial centers, such as Hamilton and Toronto, are located on its shore. The U.S. shore is less urbanized and is not intensively farmed, except for a narrow band along the lake.