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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

This coming Saturday is the day to get rid of those nasty leftovers (paint and other hazardousstuff). From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. you can take the items to the Manistee County Road Commission (Bear Lake – US 31 at 9 mile) where they will be collected and disposed of properly. For more info call 231.889.4761. If you live outside Manistee, check in with your local County Extension office about when and where you can dispose of this type of material.

Suicide Prevention Program. See details below from Be-Da-Bin on a very special two-day training program designed to give you the skills needed to help someone at risk.

Click here for LRBOI Job Postings
http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html
Click here for LRCR Employment
http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html

Elders Conference dates announced. The Elders Office has announced their fall conference dates at Little River Casino Resort. The dates are November 6 and 7.

Elders Survey!

The Tribe is conducting an Elder Survey. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department. For participating in this survey the Elder will receive a gift of appreciation and a certificate of **participation.**

Register To Vote!

Be sure to register to vote in tribal elections. We have another election coming up soon and you must be registered to let your voice be heard. If you have any questions contact the Election Board.

Fall Membership Meeting. The Fall Members Meeting has been scheduled for October 9th at Little River. Be sure to put this on your calendar!

Warriors Society Updates

Warriors Society next meeting is September 4th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

- They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- A new ordinance is being reviewed rightnow for the group and it should be available within the next two months.

Open Board of Director Meeting at LRCR:

AUGUST 27, 2010

Pokagon Band Water Walk date announced

See the flyer below for more information on this year's Water Walk.

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Wii Bowling League

The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding ***Wii*** bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health

Elders Meeting:

First
Saturday of every month

Elders Conference dates announced.
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Natural Resources Department

Semma (tobacco) plants are available at the Natural Resource Department weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are very large plants ready to be planted at a new home. For more information contact: Bonnie B. Harnish **LRBOI Natural Resource Department,** 159 Brick Yard Road, Manistee, MI 49660 Phone: 231-398-2180 Fax: 231-723-8873
Email: bharnish@lrboi.com

New Language Site

There's a new website, "SpokenFirst" that brings news concerning the teaching of Native American languages.

http://falmouthinstitute.com/language/ . Check it out!

2-1-1 Available for Tribal Members.

In the Manistee area, the 2-1-1 phone service has a tribal component. When you call the number looking for services, area information or other needs, if you identify yourself as being a Tribal Member, they will also help you to find tribal-only services. This has been coordinated with LRBOI Family Services, Members Assistance and other tribal government offices. Brochures and more information are available in some of the government offices. Just call 2-1-1 and let them help!

[Kateri Circle]

"Always remember you are Indian - do things to make your people proud."

--Joe Coyhis, STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE

All our choices and decisions will reflect on our people. We need to assume the accountability of honoring people. We must remember to conduct ourselves in a sacred way. Sometimes this is hard. But we must remember we have the assistance of the Spirit World, and we have the principles and values by which we should live, written in our hearts. The Creator will help us develop into a strong people if we just learn to depend upon Him.

Great Spirit, lead me on the path of the Red Road.

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

Muskegon Four Season's Kateri Circle Gathering for 2010

Dates and Times for coming events
Patti Wlodkowski 755-4865

* Summer Gathering August 8, 10:30-3pm Krause Park, Muskegon
* Halloween Gathering Oct. 17,11 am – 4 pm costume party
* Ghost Supper, Geba-geshick Nov. 7 11 am – 4 pm
*Christmas Gathering Dec.19, 11 am – 4 pm

Times for the Gatherings held at ST. Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI

*The Time for the Summer Gathering will be 10:30 am to 3 pm which will be held at Krause Park {End of Sherman blvd.}

*For all gatherings it is requested that those attending the POTLUCK bring a dish to pass ….We try to eat at noon for all gatherings

*For Halloween and Christmas gatherings we would like donations of candy so we can make up goodies bags for the children, with the extra going to everyone

Any person who wishes to sell their handmade items at our gatherings is welcome to do so , but you are responsible for your own items……

Commissions/Committees:
The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	2 openings
LRCR Board	2 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

URGENT NOTICE

There are changes happening with the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Since 1996 the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) has been processed by the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. As of July 2010, the MITW is now being handled by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. We received the new applications on July 16th. The applications are now available for you to print from the tribal website
(https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/education/docs/MITW%20Application.pdf)

If your MITW verification was completed prior to 2008, you **must** submit a new application to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Print off a new application, make a photocopy of your Michigan Driver's License or state issued ID, and a copy of your Tribal ID card, fill out the application and send them to the Tribal Education Department at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

If you have never used the MITW and this is your first time applying, (or if you've just recently applied for the summer or fall semester), you **must** complete the new application. There are people who are in the process of applying and have submitted the older Inter Tribal Council application. These applications will not be processed. You will need to submit a new application. The Education Department will be notifying those students for whom we have unprocessed applications.

If you have been recently certified for the MITW- since 2008- then you will be allowed to submit a copy of your old application along with a photocopy of your driver's license/state ID, photocopy of your tribal ID, and certification of membership from the Enrollment Department. In truth, it may be just as easy for you to fill out the new application as well.

Please do not delay in applying, or reapplying as the case may be, because the fall semester is nearly upon us and this change is applying to every tribe in the state. It should not be a long wait, but it will be best to get it done as quickly as you can. If you have questions, please contact the LRBOI Education Department.

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

MSU

Michigan State University is holding its **Pre-College Leadership Program (PCLP) Retreat** for Native American Youth July 25-30, 2010 at the MSU campus in East Lansing. This camp is open for students in grades 8 through 12. There is no cost for attendance, but students must have their own transportation to and from MSU. (If LRBOI students attend, transportation can be provided by LRBOI Education Department from Manistee to MSU- but you'd have to get to Manistee)

What is PCLP Summer Youth Retreat? It's a week-long residential experience where Native American Youth can explore both traditional culture and college life! Academic workshops, cultural activities, and social events are all facilitated and supervised by MSU **Native** faculty, staff and current undergraduate students! The PCLP Youth Retreat is the perfect place for Native young people to learn about college!

It is designed for students who will be entering 8th to 12th grades in the fall of 2010. Space is limited to the first 30 applicants.

Students will stay in a college residence hall, explore college classes, explore career opportunities, improve understanding of the college admissions process, improve understanding of financial aid, develop relationships with other Native youth from across the state, develop relationships with Native role models from across the state, practice for the ACT, develop leadership skills, enjoy social and cultural activities, and have fun!

If you are interested you can contact Stephanie Chau, PCLP Coordinator at (517) 353-1822 or chaus@msu.edu for more information or applications. You can also stop in at the tribal Education Department to pick up an application.

Elders Survey!

Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

The purpose of this project is to assist tribes, villages, and homesteads in creating a record of the health and social needs of their elders. This survey is a required submission for the Elder Meal Program grant application to help tribes with data needed for their Title VI nutrition and caregiving grants awarded from the Administration on Aging (AoA) and can also help with tribal planning, long-term care discussions, and grant-writing. The survey information also compares the Native American elders to the general U.S. population to determine the extent of existing social and health differences. A survey instrument was constructed using questions from nationally administered questionnaires so comparisons could be made with data from the nation. Data is collected on: general health status, activities of daily living, vision, hearing and dental care, screening, health care access, tobacco and alcohol usage, weight and nutrition, social support/housing, demographics and social functioning. The information is confidential and the survey instrument does not identify your name but will ask for your zip code for demographic data. Time to complete survey is about 30 minutes.

Departments assisting Elders with the Survey: Family Services, Clinic CHR's, Members Assistance Intake Clerks
There will be staff at the Muskegon Office available to Elders who would like to participate August 10th.

Midwest Shamanic Gathering!

The annual gathering has been scheduled for September 4th, 5th and 6th at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, WI. Events begin at 11 a.m. Our own Jackie Red Woman will be one of the teachers! Go to www.MidwestShamanicGathering.com for more information or contact them at info@midwestshamanicgatehring.com

National Night Out August 3rd. This Tuesday is the occasion of the 27th "National Night Out" and is the first time that Manistee has observed this national crime and drug prevention event. LRBOI Public Safety Lt. David DeForest set the program up working with the County Sheriff and Manistee City PD. The event will be at the Lions Pavilion from 6 to 9 p.m. This year's theme is 'keeping children safe from crimes.'

Hunters Safety Class. A hunter safety class has been planned for mid-September. See the ad below and watch for details in the next ***Currents.***

Work Search Computer!

The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRCR, as well as other job resource information.

Encode your Card!

Encode your Card! The Enrollment Department and Tax Department have announced that you must have your Tribal ID card encoded so that you can continue to receive your discount at the Trading Post on motor fuel, tobacco and cigarette purchases. Please stop by the Enrollment Department (at the Old Community Center on US 31 in Manistee) and they will update your card for you. If you don't encode your card, you will not be able to receive the Tribal Member discount at the Gas Station!

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Open Houses.

The Tribal Council is planning to move forward with additional open houses, possibly one in Wisconsin or another location out of State, as well as a couple events on or near the Reservation in Manistee. Notices will be published in both the Little River Currents and Rapid River News of upcoming events.

Legislative Recess

The next scheduled Legislative Recess is August 30 through September 3.

Family First

Positive Indian Parenting
Honoring Our Children by Honoring our Traditions

Who:
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department

What:
Positive Indian Parenting Program

Where:
Muskegon Tribal Center 1101 W. Hackley Avenue Muskegon MI 49441

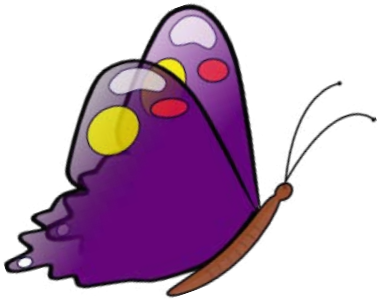
When:
Every Wednesday starting July 7 through August 25
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

More information ?
Call Kathy Lagerquist, Co-Facilitator 231-398-6705
Shelly Kequam, Co-Facilitator 231-398-6707
Melissa Sharlow, Muskegon Office 231-398-6651

Niibin Youth Camp
Who: Ages 8-16
When: Monday through Friday August 2-13, 2010 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians POW-WOW grounds

Activities: Many field trips to parks, museums, miniature golf, horse-back riding, water games and many surprises!!! Learn to eat healthy and have an active life. All new this year! Don't miss out.

For more information or to sign up, contact Holly Davis Diabetes Educator at 231-398-6610 or the Community Health Representative office at 231-298-6629. Admin Building hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8 to 5. The office is closed for lunch from 12-1. Individuals in need of services during the lunch hour period may contact the departments to request an appointment.



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HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 6:00 P.M. TILL 9:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 9:00 A.M. TILL 5:00P.M.
WHERE: 3031 DOMRES RD. MANISTEE MI 49660
CONTACT: LRBOI DPEARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Call 231-398-3413 TO REGISTER
Or sign up by e-mail ymcshane@lrboi.com
Please call and sign up for the class, space is limited. Ask for Yvonne. All materials and equipment provided. Parts of the class will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Class sponsored by L.R.B.O.I. Conservation Enforcement

New Election Board Member!

Tribal citizen Tammy Bowen has been appointed by Ogema Romanelli to fill the vacant seat on the Tribal Election Board. Her appointment was accepted by Tribal Council at their regular meeting on July 21st. The election board is entering a busy period prior to the 2011 elections and Tammy's willingness to serve on the board is appreciated.

Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of $200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of $250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.

Education Department

Whoops! We're running a bit behind this year and didn't send out notices for the Monarch project. However, this week we are expecting a bunch of little caterpillars. As usual we cannot give an exact date except to say that they will arrive between tomorrow and Friday. So, if you or your kids, or your department would like to raise a few monarch caterpillars we'll have them here.

Apparently the past winter was difficult on Monarchs that overwintered in Mexico, so there may be fewer returning generations of monarchs this season. With an idea to help the Michigan monarch population we ordered more caterpillars this year, so if you'd like a few, let us know! We'll put you on a list and let you know as soon as we receive them!

If you have friends or family in the Muskegon area who might want to participate, if you could let them know that caterpillars should be available there on Monday that would be great too. They can just give the Education Department a call and we'll have caterpillars they can pick up down there.

Contact Deb Davis 6724, or Yvonne Parsons 6735 or email us! Thanks

The Traditional Woman of the Pokagon Band Community are hosting the 3rd Annual Sunrise Ceremony & Women's Water Walk
Friday September 3, 2010 at 7am
Ceremony & Walk begins at our Gage St Property & ends at Rodgers Lake

64264 Gage St
Dowagiac, Mi 49047
This walk is held every year before the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Powwow to honor the waters of the Pokagon Band homelands.
Everyone who wishes to support the women & their effort is welcome to join in on the walk.
For more information, contact Alycia at 231-578-4373

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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated:8/10/10
If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

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

Monday, August 16, 2010; Judge Bailey
9:30 a.m. 09273TM - LRBOI v. Smith Final Pretrial
10:00 a.m. 10151TM - LRBOI v. Whitepigeon Pretrial
10:30 a.m. 10029TM - LRBOI v. East Show Cause
Monday, August 23, 2010; Judge Bailey
NO COURT. Office will be open for filing, paying receipts, etc. Staff and Judges in Marquette for conference and ICWA training.

Friday, August 26, 2010; Judge Sherigan
10:00 a.m. 09053NA - Closed Neglect/Abuse Closed Hrg.
Monday, August 30, 2010; Judge Bailey
9:30 a.m. 10122DO - Vert v. Vert Final Divorce
10:30 a.m. 09273TM - LRBOI v. Smith Trial
2:00 p.m. 09253DM - Miller v. Miller Final Divorce

Monday, August 30, 2010; Judge Bailey
9:30 a.m. 10122DO - Vert v. Vert Final Divorce
10:30 a.m. 09273TM - LRBOI v. Smith Trial
2:00 p.m. 09253DM - Miller v. Miller Final Divorce
3:00 p.m. 09236CO - LRBOI v. Eagle Show Cause
3:30 p.m. 09277CO - LRBOI v. Koon Show Cause
4:00 p.m. 10029TM - LRBOI v. East Show Cause

Tribal Offices Closed August 20th

The Muskegon and Manistee tribal government offices will be closed on August 20th from 11 a.m. until the close of day for an employee picnic.

Compiled by the Office of Public Affairs

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com .
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.

Traditional Healer
J.D. Gibson
August 24, 2010
Appointments available for
Indian Health Service (IHS)
eligible native
Americans
Regarding scheduling of appointments
Please call Julie Wolfe,CPS-M
(231) 398-6740

Tip of the Month:
Even mild dehydration can drain your energy and make you tired. Lets all try drinking 8 glasses of water every day this month.

Aki Community Center
Elder Meals Program Menu

AUGUST 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Roast Turkey Baked Potato Broccoli Dinner Roll Peach Cobbler	3	4 Fish Sticks Mac-n- Cheese Green Beans Dinner Roll Apple Sauce	5	6 Pork Roast Sweet Potato Spinach Dinner Roll Oatmeal Cookie	7
8	9 Chicken Salad Sandwich Potato Salad Let and Tom Pineapple	10	11 Hamburger Relish Plate Baked Beans Corn O'Brian Chilled Pears	12	13 Spaghetti W/Sauce Zucchini/ peppers Dinner Roll Peach Crisp	14
15	16 Polish Sausage Boiled Potato Steamed Cabbage Dinner Roll Cake / Strawberry	17	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Broccoli Dinner Roll Banana	19	20 No Lunch served on this Day. Offices Closed at 11 a.m.	21
22	23 Baked Chicken Rice Lima Beans Dinner Roll Banana	24	25 Pork Patty Corn O'Brian Spinach Bread Strawberries	26	27 Baked Fish Roasted Potato Lemon Broccoli Dinner Roll Oranges	28
29	30 Ravioli Vegetables Tomato Garlic Bread Peach Cobbler	31				Drinks: Coffee Tea Milk Water

Meals served at 12 o'clock at no charge to Elders and spouse or significant other who have completed Intake Form.. All others are welcome with Elder for a nominal charge.

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

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions
Phone: 231-398-6886
E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com
Register to Attend
Please Contact June Sam
Phone: 231-398-6880
We are in need of volunteers to assist with serving meals.

SAVE THE DATE:

With a grant from Michigan Injury Violence Prevention and Michigan Department of Community Health we are able to hold an :ASIST(Applied Suicide intervention Skills Training)

A two-day Suicide first aid interactive workshop for our Tribal community

Wenesh Pii : September 14 & 15, 2010 8:30am –4:00pm –Workshop

Aanii Pish: Little River Band Administrative Building, 1762 US 31, South , Manistee

ASIST provides practical training for caregivers seeking to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. **Participants often include:** workers in health care, welfare or justice, health practitioners, counselor, teachers, ministers, emergency responders, community volunteers and people concerned about family and friends.

Stay tuned for more details and registration information !!!!!

Any question contact: Julie Wolfe, CPS-M 231.398.6740 or jwolfe@lrboi.com

The emphasis of the ASIST workshop is on suicide first aid, on helping a person at risk stay safe and seek further help. Attendance at the full two days is essential. Learn how to:

* Recognize invitations for help
* Reach out and offer support
* Review the risk of suicide
* Apply a suicide intervention model
* Link people with community resources

Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Meeting

The Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadizwin, group, would like invite Traditional Tribal Citizens to join us to discuss issues of cultural importance.

The Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin group was created so the Traditional Practitioners of our Tribe could discuss concerns of a cultural matter.

The sole purpose for these meetings is to provide access to our cultural heritage, traditional and ceremonial lifeways, and the belief that our cultural heritage should be passed on, preserved and be an important part in our everyday lives.

Together we can bring back our cultural lifeways.

COME AND JOIN US IN SOME THOUGHT PROVOCKING CULTURALLY RELATED DISCUSSIONS

Time: 12:00
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2010
Location: Justice Center, Peacemaking/ Probation Office

Please bring a dish to pass,