

Rapid River News

March 9th, 2015

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information. Please note that: *Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!* _____

Elder Candidate Forum! LRBOI Elders held a Candidate Forum on Saturday in the Lodge Room. The well attended event was broadcast on the tribes' website and will be posted there for your viewing on the Historical Preservation page. Candidates were each given time for an opening statement and questions were taken from the audience. Here is the link: <http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/government/departments/historic-preservation>



Spring Fire & Teachings! The Spring Fire & Teachings are April 8th through 11th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. See the full flyer on page 7 and plan on attending. **The Spring Membership Meeting is April 11th.**

Spring Membership Meeting April 11th: The Spring Membership Meeting is set for April 11th at the Makwa Endaat. Ogema Romanelli will be holding his 'Meet-n-Greet' Friday evening (the 10th) beginning at 7 p.m. in the Makwa Endaat. (Entertainment Center) Saturday, booths open at 9 a.m.; the unofficial meeting and presentation of flags begins at 10 a.m. and the formal open is at 1 p.m. The resort has a new menu and it is no longer necessary to have the Spring Meeting as ac potluck...lunch will be provided!

February Currents online! The 31 page February **Currents** is on line. Go to <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20Feb%202015.pdf> to see this and other issues.

Election Board / General Election notice!

- The Election Board is not sponsoring or hosting any Candidate Forums
- Any questions for the Election Board, call their number at 231.398.6709 and leave a message. The Election Board will return your call. Please do not call employees with election issues!
- General Election Candidates were given the opportunity to submit articles to the **Currents** for the March edition. Ogema candidates were up to 400 words and all others 200 words. The March issue of the paper will be available on March 16. Mailed copies of this all-color issue will go out via the Post Office to all Heads of Household by the end of the week.
- The Election Board reminds you to mail your ballot in early so that it is received in time by the board to be counted.

Renovation Celebration! There will be a special presentation by Little River Casino Resort management regarding the Casino Renovation in the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday, April 11th from 9-11 a.m. Please be sure to join us for all of these events.

Want to learn CPR? Would you like to learn the life-saving techniques of CPR? Sgt Bates from Tribal Public Safety is an American Heart Instructor and he's setting up classes for anyone interested in earning their 2-year certification. If you are interested, please contact Public Safety reception at extension 2225.

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2015 LRBOI Primary Election Results

Office of the Ogema	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total
Dave Corey		22	Pam Medahko		40
Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)		28	Pat Ruitter	X	61
Jimmy Mitchell		31	Rita Annette Gale	X	83
Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli	X	240	Ronald Wittenberg	X	84
Michael J. Ceplina		95	Sandra "Peanut " Lewis	X	72
Shannon Paul Crampton		83	Sandy Mezeske	X	77
Steve Parsons	X	111	Steven E. Kequom	X	56

Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council -At Large	Winner	Total
Al Metzger Oskaabaawis		49	Edward Tyler		74
Alvin Patricio		36	Joseph Riley II	X	194
Amy Gilles		15	Marcella M. Leusby		withdrawn
Brian Loney		52	Michael J. Charlow		33
Candace M. Chapman	X	67	Norbert Kelsey	X	103
Corey A. Wells		16	Peggy J. Vriesman		80
Delano D. Peters		35	Sally Bell	X	110
Jamie Friedel	X	68			
Jeff Battice		29	Chief Judge	Winner	Total
Jessica Lynn Burger	X	84	Austen J. Brauker	X	115
Jim Medacco		47	Daniel T. Bailey	X	233
John Pabami		29	Jonnie J. Sam II		105
Justin L. Kelsey		13	Joshua C. Stone		38
Loretta Beccaria- Lindeman		45	Sharron Cogswell Detz	X	106

Challenges to the Primary Vote had to be filed by Friday, February 20th! The final tally has been posted on the Tribal Face Book page, in the Rapid River News and on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com

The following races were not part of the Primary Election but will be decided in the General Election, April 24th

ELECTION BOARD

- Peggy Derouin
- Tammy Bowen
- Brandi Drake-Blamer
- Karen Love
- Valerie Robinson McDonnell

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE- ELDER

- Joseph J. LaPorte
- Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

- Damian S. Fisher
- Melissa L. Pope

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(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

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

Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.



Commission Openings! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

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

"Because woman lives so close to our first mother, the Earth, she emanates the strength and harmonious nature of all things."

-- Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

At an Elders gathering, held in July 1991, we were told the Indian woman would play an instrumental part in leading the healing of Indian nations. The old people said we were to look up to her in a sacred manner. They said the Earth Mother would give the woman special gifts of love. The woman and the Earth Mother are connected in a special way. Women should pay attention to the lessons coming from the earth. Men should treat the women with respect, dignity and honor.

Grandfather, Grandmother, give the Indian woman Your strength to heal our earth.

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**The Spring Membership Meeting is
April 11th in the
Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center)
at The Little River Casino Resort.**

**The meeting is not going to be potluck.
The meal will be provided.**

This meeting is a **charity** affair.

**Watch for future
announcements
for more details.**



REACHING OUT TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO INSPIRE READING, WRITING, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The *Young Native Writers Essay Contest* is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to encourage young Native Americans to write about their experiences as a member of a Native American community and the culture that inspires them.

The voices that emerge from this program honor the legacy of every Native American who has ever lived. Add your words to the thousands submitted through this project - all writers receive a Certificate of Honor for their submission.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's goal of promoting education and creating new opportunities for youth has inspired this essay contest. Partnering with Holland & Knight in this endeavor are the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Indian Education Association.

Follow this link for the details: <http://nativewriters.hklaw.com/>

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Kateri Spring Pow wow

March 21 , 2015 –noon to 5

Grand Entry 1 pm

Give away 3;30

Feast 4 pm

DISH TO PASS FOR FEAST

Reeths Puffer Middle School

1911 W Giles Rd.

Muskegon , Michigan 49445

Native Dancing and native crafts

Free tables for vendors

FREE Admission

A day of Family – Food – Fun

Call Debra Gutowski -231-736-7544

Happy Easter

Kateri Easter Gathering

Johnson Hall 1509 Holton Rd

Muskegon MI 49445 (next to Steak 'n' Egger)

Sunday March 29th, 2015

11am-4pm

Please bring a dish to pass

BINGO, RAFFLES and 50/50



Any questions please
contact Brenda 231.760.6366

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March 2015 Docket
(subject to deletions or additions)

Key:

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

Court Docket

<u>Monday, March 9, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Bailey</u>
01:15 p.m.	Chandler v. Respotnik	15005DO Pretrial
02:00 p.m.	Hamilton v. LRCR	15016GR Informal Hrg.
<u>Friday, March 13, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Sherigan</u>
11:00 a.m.	Chick v. LRCR	15001GC Motion Hrg.
<u>Monday, March 16, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Bailey</u>
11:00 a.m.	Hilden v. Hilden	09135DM Motion Hrg.
12:00 p.m.	Gregory v. Gregory	14218DM Pretrial
02:15 p.m.	Probate/Guardianship	14207PF Motion Hrg.
03:00 p.m.	LRB v. Gunderson	14263TM 2 nd Pretrial
<u>Monday, March 23, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Bailey</u>
10:00 a.m.	Graves v. Jones	08273CM Motion Hrg.
<u>Thursday, March 26, 2015</u>		<u>Judge Sherigan</u>
01:30 p.m.	Sprau v. LRCR	14232GC Pretrial

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings

April 8-11, 2015

**LRBOI Tribal Gathering Grounds
(Fire Lodge behind Trading Post gas station)**

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day

At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



**For information, please call 1-888-723-8288,
ext. 6891, 6893 or 6895**

**Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Historic Preservation Department**

Today, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy announced the new Safer Choice Label to help people find cleaning and other products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment! *Look for the new Safer Choice label on products in stores beginning this spring and summer!*

Please help us by sharing the message about the new logo through social media, listserve and other ways:

View EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy's Video: <http://youtu.be/Pc4DWqFlqMo>

Read her blog: <https://blog.epa.gov/epaconnect/2015/03/this-spring-look-for-the-safer-choice-label/>

See our new website: www.epa.gov/saferchoice

Share the video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10153168817922229>

Retweet us: <https://twitter.com/EPA/status/573185709307252736>

Retweet Administrator Gina McCarthy: <https://twitter.com/GinaEPA/status/573198771682734080>

The hashtag is #SaferChoice.



This follows more than a year of stakeholder and public engagement to help us with the design of a new label that better conveys the scientific rigor of EPA's product evaluation and the benefits to people and the environment. Thanks for all your help.

Finding products that are safer for you, your family, and the environment should be easy—that's why EPA created the Safer Choice label. The Safer Choice label helps you identify products with safer chemical ingredients, without sacrificing quality or performance. When you see a product with the Safer Choice label, it means that every ingredient in the product has been evaluated by EPA scientists against our stringent health and safety standards. Only the safest ingredients are allowed in products with the Safer Choice label.

The Safer Choice family of labels includes a consumer facing version, with a house, and an optional version for industrial & institutional products. We are also announcing a label that is available to partners as a means to substantiate fragrance-free claims on Safer Choice products. The fragrance-free label is for consumers and purchasers that prefer or require fragrance-free products.

Safer Choice staff will be working with partners, stakeholders, and, very importantly, our Agency colleagues to build awareness of the new label among consumers and purchasers, especially in the late spring/early summer of this year, when products bearing the new label will start to appear in stores.

Again, please help us get the word out on the new Safer Choice Label by sharing with your contacts. Thanks!

[SaferChoice_facebook.jpg](#)

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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

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Tribal Government Buildings

By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings

Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
Case Manager Generalist	Family Services	3/9/15	3/20/15
Domestic Violence Program Coordinator	Family Services	3/9/15	3/20/15
Maintenance Technician	Maintenance	3/2/15	3/13/15
Fisheries/Aquatic Seasonal Internships	Natural Resources	2/3/15	3/20/15

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

1101 W Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441

Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 from 10am to 3pm

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about
what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

**Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
Hotel • Marketing • Information Technology • Human Resources**

Human Resource representatives will be available to answer your questions.



Manistee, MI | Corner of US 31 and  | 888.568.2244 | lrcr.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Little River Casino Resort

Three Fires Conference Center

Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 from 8am to 6pm

Check out the opportunities that await you and learn about
what we have to offer in these areas at the Resort:

**Table Games • Slots • Finance • Food & Beverage • Facilities • Security
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CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2015

Saturday – March 28th **Under The Streetlamp** at 8pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$35, King \$40

Friday – April 24th **Trace Adkins** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$50, Queen \$65, King \$75

More upcoming shows to be announced soon. Stay tuned, and thank you for choosing Little River Casino Resort.