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Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

2014 Cookie Crew

Cookie Decorating Time! Today is the day for decorating cookies for the ***Shop-with-a–Cop*** program that takes place tomorrow. Please plan on joining us and help make the cookies look festive. The event is scheduled for 5 p.m. and is scheduled to take place at the Community Center. Call 398-4029 if you have questions.

Clinic Year-end Reminder! The Tribal Health Clinic has some reminders for you now that the year is winding up! Please make sure and see their announcement on page 2.

LRCR Ready for Holiday!

Workforce Development Program! See the details on all that Workforce Development has for you. Go to page 4. for the details or contact David in Commerce at 231.398.6842. Email David Hawley <dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov>.

Anishinaabe Kwezenhsak Waakaasewin Native Girls' Circle coming in January! See the full notice on page 7.

Window Art! Education has a fun opportunity for creating Window Art...check it out on page 6.

"Gingerbread House" Decorating Party! December 23rd from 2-5 p.m. at the Community Center. All supplies provided. Register with Deb at 398.6724 or Julie at 398.6740 by noon on the 21st!

LRCR Board announcement: The Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors and executive team will be available in the Grand River Room to receive comments and concerns from Tribal Members. They will be there 6 p.m. December 17

LRCR Board Sessions for 2016! Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016. Here is the full schedule as determined for BOD meetings -2016:

January 28/29	February 25/26	March 24/25	April 21/22
May 19/20	June 23/24	July TBD	August TBD
September TBD	October TBD	November TBD	December TBD

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HEALTH CLINIC AND CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Health Services staff would like to announce the following reminders to ensure that our patients needs are addressed prior to the Government Center Office Closure during the Christmas/New Year Holiday beginning at Noon on Thursday, December 24th and returning on Monday, January 4th.

Check your prescription bottles!! If you will require refills, please call the clinic to request your refills no later than Monday, December 21st as this will allow the physician and staff adequate time to process your request prior to Noon on December 24th. This will ensure that you do not run out of your medications during the office closure. Health Services phone number is 1-888-382-8299 or 231-723-8299.

Please call your CHS/EHAP worker NO LATER than Tuesday, December 22nd to allow adequate time for the fax authorization to arrive at your pharmacy. CHS/EHAP phone number is 1-888-382-8299 or 231-723-8299.

If you feel the need to use the Emergency Room or a walk-in clinic during the office closure, you can report this on Monday, January 4th when the office opens at 8:00 am. Please make sure you have the date, where you went, and why you went.

Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or ***Currents*** issues)

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the night before the meeting!**
  - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
  - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Shop-with-a-Cop** cookie decorating at Aki! 5 p.m. Tomorrow! December 14th. Call 398-4029 for details!
- **Employee Christmas Party December 19th.** The party has been rescheduled to take place in the Entertainment Center at the Little River Casino Resort!
- **Offices Closed Christmas to New Years!** Remember that the Tribal Government Offices are closed from noon on December 24th (Christmas Eve) until 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4th! Make plans accordingly!

Congratulations To Patrick Wilson...Peacemaker!

Congratulations to former Ogema Patrick Wilson on being appointed as a Trustee for the Village of Eastlake! The village has had some controversy recently and Peacemaker Patrick said, "They have to move past the personal agendas and start working together. In order for the village to improve, people have to come together because we are all in this together. The inner fighting has to end! We have to do what's good for the village!"

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Mattress Sale!

Exclusive OFFER to all Little River Casino Resort associates and Little River Band of Ottawa Indian tribal members at *significant savings!*

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than National brand industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13.5" tall and the box spring is 7.75" tall. All orders must be placed and paid for by March 24th, 2016.

King Set (76" x 80") . . . . . 597.00 + tax

Queen Set (60" x 80") . . . . . 448.00 + tax

Full Set (54" x 75") . . . . . 428.00 + tax

Twin Set (39" x 75") . . . . . 320.00 + tax

Payment methods: cash, check or credit via LRCR Hotel Front Desk Supervisor, and LRCR associates can opt to do a payroll deduct (please call Barb Girard at 231-723-1535 ext 3870 for details). Mattress will be available for pick up at the LRCR warehouse on Dontz Road Thursday, March 31st from 3pm to 6pm and Friday, April 1st from 10am to 6pm.

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CASINO RESORT

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660
231-723-8288

231-398-6870 FAX

Take Control of Your Future!

Commerce/Workforce Development Program Benefits for Tribal Members*:

• **Internship**	**240 hours @ $10.00 per hour**
• **Internship Hosting**	**$150.00 Honorarium**
• **Development & Training**	**Up to $300.00 per calendar year**
• **Career Assistance Voucher**	**$200.00 per calendar year**
• **Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher**	**$250.00 per calendar year**
• **GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher**	**$250.00 one time**
• **Adult Work Experience/Employment Program**	**320 hours @ $10.00 per hour**
• **Youth Work Experience/Employment Program**	**320 hours @ $8.15 per hour**
• **Vocational Assistance Award (need based)**	**Up to $4,000.00**
• **Summer College Book Stipend Program**	**$200.00, $300.00, or $500.00**
• **Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station**	**Upon Request**
• **GED Preparation Book**	**Upon Request**
• **Job Readiness Training**	**By Appointment**
• **Referral Services to Michigan Works!**	**Free**

***Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements.**

All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis.

See Program for details and eligibility requirements.

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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**

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi.com

For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the Employment Application and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

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 49660F

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

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of everts, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information

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The LRBOI Education Department has a cool art project for kids, and you are invited! Join us for some fun, some snacks, and the chance to make a mess and nice art at the same time! Your artwork will be so nice you will be able to give it to your mom or dad for Christmas if you want to!

If you'd like to join us, give us a call and sign up.

Deb Davis: 231-398-6724 or Yvonne Parsons: 231-398-6735

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Anishnaabe Kwezenhsak Waakaasewin
Native Girls Circle

Everyone Welcome

Open to youth ages 9-13

Wenesh Pii: January 13, 2016 thru March 17, 2016

Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7: 00 pm

Aanii piish: Tribal Government Center

Weekly session include: sharing circle & meal & Craft time

To Reserve your Spot please contact : Julie Wolfe @ At 231.398.6740

If you need Transportation please call me

A Minions Christmas!

It was a Minions Christmas for the tribal children! Watch for the pictures in the January ***Currents*** and on the new website!

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Tribal Court—December Docket

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

Friday, December 18, 2015		**Appellate Justices**
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Champagne	15218AP Scheduling Conf.
Monday, December 21, 2015		**Judge Bailey**
09:00 a.m.	LRB v. Redner	15216TM Arraignment
09:30 a.m.	Denman v. Redner	15207TPO Motion Hrg.
10:00 a.m.	Stone v. Stone	15188DO Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	Bray v. Bray	15205DM Pretrial
01:15 p.m.	Jobes v. Jobes	15208DO Pretrial
02:15 p.m.	Gregory v. Gregory	14218DM Motion Hrg.
03:15 p.m.	LRB v. Metzger, A.	15042TM Probation Viol.
03:30 p.m.	Juvenile Matter	15106JV Probation Viol.
Tuesday, December 22, 2015		**Judge Sherigan**
02:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	15139NA Review Hrg.
03:45 p.m.	LRB v. Wilson	15107CT Show Cause Hrg.

COURT OFFICES CLOSED THE AFTERNOON OF DEC. 24TH AND WILL NOT RE-OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 4, 2016 AT 8:00 A.M.

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"A Place of Healing Many Hearts"

Peacemaking/ Probation Department

TALKING CIRCLE

Do you enjoy helping people?

Would you like to share your cultural knowledge with others?

Would you like to see Healing in our community?

Would you like to help strengthen community relationships?

Do you believe in conflict resolution over punishment?

Did you answer **YES** to any of these questions? Then becoming a part of the talking circle is for you. The Peacemaking/ Probation Department is looking for people that wish to pass on their wisdom and life experiences to give our at-risk community members guidance and help them understand that their actions affect us all.

This restorative practices program seeks to promote positive solutions that result in rebuilding damaged relationships, repairing harm caused, and reforging participant's community connections and involvement.

Would You Like to become involved in the Talking Circle?

Peacemakers will conduct the talking circles. The Talking Circle group will work with participants to develop an "Agreement" to change behavior problems and to resolve conflicts in a traditional way.

If you would like to be part of the Talking Circle or would like more information please contact:

Pat Wilson 231-398-2239, E-mail: pwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

Martha Howell 231-398-2240, E-mail: mhowell@lrboi-nsn.gov (available M,T,F)

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"Someone must speak for them. I do not see a delegation for the four-footed. I see no seat for eagles. We forget and we consider ourselves superior, but we are after all a mere part of the Creation." *Oren Lyons, Onondaga*

Whenever we make decisions, we need to look around to see who would be affected. If we change the course of a river, who, what will be affected? If we put poison on the gardens, who, what will be affected? If we cut the trees and too many are cut, who, what will be affected? We need to become aware of the consequences of our actions. We need to pay attention to our thoughts. We are accountable to our children to leave the Earth in good shape.

My Creator, help me make right decisions.

Kateri prayer

(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted…Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.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.

Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! 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.

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Departments	Location	Main phone numbers
Accounting	**Government Center—Main Entrance**	**231.398.6868**
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	**Government Center — Main Entrance**	**231.398.6866**
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	**Justice Center on M22**	**231.398.3406**
Education	**Government Center—Clinic entrance**	**231.398.6735**
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	**Government Center—Lower Level**	**231.398.6636**
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	**Government Center—Main Entrance**	**231.398.6843**
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	**Government Center—North End**	**231.723.8299**
Historic Preservation	Government Center– Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	**Aki Maadiziwin Community Center**	**231.398.6879**
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	**Justice Center on M22**	**231.398.2234**
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	**9th Street Offices—Manistee**	**231.723.1594**
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	**Government Center —Main Entrance**	**231.398.6810**
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	**Government Center-Main Entrance**	**231.398.6872**
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	**Government Center—Main Entrance**	**231.398.6874**
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	**Government Center—Main Entrance**	**231.398.6842**