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Spirit Moon
January 2019

Little River Currents

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Food Distribution Project Presentation

Aki Maadiziwin | 12P Elders Meeting
3P | Open to all Tribal Members

JAN

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LRBOI 2019 Election

January 18 | Ballots mailed out for Primary Election
February 15 | Ballots due and Primary Election Day

JAN

25

Family Movie Night

Aki Maadiziwin | 6P - 9P | Free
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Education Dept. 231.398.6724 or 231.398.6735

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Rapid River Online News:
"Daily Posts - Members Only"

LRBOI Calendar:

- Events
- Government Center Activities/Meetings

Reoccurring Events

Elders Meal

Aki Maadiziwin
Mon-Thu 12PM

Language Class

Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM
www.anishinaabemdaa.com
www.Aanii.org
[f Anishinaabemdaa](#)

Traditional Healer

Government Center
Every 3rd Tuesday
by Appointment

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians - Phone Listings

Aki Maadiziwin Kitchen	231.398.2813	Public Safety	231.398.2225
Little River Casino Resort	888.568.2244 / 231.723.1535	Trading Post	231.398.2274
LRBOI Muskegon Office	231.398.6651	Tribal Court	231.398.3406
Natural Resources	231.723.1594	Purchased & Referred Care/Clinic	231.723.8299
Next Generation Learning Center	231.398.6718	Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	231.398.6853

Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)

Gathering of Nations Pow Wow	Apr 25 - 27, 2019	Albuquerque, NM
Ho - Chunk Memorial Day Pow Wow	May 25 - 27, 2019	Black Falls, WI
LRBOI Jiingtamok	Jun 29 - 30, 2019	Manistee, MI



OGEMA LARRY ROMANELLI

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-Government
-Executive Branch: Tribal Ogema
-Ogema Larry Romanelli

Ogema's Meet & Greet

April 12, 2019
7PM - 9PM
LRCR Three Fires Conference
Room

Spring Membership Meeting

April 13, 2019
LRCR Event Center

Membership Meeting Videos are
posted on lrboi-nsn.gov on the
Ogema's Online Page

Aanii,

Hopefully, we are making more progress on this Currents newsletter. I believe the content has greatly improved according to membership reviews. It's all about timing. We are now working to get the distribution timeframe better, and see improvements there too. Kudos to Rebecca Groh for her work along with the assistance of our Information Technology Department.

More kudos go to Mary Thomas, the person behind the scenes, working with Santa to always make the Children's Christmas Party a success. It is a difficult task to organize the party, make a list and check it twice while ensuring gifts are accurate and wrapped for about 370 children. Mary has been the person who makes this happen every year. Mary enlists the help of others and this year Valerie Chandler assisted in buying gifts, Rebecca Groh with wrapping and many others including some from our Maintenance Department for loading and unloading the gifts. Diane Lonn and Gary DiPiazza helped with registration. A special thanks to all of you.

Also thanks to the Elder's Committee for putting on the Elder's Christmas Party; again this includes Mary Thomas, Darleen Martin, Marcella Leusby, Al Metzger, and Detra Kelsey. It was another great job. Also thank you to the Little River Casino Resort for getting the Event Center ready for both events and the great staff that served meals and set up the room. Miigwetch.

I also had the honor of attending the Starlight Ball at the Little River Casino Resort and I want to congratulate the employees who were honored for their great work over the year. I want to thank General Manager, Andrew Gentile and Assistant General Manager, Connie Waitner for the great time and their work over the year to keep our Resort running.

As has been announced, our Muskegon Casino Project has taken a major leap forward with the latest move from the Department of Interior in Washington DC, and Bureau of Indian Affairs, which has announced its intention of taking our land into Trust. We have been working on this phase for several years. While there are other steps needed in this process, this is a huge step forward toward getting our Muskegon Casino. For those of you who have been patient with this process, I want to thank you for hanging in there. It hasn't always been easy when the process takes over a decade, but other Tribes have had to wait as long or longer.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer in Lansing along with other tribal leaders to discuss the needs of the tribal communities. Eleven of the 12 Federally Recognized Tribes were in attendance and we conveyed those concerns that are common to most Tribes of Michigan. Over a month ago, Ron Pete, Joe Riley and I had the opportunity to meet with her in Lansing with a smaller group and both times we've met, she has been gracious.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Please be safe and enjoy spending time with family and friends. Until next month...



MAST**Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**

Larry Romanelli	Delegate
Shannon Crampton	Alternate
Sandra Lewis	Alternate
Jamie Friedel	Alternate

NIGC**National Indian Gaming Commission**

Joe Riley, II
Ron Wittenberg
Diane Lonn

US Chamber of Commerce

Joe Riley, II	Delegate
Shannon Crampton	Delegate
Gary DiPiazza	Alternate

NCAI**National Congress of American Indians**

Larry Romanelli	Delegate
Jamie Friedel	Alternate
Sandra Lewis	Alternate
Shannon Crampton	Alternate

NIGA**National Indian Gaming Association**

Larry Romanelli	Delegate
Joe Riley, II	Alternate
Ron Pete	Alternate
Sandra Lewis	Alternate

United Tribes of MI

Larry Romanelli	Delegate
Ron Wittenberg	Alternate
Gary DiPiazza	Alternate

State Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza
Ron Pete

Federal Liaisons

Sandra Lewis
Shannon Crampton

Joint Units of Government

Gary DiPiazza
Ron Pete

ELECTION BOARD

Terri Burmeister	Chair
Tammy Burmeister	Secretary
Valerie McDonnell	
Karen Love	
Michael Ceplina	

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<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/>

COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE**Binojeek Commission**

Meetings: 1PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
 Family Services Department

Vacant	•Chair
Vacant	•Commissioner
Vacant	•Commissioner
Norma Hinkle	•Commissioner
Beverly Cole	•Commissioner
Jamie Friedel	•Liaison
Diane Lonn	•Liaison

Enrollment Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month
 Enrollment Department

Charmaine Stone	•Chair
Diana O'Neal	•Co-Chair
Krystyne Medawis	•Secretary
Chuck Fisher	•Commissioner
Ron Wittenberg	•Liaison
Sandra Lewis	•Liaison
Diane Lonn	•Liaison

Gaming Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday
 Gaming Commission Office

Bill Willis	•Chair
Vacant	•Co-Chair
Mark Jespersen	•Commissioner
Deb Davis	•Commissioner
Vacant	•Commissioner
Joseph Riley II	•Liaison
Ron Pete	•Liaison
Dave Corey	•Liaison

Health Commission

Meetings: 4:30PM 2nd Monday of the Month
 Law Library

Pamela Johnson	•Chair
Al Patricio	•Commissioner
Vacant	•Commissioner
Sandra Lewis	•Liaison
Diane Lonn	•Liaison

Housing Commission

Meetings: 10AM 2nd Thursday of the Month
 Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Julia Chapman	•Chair
Marcella Leusby	•Secretary
Judy Hardenburgh	•Commissioner
Teresa Callis	•Commissioner
John Pabami	•Commissioner
Sandra Lewis	•Liaison
Shannon Crampton	•Liaison
Ron Wittenberg	•Liaison
Jamie Friedel	•Alternate

Natural Resource Commission

Meetings: 5PM 2nd Monday of the Month
 Natural Resource Office

Boo Battice	•Chair
Martha Howell	•Secretary
Connie Eno	•Commissioner
Virgil Johnson	•Commissioner
John Pabami	•Commissioner
Jacob Kequom	•Commissioner
Shannon Crampton	•Liaison
Jamie Friedel	•Liaison

Elders Committee

Meetings: 12PM 1st Saturday of the Month at Aki Maadiziwin

Mary Thomas	•Chair	Al Metzger	•Trustee	Diane Lonn	•Liaison
Darleen Martin	•Co-Chair	Detra Kelsey	•Trustee	Ron Pete	•Liaison
Marcella Leusby	•Secretary				

TRIBAL COUNCIL**Joseph Riley II • Speaker**

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April 12, 2019

4PM - 6PM

LRCR Three Fires
Conference Room**Diane Lonn**

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After 30 day public comment, there was a final adoption regarding the Natural Resource Criminal Offense and Penalty Act Resolution [18-1107-323](#).

Rental rates have also been approved for the Elders Apartment Complex. The Resolution shall calculate the Head of Household Tribal Member and a spouse will be determined at 10%. Please see Resolution [18-1107-324](#) for more information.

Tribal Council also accepted for filing the revised Gaming Regulations, Chapter 3 and Chapter 7.

Sandra Lewis

Tribal Council Recorder

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | NOVEMBER

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
11/05/18	Innovation Idea Committee	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
11/05/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
11/06/18	Government Financials	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	x	7
11/06/18	Video Conferencing	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
11/06/18	2018 Goals	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	7
11/08/18	Wildlife Programs				x			x	x	x	4
11/13/18	Family Services Org Chart	x				*		B	x	x	3
11/13/18	Power Plant	x	x			*	x	B	x	x	5
11/13/18	Commissions	x	x			*	x	B	x	x	5
11/13/18	Agenda Review	x	x			*	x	B	x	x	5
11/19/18	Housing Commission Ord		x		x			x	x	x	5
11/19/18	Kate Fort	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	7
11/19/18	Travel Regulation Rev	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
11/20/18	Feasibility Study	x		x	x		x	x	x	*	6
11/20/18	Campground	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	*	7
11/20/18	Newspaper w/ Public Affairs	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	*	7
11/20/18	Pharmacy/Prescriptions	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	V	7
11/20/18	Membership Assistance	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	V	7
11/26/18	Fishing	x	x			x	x	x		P	6
11/26/18	Agenda Review	x				x				P	2
11/27/18	Hunting, Trapping	x			x	x		*	x	*	4
11/27/18	Government Employment	x			x	x		*	x	*	4
Total: 22		20	12	7	16	15	14	14	20	13	

V = Vacation * = Business Related P = Called In B = Bereavement

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 03, 2018 10:00A - 11:11A

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•PRESENT COREY•ABSENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

Reports due: September 2018

Operations Report

Financial Report

Binojeeuk Commission

Enrollment Commission

Health Commission

Natural Resources Commission

Reports Received

September 2018

None

None

None

None

None

****Please note resolutions in blue are online links, by clicking the resolution number you will be directed to LRBOI website and the correlating resolution.**

New Business

18-1103-319: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) FOR 2018 by Pete ; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•ABSENT

PETE•YES

RILEY•ABSENT

WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE # 04-150-01 FOR A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD by Pete ; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•ABSENT

PETE•YES

RILEY•ABSENT

WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 07, 2018 10:00A - 11:05A

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•PRESENT COREY•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•PRESENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

Reports due: September 2018

Financial Report

Binojeeuk Commission

Enrollment Commission

Health Commission

Natural Resources Commission

Reports Received

None

September 2018

September 2018

None

None

New Business

18-1107-320: ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-03 CHAPTER 3-NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSING by Pete ; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•YES

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-321: ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400- 04:GC-07 CHAPTER 7-GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSING by Pete ; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•YES

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-322: APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #05-100-08

by Di Piazza ; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•NO

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-323: APPROVAL TO AMEND THE LAW AND ORDER-NATURAL RESOURCES-CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTY ACT

by Di Piazza ; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•NO

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•NO

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-324: APPROVAL TO SET THE RENTAL RATES FOR THE ELDERS APARTMENT COMPLEX by Pete; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•YES

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

The following resolutions, motions, roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.

18-1107-327: RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH RON ZOK by Pete; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•YES

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-328: RATIFICATION OF CORE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION CONTRACT by Pete; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•YES

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-329: RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH ADVANTAGE MECHANICAL REFRIGERATION by Pete; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•NO

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

18-1107-330: RATIFICATION OF THE CONSUMERS ENERGY BIG BLUE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE EASEMENT CONTRACT FOR WORK TO BE DONE AT 159 BRICKYARD ROAD, MANISTEE, MI by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

LEWIS•YES

LONN•YES

COREY•YES

PETE•YES

RILEY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 14, 2018 10:00A - 11:42A

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•ABSENT COREY•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

Reports due: September 2018

Health Commission

Natural Resources Commission

Reports Received

September 2018

None

NEW BUSINESS**18-1114-339; AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED FAMILY SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR THE VICTIMS SERVICES AND BE-DA-BIN DIVISIONS**

by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•ABSENT	WITTENBERG•YES

The following resolutions, motions, roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.

18-1114-340; APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO AUTHORIZE THE MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICE OF SELF GOVERNANCE FOR YEARS 2019-2023 AND THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 REPROGRAMMING REQUEST by Pete; supported by Corey

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•ABSENT	WITTENBERG•YES

18-1114-341; RATIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GRAND VALLEY AUTOMATION FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON THE GOVERNMENT CENTER HVAC CONTROL SYSTEM by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•ABSENT	WITTENBERG•YES

18-1114-343; RATIFICATION OF JACKPINE BUSINESS CONTRACT by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•ABSENT	WITTENBERG•YES

18-1114-344; RATIFICATION OF BRIGHTWHEEL PREMIUM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•ABSENT	WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 28, 2018 10:00A - 11:46A

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•PRESENT COREY•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•PRESENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

Reports due: September 2018

Natural Resources Commission

Reports Received

None

NEW BUSINESS**18-1128-350; APPROVING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS REGULATION, CHAPTER 2-TRAVEL REGULATION**

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•NO	FRIEDEL•NO
LEWIS•NO	LONN•YES	COREY•NO
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVAL TO POST THE 2019 UTILITY RATES FOR 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-1128-351; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING COMMISSION BY-LAWS by Pete; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

The following resolutions, motions, roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.

18-1128-355; RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL BUILDING SERVICES, LLC by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-1128-356; APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE CASE AGREEMENT WITH TRANSPERFECT LEGAL SOLUTIONS

by Pete; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-1128-357; APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH BOO BATTICE by Lewis; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•NO	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•NO
LEWIS•YES	LONN•NO	COREY•YES
PETE•NO	RILEY•NO	WITTENBERG•NO

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ALYCE GILTZ TO THE GAMING COMMISSION by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO POSTPONE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE PARSONS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION by Lonn; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2019

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated below.

Departmental Reports and Minutes of various entities of the Tribe will be accepted during the third meeting of each month.

**ALL REGULAR MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT THE
GOVERNMENT CENTER LODGE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED**

January 9	May 1	September 4
January 16	May 8	September 11
January 23	May 15	September 18
January 30	May 22	September 25

February 6	June 5	October 2
February 13	June 12	October 9
February 20	June 19	October 16
February 27	June 26	October 23

March 6	July 10	November 2, Saturday (LRCR)
March 13	July 17	November 6
March 20	June 24	November 13
March 27	June 31	November 20

April 3	August 3	December 4
April 10	August 7	December 11
April 17	August 14	December 18
April 24	August 21	

Government Center News

Election Calendar:

Date of Election: April 26, 2019

Offices to be Elected:

Office of Tribal Ogema – (one seat)

Tribal Council - Nine County District (two seats)

Tribal Council - Outlying (two seat)

Election Board - (two seats)

Associate Judge - (one seat)

Ballots mailed out for Primary Election	January 18, 2019
Ballots due and Primary Election Day	February 15, 2019
Deadline for Primary Election recounts, disputes, challenges	February 22, 2019
Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Primary Election	March 1, 2019
Ballots mailed out for Regular Election	March 29, 2019
Ballots due and Regular Election Day	April 26, 2019
Deadline for Regular Election recounts, disputes, challenges	May 3, 2019
Deadline for Regular Election campaign financial report	May 3, 2019
Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Regular Election	May 3, 2019

Notice Regarding Unclaimed Per Capita Payments

As outlined in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2, Unclaimed Per Capita Payments, this is official notification that the individuals listed below have unclaimed per capita payments available. These individuals have until December 31, 2019, to claim these payments. Should any payments remain unclaimed after December 31, 2019, the funds will be reverted to the Tribe as specified in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2.

Timothy J. Badger	Gerald Kalke Jr.	Karch M. Taylor
Robert A. Bontrager	Jarrett E. Kelsey	Elisa L. Tippitt
Lisa L. Brown	Anthony Kequom Jr.	Jerry S. Tyler
Jordyn A. Ceplina	Sabrina M. Nichols-Olivarri	Micheal L. Wabindato
Chase M. Childrey	Samantha J. Nichols-Olivari	Pauline Wabindato
Stewart F. Cogswell Jr.	Trinity Ricker	Thomas Wellman
Renee M. Diehlman	Janina A. Sprague	David A. Wilson
Martin Fleury	Leslie C. Studey	
Andrew E. Frees	Allan Taylor	

Please take the time to review the list and get the word out about these unclaimed payments. Any help you can provide to aid us in getting these payments to their rightful owners would be appreciated. Contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Enrollment Department at (888)723-8288, if you can claim outstanding payments, provide assistance in settling payment(s) or have any questions.

Public Education Notice

Important Information About Your Drinking Water

Little River Tribal Public Water System

On September 20, 2018 a sample from the Little River Tribal Public Water System was collected and analyzed as part of Michigan's statewide per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) testing initiative. PFAS were not detected in your water system. Below are your detailed results:

Sampling location	PFOA parts per trillion (ppt)	PFOS (ppt)	PFOA + PFOS (ppt) Total
Entry point to the distribution system	ND	ND	ND

NOTE: ND indicates that the lab did not detect, or find, that the contaminant was in the water sample.

PFAS Information and Health Effects

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals that have been in use since the 1940s. PFAS are (or have been) found in a wide array of consumer products and as an ingredient in firefighting foam. PFAS manufacturing and processing facilities, airports, and military installations are some of the contributors of PFAS releases into the air, soil, and water. Because of their widespread use, most people have been exposed to PFAS and there is evidence that exposure to certain PFAS may lead to adverse health effects. In May of 2016, the EPA established a life-time health advisory for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water of 70 parts per trillion (ppt). This advisory applies to PFOA and PFOS individually and combined if both chemicals are present in the water. The life-time health advisory offers a margin of protection from adverse health effects for all individuals, including babies exposed during pregnancy, nursing infants, children, and those exposed over a person's lifetime.

For More Information

Contact name: Gary Lewis

Contact phone: 231-398-2299 and email: glewis@lrboi-nsn.gov

For information on PFOS, PFOA, and other PFAS, including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency website including basic information, EPA actions, and links to informational resources: www.epa.gov/pfas
- State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan: www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) website including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources: www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas



Current Job Postings: lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/

Director of Health Services - (Clinic)

Staff Physician - (Clinic) Full Time Contractual

Staff Pharmacist - (Clinic) Full Time

Legal Intern - (Unified Legal) Full/Part Time Temporary

Systems Administrator - (IT Department) Full Time

Government Center Temporary Pool

Substitute Teacher's Aide Pool - Next Generation Learning Center

Application Instructions:

Obtain an application form and a copy of the position description on the Tribe's website: Employment Opportunities or by contacting Human Resources at:

Contact Information:

Phone: 1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859

Mail: LRBOI - Attn: HR Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov



Job Readiness Training consists of help with resume and cover letter preparation, preparing for the interview, how to correctly fill out a job application, job searching strategy, and other training applications designed to prepare the individual for work and job retention. Available for LRBOI Tribal Citizens. To make a one-on-one appointment, contact David Hawley.

David Hawley

Workforce Development Specialist
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
P: 231.398.6842

E: dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

W: <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/workforce-development/>



Current Job Postings: www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers

Social Media Specialist	Cosmetologist / Hair Stylist
Slot Attendant	Food & Beverage Server
Bus Person	Dealer Level 2
EVS Supervisor	Executive Chef
Facilities Manager	Food & Beverage Manager
Massage Therapist	Food & Beverage Server
Steward	

Please submit an application and resume.

Native American preference will apply in accordance with Tribal policies.

Employees must be able to work any shift, holidays and weekends as scheduled.

Current Employees must complete an internal application and obtain management signature.

Contact Information:

Phone: 1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530

Little River Casino Resort - Attn: Recruiting
P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660

Office hours are Monday through Friday 7am-5pm.



**Little River
Holdings LLC**

**Employment
Opportunity**

Intern Position

Exciting Internship opportunity with Little River Holdings LLC! We are looking for an energetic intern to join our team with the possibility of moving into a full time independent contractor position as an Administrative Assistant. This position will provide a broad range of mid - to high-level administrative assistance and coordination for the company and communications that support the immediate and long term goals of management. Ideally a recent or current college graduate. For more information visit:

<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/e-d-c-economic-development-corporation/>

\$12 per hour
Opportunity for advancement
No benefits

Contact:

Crystal Newman
Project Coordinator
231.398.6840
CrystalNewman@lrboi-nsn.gov



Please check out the Michigan Indian Elders Association college scholarships and student incentive programs. Tribal members, and direct descendants of Tribal members are eligible. If you are not a tribal member and you apply for the student incentives, please send a notice to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Education Department that includes your name, address, and a phone number where we can reach you if you receive an award. When the awards arrive, they include the student name only, with no contact information, so letting us know will make it easier to get your award to you if you receive one. Applications are available at the Michigan Indian Elders Association website, www.michiganindianelders.org. -LRBOI Education Department



STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2019

A Student Incentive Program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. An award of \$25 will be made for each qualified entry up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands.
- The student must be in Grades 1-12 at a public or private school. Home schooling is not eligible.
- A student must be in Grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award (A-, A, A+). Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance
- The first two (2) marking periods ONLY of the 2018/2019 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four (4) chances to win.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.
- A copy of student's or parent's Tribal identification card. The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April 2019 Conference of the Michigan Indian Elders Association.

****VERY IMPORTANT**** You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of the student's or parent's Tribal identification card must be received or postmarked no later than March 15, 2019. Applications received/postmarked after March 15, 2019, will not be accepted; no exceptions.

Please send the aforementioned documents to: **LeAnn Stindt, 103 Big Bear Road, Iron River, MI 49935**

Application forms can be downloaded by clicking [here](#), or from your tribal Education Department.

LRBOI Education Department:

Yvonne Parsons, Education Programs Coordinator P:(231) 398-6735 or E: yparsons@lrboi-nsn.gov

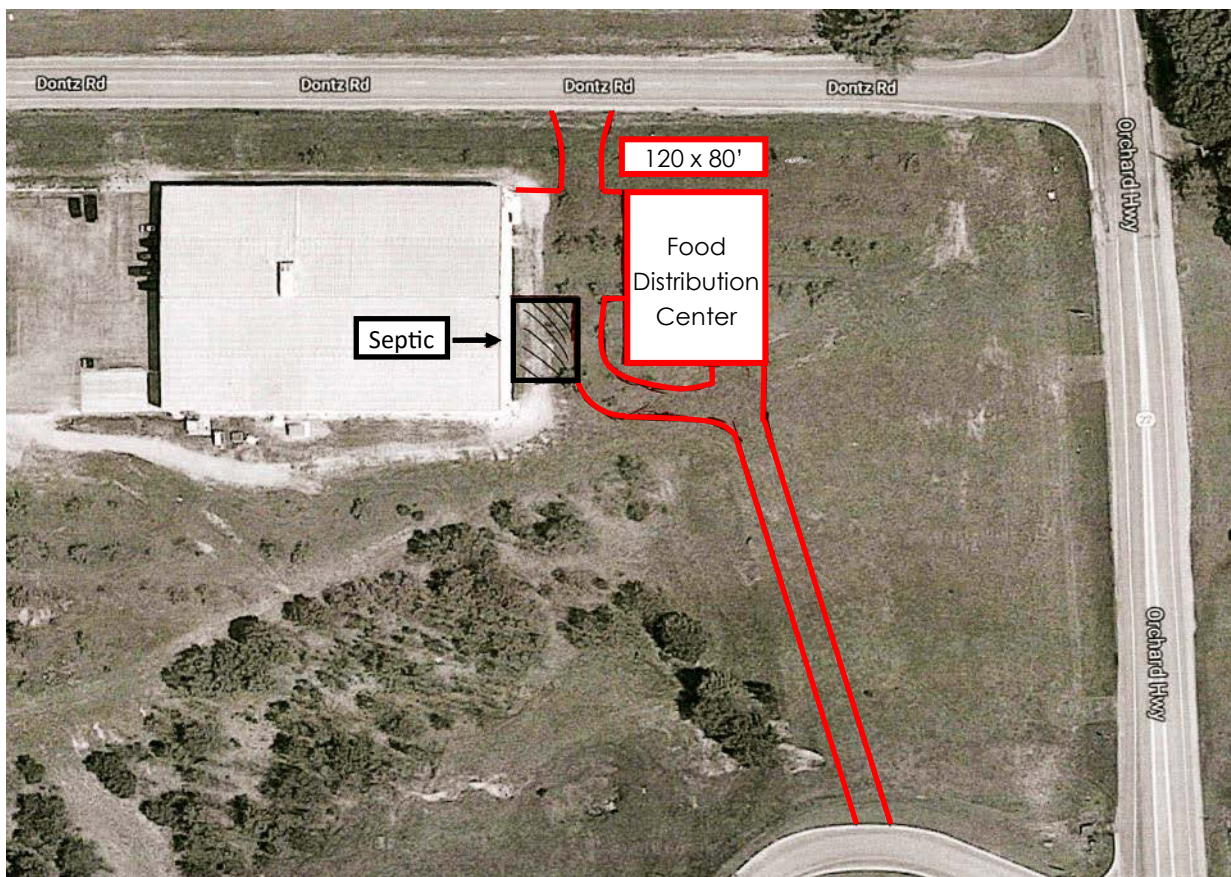
Food Distribution Center Construction Project

Over the past year, the Food Distribution Program has doubled in size and is expected to grow significantly in 2019. This growth has outpaced the storage capacity of the current facility, leading us to search with the help of the Ogema and Council for an alternative facility that meets with USDA standards and guidelines.

After exploring several options, an opportunity recently arose for the Tribe to apply for a \$700,000 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) competitive grant. In researching the application, the current 25% match needed to get enough points to help secure the grant is already met without additional out-of-pocket expense to the Tribe. Below, you will see a preliminary layout of the facility and a proposed site adjacent to its current location.

Ken LaHaye, the Food Distribution Supervisor, will hold two meetings on Saturday, January 5, 2019 to both inform Tribal members of advancements in the project including program growth creating a need for the new facility, efforts to determine a course of action over the past several months, location, design and funding for the now planned project. Schematic drawings of the facility with input from the Ogema, Council and Tribal Members gathered from discussions over the past several months should be available for viewing and additional input.

The first presentation will be made to Tribal Elders at the **January 5th** Elders Meeting held from noon to 2:30pm and the second meeting, open to all Tribal members, will be held at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center starting at 3pm covering the same material. We welcome thoughts and suggestions regarding the project that will advance the goal of the Food Distribution Program to better serve members in need of assistance that is currently hampered by a lack of functional space due to substantial growth in the past year.



Project Presentations | January 5, 2019 | Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

12:00P - 2:30P | Elders Meeting

3:00P | All Tribal Members



Little River Casino Resort Revenue Sharing Exceeds 35 Million

MANISTEE, MI November 30, 2018 – Since its inception in 1999, Little River Casino Resort, a dba of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, has contributed over 35 million dollars to Manistee County.

"We are so happy to be part of this community," says Connie Waitner, Assistant General Manager of the Resort. "Revenue sharing is one way we are able to thank Manistee."

Under the Tribe's Gaming Compact with the state, Little River Casino Resort distributes 2% of annual electronic gaming profits to Manistee County Revenue Sharing. The Revenue Sharing Board then dispenses the monies through public safety grants and Payments In lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.

Over the past several years, the resort's payments have increased by almost 7%. Andrew Gentile, resort General Manager, acknowledges teamwork. "The strong growth is reflective of a strong community and dedicated team," Gentile says. Barry McGrady, Director of Gaming and Marketing, agrees. "The Resort strives to be a community partner. We are very proud of what Little River Casino Resort has been able to do for the community since opening and we will continue to work with businesses to strengthen growth in all areas." LRCR is the largest employer in Manistee County and provides support for many local events including the Manistee Forest Festival, Youth Armory Project and Tight Lines for Troops.

Located in Manistee Michigan, Little River Casino Resort has long been the area's foremost entertainment destination of choice. The Resort celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2019 and has grown from a simple gaming floor to a full-fledged resort. With a 292-room hotel, 95 space RV Park, a 24-hour Bistro, Big Lake Buffet, a 1500 seat Event Center and over 1300 slot machines, 28 tables inclusive of a beautiful non-smoking Gaming area, the resort has plenty of amenities to offer gaming and non-gaming guests alike. A recent renovation saw the resort add a Sports Bar & Grille as well as the full-service Nectar Spa. A new addition to the LRCR family is the Bear Lake Highlands Golf Course, a full 18-hole course in Bear Lake, Michigan.

Contact: Victoria Brauker, Little River Casino Resort Project Manager victoriab@lrcr.com

As an integral partner with the Manistee community, Little River Casino Resort understands the importance of supporting and empowering local youth. Jodi Walter, Director of Food & Beverage at LRCR, actively embraces any opportunity to do so.

When LRCR participated in the 2018 Manistee Big Day of Serving, Walter was introduced to a member of the team, Robert Carpenter. At the time, Carpenter was also director of the Manistee Armory Youth Project and his description of the after-school program presented an opportunity for LRCR to become involved.

The Armory Youth Project (AYP) evolved from the previous 12th Street Project and opened its newly acquired armory building doors to all middle and high school students in June of 2017. The AYP is a non-profit collaboration of churches, schools and local service organizations, operating within a framework of empowering the youth of Manistee County. A quick glance at the current calendar shows an active offering of art, tutoring, yoga and daily dinners. Daily dinners are where LRCR comes in.

"Working together with the community, we can help alleviate hunger in Manistee children," Walter explains. With that goal in mind, she engaged her Executive Sous Chef and Purchasing Team to coordinate vendor involvement and Resort donations. Everyone was onboard, including Van Eerden Food Service and Pepsi.

LRCR receives the weekly menu from AYP and coordinates donations from vendors and the Resort itself. All food items are in bulk and unprocessed. "It's not just foodstuffs either," Walter expounds. Pepsi donated plastic tumblers and LRCR donated out-of-service, reusable dinner ware. "This helps AYP reduce their disposable footprint and teaches the teens about environmental stewardship."

Another element the partnership between AYP and LRCR provides to teens is self-sufficiency. Learning how to safely operate kitchen equipment, prepare meals, service dinners and clean up after helps prepare participants for entry into the job market. This is one piece that Walter likes best. "The Resort is honored to be part of a program that imparts life skills to youth," she says. "It is teaching someone to fish, so they can always eat."

Her other favorite part? "Inspiring a love of food, creativity and community," Walter smiles as she reflects her artistic chef personality. "The kids open a twenty-pound bag of unprocessed chicken and decide how they can best feed one another. That is empowering the future. That is community in action."

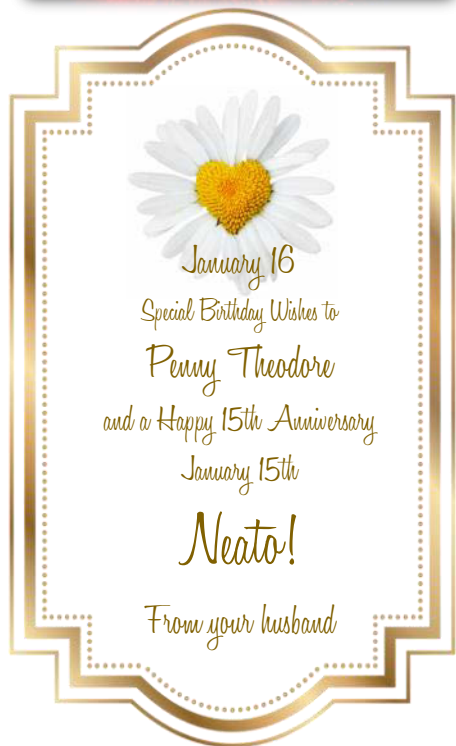
Walter says the partnership with AYP has no end in sight. "We are honored to work with the Armory Youth Project and Little River Casino Resort will continue to support and empower Manistee youth in any way we can."



Jodi Walter, F&B Director and Erin Pontiac.
Photos courtesy of Russell Johnson.



Executive Sous Chef Jeremy Makowski, Food & Beverage Buyer Ruth Makowski, F&B Director Jodi Walter and Erin Pontiac.



Those born at this particular time of year have an innate ability to work hard towards whatever goals they have set for themselves. They don't give up that easily and make sure that failure does not stop them from reaching the sky. People born on the stage are not shy; however, they prefer not to socialize much and stay calm. They are mature and have a level of patience not many people possess. They passionately dedicate themselves to their professions and always strive for success, but never boast of their progress. They stand with both feet on the ground and do not have their head in the clouds. They are logical, analytical and well organized. If you get stuck in a problem or have a hard time making a decision and need good advice, ask a friend who was born in January!

Happy Birthday Tribal Members 65 and older

Karen Alther	Stewart Cogswell	John Koon	Kathleen Ross
Charles Antoine	Donna Congleton	Mary McCauley	Virginia Schmittou
Daniel Bailey	Darlene Fraly	Ann McClellan	Rita Schurino
Ronald Barwacz	Lee Frisbie	Philip Memberto	Richard Shepard
Sally Bell	Harriette Grantsynn	Julie Nickleson	June Stanfield
Peggy Boxer	Garry Hale	Juanita O'Connor	June Strobel
Stanley Bray	Phyllis Howell	Janet Parker	Augusta Stuck
Deborah Bullard	Virgil Johnson	Darlene Pineda	Nancy Tolley
Glen Burmeister	Robert Johnston	Donald Ray	Asa Tomkins
Carol Burnett	Romaine Jonaitis	Gladys Romain	Patsy Treanor
Lawrence Campeau	Nancy Kempton	Larry Romanelli	Anita Wellman
John Cantu	Carol Kerr	Margaret Rose	Robert Whiteloon
Donna Cogswell			Kenneth Willard

MANISTEE NEWS ADVOCATE

Weekend, December 8-9, 2018

20YEARS AGO

Local tribe awaits House,
Senate OK

Manistee's Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, LRB, is waiting on the Michigan House and Senate to give their final approval on the tribe's plan to build a gaming facility. The House will vote today on the matter and the Senate is to vote on Thursday before adjourning session for the holidays.



Edward Richard Mitchell

He was born August 3, 1942 to Edward Joseph Mitchell and Christine Kolarik, and passed away peacefully November 14, 2018. After working at Coles Quality Foods for 38 1/2 years he retired in 2007.

Ed served his country for six years in the U.S. Army, he enjoyed hunting with his son Kenny and traveling with his wife and son Todd. Ed was proud of his Native American heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jim Mitchell, and sister Mary Mitchell/Rohn.

He leaves behind his wife Kolleen, sons: Kevin (Kelly), Todd, Richard, Scott (Glenna), and daughter Deanna (Ken) Leverich, many grandkids and great grandkids, a special niece, Yvonne Rohn First, and many other nieces and nephews, as well as many friends.

Ed was surrounded by all the people he wanted by his side the last few days. He will be missed but in our hearts forever. Love you to the moon and back, your family.

If you would like to submit a special announcement, picture, birth, or obituary announcement please submit it to :

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attn: The Public Affairs Office
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov or call 231.398.6841

The following poem won Tribal Member: Brittney(17) of Wisconsin's school talent show. *Congratulations!*



Writer's block,
 it's said that this is the case of a writer or poet who has simply run out of things to write about.
 Simply lost the ability to see through the eyes of someone who is hopeful,
 Or, rather hopeless
 They say that maybe the grass didn't smell as freshly cut
 Or the sun no longer shone bright enough to warm your soul
 Or maybe that rain didn't make you cry,
 Didn't make you break down and scream accusations of why,
 At the wind and sky
 No
 Maybe that storm didn't calm,
 Or rather rage
 The one brewing inside your soul
 Because they say that maybe the nature and everyday life no longer gave you adventure
 Or maybe leave you as empty as it had before
 But that's just not right is it?
 That's just not what happens to a poet with writers block,
 Is it?
 No,
 No
 Writer's block is when your fingers can't race,
 Type,
 Or write as fast as your mind works
 As fast as the thoughts flit across your mind
 Because one second it's there and the next it's not
 One second it's maybe my life will get better
 And the next it's will it get better without him?
 Should it get better?
 It's would I be a bad person to move on from this?
 Would I be a bad daughter,
 To put this pain behind me?
 And the next it's 'I bet he designed these sun rays for me because poppa always knew how hard I worked to tan, and
 maybe he colored this lake a brilliant shade of blue to look more appealing to me as I always begged him to take me
 swimming'
 It's please give me a sign to tell me how to live and the next it's all gone
 The next it's all gone
 And it's simply me and no thoughts at all
 And I think I could write about that.
 I should write the empty that I have inside my chest
 I should fill it with words but it hurts and the second I pick up that pen I begin to write something creative and it
 occurs to me that I need to write what's inside and allow these words to spill out as I do because this poem has no
 rhyme does it?
 This poem is all over the place,
 Isn't it?
 That's because these are my thoughts,
 Aren't they?
 See, today I realized a poem is not simply word play,
 It is not rhymes or simply pause delay
 It is everything that goes on that I can't think to say
 It's shaking hands on a keyboard hitting all the wrong keys
 Because it's important to me and i'm trying to decide if it matters





**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 398-6709**

Certified Slate of Candidates for the 2019 Election

**Office of Tribal Ogema
(1 vacant seat)**

Nitumigaabow "Ryan" Champagne
Shannon Paul Crampton
Gary Paul DiPiazza Sees-Bak-Tunse
Jimmie Mitchell
Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli
Jessica Steinberg

**Office of Tribal Council-Outlying
(2 vacant seats)**

Cindy "Pete" Champagne
John Grocholski IV
Al Metzger
Wyatt L. Szpliet
Ron Wittenberg

**Office of Tribal Council- 9 County
(2 vacant seats)**

Jamie L. Friedel
Rita Annette Gale
Tom Guenthardt
Martha M. Howell (Zhaawashko Nimkee Kwe)
Jacob Kequom
Sandra "Peanut" Lewis
Nikki Doris Nelson
Joseph Riley
Levi O. Stone

**Office of Associate Judge
(1 vacant seat)**
Angela Sherigan

**Office of Election Board
(2 vacant seats)**
Karen Love

The Primary Election will take place on February 15, 2019. A Primary Election will take place for the Candidates running for the seats of: Office of Tribal Ogema and Office of Tribal Council-9 County.

The two winning Candidates for the Office of Tribal Ogema and the six winning Candidates for the Office of Tribal Council-9 County will be placed on the Regular Election Ballot along with the other Candidates running for the Office of Tribal Council-Outlying, Office of Associate Judge and Office of Election Board. The Regular Election will take place on April 26, 2019.



Boozhoo fellow citizens,

I am asking for your support to be your elected chairman of the tribe. I am a father of seven wonderful girls who are my world. My parents are Cynthia Champagne (Pete) and Jerome Champagne. My grandparents are Lorraine Ceplina (Pete), Joseph Pete, and Josephine Antoine. I have dedicated my life to serving our people and believe that my experience and belief in our traditions and culture gives me the skills necessary to be an effective chairman.

Experience:

- Entrepreneur – own 2 companies with expected 2019 projects totaling over 17 million
- Education – Master in Social Work & Doctorate in Healthcare Administration (attending)
- Policy – Child Welfare Reform; Traditional Healing; Healthcare; Behavioral Health; Housing
- Governance – Treaty Rights; Environmental; Nation Building; Tribal State/Federal Partnerships
- Statesman – First Elected Appellate Justice; Elected Tribal Councilmember; Served on 16 Commissions / Committees / Task Forces / Boards which included advocacy for our children, elders, and addressing disparities in health, mental health, housing, incarceration
- Author / Presenter – 10 publications, 25+ National / Regional Conference Presenter
- Administrator – 10+ years Executive Management

Vision of Investing in:

- Our Communities
- Culture
- Children
- People

Please join me in Building a Brighter Future for the Next Seven Generations

–Nitumigaabow Ryan Champagne

414.429.6906

Aanii fellow citizens

I am seeking your approval to serve as the next Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Currently I am the senior member of Tribal Council and my business knowledge and decisions are well documented by tribal record and are second to none legislative or executive.

The next 4 years will be very crucial to the tribe as a whole and to you as an individual.

The power you have to impact the future of both rests in your vote today.

With the question simply being, “Are you content with what is? Or do you wish better for the next seven generations?”

If elected Ogema, as a sign of trust to my fellow citizens, I offer up my lineage records and documentation to any wishing to see them. As I truly feel this should be a standard for anyone wishing to lead their people

I offer you Truth, Integrity and Strong adherence to all other teachings in a good way, in order to better the life of all.

Miigwech for your consideration,

Shannon Paul Crampton

(231)392-5972



Aanii

I'm Sees-Bak-Tunse (Real Sweet Sugar)/Gary Paul DiPiazza, descendant of (Naw Kay O Say). I've been married 36 years, with 2 lovely daughters and 4 grandchildren. My Credentials: GRCC - Business Management, Michigan State Police Training Program, USDA, LRCR BOD Opened the first GM GoodWrench repair facility in the Nation, managed and trained a crew of over 10. General Motors Bronze Award: Outstanding National Service. Manufacturing Night Vision equipment used by US Military.

My goals for our Nations Future: Renewable Energy, More Fair Market Home Rentals: in all areas. I will move the Muskegon Casino Project forward towards completion and will have Interactive Live Meetings. I take our Sovereignty seriously; we have the resources and I will provide the drive to create manufacturing and other industries needed to diversify and create jobs for our people and put our people to work.

I will lead in a culturally beneficial way applying the Seven Grandfather teachings within all decision making. I'm proud of our people and not afraid to identify our heritage everywhere.

I promise to serve and lead you with honor and integrity.

Miigwetch for letting me speak with you.

Facebook @ Vote Gary Paul DiPiazza For Your Next Ogema

1- 616-450-3928 or 1-231-299-1298



Boozhoo! I am Jimmie Mitchell.

These are times that demand courageous and creative leadership. Leadership willing to stand against the rise of divisiveness and negativity. I want to be that leader for our Tribe.

I have worked with the most influential Tribal Leaders from Indian Country. I quickly gained their respect and was entrusted to redefine Indian Affairs budget in Washington DC.

Our efforts increased Tribal funds and protected both treaty rights and sacred sites.

These great leaders showed me how successes back home result from electing leaders who passionately commit to provide the People, from our Elders to Infants with the best care and services available.

For the past 15 years I have served the People as a Natural Resource Commissioner, a Grant Writer, the Director of Natural Resources, and currently as our Resort's IT Help Desk Administrator.

I assisted bringing in millions of additional dollars for our Tribal programs.

Another proud success came in negotiating our Hunting and Fishing Rights in Federal Court, which preserved forever access to 13.8 million acres of our Ceded Territory.

I care deeply about everyone in our Nation and if elected, vow to work hard to provide the services you truly deserve.

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MOST OF YOU KNOW ME OR THE WORK I HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST 11 1/2 YEARS. I'VE TRULY ENJOYED SERVING AS TRIBAL OGEMA. THE JOB CAN BE FRUSTRATING AND REWARDING AT THE SAME TIME. MY JOB HAS BEEN MADE EASIER BY A GREAT STAFF THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT AND RESORT.

BEFORE CASTING YOUR VOTES PLEASE READ OUR CONSTITUTION, 'THE TRIBAL BIBLE ', FOUND ON THE OFFICIAL LRBOI WEBSITE. EVERY ACTION TAKEN IS GOVERNED BY THIS DOCUMENT

PLEASE READ ARTICLE IV, SECTION 7 A-J "POWERS / TRIBAL COUNCIL", ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 A-C; "POWERS / OGEMA" ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8 A-J "JURISDICTION AND POWERS TRIBAL COURTS" AND ARTICLE VII, "GENERAL MEMBERSHIP POWERS" SECTIONS 1-2.

I BELIEVE MEMBERS RIGHTS ARE DIMINISHED BY THE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS; POWERS OF THE COUNCIL AND OGEMA REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AT WORK. THERE IS AN EFFORT AGAIN TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION, I BELIEVE THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED BEFORE THE DRAFT IS SENT, RATHER THAN AFTER.

I THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT I'VE RECEIVED AND HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN, AS YOU WILL DECIDE WHO WILL REPRESENT YOU IN YOUR FUTURE.

MIIGWETCH

LARRY (LITTLE THUNDER) ROMANELLI

Boozhool!

I am Jessica Steinberg. I am seeking your vote as the next Ogema-kwe of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Leadership must listen, advocate, seek consensus and act, from the voice of the people. Here's what I would work to change:

- **TRANSPARENCY**; information regarding finances, enterprise holdings, services and policy needs the informed advice and engagement of the Tribal citizens. Open communication is a must!
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**; continuing involvement of our Elders and Veterans, and establishing Traditional Chiefs, Kwewok Clan Mothers and Youth Council advisory groups to further engage and inform our people!
- **CONSOLIDATION OF COSTS**; the systems of government can be streamlined, reducing replication of processes and duplication of divisions performing similar functions within our entire operations (government, enterprises, holdings) to reduce unnecessary spending.
- **DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS AND CULTURE**; our lifeways must be maintained, it is who we are, where we came from—it is our future!

It has been my privilege to work for our people to:

- Increased IHS funding to LRBOI
- Negotiated IHS and BIA Self-Governance Compacts
- Advocated in Washington DC resulting in national policy eliminating health cost sharing

There is more to do! Let's see what WE can accomplish for our people!

Submitted by: Cindy "Pete" Champagne

I have done a variety of different things that helped formed the person I am today.

- I started out working on a government work program for underprivileged minority students. On this program I worked doing all kinds of work. This taught me all positions are necessary.
- I spent most of my teen years working in restaurants or cleaning cabins.
- Out of school I started working in a leather factory and then a sign making factory.
- I went into office work and was fortunate to be hired by a fortune 500 company. They gave me a good career and many opportunities. I started out at the bottom and work my way up the ladder. At this point I wanted to give back to our people and applied at LRCR.
- I worked at Little River Casino in positions as a manager of benefits, H.R. Manager and finally H.R. Director.
- I also sat on Binojeeuk Commission.
- I served two years as Tribal Appellate Justice.
- Being retired I do volunteered work. Spend time with my husband of 45 years, my sons and grandchildren.

I believe my life work has helped me stay focused on who I am and where I came from.



Aanii,

My name is John Grocholski IV, great grandson of Gertie (Shagonaybe) Deverney and Charles Deverney, grandson of Joshephine (Deverney) Muma and Donald Muma, son of Gayla (Muma) Grocholski and John Grocholski III. tribal citizens

I have been employed with the tribal government within the natural resource department for the past 16 years. I have no problems working a 40 work week and have spent many donated hours helping and supporting traditional activities outside of those 40 hours.

I grew up in Mancelona Mi, outside of the 9 county area, and know firsthand the frustrations of being outside of the service area. Our ancestors were forced to move to new lands and reestablish their families. Now today our own tribe treats unfairly just because they haven't moved back.

As an Outlying Tribal Council member I will also fight for more fair market housing for tribal citizens, support the hiring of more of our tribal citizens, be highly active in the restoration and protection of our tribal lands and rights to exercise our treaty rights within those lands.

Please call, write, or friend me on fb to share your concerns or comments with me,

John Grocholski IV

231 886-0701



Boozhoo,
Skaabawis Ndishnikaaz
Mukwa Nindoodum
Odawa Anishinaaba
Indaa

Allow me to introduce myself. Al Metzger here. I'm 58 years old. Born in Milwaukee Wisconsin, moved to Hannahville Michigan when I was 13. Lived there until 10 years ago when I moved to the Manistee area.

I'm a loving Husband, Proud Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and friend. I participated in many different cultural activities. I enjoy reading and researching to find the answers to many questions. I give freely of my knowledge.

Education; 1 year Business Management and Accounting from Bay Mills Community College. 4 years apprenticeship from Carpenters Union. Project Management, Peacemakers and Advocate training.

Majority of my work has been in the construction industry and when laid-off the gaming industry. Both are highly detailed. I believe in quality work, on time and under budget.

I will Adhere to and Honor the Constitution in all my decisions. I'll bring Trust, Communication and Cultural Values. I will not sit idle, I will work hard for the health, welfare and prosperity for ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS.

As the decision on the leadership of OUR Nation is at hand I ask for your support as YOUR Outlying Representative

Miigwech
Al Metzger
al49metzger@gmail.com



My name is Wyatt Szpliet. I've seen 23 winters. Currently, I serve my people at Gun Lake Tribe as their Food Sovereignty Coordinator. I was brought up around our culture and was taught our teachings from a young age. I do not claim to know all our people's ways, but I'm so grateful to have been brought up in a traditional household. We saw struggle and hardships, things they say are inevitable for Anishinaabek living on the reservation. The reason I want to serve as councilman for my people is because I don't believe that to be true. I think our vision for that seventh generation has become obscured by assimilation. I think we have lost sight of what true sovereignty is. Sovereignty is more than just governing ourselves. It's empowering our people, teaching them how to live without the system that has oppressed us for centuries. We aren't sovereign people if our families receive money, but not food. I believe we need to return to our old ways of living. We must take care of each other on a deeper level, for all citizens. Vote for me, and I'll do my best to give true sovereignty to my people.



Boozhoo...Aanii

I am Ron Wittenberg, I am running for the Outlying Tribal Council seat and asking for your support and vote.

I am focused on our Health issues, Housing, and on the Opioid epidemic and to try to be a part of the solutions.

We need to help each other, not shame each other.

I also would like to support more issues with education for our future of all ages. For our Seniors to be accessible for transportation for Doctors appointments.

I also attended visits on the hill in D.C. along with other Tribal leaders to pass resolutions and to get our concerns heard.

I am Tribal Council liaison to the Housing and Enrollment Commissions.

I am a Traditional dancer, go to, perform ceremonies and share and live our Traditional ways and values. I use the 7 Grandfather Teachings in our meetings to help make decisions and to help others. I feel I have a lot more to offer our Membership and it would be an honor to continue to represent and to serve you in all ways.

Miigwetch Miigwetch Miigwetch Miigwetch



I would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement you have shown me in the past 2 years of being your 9 county council representative. I have fought to keep your voice loud and clear in the decisions we are faced with.

I have been busy advocating for the justice of women and children with VAWA, and Uniting Three Fires against Violence. I have testified before the Department of Justice Office on how the tribe utilizes the funds to help our people get the needed help before and after the violence.

I've been on the Binojeeuk Commission Liaison for the last 2 years. I have been the representative for LRBOI for the National Congress of American Indians. I have been involved with the National Republican Congressional Committee where I've networked with Congress expressing the importance of passing legislation for the benefit of Native American people. I would like to ask for the continuing support so I may keep representing you and the Tribe.

Miigwetch,
Jamie L. Friedel

PERSONAL: RITA ANNETTE GALE



- 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN TRUCKING AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES.
 - WORKED AS A CAREGIVER FOR THE ELDERLY.
 - PROVIDED CATERING SERVICES IN THE PAST.
 - WORKED ON THE ELDERS COMMITTEE AS VICE CHAIRPERSON.
 - WAS A DELEGATE FOR THE MIEA.
 - I AM RESPECTFUL AND HONEST - NO FELONIES
 - YOU MAY CONTACT ME ANYTIME ON MY PERSONAL CELL PHONE (231-750-5581).
- MEGWETCH.

TAKE PRIDE AND PLEASE VOTE!

RITA ANNETTE GALE
TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE
9 COUNTY SEAT



Greetings, my name is Thomas Guenthardt, I am the son of Gordon and Jean Anna Guenthardt, as well as a member of the sturgeon clan. As a citizen of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, I want to sincerely express my appreciation for your consideration of myself to represent you as a nine county representative. I have dedicated my life to serving people through various roles. I share all of this so you know I understand the value of being a servant to the citizens, and this is one of the most important yet easily forgotten requirements of being an elected official. In addition, I have a strong background in business and understanding of complex budgets. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me personally at 231-233-5200.

Work experience

- Public Safety/Conservation Officer LRBOI 1996-1999 LRBOI
- Gaming Commission Background Investigator 1999-2001 LRBOI
- Security Director 2002-2018 LRBOI
- West Shore EMS 1984-2018
- Manistee/Stonach Township Firefighter and Fire Chief 1984-2018

Goals If Elected

- Diversification of the Tribes business
- More effective programs for citizens
- Healthy community and healing
- Financial responsibility and accountability
- Controlled government spending
- Seventh Generation Focus
- Living the Seven Grandfather Teachings



I think The Walking Dead is among the greatest shows on tv because the leader Rick Grimes always asks the question "Do you think we can come back from this?" I, like Rick, believe we can come back from this, and by "this" I mean, institutional harm, historical trauma, and patriarchal colonialism.

I believe in leading with kindness, compromise, and humility. Everyone's voice is important in our collective narrative. It's not "My People, My Journey", it's "Our People, Our Journey", and inclusion is the heart of our culture.

I have fought for our children's inclusion while seated on the Binojueek Commission (2 years). I have negotiated while seated on the Natural Resources Commission (3 years). I have assisted in drafting/editing ordinances and Tribal regulations with the knowledge gained by obtaining my Bachelor's Degree from CMU (2010 Grad). I have gained leadership experience as a small business owner (14 years) and as a guild leader in the online game World of Warcraft (4 years).

I am a family matriarch, clan mother, and peacemaker. I would be very humbled to serve the community as a representative for you and your family.

We survive by pulling together, not apart. – Rick Grimes

Martha Howell

I am Jacob Kequom, my areas of study are I have a degree in MARKETING / Management from West Shore Community college. I work in the LRCH for 13 years in the hotel and 5 years as a Supervisor as an EVS Supervisor. I lead 14 employees AS A Supervisor, I am able to communicate and solve problems. I have a close relationship them and give my employees the ability to express their opinions without reprobation. I feel my employees value me because they trust me to maintain confidentiality. On a personal level my relationships with employees give passion and purpose to be a voice for them. I am driven by there needs to be able to provide for there families on an everyday level. IN my opinion fair compensation doesn't add up to work performed.



Sandra "Peanut" Lewis,

Re- Elect for Nine - County

First, Thank You for electing me for my first term in office to represent you. Leadership is placing the people's wellbeing first. I have always been proactive in Indian Country. Previous to my first term in office, I worked in our Tribal Health Clinic for sixteen years. It has always been my goal to go above and beyond to meet the needs of Tribal Membership. As a Tribal Citizen, Employee, or as a Council Representative of the people.

I have testified before the Budget Hearing Congressional Committee for the fiscal years for 2016 and 2019 on your behalf. I have also had the opportunity to further foster open communication with the various branches of the Federal Government. I have been fortunate in that I was Elected as Tribal Council Recorder, a position I am highly dedicated to. I am asking you to vote for me (Sandra "Peanut" Lewis), which is a vote for you, to a second term for the Nine - County District. I sincerely hope to continue representing and working on your behalf for a second term.

Please feel free to call me!

Chi-Migwetch,

Sandra Lewis

231-510-5360



Anni -

Nikki ndiznakaz. Manistee ndojaba. Ginew nedodaam.

I am the granddaughter of Thomas Bailey and Doris Wabsis, and am also blessed with three tribal children that always remind me to live in a good way. I've lived in the nine-county area all my life; mostly Mainstee and Mason counties. Awhile back, the sobriety walk needed help to keep going, and I saw an opportunity to start gladly serving my people. I now focus my energy on children and elders with programs like the community garden.

When I saw our Constitution and rights being disregarded, I demanded accountability and transparency from the government in a court of law.

I love getting to know my fellow members through community bonding, and feel I have so much more I could accomplish if you were to put your trust in me to serve you as a nine-county representative.

I know that I am only one voice, but I make mine heard. I'm humble enough to know I don't have all the answers; but I'm determined enough to find them. I can only promise to be your voice and always keep community, culture, and my elders wisdom in my heart while honorably representing you.

Miigwetch



Annie,

My name is Joseph Riley and I am ~~the~~ an ~~incumbent~~ incumbent candidate for the office of Tribal Council. First of all I'd like to say miigwetch for ~~the~~ ^{the} opportunity to serve. The last 3 1/2 years. Despite a bumpy road at times we have accomplished some great things and continue to move forward. Time has gone by so fast and there is still so much work to be done. I humbly ask for your vote because I want to be a part of making our Tribe a better one with a bright future. It is my hope to ~~with~~ ^{with} as many of you as possible over the next few months. ~~so to please to~~

Boonapi
Joseph Riley

My name is Levi Stone eldest son of Don + Deb Stone. I was born in Muskegon where I attended High School. After school I went on to attend Bay Mills Community College and majored in criminal justice. My professional career background is in the gaming industry specifically table games dealer/supervisor for 10 yrs. I believe in the philosophy of equality regardless of family name or geographic location. I see the value of looking to each other for guidance and us all being an extended family. I also served as a NR Commissioner for the tribe and was integral to getting the 2008 Consent Decree drafted and approved and prior to that the UCC ~~which~~ which reaffirmed our rights to hunt, fish and gather. I would be a honor to serve all of you as the position of Tribal Council member is a servants role, often times people see it as a power position but I will be there to serve the best interests of all of our citizens. Thank you feel free to contact me anytime. 231-655-3546

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All candidate biography submissions were submitted to the Public Affairs Office in hard copy, all were then scanned and placed in this edition of the Little River Currents.



Dear Tribal Citizens –

It has been an honor to serve you as your associate judge, and I am asking for your vote again. The court is seeing more legally complex cases, and more attorneys. The court has been accepting transfers of Indian Child Welfare Act cases from state courts since I took the bench, a great exercise of sovereignty.

The Tribe has an opportunity to strengthen its sovereignty and expand criminal jurisdiction to include non-natives with the Violence Against Women Act and the Tribal Law and Order Act. In order to exercise this, the judge MUST be a licensed attorney, or law trained.

It is important to have at least one licensed attorney on the court. I am licensed to practice law in Michigan state, federal, and 7 Tribal Courts.

My philosophy in the court-room is that everyone will be heard, respected, and facilitate an outcome that is just. My decisions are not influenced by the people in front of me, or the possible political fall-out that may result, but are based in law and on the facts in front of the court.

It would be an honor to continue to serve as your judge. Thank you.



ELECTION BOARD

My name is Karen Love. I live in Muskegon, Michigan. I am seeking a seat on the election board.

I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. I worked full time, raised two exceptional daughters, and went to college full time. Needless to say I have worked hard my whole life and want to take my life experiences and be a viable asset on the Election Board.

I am retired from state service with 28 years as unit manager. My career has given me the experience and skills to adhere to policy and procedure and the ability to work in a team concept. I can work with the established board and focus on the issues to make good decisions. I will strive to continue making improvements in the Election Board regulations and the election process. I am committed to providing an accurate and fair election for all Tribal candidates.

Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs that the future can be better than the present and the vision to make it happen. Successful people are not gifted they just work hard, then succeed on purpose. Thank you for your consideration.



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January

5 | Elders Meeting
25 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

February

2 | Elders Meeting
22 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

March

2 | Elders Meeting
28 | Treaty Recognition Day (Offices Closed)
29 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

April

6 | Elders Meeting
12 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle@4PM
12 | Ogema's Meet & Greet @7PM
13 | Spring Membership Meeting
26 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

May

27 | Memorial Day (Offices Closed)
31 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

June

1 | Elders Meeting
21 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
29 - 30 | LRBOI Jiingtamok (Pow Wow)

July

4 | Independence Day (Offices Closed)
19 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

August

3 | Elders Picnic
23 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

September

7 | Elders Meeting
21 | Reaffirmation Day (Offices Closed 9.20.19)
27 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

October

5 | Elders Meeting
18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

November

2 - 3 | Elders Conference
11 | Veterans Day (Offices Closed)
15 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
21 - 22 | Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)

December

7 | Elders Christmas Party
8 | Kids Christmas Party
20 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
24 | Christmas Eve (Offices Close@12P)
25 | Christmas (Offices Closed)

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