



Makwa Giizis
Bear Moon
February 2019

Little River Currents

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

UPCOMING EVENTS

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LRBOI 2019 Election

February 15 | Ballots due and Primary Election Day
April 26 | Ballots due and Regular Election Day

FEB

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Mnamshkiki "Good Medicine" Round Dance

Little River Casino Resort | 6P - 2:30A | Free Admission
Alcohol and drug free event

FEB

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Family Movie Night

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

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Manistee, MI 49660
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Little River Currents:

Submissions due by 2nd
Wednesday of the month

Currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov
231.398.6841

On the web@ lrboi-nsn.gov
Can be found under the
[News & Media Tab](#):

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)

CMU Celebrating Life Pow Wow	Mar 23 - 24, 2019	Mt. Pleasant, MI
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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lrboi-nsn.gov

-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:

We are off and running into 2019. The days seem to fly by now. I'm trying to remember what has happened since my last article.

With the Federal Government shutdown, a response to our latest Environmental hearing held in Fruitport, will most likely be delayed; I've learned patience. As I travel around, the support for our Muskegon project is very much alive. I'm believing the shutdown will be resolved by the time you read this paper.

I would like to extend a big "Thank You", "Miigwetch" to everyone who attended the hearing, Tribal Members and community citizens alike! It went fantastically well and almost twice what was expected to attend. There were about 53 people who spoke, and at least 50 of them were in support. Thanks to everyone who spoke on behalf of our project!

Again, thanks go out to Fruitport Schools and School Superintendent, Bob Schmoniak for making the meeting room arrangements happen!

My wife Michele and I were able to attend the inauguration ceremonies for our new Governor, Gretchen Whitmer. The twelve Federally Recognized Tribes of Michigan were invited to present their tribal flags for the ceremony. I believe nine of the 12 Tribes participated. I was honored to carry the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians flag. I must say, temperatures were freezing as we sat for hours, but well worth the event.

In December, I was invited to attend a "thank you" party hosted by outgoing Senator Goeff Hansen. As I have explained previously, Senator Hansen has been supportive of our Tribe over the years.

I will also be attending a community outreach meeting held by Governor Whitmer within the next two weeks. I want to thank Governor Snyder for his work with our Tribe over the years and allowing our Muskegon project to go forward to the Department of Interior.

The new Elder's Housing Complex is on schedule, as well as the new Odeno community homes we're building in Fruitport, thanks to the unusually warm weather we've been experiencing. Until next month, I want to wish everyone the best for 2019!



01.01.19 Senator Gary Peters, Ogema Romanelli and Senator Peters staff Elise Lancaster at the inauguration of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer



Elders complex on schedule for August 2019

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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Manistee, MI 49660
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<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/>

Open Meetings - 5PM
Government Center

January 23
 February 27
 March 20

COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE**Binojeeuk 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 3rd Tuesday of the Month
 Enrollment Department

Charmaine Stone	•Chair
Diana O'Neal	•Co-Chair
Krystyne Medawis	•Secretary
Chuck Fisher	•Commissioner
Vacant	•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
Steve Parsons	•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

Judy Hardenburgh	•Chair
Julia Chapman	•Commissioner
Marcella Leusby	•Secretary
Teresa Callis	•Commissioner
Vacant	•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

Virgil Johnson	•Chair
Martha Howell	•Secretary
Connie Eno	•Commissioner
Boo Battice	•Commissioner
Vacant	•Commissioner
Shannon Crampton	•Liaison
Gary Di Piazza	•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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gdipiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov**Talking Circle**

April 12, 2019

4PM - 6PM

LRCR Three Fires
Conference Room**Tribal Council Update for December 2018:**

We accepted of contract funds from the DHHS- Family Violence Prevention and from the U.S. Department of Interior - BIA.

Council approved amendments to the Government Employee Relations Act. of 2005 Ordinance #[05-600-01](#), changing the appeal to 10 business days, and corrected typos and formatting errors.

We approval of Little River Casino Resort 2019 Liquor License as well as a grant application for funding in support of the Food Distribution Program for a new building.

Council also approved a resolution acknowledging that Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is and has followed 24 CFR 1003.604. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking input from Tribal Members regarding the new proposed building; please forward comments to our website or call Director of Food Distribution Ken LaHaye.

Lastly we approved the Tribal Council Meetings for calendar year 2019.

Happy New Year from Tribal Council,

Sandra Lewis

Tribal Council Recorder

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | DECEMBER

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
12/03/18	Round Table	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
12/03/18	Food Distribution Center	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
12/03/18	Agenda Review	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	7
12/03/18	Indian Preference	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	7
12/04/18	Fishing with Boo Battice	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	8
12/04/18	2018 Goals	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
12/04/18	Membership Assistance	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
12/04/18	Family Services	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
12/05/18	Employee Web Services	x	x		x		x		x	x	6
12/07/18	Agenda Review	x	x				x		x	P	4
12/13/18	Videoconferencing	x	x	P	V	x		x	x	x	6
12/17/18	Donation Request	x		x	V	x		*	x	V	4
12/17/18	Commissions Ordinance	x	x	x	V	x		x	x	V	6
12/17/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x	V			x	x	V	5
12/18/18	Investment Policy	x	x		V	x		*	x	V	4
Total: 15		15	14	7	9	9	7	11	15	10	

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 05, 2018 10:00A - 11:54A

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

Reports due: September 2018

Operations Report

Financial Report

Binojeeuk Commission

Enrollment Commission

Health Commission

Natural Resources Commission

September & October 2018

Reports Received

October 2018

None

None

None

None

None

New Business

18-1205-360 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 2005, ORDINANCE #15-600-01
by Pete ; supported by Di Piazza

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

18-1205-361 APPROVAL OF RETAIL ON-SITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE AND RETAIL OFFSITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 by Di Piazza ; supported by Pete

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

18-1205-362 APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE HUNTING, TRAPPING AND GATHERING REGULATIONS FOR THE 1836 CEDED TERRITORY
by Di Piazza ; supported by Pete

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

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

18-1205-363 SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
by Di Piazza ; supported by Pete

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

18-1205-364 RATIFICATION OF GOSLING CZUBAK ENGINEERING SCIENCES CONTRACT by Pete ; supported by Wittenberg

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

18-1205-365 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH VAN DYKEN MECHANICAL, INC. by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

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

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

**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**

February 6	August 3 (AKI)
February 13	August 7
February 20	August 14
February 27	August 21

March 6	September 4
March 13	September 11
March 20	September 18
March 27	September 25

April 3	October 2
April 10	October 9
April 17	October 16
April 24	October 23

May 1	November 2 (LR CR)
May 8	November 6
May 15	November 13
May 22	November 20

June 5	December 4
June 12	December 11
June 19	December 18
June 26	

July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2018 10:00A - 11:19A

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

Reports due: October 2018

Financial Report
Binojeeuk Commission
Enrollment Commission
Health Commission
Natural Resources Commission
September & October 2018

Reports Received

None
October 2018
October 2018
None
None

NEW BUSINESS

18-1212-368 TRIBAL COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS IS AND HAS FOLLOWED 24 CFR 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AS A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

by Pete; supported by Corey

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

18-1212-369 APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL TO PROVIDE 25% IN-KIND MATCH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE JANUARY 7, 2019 by Friedel; supported by Pete

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2018 10:00A - The meeting was not adjourned and the time was not noted.

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

Reports due: October 2018

Financial Report
Health Commission
Natural Resources Commission September

Reports Received

None
None
None

NEW BUSINESS

18-1219-373 ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

by Friedel; supported by Lewis

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

18-1219-374 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO BINOJEEUK COMMISSION BY-LAWS 2018-2019 by Friedel; supported by Lewis

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

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

18-1219-375 APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRIBAL OGEA

by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg

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

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

18-1212-371 CONTRACT APPROVAL REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 WITH STANDING STONE DESIGN, INC., FOR A SCHEMATIC DESIGN PACKAGE FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

18-1212-372 ADOPTING THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND AUTHORIZING TRIBAL OGEA TO EXECUTE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

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

*Tribal Council Meeting Videos are posted@

lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/tribal-council/reports

18-1219-376 APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRIBAL OGEA

by Lewis; supported by Friedel

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

18-1219-378 RATIFICATION OF TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF THE MORNING STAR CONTRACT TERM 1/2/19-12/31/19 by Crampton; supported by Friedel

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

18-1219-379 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH AT YOUR SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE NEXT GENERATION LEARNING CENTER by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg

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

18-1219-380 RATIFICATION OF TELE-RAD SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT by Friedel; supported by Crampton

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

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 seats)

Election Board - (two seats)

Associate Judge - (one seat)

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.

Robert A. Bontrager

Lisa L. Brown

Jordyn A. Ceplina

Chase M. Childrey

Jarrett E. Kelsey

Renee M. Diehlman

Martin Fleury

Trinity Ricker

Elisa L. Tippitt

Jerry S. Tyler

Micheal L. Wabindato

Pauline Wabindato

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.



Anishinaabemowin Winter Semester class schedule 2019

Classes on Fridays 10:30 till noon | February 1, 8, 15, 22 | March 1, 8

Classes are held in the conference Room downstairs in Government Center.

Come and join us. You will always learn something that you did not before you walked in.

Some topics are: food, weather terms, household, clothing, nature, time, buildings, colors, verbs, ailments and emotions, professions, family members, word opposites.

Other activities we participate in are: games, invited speakers, storytelling, immersion luncheons, and cultural teachings.

Instructor: Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant

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www.Aanii.org

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

Clinic

Director of Health Services
Staff Physician - Full Time Contractual
Be-Da-Bin Substance Use Case Manager - Full time

Housing Department

Maintenance Technician

Family Services

Outreach Specialist

IT Department

IT Technician - Full Time
Systems Administrator - Full Time

Natural Resources Department

Seasonal Fisheries Technician - Temp
Wildlife Biologist - Full Time

Unified Legal

Legal Intern - Full/Part Time Temp

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.

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



“Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery.” - Horace Mann

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Education and Workforce Development Programs can help you achieve your educational goals. As a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe in Michigan and by attending a public community college, college or university within the State of Michigan, you can apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver to cover tuition costs. In addition, you can sign up with the Education Department for a College Book Stipend and the Workforce Development Program will cover unmet college/university course fees up to \$300.00 per Tribal Citizen per calendar year. For more information, contact the Education and Workforce Development Programs at LRBOI.

David Hawley

Workforce Development Specialist

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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



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

Cosmetologist Hair Stylist	Players Club Rep.
EVS Cleaner	Porter
EVS Supervisor	Social Media Specialist
EVS / Wardrobe Manager	Table Games Supervisor
Food and Beverage Server	
Housekeeping Attendant	
Massage Therapist	

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.

Work Experience and Internships

Adult Work Experience (18+) 320 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour.

Youth Work Experience (16-17) 320 hours of short-term employment @ State Minimum/hour.

Internship (college students) 240 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour. Academic requirements and open to descendants.

The EDC Board

Ron Pete	•Chair
Thad Taylor	•Vice Chair
Frank Lewis, Jr.	•Treasurer
E. James Nedeau	•Secretary
Andrew Gentile	
Tim Ervin	

EDC Board Meetings are every 4th Wednesday of the month at 3PM at the Government Center:
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Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.

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Welcome our newest members of the Citizen Advisory Board are Chuck Fisher, Michael Burmeister, and Ron Spoerl. The next Citizen Advisory Board Meeting is March 25 at 3pm.

Please note the EDC Board meetings were moved to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm, except for months where that Wednesday falls on a holiday.

Are you looking to make a difference? Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the work of the EDC? The EDC is looking for Citizen Advisory Board Members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss current issues going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and to be a part of something important to the Tribe's financial future. To show interest in becoming a member of the EDC Advisory Board, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman at crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov.

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InTerra Nutraceuticals is a sponsor for the 2019 Polar Plunge to be held at the Little River Casino Resort in March to raise money for the Special Olympics.



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The 2nd annual Manistee Polar Plunge will take place on March 16th at the **Little River Casino Resort!** Join us as we pull out all the stops to make this truly a destination plunge!

Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. in front of the River Rock Sports Bar & Grille with plungers experiencing the thrill of jumping into icy cold pool water at 1:00 p.m.

The After Splash Bash will begin immediately after the plunge where we will celebrate with awards, a silent auction and amazing food!

<https://www.firstgiving.com/event/polarplunge/Manistee19>

www.Facebook.com/PlungeMi/

Nectar Spa

Everyone needs a little relaxation and Little River Casino Resort's Nectar Spa has something for everyone!

The full-service Nectar Spa & Salon was added to the Resort footprint in 2016. Construction on the project began in 2015 and the outlet opened Memorial Day weekend of 2016. There are 4 treatment rooms, including a Vichy Shower and Couple's Room, as well as a salon that offers manicures, pedicures and hair styling.

Men and Women have separate locker areas, hot tub and steam room options. The view from either area is one of pine trees and nature, with all the privacy and serenity a secluded resort experience can provide. Adjacent to the spa is a shared pool, hot tub and exercise room.

Guests at the Nectar Spa & Salon can expect the "best massage hands in the business," says Charmaine Stone, Director of Hotel Operations. In addition to the spa's signature Nectar's Nature Swedish massage, Deep Tissue, Hot Stone and Reflexology are offered. Massages aren't the only offering; the Monarch body treatment utilizes products specifically formulated for the Nectar Spa and customized for each guest. Facials, skin treatments and make-up applications are available as well.

"The Nectar Spa & Salon offers serenity, quietness and peace," says Stone. "It is the perfect place to unwind."

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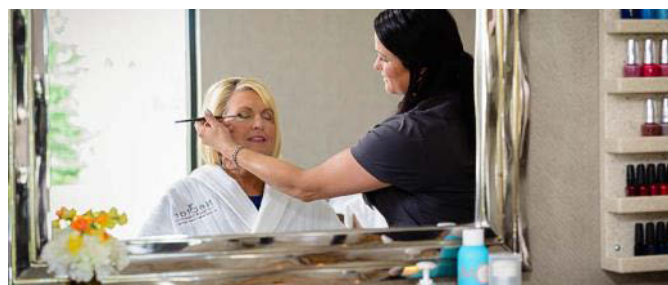
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Monday - Thursday 9A - 7P | Friday & Saturday 8A - 8P | Sunday 8A - 4P

Check out our spa and salon menu [here](#)



Women's Sauna and Steam



Nectar Spa & Salon Make-Up Service



Safety First

As the Risk Manager for Little River Casino Resort, Jim Henderson is tasked with ensuring the safety of every team member. "Their safety is my number one priority," Henderson explains. "It is essential that LRCR provide continual and consistent safety training as one measure of protection."

Safety has long been a priority of Henderson, who worked on the Manistee City Fire Department for seven years. During those years as an Engineer & Instructor Coordinator, Henderson utilized his EMS Instructor License to teach others the skills of paramedics and emergency technicians. He also made community connections within local businesses to extend and share various trainings.

One connection was with Morton Salt and their Safety Manager, Don Kuk. Kuk and Henderson combined resources to provide hands-on courses to both teams. Where Henderson had the expertise, he instructed Morton Salt team members with trainings like CPR and First Aid. Where Kuk had the expertise, he instructed team members in Arc Flash safety and Lock-Out / Tag-Out protocol.

Henderson's career path led him to LRCR in 2018. Because community partnerships are a priority at LRCR, Henderson happily connected with Kuk and the duo recently traded trainings for Morton Salt and LRCR.

Two classes were held at Morton Salt and four classes were held at LRCR. "Each training requires special certification and combining resources just makes sense," Henderson explained. His Michigan Paramedic License permits him to provide AED, CPR and Choking Response instruction. Kuk's certifications allow the high voltage and other electrical classes. "Over 40 team members from both facilities received crucial training," Henderson says. "This makes the entire community safer." Henderson said that LRCR looks forward to further partnerships with Morton Salt and other community businesses. Because safety is so important, Henderson is always looking for training opportunities. "If I can't provide the training myself, I will find someone who can."

In February, LRCR is hosting an OSHA training provided by Indian Health Services. This 30-hour training covers key topics for industrial safety and LRCR extended the invitation to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government as well as several area Tribes. For questions about trainings and partnerships, contact Henderson at jhenderson@lrcr.com



Morton Salt Team at CPR Training



LRCR Maintenance Team at Arc Flash Training

Tax Department Notice

Since tax season is upon us, please note that the Tribe's Tax Department does not prepare individual tax returns and cannot provide tax or financial advice. Unfortunately, the Tribe does not have any tax preparation services. Previously we did have a couple of employees prepare tax returns on a personal basis, but it was not tribally sponsored. There were hopes to become an IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) site, but there were not enough volunteers to make this possible.

Although the Tax Department has the word "tax" in it, the reference is to the Tribe/State Tax Agreement, the Tribe's Tax Ordinance, and the Tribe's Tax Regulations. The Tax Department's primary function is to administer and enforce the aforementioned Agreement, Ordinance, and Regulations. The Department assists Tribal Members in obtaining tax exemptions and benefits as negotiated in the Tax Agreement and protects the Tribe from liability for non-compliance with State and Federal tax laws.

Do you need a copy of a 1099 showing your per capita amount?

Do you want to have taxes withheld from your per capita payments?

Please contact the Enrollment Department at 231.723.8288 or toll-free at 888.723.8288.

Do you need a specific tax form, instructions, or schedule?

Check your local post office and/or library; most locations provide these.

You can also visit www.irs.gov and click on "Forms & Instructions" to download a specific form.

Do you want to check on the status of your Federal tax refund?

Call the automated refund hotline at 800.829.1954 or download the official IRS2Go app.

Do you have a specific tax question?

For individual tax questions, please consult a professional tax accountant/preparer.

Why Pay When You Can Get Your Taxes Done for Free?

More than half of all taxpayers pay a tax preparer to file their tax return. Before using a commercial tax preparer, find out if there is a **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** site nearby that can help you prepare your taxes for free.

- Commercial tax preparers charge an average of \$100 to prepare a return claiming the Earned Income Credit (EIC). You may pay as much as \$100 more if you get a Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL).
- Sometimes RALs are advertised as "fast cash" or a "quick tax refund." RALs are loans with extremely high interest rates. If there is an error on the return and the IRS doesn't send the refund, you will be stuck having to repay the loan.
- RALs are sometimes promoted through car dealerships, furniture outlets or jewelry stores that offer to prepare your taxes and try to convince you to use refund loans for in-store purchases.
- RALs provide a fast cash loan (1 to 2 days) on your tax refund, but having the IRS refund deposited directly into a bank account takes only about 7 to 12 days. Is it really worth paying \$200 or more?

If you earn about \$54,000 or less or persons with disabilities, you can get free tax filing help through the IRS-sponsored VITA program. Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax assistance for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age or older. Both programs can provide fast electronic tax filing. Community volunteers receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns. Some VITA sites can help you open a bank account if you don't have one.

To find your nearest VITA location:

Call 800.906.9887

Visit the website www.IRS.gov/VITA

Download the free IRS2Go app

To find your nearest TCE location:

Call 888.227.7669

Visit the website www.IRS.gov/TCE

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You can also visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov and click on "File Your Taxes for Free" to download free software and find free Federal and State return options electronically.

Guidelines for Choosing a Tax Preparer

If you can't find a VITA/TCE site or choose to go to a commercial tax preparer, be sure to do the following:

Select a tax preparer that you can contact later in case the IRS has questions about your tax return.

Check out the tax preparer's reputation with others in the community. You can also research the tax preparer with your local Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) to see if complaints have been filed.

Ask about fees to have your taxes prepared before scheduling an appointment. Be sure to ask if there are any fees for additional schedules or forms, like the Schedule EIC, used to claim the Earned Income Credit.

Do not leave originals of documents with a tax preparer if he or she needs to work on your tax return when you are not present.

Avoid a tax preparer who suggests you lie or make up information. You will be held responsible for errors, NOT the preparer.

Do not sign a blank tax return or a return completed in pencil. Sign a tax return in pen, only after you've reviewed it. Check names, addresses, Social Security numbers and wage information. Ask questions to understand the reason for any refund you get or taxes that you owe.

Check that the tax preparer signs the tax return in pen. The preparer's signature, address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security number are required on the tax return by federal law.

Request a copy of your completed tax return. Write down the preparer's phone number to call if you have additional questions about your tax return later.

Tax Preparation Checklist Getting Help to Prepare your Taxes — What to Take with You

When you go to a VITA/TCE site, or if you choose to go to a professional tax preparer, be ready. Take these items with you:

1. **Valid picture ID**
2. **Copy of last tax return** (if you have it)
3. **Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN)** for you, your spouse and any dependents. (If available, bring the Social Security cards or ITIN letters to ensure information is copied correctly onto the tax return.)
4. **Income documentation including:**
 - W-2 Forms from all jobs worked in 2018
 - A blank check for direct deposit of your refund (If you don't have a checking account, bring your bank account name, savings account number and the 9-digit American Bankers Association (ABA) routing number. Contact your bank if you need assistance identifying the ABA number.)
 - All 1099 Forms showing other income received in 2018, including per capita payments (All RTM non-business income is exempt from Michigan Income taxes – This only applies to RTMs. Please be aware that a Michigan tax return must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section IX (A) of the Tax Agreement. If you have any questions regarding the filing of your MI-1040 or related forms, please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury Customer Contact Division at 517.636.4486.

If any of the following apply to you, take documentation with you:

- Child care expenses, including the provider's address and federal ID #
- Mortgage company statements
- Adoption expenses
- Alimony paid or received
- Any notices received from the IRS or State tax office
- Property tax bills (Please note that the Tribe/State Tax Agreement does not exempt property taxes)
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit Form 4013 and Letter
- Additional forms of income such as:
 - ✓ Prizes and awards
 - ✓ Scholarships and fellowships
 - ✓ Lottery or gambling winnings
 - ✓ Inheritances
 - ✓ Rent, royalties, and capital gains

If you lost or do not have all of these items, you can still get your taxes prepared. Call the IRS helpline at 800.829.1040 to find out what you need to do and how to obtain replacement documents.

What is the Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit and Who is Eligible to Claim this Credit?

The Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit was designed to cover purchases of tangible personal property purchased and used within the Tribe's Tax Agreement Area (portions of Manistee and Mason Counties), but not listed under the Tribal Certificate of Exemption form. Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption form are vehicles, mobile or modular homes, recreational vehicles and watercraft, affixation to real estate, and treaty fishing items.

The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is based on a percentage of a Modified Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). The Sales Tax Credit is 0.9% (.009) of the Resident Tribal Member's Modified AGI. This percentage is based on the amount the average household spends on the kinds of personal property not covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption (i.e. furniture, appliances, clothing, housewares). Modified AGI is capped at \$80,000 per RTM (any leftover modified AGI below the cap from one RTM spouse cannot be carried over to the other RTM spouse). If your spouse is not a Tribal Member, his/her income is not counted in calculating the amount of the refund. **The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit form (4013) must be filed with the MI 1040 Income tax return.**

Tribal Members that qualify for the Annual Sales Tax Credit will be mailed the required form. In order to qualify and receive the required form, members must be a "Resident Tribal Member" (RTM) with the Enrollment and Tax Offices. To be a RTM, you must physically reside within the Tribe's Tax Agreement Area, complete a Proof of Residency form, and provide the necessary documentation. The required form and a letter with the number of eligible months that the RTM can claim will be mailed to all registered RTMs. Please note that the Annual Sales Tax Credit is only available for that portion of the year that the Tribal Member had RTM status. If you are a registered RTM or were a registered RTM for a portion of 2018 and don't receive this information by January 31st, please call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874.

Tax Season = Scam & Identity Theft Season Don't Be a Victim, Warning Signs, and How to Protect Yourself

Tax season has become a more prevalent time for identity thieves to try to steal personal information, identities, and even possibly your tax refund. The IRS does not contact taxpayers by email, telephone, text messages, and social media platforms. If you receive contact from someone claiming to be with the IRS, other than through a letter, it's more than likely a scam. Never provide your personal or financial information to anyone if you receive a call, email, or text. The IRS also does not call taxpayers with threats of arrest, lawsuits, or by requesting you to pay using gift cards, bitcoins, or wire transfers.

Know the warning signs of possible tax-related identity theft if you are contacted by a tax professional/provider or by the IRS about:

- More than one tax return was filed using your Social Security Number
- You owe additional tax, refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a return
- IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work

You may also be a victim of identity theft if you receive:

- Bills for items you did not purchase or for services you did not receive
- Denials for loan or credit card applications
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open

If you are a victim of identity theft, it is recommended that you:

- Contact one of the three major credit bureaus to place a "fraud alert" on your credit records:
 - ♦ Equifax, www.Equifax.com or 800.525.6285
 - ♦ Experian, www.Experian.com or 888.397.3742
 - ♦ TransUnion, www.TransUnion.com or 800.680.7289
- Contact your financial institutions, and close any financial or credit accounts opened without your permission or tampered with by identity thieves.
- File a complaint with the FTC at www.identitytheft.gov or 877.438.4338
- Respond immediately to any official IRS notice; call the number provided in the letter
- Complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, if your e-filed return is rejected due to duplicate filings under your Social Security Number.

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People born in February are known for their originality. They believe in doing things their own way rather than following others just for the sake of it. They learn from their mistakes and experiences. No matter the situation or the consequence, a February born is never scared to be honest. Although they don't reveal much about themselves, it leaves the rest of us wondering who they really are. Their imagination runs wild and they have the ability to think outside of the box. It's not surprising that a lot of people born in this month are scientists, writers, innovators, or works in a job that requires these skills. They prefer to be different and be known as an 'individual' rather than as a part of the group. This makes February borns never boring; they are unique, fun and have a great mind. February borns are the most selfless people in the world. They're always out to make a difference and help the world. They believe in the change they want to see. People born in February do not like to rush things. They take it slow and one step at a time. It helps them to be more logical and gain more knowledge and also appreciate the things around them.

**WHEN:**

Saturday February 16, 2019
6 pm - 2:30 am

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 Valerie Chandler 231.398.6874
 Doors open at 5 pm for vendors.

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For more information contact : Gary DiPiazza 231.398.6825 or De-Ahna Underwood 231.398.2212

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

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 Attn: The Public Affairs Office
 2608 Government Center Drive
 Manistee, MI 49660

Currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov or call 231.398.6841

Leo Leroy Petts

1938-2018

Leo Petts was born on October 11, 1938, the sixth of eleven children born to Christine (Thomas) Petts and George Meyer Petts in the Eagle River, Wisconsin area.

Leo passed away on February 27, 2018 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin at 79 years of age.

Leo enlisted in the U.S. army when he was seventeen. He served in Germany and France in the early 1960's. Leo was a member of the Warriors Society of the LRBOI.

Leo is remembered by his family as a wood carver. He carved several totem poles which he sold. All his carving was done with hand tools.

He rarely saw a doctor during his life. He was kept comfortable until drawing his final breath. He never complained. Dignity to some people is simply that they had to manage on their own when they grew up, and therefore see it as their right not to become reliant on others when they were adults.

Life can change quickly and without warning. Although not everyone would agree with his lifestyle, he lived the life he wanted and his needs and wants were minimal. Leo was probably the only person I knew who ate to live and never lived to eat. He was the freest person his family knew. He never married and only had to answer to himself. He spent no time worrying and wondering what anyone thought about anything he did or didn't do.

I have pictures of Leo, Stanley (his brother - my husband) and two other brothers, sitting on our roof, taking a break from roofing, nine years ago. Leo was the grounds person, picking up shingles and handing supplies to his brothers on the roof. The brothers stayed with us for a week and a half to finish the roof.

We also have a picture, hanging in our house of a one room classroom in northern Wisconsin. One teacher and 36 students, grades one to six. It was the Bohemian School, 1951. Leo and two of his brothers are in the class picture. Another photo is of four brothers at the Eagle River Fair.

In the end, it's the pictures and the memories that keep these people close to us when they are gone from this world - and that is a good thing.

Leo is survived by brothers Robert and Stanley, sisters Celia Kohls, Gladys Romain and Helen Christman. Three sisters-in-law, Marjorie Petts, Nannette Petts and Mary Jayne Petts, Elizabeth (Jeanne) (Petts) Gilmore (passed away 4/7/18). 35 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Christine Petts, brothers George and John, sisters May Adkins, Francis Flannery, an infant sister Ruby, and nephew Robin.

Following Leo's wishes, his ashes were scattered under a tree at the site of the house where he was born and at the same tree where the ashes of his deceased brothers are scattered. This was also the burial site of a stillborn brother.

Take only memories - leave nothing but footprints - Chief Seattle

Prepared and submitted by Marjorie Petts - Sister-in Law of Leo Petts and wife of Stanley Petts, Tribal Elder.



"Box Of Horses"

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Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Native American art. I have been creating art for over 60 years. It has been my life long passion. I feel Blessed that I have been able to spend my life pursuing a career that fills me with joy as well as sharing this gift with others.

I work in many different mediums: Clay, painting, bronze, drawing, block prints, beading and dolls. I use Native American themes and Nature throughout my art creations. I like to include "stories" within my art. These stories are woven deep within the pieces and can be "re-told" to better explain the finished work. The stories also serve as a way to keep the "Oral Traditions" of storytelling alive.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2019 Calendar

February

- 2 | Elders Meeting
- 16 | Mnamshkiki Round Dance
- 22 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

March

- 2 | Elders Meeting
- 16 | Polar Plunge Manistee LRCR
- 28 | Treaty Recognition Day (Offices Closed)
- 29 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

April

- 4 | Regional Opioid Symposium
- 6 | Elders Meeting
- 12-13 | Spring Fire & Teachings
- 12 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle@4PM
- 12 | Ogema's Meet & Greet @7PM
- 13 | Spring Membership Meeting
- 26 | 2019 LRBOI Election
- 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
- 26-28 | Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

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
- 12-13 | Fall Fire & Teachings
- 12 | Fall Membership Meeting
- 18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

November

- 2-3 | Elders Conference
- 11 | Veterans Day (Offices Closed)
- 15 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 28-29 | 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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