



# Little River Currents

**Gaaching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek**  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### LRBOI Giigaadoobii'aapkonhs (telephone) Listings

Aki Maadiziwin Kitchen	231.398.2813
Government Center	888.723.8288 231.723.8288
Little River Casino Resort	888.568.2244 231.723.1535
LRBOI Muskegon Office	231.398.6651
Natural Resources	231.723.1594
Next Generation Learning Center	231.398.6718
Public Safety	231.398.2225
Trading Post	231.398.2274
Tribal Court	231.398.3406
Purchased & Referred Care/ Clinic	231.723.8299 888.382.8299
Mshikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	231.398.6853

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### Bear Clan Feast

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center  
Starts at 7P | Details on Pg. 19  
Everyone is welcome

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### Round Dance

Little River Casino Resort | Three Fires Conference Room  
2700 Orchard Highway | Manistee, MI  
7P - 2:30A

## 3RD ANNUAL MNAMSHKIKI "GOOD MEDICINE" ROUND DANCE

### WHEN:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2020  
DINNER 6:00PM  
ROUND DANCE 7:00 PM-2:30AM

### LOCATION:

LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT  
THREE FIRES CONFERENCE ROOM  
2700 ORCHARD HWY MANSITEE, MI

**FREE ADMISSION-EVERYONE WELCOME**

**SPOT DANCES-DOOR PRIZES**

**VENDORS- SNACKS**

**RIBBON SHIRTS/SKIRTS AND MOCCASINS ARE ENCOURAGED**

**6PM DINNER**

**6:45PM BLESSING**

**7:00PM SINGING & DANCING**

**MC: TBA**

**STICKMAN: TBA**

FOR VENDORS & MORE INFORMATION CONTACT :  
GARY DIPIAZZA 231-398-6825

**FREE VENDOR SPACE**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM FOR VENDORS.**

### INVITED SINGERS

MIKE MEDAWIS  
LIGHTING STRIKES CLARK  
MIKE NAGANASHE  
PATRICK NAGANASHE  
MORE TBA



All children must be accompanied with an adult at all times.  
No drugs & alcohol/strictly prohibited. Not responsible for  
accidents injury, theft or loss.



## OGEMA LARRY ROMANELLI

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[lrboi-nsn.gov](http://lrboi-nsn.gov)

-Government

-Executive Branch: Tribal Ogema

-Ogema Larry Romanelli

### Ogema's Meet & Greet

April 17, 2020

7- 9P

LRCR Three Fires Conference  
Room

### Spring Membership Meeting

April 18, 2020

LRCR Event Center

Membership Meeting Videos are  
posted on [lrboi-nsn.gov](http://lrboi-nsn.gov) on the  
Ogema's Online Page

Aanii All:

I hope your holidays were joyful and peaceful. Not a whole lot to report other than in addition to Tribal Council Meetings being recorded, I believe they can now be live-streamed. In the very near future, there will also be the option to have members call in to the Council Meetings.

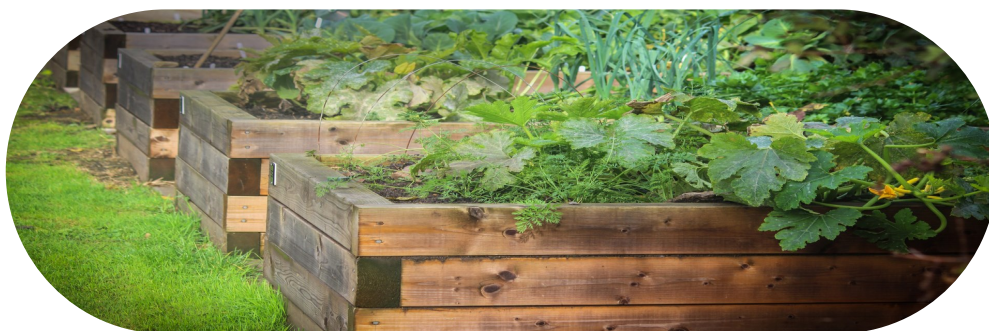
Just as an update, if you are registered to our website, you should be able to log in and view previously recorded Tribal Council Meetings; scroll down to "Government"; go to "Legislative Branch: Tribal Council"; scroll down to "Tribal Council Meeting Recordings". The list of years will come up, pick the year and a picture will appear with three lines in the upper right-hand corner if more than one meeting is recorded; click on to the three lines for additional meetings. I hope this helps you access the recorded meetings.

By the time you receive this, I will probably have made another trip to Washington DC on behalf of the Tribe along with Ron Pete and Sandy Lewis.

I am keeping it short but wish everyone a happy, safe, enjoyable new year!

Until next time...

## EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO CREATE AN ELDERS' GARDEN



Plans are in the works for a raised bed garden. Last year 52 Elders responded to a food survey. Their feedback gave this project a direction. Elders requested a place nearby to grow food and medicines and the support of volunteers through the growing season. Bringing back our food and medicines is very important.

Possibly, we could also designate 5-10 acres where wild food already grows and plant fruit trees, berries, medicine plants, maple and birch trees, and whatever else we can think of. I spoke to Ogema Romanelli and he offered his support in this endeavor.

As soon as the plans for the garden are complete, the Elders will seek Council support.

Please call your elected Tribal Councilors to support tribal food sovereignty and the creation of an Agriculture Committee.

**If you would like to help with the Elder's Garden and/or have feedback,  
please contact Andrea Waitner at:**

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**Miigwetch**

**MAST****Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**

Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Shannon Crampton Alternate  
 Sandra Lewis Alternate  
 Ron Wittenberg Alternate  
 Cindy Champagne Alternate

**NCAI****National Congress of American Indians**

Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Sandra Lewis Alternate  
 Shannon Crampton Alternate  
 Cindy Champagne Alternate

**State Liaisons**

Gary DiPiazza  
 Ron Pete

**Joint Units of Government •** Gary DiPiazza & Diane Lonn

**NIGC****National Indian Gaming Commission**

Ron Pete  
 Ron Wittenberg  
 Tom Guenthardt

**NIGA****National Indian Gaming Association**

Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Ron Pete Alternate  
 Sandra Lewis Alternate  
 Tom Guenthardt Alternate

**Federal Liaisons • Democrat**

Sandra Lewis  
 Shannon Crampton

**US Chamber of Commerce**

Ron Pete Delegate  
 Shannon Crampton Delegate  
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

**United Tribes of MI**

Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Ron Wittenberg Alternate  
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate  
 Diane Lonn Alternate

**Federal Liaisons • Republican**

Gary DiPiazza  
 Diane Lonn

**ELECTION BOARD**

**Valerie McDonnell** Chair  
**Kathy Gibson** Secretary  
**Karen Love**

**Michael Ceplina**  
**Terri Burmeister**

**Open Meetings at 5P | Government Center**

**February 18**

**March 24**

**2608 Government Center Drive | Manistee, MI 49660 | 231.398.6709**

[election@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:election@lrboi-nsn.gov) <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/>

**COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE****Binojeeuk Commission**

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

**Vacant** •Chair  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Shawna Gonzalez** •Commissioner  
**Norma Hinkle** •Commissioner  
**Beverly Cole** •Commissioner  
**Diane Lonn** •Liaison  
**Cindy Champagne** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison

**Enrollment Commission**

**Meetings: 5PM 2nd or 3rd Tuesday**  
**Check online schedule**

**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  
**Cindy Champagne** •Liaison

**Gaming Commission**

**Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday**  
**Gaming Commission Office**

**Bill Willis** •Chair  
**Alyce Giltz** •Commissioner  
**Mark Jespersen** •Commissioner  
**Deb Davis** •Commissioner  
**Steve Parsons** •Commissioner  
**Ron Pete** •Liaison  
**Dave Corey** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison

**Health Commission**

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

**Pamela Johnson** •Chair  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Sandra Lewis** •Liaison  
**Gary DiPiazza** •Liaison

**Housing Commission**

**Meetings: 10AM 1st and 3rd Thursday**  
**Aki Maadiziwin Community Center**

**Judy Hardenburgh** •Chair  
**Julia Chapman** •Commissioner  
**Marcella Leusby** •Secretary  
**Teresa Callis** •Commissioner  
**Margaret Kowalkowski** •Commissioner  
**Sandra Lewis** •Liaison  
**Shannon Crampton** •Liaison  
**Ron Wittenberg** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison

**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  
**Richard Koon** •Commissioner  
**Gary DiPiazza** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison  
**Dave Corey** •Liaison

**Elders Committee**

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

<b>Mary Thomas</b> •Chair	<b>Chuck Fisher</b> •Trustee	<b>Diane Lonn</b> •Liaison
<b>Defra Kelsey</b> •Co-Chair	<b>Marcella Leusby</b> •Trustee	<b>Shannon Crampton</b> •Liaison
<b>Sally Russo</b> •Secretary		



**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

The Tribal Council approved Resolution # 18-0117-011 – Amending Publication of Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments and Liaison Attendance and to include the Tribal Ogema. In the Resolution it states that the Tribal Council Liaisons are not required to attend commission, committee or board meetings which makes it not necessary to report on their attendance at said meetings. It also stated that Tribal Council believes it is not necessary to report the payments made to each commission, committee or board member.

This publication will now be done at the beginning of each calendar year which states the members of each commission, committee or board member, liaisons associated with each entity and the yearly schedule for each commission, committee or board to be placed in the Currents.

**Commission/Committee Members and Liaisons as of 1/15/20****Elders Committee**

Mary Thomas - Chairperson  
Detra Kelsey  
Marcella Leusby - Secretary  
Sally Russo  
Charles Fisher

**Binojeeuk Commission**

Norma Hinkle  
Beverly Cole  
Shawna Gonzalez  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Enrollment Commission**

Vacant  
Diana O'Neal – Co Chairperson  
Charmaine Stone - Chairperson  
Krystyne Medawis - Secretary  
Charles Fisher

**Gaming Commission**

Bill Willis  
Alyce Giltz  
Mark Jespersen  
Stephen Parsons  
Deb Davis

**Liaisons**

Diane Lonn  
Shannon Crampton  
Gary DiPiazza

**Liaisons**

Cindy Champagne  
Diane Lonn  
Tom Guenthardt

**Liaisons**

Sandra Lewis  
Ron Wittenberg  
Diane Lonn  
Cindy Champagne

**Liaisons**

Ron Pete  
Dave Corey  
Tom Guenthardt

**Health Commission**

Vacant  
Pamela Johnson - Chairperson  
Marcella Leusby - Secretary  
Vacant

**Housing Commission**

Judy Hardenburgh - Chairperson  
Margaret Kowalkowski  
Marcella Leusby  
Teresa Callis  
Vacant

**Natural Resource Commission**

Martha Howell  
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Richard J. Koon

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Dave Corey  
Cindy Champagne

**Commission/Committee Schedules for 2020**

**Binojeeuk Commission:** 1:00P, 1st and 3rd Thursdays | Family Services Department

**Enrollment Commission:** 5:30P, 2nd or 3rd Tuesday – Check Schedule on-line | Enrollment Department

**Gaming Commission:** 5:30P, Tuesdays | Gaming Commission Office

**Health Commission:** 4:30P, 1st Monday of each month | Law Library – 2nd floor Government Center

**Housing Commission:** 10:00A, 1st and 3rd Thursdays | Aki Maadiziwin Conference Room

**Natural Resource Commission:** 5:00P, 2nd Monday of each month | 310 9th Street, Manistee

**Elders Committee:** 12:00P, 1st Saturday of each month | Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

**\*Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.**



**GIIGADOO NINI KWEWOK & GIIGADOO NINIWOK (TRIBAL COUNCIL)****Ron Pete • Speaker**

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Aanii Tribal Citizens,

Members now have the capability of viewing a live-stream of our Tribal Council Open Session Meetings. Citizens will soon be able to live-stream into the meetings and be able to ask questions during the Wednesday meetings as well. The Tribal Council already has the capability of citizens being able to call in or video conference into open session work sessions. It is recommended that you contact Kathleen Bowers, Executive Assistant, at least three days ahead of time if you plan on calling in to the work session.

**Kathleen Bowers can be reached at 231.398.6845.**

**The direct call-in number for the Tribal Council Conference Room is 231.398.6839.**

The Natural Resource Commission will be having the bear and elk drawings at Aki Maadiziwin at noon on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with a feast to follow.

Sincerely,

Gary DiPiazza | Tribal Council Recorder

**TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | DECEMBER**

Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
12/02/19	Round Table	V	x		x	V		x		x	4
12/02/19	Agenda Review	V	x		x	V	x	x		x	5
12/02/19	Government Financials	V				V	x	x		x	3
12/03/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	V	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
12/03/19	2019 Goals	V	x			x	x	x	x	x	6
12/03/19	1836 Fishing Rights	V	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
12/05/19	More Accessible Language	V	x		*	x	x	V		x	4
12/09/19	Round Table	V	x		V	x		x	x	x	5
12/09/19	Housing Regulations	V	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	6
12/09/19	Technical Control Record	V			V	x	x	x	x	x	5
12/09/19	Agenda Review	V	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	6
12/09/19	JVCP Grant Part 1	V	x		V	x	x		x	x	5
12/10/19	Economic Development	V	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	6
12/10/19	Wells Fargo	V	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	6
12/10/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	V			V	x	x	x	x	x	5
12/12/19	Munson Manistee Hospital	V	V		V			V		x	1
12/16/19	Round Table	V	V	x	V	x		V		x	3
12/16/19	Drum Class	V	V	x	V	x	x	V		x	4
12/16/19	Housing Regulations	V	V	x	V	x	x	V		x	4
12/16/19	Agenda Review	V	V	x	V	x	x	V	x	x	5
12/17/19	1836 Fishing Rights	V			V	x		V	x	x	3
<b>Total - 21</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2019 | 10 - 11:28A**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON ABSENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY ABSENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE ABSENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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**Reports due: September & October 2019****Reports Received**

Financial Report	October 2019
Enrollment Commission	None Submitted
Health Commission	September 2019
Natural Resource Commission	None Submitted
Elders Committee Minutes	None Submitted

**19-1204-320 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE #15-600-02** by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•NO	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•NO

**19-1204-321 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PREFERENCE LEVELS IN INDIAN PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE** **MOTION FAILED** by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•NO	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•NO	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•NO	GUENTHARDT•NO	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-322 ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION R400-04:GC-04 CHAPTER 4-NOTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-323 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. WEAKEE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE** by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING ORDINANCE 02-550-001 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** by Lewis; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•NO	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-324 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND BALLY TECHNOLOGIES AND 2020 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR SLOT MACHINE PURCHASES** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-325 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND IGT AND 2020 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR SLOT MACHINE PURCHASES** by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-326 ADOPTING THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND AUTHORIZING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-327 APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DENNIS M. SWAIN** by Lonn; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-328 RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH C&I ELECTRIC** by Lonn; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-329 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BRICKHOUSE INTERACTIVE FOR ENDAAYING VIDEOS AND WEBSITE WORK 2020** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•NO	LONN•NO	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**19-1204-331 ACCEPTANCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SINGLE AUDIT AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT** by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•ABSENT
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 11, 2019 | 10 - 11:08A**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON ABSENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE ABSENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
<b>Reports due: October 2019</b>				<b>Reports Received</b>				
Enrollment Commission				October 2019				
Natural Resource Commission				None Submitted				
Elders Committee Minutes				None Submitted				
<b>19-1211-336 APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2019-68; AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS INLAND NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM TO INCREASE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000. FUNDING SOURCE IS FY2018 DEFERRED REVENUE</b> by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg								
DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						
<b>#19-1211-337 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEDICATED FEDERAL FUNDING TO RECOVER WILDLIFE WITH THE RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT</b> by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt								
DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						
<b>19-1211-338 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg								
DIPIAZZA•NO	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•NO	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						
<b>19-1211-339 APPROVING REALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED FY2019 RESORT CAPITAL FUNDING</b> by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn								
DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						
<b>19-1211-340, RATIFICATION OF CONSERVATION RESOURCE ALLIANCE PINE RIVER CONTRACT</b> by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg								
DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						
<b>19-1211-341 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH REBECCA LIEBING</b> by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg								
DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						
<b>19-1211-342 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES</b> by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg								
DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE•ABSENT						
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES						
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES						

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 18, 2019 | 10A QUORUM NOT ESTABLISHED**

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The following were posted for public comment:

[Housing Regulations Chapter 4-Rent Payments, Collection and Eviction Procedures for Tribal Rental Units](#) Expires 2/6/20

[Housing Regulations Chapter 7-Maintenance & Modernization for Low Income Elder & Tribally Owned Rental Homes](#) Expires 2/6/20

[Housing Regulations Chapter 2-Admission Procedures for Low Income Elder & Tribally Owned Homes](#) Expires 2/8/20

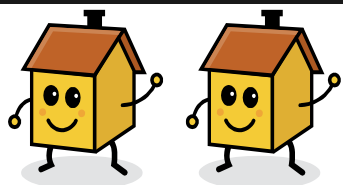
[Housing Regulations Chapter 6-Pet & Animal Control Regulations for Tribal Rental Units](#) Expires 2/8/20

For comments please email (Click link): [comments@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:comments@lrboi-nsn.gov)

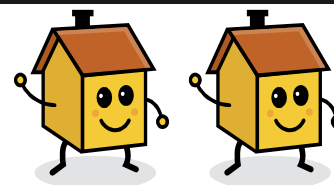
Contact Kathleen Bowers for further information: 231.398.6845



## Government Center News



### For Rent



Are you 62 years old or older and looking to relocate or would like to move to Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee?

The Little River Band Housing Department is now taking applications for our new Elder Apartments Complex.

For an Application, please contact:

Chad Gehrke 231.398.6878 or go on line at <https://lrboi-nsn.gov> (under Government/Housing tab)

## LRBOI VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

### February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Sadly, in the U.S., **one in three teens experiences physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by a relationship partner. This statistic is even higher for Native youth, perhaps by as much as 4%.**

In an article written by a family court judge and a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Indians, Judge Anne K. McKeig, shares that "Native American populations have significantly high rates of both domestic violence and sexual assault. When a child sees her grandparents, parents, siblings and other extended family members suffer domestic violence, the violence becomes normalized. It becomes acceptable behavior difficult to escape."

Even if we ourselves are living with safe and healthy relationships, the statistics do not lie. Many in our community are not as fortunate. In fact, a survey conducted by LRBOI's Victim Services Program (VSP) staff at the Fall Membership Meeting, revealed that **63% of LRBOI respondents reported experiencing intimate partner violence.**

The 2020 national campaign to bring awareness to teen dating violence is **#1Thing**. LoveIsRespect.org explains that this campaign is "focused on meeting teens where they are at by learning one thing about teen dating violence and sharing that with a friend, every teen can make a difference. We're starting at square one together to build healthy relationships from the ground up. By just learning or doing one thing, you can start the conversation about healthy relationships in your friend circles, schools, and communities. Everyone has a part in ending dating abuse, even if that one thing seems small in the moment. Every step towards ending dating violence is an important one!"



It is important that teens promote healthy relationships among their peers, but it will take all of us to change the above statistics. **For our present and future generations, please follow tradition and model the respectful ways of our ancestors by committing to live together in a good way.** Also, find your #1Thing that you can use to start a conversation about healthy relationships with the youth in your life. The **Native Love Project** is an excellent resource to help you get your communication going.

**If you or someone you know needs help because of an abusive relationship, please reach out to the VSP staff at [victimservices@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:victimservices@lrboi-nsn.gov), or by calling 231.398.6719.**

The VSP program information is available at [www.victimservicesprogram.org](http://www.victimservicesprogram.org) and on Facebook at [@LRBOIVictimServicesProgram](https://www.facebook.com/LRBOIVictimServicesProgram). Maybe your #1Thing is to share the VSP's information on your social media pages so that your friends and family know help is available if they find themselves in an unsafe relationship! Why not take a moment and do that right now?

**Everyone deserves to have safe and healthy relationships!**

<https://www.ncjfcj.org/native-youth-teen-dating-violence>

<https://www.loveisrespect.org/teendvmonth/>

<https://nativelove.niwr.org/nativelove-youth/>

Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians

Victim  
Services  
Program



## Career Opportunities with LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort



### **Food Distribution**

Food Distribution Assistant

### **Gaming Commission**

Surveillance Operator

### **Health Services**

Staff Physicians - 2

### **Human Resources**

Government Center Temp Pool

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance Technician

### **Natural Resources**

Aquatic Biologist

Seasonal Fisheries Technician

Seasonal Wildlife Technician

### **Public Safety**

Road Patrol Officer

Conservation Officer

**888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859**

[jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov)

[lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/](http://lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/)



### **Cook I**

### **Guest Service Agent**

### **Head Baker**

### **Hotel Bellman**

### **Pool/Spa Maintenance Technician**

### **Receiving Supervisor**

### **Security Level I**

### **Security Level II**

**1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530**

Monday through Friday 7A-5P

[www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers](http://www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers)

### Public Safety Update/Notice:

Last week we prepared the donations for the no shave November. We collected over \$2000 in donations for the Manistee Child Advocacy Center. You all should be proud of your efforts. This total in combination with last years collection, we presented the CAC with a check for \$2500.

### **You all did a great job!**

Ethan took first place, raising over \$400. Other totals were near the entire total for last year.

Now it's on to Polar Plunge! We will try to carry this momentum on to the next charity event. We jump in March.

Robert Medacco | Director of Public Safety

See the full article on the Manistee News Advocate website: [www.manisteenews.com](http://www.manisteenews.com)



## EDC | Economic Development Corporation

### The EDC Board

<b>Frank Lewis, Jr.</b>	•Chair
<b>Ron Spoerl</b>	•Vice Chair
<b>E. James Nedeau</b>	•Secretary
<b>James LaPorte</b>	•Treasurer
<b>Tom Guenthardt</b>	•Tribal Council

### EDC Companies:

[Little River Health Technologies, LLC](#)

[Little River Capital Management, LLC](#)

[Little River Development, LLC](#)

[Little River Real Estate Management, LLC](#)

[Little River Government Contracting, LLC](#)

### **EDC Board Meeting**

**February 26 | 3PM**

2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, MI 49660

**Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.**

### **Administration:**

#### **Eugene Magnuson**

Chief Executive Officer

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Attorney

231.398.6815

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InTerra Nutraceuticals

[interranutra.com](http://interranutra.com)

Advanced Protein Solutions

[advancedproteins.com](http://advancedproteins.com)

Odeno Homes in Fruitport

[odenohomes.com](http://odenohomes.com)

You may have already heard, but Little River Holdings has its first ever Chief Executive Officer. Eugene Magnuson has graciously accepted the position and with his extensive knowledge and experience in the tribal space, we feel that he will be a great leader for us and for the Tribe! Congratulations Eugene!



### Little River Government Contracting

We have our 8(a) Certification and are currently negotiating several government contracts.

### Little River Health Technologies

#### **InTerra:**

Our marketing campaign is still under way and is increasing both traffic to our website and Amazon, as well as Likes on our social media accounts and most importantly, SALES! Our most popular product is our Hi-Tech Hemp Nano-Gel, which was launched in 2019 and is currently available for sale on Amazon. Like and Follow our social media accounts including Instagram ([@interranutraceuticals](https://www.instagram.com/interranutraceuticals)), Facebook ([@interranutra](https://www.facebook.com/interranutra)), and Twitter ([@interranutra1](https://twitter.com/interranutra1)) for updates on InTerra and to stay informed about upcoming deals. Tell your friends!

### **Advanced Protein Solutions**

We are working on several different options for our APS product. More to come!

### Little River Holdings

Little River Holdings is working on forming a Tribal GPO: Group Purchasing Organization. This LLC will work with a partner to offer procurement services nationwide. More information to come on this as things develop.

### Little River Real Estate Management

All of our rental units are currently leased. We would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Pabami on the purchase of their home via land contract. It was our pleasure to help them become homeowners and we wish them all the best! We still have two other units under land contract with Tribal Members, and are in negotiations on a third.

### Little River Development

Sales are continuing at our Odeno subdivision in Fruitport-26 homes sold in 2019 compared to 2 homes sold in 2018. Plans are already in the works for our next phase since Phase 1 is almost half sold out. We have been continuously working on the next stage of the US-31/M-22 development and everything is moving along nicely. Meetings have taken place and continue regarding zoning and funding ideas. Little River Holdings is also working on development opportunities in downtown Manistee.

In December, the board voted on and approved the 2020 board meeting calendar. EDC board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm, except for months where that Wednesday falls on or close to a holiday. Open session/public comment starts promptly at 3pm, and Tribal Members are welcome to attend that portion of the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is February 26, 2020.



## EDC | Economic Development Corporation

### Citizen Advisory Board

Little River Holdings is still looking for non-paid volunteers for the Citizen Advisory Board. This board meets quarterly and discusses current projects the EDC is working on and gives opinions and recommendations on how the EDC can move forward. This board also gives Tribal Members the opportunity to learn how boards operate and to possibly progress to a seat on the EDC board. If interested in learning more, please send an email to Crystal at [crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov).

This month, we would like to showcase one of our awesome CAB members, Chuck Fisher.

Here is his bio:

"I became actively involved in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a Tribal Councilor when this was a volunteer position (prior to 1994) and was later elected after the position became a paid position. As a Tribal Council member, I served as the Tribal Council Recorder and was involved in the opening of the interim casino soon after we received Federal Reaffirmation. As the Council Liaison to the Construction Management Team, I was also deeply involved in the planning, design and eventual construction of the original casino/resort build-out (the existing casino before the hotel and other expansions) which is now celebrating its 20th anniversary. I was also part of the acquisition team for the casino's original art collection. Over the years (before retiring) I also worked in a number of other areas including: Family Services Director, Housing Director, Grant Writer (on several different occasions) and as a Black Jack Dealer at our Casino Resort for about two years. Presently, I am an active member of the LRBOI's Warrior's Society, a member of the Enrollment Commission and was just elected to the Elders' Committee. I volunteer on the LRBOI Citizen Advisory Committee, which works with LRBOI's Economic Development Corporation.



**Chuck Fisher**

Before moving to Manistee to work for the Tribe, I was in graduate school working for the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University (in Detroit) while also taking classes in Social Work, Applied Sociology, and research-related coursework. While there, I worked on a Long-Term Care study that interviewed Indian Elders throughout Michigan in reservation, rural and urban settings and also wrote a supplemental grant that interviewed caregivers to get their long-term care perspectives. It was through this work that I became acutely aware of what was happening here in Manistee back in those formative years. I moved to Manistee because I knew I just had to be a part of it. My mother was born in Freesoil and my grandfather hunted and trapped in and around this area his entire life. Growing up, my mom and I often visited the general Manistee area and, after my father died, I actually lived in both Manistee and in Freesoil. The Tribe and Manistee are home to me now."

### Citizen Advisory Board



**Kathy Faurot**



**AJ Pierson**



**Scott Wahr**

Chuck, as well as the other members of the board, are available to speak to Tribal Members who may have questions about the work the EDC is doing. Please feel free to contact any of them at

[citizenadvisoryboard@gmail.com](mailto:citizenadvisoryboard@gmail.com)



### LRBOI Utility Department

Our team operates and maintains a septage receiving station, water distribution system, as well as waste water collection and treatment systems. We currently serve an estimated 8,154 customers daily. The team consists of five staff which are all enrolled Tribal members. The Director and Utility Operators are licensed through the M.D.E.Q. with a combined 40 licenses. The water system requires D-2/ S-2 level licenses and the waste water system requires a class "B" waste water license. The Tribe has invested over \$9.8 million in infrastructure for the water distribution system and the waste water collection treatment systems including support equipment.

### Staff

**Diane Kerr | Operations Coordinator | 231.398.2289 | [dianekerr@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:dianekerr@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

Worked as a cashier, sales, service counter, inventory and then as an office manager for a large lumber company. Employed for 9 years at the LRCR as a buyer / purchasing specialist and as the facilities executive administrative, employed in the Utility Department since December of 2016. MTERA Board Member.

**Clatus Clyne | Utility Operator | 231.690.7156 | [cclyne@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:cclyne@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

S-5 Water License and L-1 Lagoon License, employed in the Tribe's Maintenance Department in October 2002, then moved to the Utility Department in October 2012.

**Jonathon Robertson | Utility Operator | 231-510-6529 | [jrobertson@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jrobertson@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

Class C Waste Water License, L-1 and L-2 Lagoon Licenses, S-1, D-1, F-4 Water Licenses, employed in Utility Department since June 2013.

**Gregory Walters | Utility Operator | 231.510.6537 | [gwalters@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:gwalters@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

Class C Waste Water License, L-1 and L-2 Lagoon Licenses, S-1, D-1 Water Licenses, retired after 24 years in U.S. Army, employed in the Utility Department since April 2014.

**Gary Lewis | Director | 231.398.2285 | [glewis@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:glewis@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

AAAS, Class B Waste Water License, L-1 and L-2 Lagoon License, S-1, D-1 Water Licenses, employed in the Tribe's Maintenance Department in December 2001, then moved to the Utility Department in June 2002. MTERA Board Member.



*From the left: Diane Kerr, Gary Lewis, Clatus Clyne, Gregory Walters, and Jonathon Robertson.*

### Hours of Operation

**7A to 3:30P Monday – Friday**

**On-call after normal working hours for emergencies**

**On-call is rotated weekly between each staff member**

### What's New with Utilities?

#### MTERA

LRBOI is a member Tribe of the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association. It is currently composed of 13 Tribes from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Board was formed to assist each other with energy audits, power purchase agreements, rights-of-way, renewable energy, feasibility studies, and reducing Tribal Nations carbon footprint. We are currently working on an energy audit for 32 buildings LRBOI owns. As board members, contractors hired by MTERA for the above mentioned items are free of charge. Please feel free to access the MTERA website for more information. <https://www.mtera.org/>

#### Bacteriological Testing

While not exactly new, we are EPA certified to test for Total Coli-form/Escherichia Coli, we can test your well for a fee. See rates on the Tribe's Website or contact us for that information. If you have a private well and need testing and are not sure what to test for, please contact us, we may be able to offer assistance.



## Water System

The water system consists of two source wells capable of pumping 260 gallons per minute each. We pump into the distribution system approximately 45,000,000 million gallons a year. There is a 250,000 gallon spheroid water storage tower and set points for the water level in the tower are controlled by radio telemetry. The system is tied into a cell service to notify us in the event of an alarm. Example: Low level, high level or back-up pump running.

## Water Service

We service the Justice Center, Little River Casino, Warehouse, Aki Madiziwiin (81 homes with 2 currently under construction) Convenience Store, Government Complex, Community Center, Elders Complex, Gaming Commission, Next Generation Learning Center, Powwow grounds and one home along the M-22 corridor. We have a backflow preventer with meter that is placed on a fire hydrant for contractors needing water for construction purposes.

## Waste Water Collection and Treatment

The Tribe owns and operates a Sequencing Batch Reactor that is able to process 180,000 gallons of sewage per day and an Aerated Lagoon that is capable of treating 200,000 gallons per day. The plant processes approximately 43,000,000 gallons per year. There are currently seven lift stations that pump the waste flows to the waste treatment plants. The plants and pumping stations are tied into a cell service alarm system to notify us in the event of an emergency. Example: pump failed/seal failure, high level low level. The SBR is nearing 20 years old and we are currently working on an engineering study for needed upgrades. This will extend the life of the plant and improve on nutrient removal processes. Once completed we will search for grant opportunities to offset capital improvement costs.

## Sewer Collection and Treatment Includes:

Aki Madiziwiin housing area (81 homes with 2 currently under construction) Little River Casino Resort, Convenience Store, Community Center, Next Generation Learning Center, Gaming Commission, Government Complex, Elders Complex and Powwow grounds.

## Sewer Collection and Treatment, Manistee Township Includes:

Munson Medical Center, Munson Admin Building, NW MI. Health Center, Medical Care Facility, County Sheriff Office/Jail, Town Line Unlimited, and two homes along the U.S. 31 corridor in East Parkdale.

## Commercial

Customers pay a different rate than residential rates, commercial rates vary depending on the size of water service.

## Manistee Township Residential / Commercial

Residential service charge is a flat rate of \$31.75 per month, commercial costs are \$14.33 per thousand gallons processed. This is based on sewer usage - capital investment costs, operations and maintenance costs.

## When are rates set?

The rates are set annually and are posted for 30 days for public comment. Notices are sent to customers to inform them of when and where an open rates meeting will be held along with the proposed rates; notices are also posted in each Tribal building.

## Do I need to put down a deposit?

Yes, we have tried to keep the deposit low at \$90. If you move out, the deposit will be returned to you when your bill is paid in full. Your deposit may be used to offset any funds owed for the services if you decide to move out of the Tribes water and sewer service area. Your deposit is good and will transfer if you move from one home to another provided that home is in the service area of the water and sewer owned and operated by the Tribe.

## Customer Information Form

The information form allows for you or a designated person to be able to access your bill as well as contact information in the event of an emergency. When filling out an update to your customer information forms you do not need to pay another deposit fee. These forms are a requirement as part of the application process when moving into a home that is serviced by our systems.

## Voluntary per cap form

There is a voluntary per cap deduction form if you wish to have your bill paid with per capita distributions. You may choose to have any amount paid via this form and, it is not mandatory. It is an option available to you if you wish to use it.

## Construction Permits

Water/Sewer constructions permits are available at our office. The fees charged partially cover the cost to review prints and do inspections on the connections. The LRBOI Utility Ordinance and Manistee Township Ordinance requires any entity within 200 ft. of the water or sewerage systems of the Tribe to connect to that system.

## Current Rates

Rates are set in accordance with the current national standards from the American Water Works Association/MI Section. Each municipality has different water distribution and waste water collection and treatment systems so rates will vary from municipality to municipality.

Rates are set to cover operations and maintenance costs with a portion set aside to cover replacement costs for various equipment.

Residential \$5.51 base rate/service charge, water is \$1.08 per thousand gallons water and waste water is \$3.81 per thousand gallons.

## To calculate a residential bill

Average use and bill in Aki Madiziwiin

3,500 gallons per month

3,500 gal / 1000 gal = 3.5 units

$3.5 \times 1.08 = \$3.78$  or equivalent to \$0.00378 per gallon (water)

$3.5 \times 3.81 = \$13.33$  or equivalent to \$0.0133 per gallon (sewer)

\$5.51 Base + \$3.78 Water + \$13.33 Sewer Collection and Treatment = \$22.62



### What do Rates help pay for?

Rates help provide our service to you. They help to offset costs associated for operations and maintenance, repair and replacement of equipment, EPA required sampling of the water distribution system in accordance with the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act, sampling of the waste water treatment systems, electric, gas and other fixed and variable costs.

### A few of the water system responsibilities:

- Obtain and review readings on equipment and flow rates
- Flushing the water system
- Maintain fire hydrants
- Chlorine injection for disinfection of the water system
- Operate and maintain water storage
- Turn on / off water service
- Exercise valves
- Various compliance samples, example lead and copper
- Bacteriological sampling of the system 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month
- Meter repair / various other maintenance responsibilities
- On-call emergency response duties are rotated between staff
- MISSDIG line location response

### A few of the Waste Water Collection and Treatment responsibilities:

- Obtain and review readings on equipment and flows rates
- Clean the sewer collection system
- Pump maintenance
- Calibrate lift stations
- On-call emergency response duties are rotated between staff
- Sampling of Aerated Lagoon and Sequencing Batch Reactor
- MLSS, MLVSS, Nitrate Nitrite, Ammonia, Total Nitrogen, pH, Total Phosphorus as P, D.O. B.O.D.'s, Q & A
- Monitor SCADA system and make changes as needed
- Building repairs
- MISSDIG response

### MISSDIG

You are required to contact MISSDIG prior to digging on or off Tribal property for your safety and the safety of others.

<https://www.missdig.org/>

In 2019 we responded to 158 MISSDIG tickets to locate our underground infrastructure.

### Drinking Water Hotline U.S. EPA

**Phone:** 800.426.4791

**Hours:** 10:00A - 4:00P EST

Monday - Friday

**Type of Coverage:** An Information Specialist will answer calls.

**Description:** The [Safe Drinking Water Hotline](#) provides the general public, regulators, medical and water professionals, academia, and media, with information about drinking water and ground water programs authorized under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Hotline is operated under contract by Outreach Process Partners, LLC and housed in its Annapolis, MD offices.



Pump room controls



Pump room

# An important message to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Citizens and their families



## US CENSUS 2020

Every 10 years, the United States Government conducts a census to count the entire population of the country at the location where each person lives. According to the Census Bureau, the last census in 2010, undercounted American Indians by 4.9%. The next census count will be conducted in 2020. It is our goal to do everything possible to assure that LRBOI Citizens are accurately counted, no matter where they may live in the United States.

### 7. What is this person's race?

Mark ☒ one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

☐ White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.

☐ Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

☒ American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

**L I T T L E R I V E R B N D**

☐ Chinese ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Native Hawaiian  
☐ Filipino ☐ Korean ☐ Samoan  
☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Chamorro

The 2020 Census is easier than you might think. You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and for everyone living in your household. For each member of your household, there will be nine (9) questions to answer. You will also have the option of responding either online, by phone or by mail.

### How and when will you be contacted by the Census Bureau?

#### March 12 – 20, 2020:

Households will receive a letter from the Census Bureau with instructions on how to go online and complete the census questionnaire. This letter will also provide a toll-free phone number that you can call if you have any questions.

#### April 2020:

Households who have not completed the census questionnaire online will receive a paper questionnaire that can be completed and returned to the Census Bureau. Information will also be provided on how to respond to the census by phone.

#### May – July 2020:

Census workers will do an “in-person” follow-up with those households that have not yet completed a census questionnaire.

### It is important to identify yourself as a Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Citizen

Whether you complete the census questionnaire online, by paper form, or over the phone, it is important that each Tribal Citizen in the household identify him/herself as **“American Indian or Alaska Native”** on Question 9 (for person 1) or Question 7 (all other household members). When including the name of the enrolled or principal tribe, please make sure to enter **“LITTLE RIVER BND” (It is important that you enter it exactly that way)**. Above is an example of the question that is asked on the paper (written) questionnaire and the appropriate way to respond.

For more information on the 2020 Census (including important deadlines and a sample questionnaire), please go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

**If you have any questions regarding the Census or require further assistance, please contact:**

**Steve Parsons, Planning Coordinator | 231.398.6810 | [sparsons@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:sparsons@lrboi-nsn.gov)**



# **Michigan Indian Leadership Program**

## **at Michigan State University**

**JULY 19-24, 2020**

- FREE Program for Native Youth
- Space is Limited
- Apply Early
- Application Deadline: April 17, 2020. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis or placed on the waiting list.
- Call or email for more information or to request an application

### **Contact Information:**

Stephanie Chau  
 Little River Band Of  
 Ottawa Indians Tribal  
 Citizen and  
 MILP Director  
 (517) 355-0234  
 chaus@msu.edu



- Program Dates are: JULY 19-24, 2020
- Native American Students Entering 8-12 Grades in Fall 2020
- Application Deadline: April 17, 2020
- Learn about College, Admissions and Financial Aid
- Prepare for College and Your Future
- SAT Prep
- Cultural Activities
- Leadership Development
- Native American Staff/Mentors/College Students
- Explore College Majors and Career Opportunities
- You can download the application on our website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/milp>

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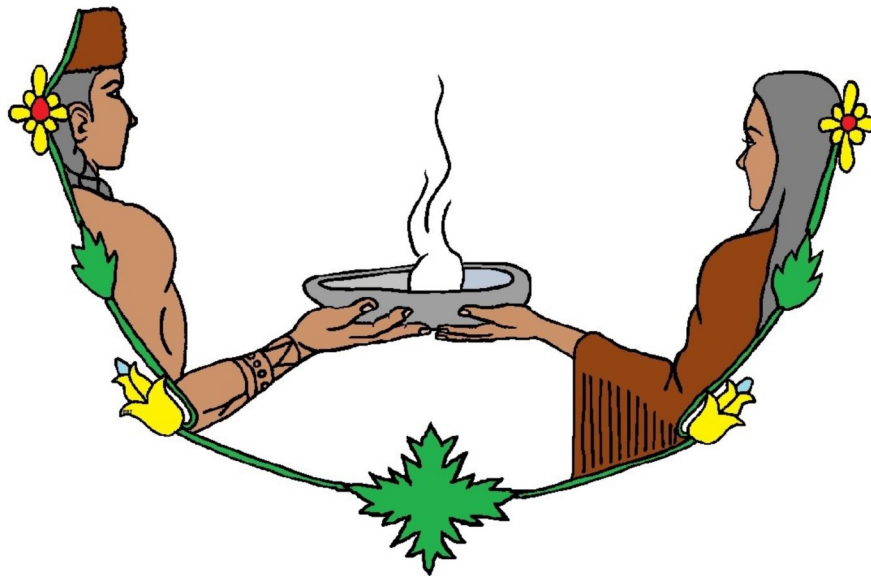
# Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Peacemaking Presents

## National Peacemaking Conference 2020 "Envisioning Peacemaking in Today's World"

### Save the Date!

### August 5, 6 & 7, 2020

The Conference will be at the Little River Casino Resort  
Manistee, Michigan



**More Information will be added as time gets closer to the early registration date.**

**Restorative Justice Advocates, Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocates, Tribal Council Members, Peacemakers, Court Personnel, Judges, Referees, School Administrators, Teachers, Tribal Employees, Family Service Workers, Mediators, and Police Officers are all welcome to attend.**



**\*Look for details on our Facebook page Midwest Peacemaking Conference and lrboi.com\***

## LRBOI Tax Department Notice:

### Tax Exemption Quota Change

Please note that the monthly quota of cigarettes has changed to **30 packs** per qualified Tribal Member. This change will remain in effect until further notice. **Other Tobacco Products (OTP)** are also offered tax exempt and includes bagged loose tobacco, chew/snuff, cigarillos, and cigars. Vaping products are not included to be sold tax exempt. The monthly quota for fuel remains at **175 gallons** per qualified Tribal Member and is for gasoline and/or diesel fuel (gallons are combined). Please be courteous to our staff at the Trading Post by obeying the posted rules and providing your Tribal ID card at the time of your purchase.

### 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. This tax form and letter has already been mailed, so if you are a registered RTM or were a registered RTM for a portion of 2019 and did not receive it, please call the **Tax Office at 231.398.6874**.

### 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 1.888.723.8288.

### 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](http://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 1.800.829.1954 or download the official IRS2Go app.

## Tax Season = Scam & Identity Theft Season

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.

### Free tax filing help with IRS-Sponsored VITA Program

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 and its days and hours of operation: Call 1.800.906.9887

Visit the website: [www.IRS.gov/VITA](http://www.IRS.gov/VITA) Download the free [IRS2Go app](#)

### To find your nearest TCE location and its days and hours of operation: Call 1.888.227.7669

Visit the website [www.IRS.gov/TCE](http://www.IRS.gov/TCE)

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



# Bear Clan Feast 02.08.2020

In the spirit of the protectors, the Bear Clan will again feast the bear on February 8th, 2020 at the Tribal Community Center in Manistee, beginning at 7P. Since it is a full moon, moon ceremony will be held as well. Since this is the first Clan Feast in a while, teachings about the Bear Clan will be shared. Please bring a dish to pass and your feast bundle or personal table wear to reduce waste. Dress appropriately for ceremony and dress warm. Part of ceremony will be outside.

## Bear Clan Feast

In many communities still today each different Clan has a feast for their Clan animal spirit. For some time in our Tribe's history, the Bear Clan has not had a communal clan feast. Members of the Bear Clan expressed the desire to do so again.

In the Midewiwin teachings, there are four white bears who guard the sacred doors of each direction. During a feast four bear clan members stand in the directions in a circle next to the corresponding sacred medicine. At the Western door the clan places a bowl containing the four bear foods: Greens, fish, berries and woodland game. The bear standing in the Western door would walk on hands and feet like a bear around the circle, stopping and standing, or in some bear way identify and speak the name of the direction. When he or she gets back to the western door the food is eaten with hands like the bear.

The Bear Clan are protectors, teachers, dreamers.  
The Bear Moon (February)  
is when the feast is usually had.



Volunteers are needed.  
Please call Andrea Waitner  
at 231.510.1872



# NATIONAL DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1   Get Up Day                       | 15   Wisconsin Day               |
| 2   Tater Tot Day                    | 16   Do A Grouch a Favor Day     |
| 3   Carrot Cake Day                  | 17   Random Acts of Kindness Day |
| 4   Homemade Soup Day                | 18   Battery Day                 |
| 5   Weatherperson's Day              | 19   Vet Girls ROCK Day          |
| 6   Frozen Yogurt Day                | 20   Love Your Pet Day           |
| 7   Send a Card to a Friend Day      | 21   Caregivers Day              |
| 8   Kite Flying Day                  | 22   Cook a Sweet Potato Day     |
| 9   Pizza Day                        | 23   Banana Bread Day            |
| 10   Clean Out Your Computer Day     | 24   Tortilla Chip Day           |
| 11   Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day | 25   Spay Day                    |
| 12   Plum Pudding Day                | 26   Pistachio Day               |
| 13   Cheddar Day                     | 27   Chili Day                   |
| 14   Organ Donor Day                 | 28   Tooth Fairy Day             |
|                                      | 29   Leap Day                    |



HELLO  
FEBRUARY!

## Happy Birthday Tribal Elders

Qualities of people born in February:

Abstract thinkers ◇ Intelligent and creative ◇ Temperamental whimsical ◇ Honest and loyal ◇ Determined to reach goals  
Loves freedom and space ◇ Rebellious when restricted ◇ Too sensitive and easily hurt ◇ Showing emotions easily  
Loves making friends ◇ Daring and stubborn ◇ Ambitious

Michael Alberts	Douglas Crawford	Dennis Johnson	Karen Meyer	Therese Skinkle
Denis Anderson	Peggy Derouin	Rose Mary Johnson	Mary Meza	Williamette Smith
Richard Bailey	Richard Deverney	Celia Kohls	Karen Miller	Louise Stone
Rose Blanchard	Jo Emerson	Robert Kunnen	Linda Morton	Alan Tyler
Ruth Bunting	Larry Fox	Joseph LaPorte	Ione Morton	Dennis Tyler
Larry Burmeister	Caroline Gardner	Diana Ledesma	George Olson	Marva Tyrrell
Sandra Cantin	Barbara Gibbs	Sally LeRoux	Andrew Patricio	Jimmie Vanas
Barbara Caswell	Stella Gibson	Karen Love	Terry Resterhouse	Sherron VanSlyke
Linda Chivis	Donna Green-Willems	Robert Mandeville	Bernadette Rivas	Martin Wabindato
Paul Compeau	Mary Hammond	Darleen Martin	Virginia Rose	Shirley Wever
Mark Compeau	Candida Hughes	Patsy Mcpherson	Virginia Salazar	Ronald Wittenberg
Beverly Crampton	Susan Ingram	Elizabeth Medacco	David Schultz	**65 & Older





Contact: Ron Stoneman

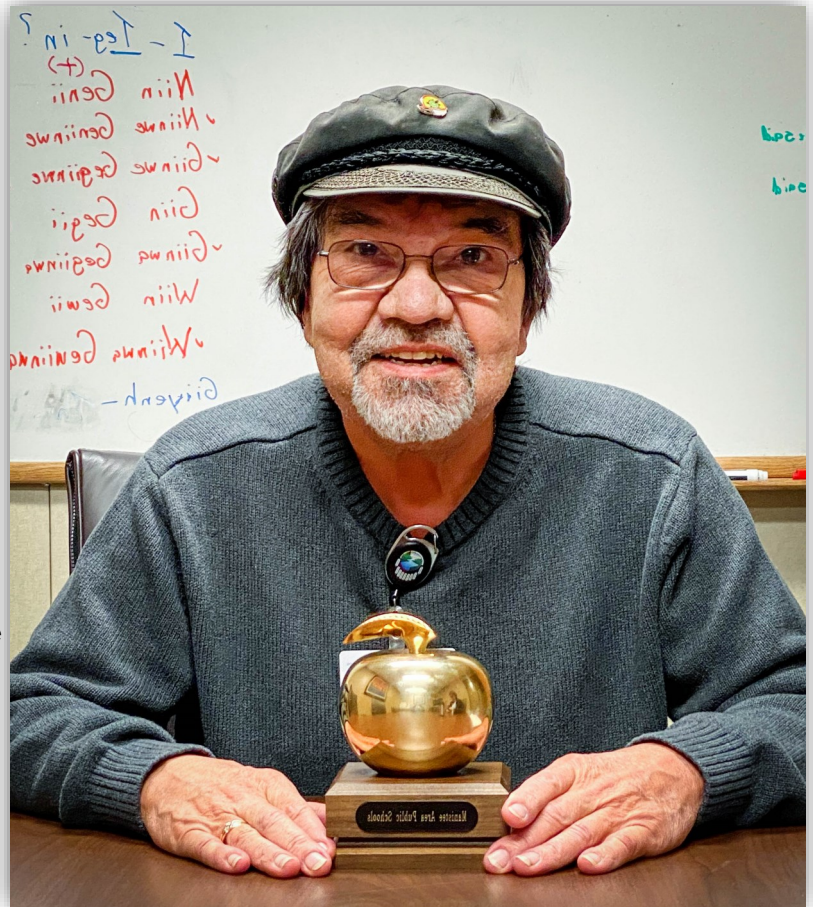
Tel. 231.398.3720

Email: rstoneman@manistee.org

Today, Manistee Area Public Schools was informed of the impending retirement of Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant for Kennedy Elementary where he passionately served as guest lecturer, sharing the culture, history, and language of the Anishinaabe Nation for the past 19 years. Mr. Pheasant has left a lasting impression on generations of MAPS students with his unique ability to share with pride the importance of this culture on the Manistee region, our state, and our nation through storytelling.

He was first invited to speak at MAPS after a presentation for elementary students at the Vogue Theater, where he was approached by Bob Olsen who immediately recognized the need for this cultural education resource in the MAPS district. Kennedy Elementary staff quickly became family to Mr. Pheasant, providing friendship and support to him over the years, just as he has done for them.

In addition to the work that Mr. Pheasant has done for MAPS, his tireless effort in telling the stories of the Anishinaabe people has, and will continue to be, a valuable resource for our community. He has created a website ([www.aanii.org](http://www.aanii.org)) to share educational resources, art & crafts, events & gatherings for our community to continue learning about the culture of the Tribes of the Anishinaabe Nation.



"Kenny Pheasant has made a lasting impression on MAPS students and staff with his passionate presentations of the traditions and customs of his culture.", shared Ron Stoneman, Superintendent of Manistee Area Public Schools. "Instead of saying goodbye, we use a term taught to us by Mr. Pheasant, 'Wiingezin', meaning 'take life easy', which we hope he is able to do as he enjoys his retirement."

**Join Kenny at the:**  
**27TH ANNUAL 2020**  
**ANISHINAABE FAMILY LANGUAGE & CULTURE CAMP**  
**JULY 24TH-26TH, 2020**

**For more information, please contact:**  
 Kenny Pheasant: 231.398.6892 or 231.590.1187

## 2019 Tribal Member Services provided by LRBOI Government

LRBOI Services	Tribal Members	Descendants	Spouse	Elders	9 County	Out of Area Members	Public	LRBOI & LRCR Employees
<b>Be Da Bin Behavioral Health</b>								
Tele Psych Program	X			X	X			
Substance Use Services	X			X	X			
Counseling Services	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>Education</b>								
Computer Access	X			X	X	X		
<b>Enrollment</b>								
	X			X	X	X		
<b>Health Services Center</b>								
Pharmacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Foot and Ankle Specialist	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Family Medicine Physicians	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Internal Medicine Physicians	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Telemedicine	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Radiographs	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Labs	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
PRC (CHS)/EHAP	X	X			X	X		
Fitness Center	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Medical Transports	X			X	X			
Community Health Rep				X	X			
<b>Housing</b>								
Down Payment Assistance	X			X	X	X		
<b>Members Assistance</b>								
Food Assistance	X		X	X	X	X		
Low Income Energy Assistance	X		X	X	X	X		
Well & Septic	X		X	X	X			
Emergency Transportation	X		X	X	X	X		
LIHEAP	X		X		X			
Rental & Mortgage Assistance	X		X	X	X	X		
Elder Chore Assistance	X		X		X	X		
Home Repair	X				X	X		
<b>Members Attorney</b>								
Legal Assistance	X			X	X	X		
<b>Tax Office</b>								
	X			X	X	X		
<b>Workforce Development</b>								
Development & Training Assistance	X			X	X	X		
Career Assistance Voucher	X			X	X	X		
Internship	X	X		X	X	X		

\*Other criteria may apply | \* All services/Benefits depend on available funding | \*Not all services are listed currently





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## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2020 Calendar

### February

- 8 | Bear Clan Feast  
15 | Round Dance

### March

- 24 | Election Board Open Meeting  
28 | Treaty Recognition Day

### April

- 18 | **Spring Membership Meeting**

### June

- 6-7 | Jiingtamok (Pow wow)  
13 | Bear & Elk Drawing & Feast

### July

- 24 - 26 | Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

### August

- 1 | Elders Picnic  
5 - 7 | Peacemaking Conference

### September

- 21 | Federal Reaffirmation Day

### October

- 10 | **Fall Membership Meeting**

## REOCCURRING EVENTS

### **Elders Meal**

Aki Maadiziwin  
Mon-Thu 12P

### **Language Class**

Government Center  
Every Friday 10:30A

### **Traditional Healer**

Government Center  
Every 3rd Tuesday by  
Appointment

### **Wellbriety Talking Circle**

Aki Maadiziwin  
Tuesdays @ 6P

## Little River Currents Newspaper

Submissions due by the  
15th of month.

[lrboi-nsn.gov/news-media/little-river-currents/](http://lrboi-nsn.gov/news-media/little-river-currents/)

## Rapid River Online News

[lrboi-nsn.gov/news-media/rapid-river-news/](http://lrboi-nsn.gov/news-media/rapid-river-news/)

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**Match the word from Anishinaabemdaa videos w/Kenny Pheasant.**

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BIRD [BINESHIINH](#)  
TURKEY [MZISENH](#)  
BALD EAGLE [MGIZI](#)  
OWL [GOKOKO](#)  
ROBIN [PITCHI](#)  
HAWK [GEKEK](#)

WALLEYE

TROUT

STURGEON

BASS

PERCH

PIKE

FISH

[SAWE](#)

[GNOOZHE](#)

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Kenny Pheasant.

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Kenny say them.**