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Snow Crust Moon
March 2019

Little River Currents

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAR

16

Pow Wow Dance Class | Muskegon

Lakeshore Museum | 430 W Clay Ave | 12 - 4P
Education Dept. 231.398.6724 or 231.398.6735

MAR

16

Polar Plunge | Little River Casino Resort

11A - 3P Registration starts at 11am, After Splash Bash with awards, silent auction, and more.

MAR

28

Treaty Recognition Day

Government Center / Clinic Closed

MAR

30

2019 Election Candidate Forum

Government Center Lodge | 11AM
Live stream @ LRBOI-NSN.Gov
Members encouraged to attend

LRBOI Giigaadoobii'aapkonhs (telephone) Listings

Aki Maadiziwin Kitchen	231.398.2813
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
Mshikii Gamig	231.398.6853

REOCCURRING EVENTS

Elders Meal

Aki Maadiziwin
Mon-Thu 12PM

Language Class

Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM

Traditional Healer

Government Center
Every 3rd Tuesday
by Appointment

Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)

CMU Celebrating Life Pow Wow	Mar 23 & 24	Mt. Pleasant, MI
Learning to Walk Together Pow Wow	Mar 30	Marquette, MI
Woodlands & High Plains Traditional Pow Wow	Mar 30	Moorhead, MN
Gathering of Nations Pow Wow	Apr 25 - 27	Albuquerque, NM
Ho - Chunk Memorial Day Pow Wow	May 25 - 27	Black Falls, WI
LRBOI Jiingtamok	Jun 29 & 30	Manistee, MI



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

Ogema's Meet & Greet

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

Spring Membership Meeting

April 13, 2019
LRCR Event Center

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

Aanii:

Winter held off most of the month of January and then...it happened. We've seemed to catch up to all the winter weather we missed in December and the first part of January.

I'm happy to report that our Public Information Department continues to make improvements and we continue to get positive comments from the membership about the information that is posted. It isn't totally together, but heading in that direction.

The hope is to make sure the Rapid River News, the Currents, the LRBOI website and Tribal FB page are all concurrent and easily accessible. The Tribal Council Meeting minutes seem to be getting published in a quicker fashion and the recorded videos of the meetings are being posted sooner than in the past. There will be one major change to the website shortly, but I'm promised that it will be easier to navigate through.

The Tribal Elections are in full swing with primaries and the General Election within the coming months. Good luck to all.

Our Muskegon Casino Project is still in Washington DC and the recent US Government shutdown did delay the process. As I am writing this, a second shutdown is still a possibility. We continue the work at keeping this project moving forward with fingers crossed.

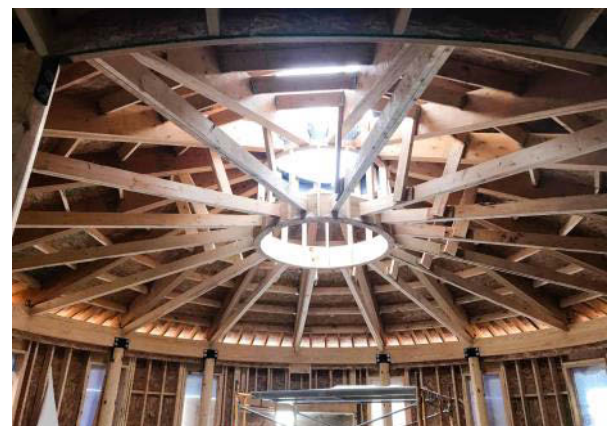
Please take care as we get through the end of winter. For all of you who enjoy winter, enjoy it while you can.

Until next month...



February 18, 2019
Elders Complex
Front Entry

February 13, 2019
Elders Complex
Lobby Skylight



MAST**Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**

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

NIGC**National Indian Gaming Commission**

Joe Riley, II
Ron Wittenberg
Diane Lonn

US Chamber of Commerce

Joe Riley, II	Delegate
Shannon Crampton	Delegate
Gary DiPiazza	Alternate

NCAI**National Congress of American Indians**

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

NIGA**National Indian Gaming Association**

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

United Tribes of MI

Larry Romanelli	Delegate
Ron Wittenberg	Alternate
Gary DiPiazza	Alternate

State Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza
Ron Pete

Federal Liaisons

Sandra Lewis
Shannon Crampton

Joint Units of Government

Gary DiPiazza
Ron Pete

ELECTION BOARD

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

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

Open Meetings - 5PM
Government Center
 March 20

COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE**Binojeeuk Commission**

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

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

Enrollment Commission

Meetings: 5:00PM 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
Alyce Giltz	•Commissioner
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
Margaret Kowalkowski	•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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April 12, 2019
4PM - 6PM
LRCR Three Fires
Conference Room

TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATE

We have a new hire, Brad Pringle, who is now our Comptroller General. Brad is a Tribal Member of the Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians and carries 20 years of experience in Accounting. Assignments given to the Comptroller General will be Tribal Government Department Research to make sure the Tribe is in compliance and is being fiscally responsible for Tribal Policy/Procedures and monitoring of spending.

If you are looking for a Holistic/Traditional approach toward healing. J.D. Gibson is available every third Tuesday of the month. J.D. is a Tribal Member and has been working with natural medicines and our people for decades. If you would like to schedule an appointment please contact Dottie Batchelder toll free 1.888.723.8288 ext. 6741.

The Natural Resource Department has been diligently working on the restoration of wild rice. There is discussion of opening a forum with Members. The topics of discussion will be protection, restoration, regulations, different species (both north /south varieties), monitoring and harvesting. The time and date will be announced in a future newsletter. All input is valuable to achieve our goals of the Natural Resource Department.

Sandra Lewis

Tribal Council Recorder

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | JANUARY

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
01/02/19	Tribal Member Preference	x	x	P	x	x	x		x	x	7
01/07/19	Round Table		x	P	x	x	x	x	V	x	6
01/07/19	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/08/19	Strategic Planning		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/08/19	Fishing with Boo Battice		x		x	x	x	x		x	6
01/08/19	Investment Policy	x	x			x		x		x	5
01/10/19	Mem Asst/Family Services	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/14/19	Agenda Review	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	7
01/15/19	NRD High Speed Internet	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
01/21/19	Government Financials	x			x	x	x	V	V	x	5
01/21/19	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x	V	V	x	6
01/22/19	Membership Assist	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
01/22/19	NRD Org Chart	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
01/24/19	Donation Request	x	x		*			V	x	x	4
01/29/19	Unified Legal	x	x		x	B		*	x		4
01/29/19	Public Safety Garage	x	x		x	B	x	x	x	x	7
01/29/19	Agenda Review	x	x			B	x	x	x	x	6
01/29/19	Health Commission Ord					B	x	x	x	x	4
01/31/19	Gaming Commission Ord	x		x	x	x			x	x	6
Total - 19		15	15	4	15	13	15	11	13	18	

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 09, 2019 10:00A - 11:16A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON ABSENT	FRIEDEL PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	RILEY PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Reports due: November 2018**Reports Received**

Operations Report	November 2018
Financial Report	None
Binojeeuk Commission	November 2018
Health Commission	None
Housing Commission	None
Natural Resources Commission September & October 2018	None

19-0109-002 APPROVAL OF 2019 UTILITY RATES AS AMENDED

by Pete ; supported by Wittenberg

DI PIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0109-003 PERMANENT ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE**COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE #04-150-01** by Lewis; supported by Friedel**Motion Failed**

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

19-0109-004 AUTHORIZING UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS SIGNATORY ON THE BRIEF FOR THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS, NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS IN BRACKEEN v. ZINKE (DOCKET NUMBER 18-11479) by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

19-0109-007, RATIFICATION OF MICHIGAN DNR ARCTIC GRAYLING CONTRACT by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn

DI PIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0109-008 APPROVING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF THE FY2019 SUBCONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND BIOLOGICAL SERVICES WITH THE CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,112 by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn

DI PIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSENT	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

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

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

19-0109-009 PERMANENT ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #04-150-01

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

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

*Tribal Council Meeting Videos are posted@

<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/tribal-council/tribal-council-meeting-recordings-2019/>

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

March 13	April 3	May 1	June 5	July 10	August 3 (AKI)	September 4	October 2	November 2 (LRCR)	December 4
March 20	April 10	May 8	June 12	July 17	August 7	September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11
March 27	April 17	May 15	June 19	July 24	August 14	September 18	October 16	November 13	December 18
	April 24	May 22	June 26	July 31	August 21	September 25	October 23	November 20	

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 16, 2019 10:00A - 11:26A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	FRIEDEL PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	RILEY PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Reports due: November 2018

Financial Report

Housing Commission

Health Commission

Natural Resources Commission

September & October 2018

Reports Received

None

November 2018

Oct, Nov, Dec 2018

None

19-0116-011 APPROVING THE SELECTION PROCESS OF TENANTS IN THE AKI ELDER COMPLEX by Lewis; supported by Lonnn

DIPIAZZA•YES

LEWIS•YES

PETE•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

LONN•YES

RILEY•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

COREY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO APPROVE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET KOWALKOWSKI TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION

by Friedel; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES

LEWIS•YES

PETE•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

LONN•YES

RILEY•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

COREY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

19-0116-012 APPROVING CONTRACT WITH LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES

LEWIS•YES

PETE•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

LONN•YES

RILEY•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

COREY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

19-0116-013 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN (1) CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION; (2) COMMUNITIES OVERCOMING VIOLENT ENCOUNTER (COVE); (3) OASIS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER; (4) SAFE HAVEN MINISTRIES; (5) YWCA WEST CENTRAL MICHIGAN; (6) EVERY WOMEN'S PLACE; AND (7) WOMEN'S INFORMATION SERVICE, INC. (WISE) by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES

LEWIS•YES

PETE•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

LONN•YES

RILEY•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

COREY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF SHAWNNA GONZALEZ TO THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES

LEWIS•YES

PETE•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

LONN•YES

RILEY•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

COREY•YES

WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ALYCE GILTZ TO THE GAMING COMMISSION by Pete; supported by Lonnn

DIPIAZZA•YES

LEWIS•YES

PETE•YES

CRAMPTON•YES

LONN•YES

RILEY•YES

FRIEDEL•YES

COREY•NO

WITTENBERG•YES

National Congress of American Indians**Washington, DC****2/10 thru 2/14**

I attended the NCAI mid-winter conference this past week in DC. On Monday, I was in the Violence Against Women Task Force session. This started at 8:00 am with key speakers and items that need attention. We discussed the Savannas Act, Missing and Murdered Women, Survivors Act, Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women's Act and other critical legislation. One of the Key speakers was Tara Sweeney. Met with several Tribal leaders, coalitions and Government agencies.

On Tuesday, the General assembly began with the President of NCAI Jefferson Keel, many congressmen and congresswomen and Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota, Peggy Flanagan. That night, I attended a meet and greet with Deb Haaland, Sharice Davids, and Peggy Flanagan at the Capitol Center. Wednesday was another general session day. That night the NCAI held a reception at the Native American Museum where they revealed the new Tribal Veterans Memorial, which will be in front of the museum. This is a collaboration with several Tribes donating 100% of the funds needed. Thursday was a listening and talking session with the USDA. There were discussions about the shutdown and the effect it had on this program and tribal families as well as working together on government-to-government relations is key to help provide a better outcome for our food distribution programs.

Jamie Friedel
Tribal Council
Nine County Representative

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2019 10:00A - 12:11A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	FRIEDEL PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	RILEY PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
Reports due: November 2018			Reports Received		19-0123-019 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH DENNIS SWAIN by Friedel; supported by Pete			
Financial Report			October 2018					
Natural Resources Commission			None		DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES			
September & October 2018					LEWIS•YES LONN•YES COREY•YES			
					PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES			
19-0123-016 CENSURE OF TRIBAL COUNCILOR GARY DI PIAZZA by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg								
DI PIAZZA•ABSTAIN			CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES			
LEWIS•YES			LONN•NO		COREY•YES			
PETE•YES			RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES			
19-0123-017 AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DANI KNOPH LLC FOR CREATING AND DESIGNING AN ARCTIC GRAYLING STEWARDSHIP PLAN, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000 by Pete; supported by LonN								
DI PIAZZA•YES			CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES			
LEWIS•YES			LONN•YES		COREY•YES			
PETE•YES			RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES			
19-0123-018 APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH CORNER STONES CONSTRUCTION by Friedel; supported by Pete								
DI PIAZZA•YES			CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES			
LEWIS•YES			LONN•YES		COREY•YES			
PETE•YES			RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES			
19-0123-020 RATIFICATION OF SPECTRUM COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT by DiPiazza; supported by Pete								
DI PIAZZA•YES			CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES			
LEWIS•YES			LONN•YES		COREY•YES			
PETE•YES			RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES			
19-0123-021 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH J. CHAD PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, LLC FOR SERVICE BEING PROVIDED AT THE 2019 OPIOID SUMMIT by DiPiazza; supported by Friedel								
DI PIAZZA•YES			CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES			
LEWIS•YES			LONN•YES		COREY•YES			
PETE•YES			RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES			
19-0123-022 APPROVAL OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FROM 2019 COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC by Pete; supported by Di Piazza								
DI PIAZZA•YES			CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES			
LEWIS•YES			LONN•YES		COREY•NO			
PETE•YES			RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES			

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 31, 2019 10:00A - 11:31A *MEETING FOR JANUARY 30 RESCHUED DUE TO WEATHER

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	FRIEDEL PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	RILEY PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
Reports due: December 2018		Reports Received		MOTION FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DIANE LONN TO THE OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE FOR THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT by Pete; supported by Di Piazza Motion Failed				
Operations Report		December 2018		DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•NO FRIEDEL•NO				
Financial Report - Oct & Nov		None		LEWIS•NO LONN•YES COREY•NO				
Housing Commission		None		PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•NO				
Natural Resources Commission September & October 2018		None		19-0131-027 REAUTHORIZING AND CLARIFYING COMMISSION COMPENSATION AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEETINGS ALLOWED by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg				
19-0131-025 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ENROLLMENT COMMISSION BY-LAWS 2019 by Pete; supported by LonN				DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES				
DI PIAZZA•YES		CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES		LEWIS•YES LONN•YES COREY•YES		
LEWIS•YES		LONN•YES		COREY•YES		PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
PETE•YES		RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES		19-0131-028 APPROVING REALLOCATION OF 2019 CAPITAL FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SIGN FOR THE BEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE by Pete; supported by LonN		
19-0131-026 APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN ROADS INVENTORY AND LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN by Pete; supported by Friedel				DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN FRIEDEL•YES				
DI PIAZZA•YES		CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES		LEWIS•ABSTAIN LONN•YES COREY•NO		
LEWIS•YES		LONN•YES		COREY•YES		PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•NO		
PETE•YES		RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES		19-0131-029 RATIFICATION OF MICHIGAN DNR ARCTIC GRAYLING CONTRACT by Pete; supported by LonN		
DI PIAZZA•YES		CRAMPTON•YES		FRIEDEL•YES		LEWIS•YES LONN•YES COREY•YES		
LEWIS•YES		LONN•YES		COREY•YES		PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
PETE•YES		RILEY•YES		WITTENBERG•YES				



2019 LRBOI Election Candidate Forum

MARCH 30, 2019 | 11AM | Government Center Lodge

Live Web Stream @LRBOI-NSN.GOV *Login Required

Sponsored by The LRBOI Public Affairs Office and IT Department

Candidate questions may be sent now or during the event to :

candidate.forum@lrboi-nsn.gov

Please include your name and Tribal I.D. Number. Please indicate if you would like your name included with your questions.

For more information
please contact:

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231.398.6803

Nine County	Nine County Ballot	Outlying Ballot	Outlying Ballot
<p>OFFICE OF TRIBAL OGEMA</p> <p>Vote for (one) seat</p> <p>SHANNON PAUL CRAMPTON</p> <p>LARRY "LITTLE THUNDER" ROMANELLI</p> <p>OFFICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL 9 COUNTY</p> <p>Vote for (two) seats</p> <p>JAMIE L FRIEDEL</p> <p>RITA ANNETTE GALE</p> <p>TOM GUENTHARDT</p> <p>SANDRA "PEANUT" LEWIS</p> <p>NIKKI DORIS NELSON</p> <p>JOSEPH RILEY</p> <p>LEVI O STONE</p> <p>OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE</p> <p>Vote for (one) seat</p> <p>ANGELA SHERIGAN</p> <p>OFFICE OF ELECTION BOARD</p> <p>Vote for (one) seat</p> <p>KAREN LOVE</p>	<p>This is who will appear on the Nine County Ballot.</p> <p>Nine County can only vote for the Nine County Tribal Council. (Outlying County cannot vote for the Nine County Tribal Council).</p> <p>The following counties make up the Nine County Area Manistee, Mason, Wexford, Muskegon, Kent, Lake, Ottawa, Oceana and Newaygo.</p> <p>All other counties and all other states make up the Outlying Area.</p> <p><u>If you did not get a ballot for the primary, please update your address with the enrollment dept.</u></p> <p>Your <u>physical address</u> (where you live) tells us what voting district you are in. Example, if you live in the Nine County District, but have a Outlying County mailing address, you will get an Nine County Ballot.</p> <p>There are two seats coming up for the Election Board, but only one person is running, so we will have a Special Election to fill that seat, at a later date.</p> <p><u>Please mail your ballot <u>early</u> to ensure there is enough time to receive it before the April 26, 2019. Has to be at the Manistee Post Office by <u>noon</u>.</u></p> <p>If you did not vote in the Primary Election and don't vote in the Regular Election you will be taken off the voters list. (Chapter 2, pg 10, Automatic Voter Registration.)</p> <p>Undeliverable addresses will not get a ballot.</p>	<p>OFFICE OF TRIBAL OGEMA</p> <p>Vote for (one) seat</p> <p>SHANNON PAUL CRAMPTON</p> <p>LARRY "LITTLE THUNDER" ROMANELLI</p> <p>OFFICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL OUTLYING</p> <p>Vote for (two) seats</p> <p>Cindy "Pete" Champagne</p> <p>John Grocholski IV</p> <p>Al Metzger</p> <p>Wyatt L. Szpliet</p> <p>Ron Wittenberg</p> <p>OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE</p> <p>Vote for (one) seat</p> <p>ANGELA SHERIGAN</p> <p>OFFICE OF ELECTION BOARD</p> <p>Vote for (one) seat</p> <p>KAREN LOVE</p>	<p>This is who will appear on the Outlying Ballot.</p> <p>Outlying County can only vote for the Outlying County Tribal Council. (Nine County cannot vote for the Outlying Tribal Council).</p> <p>The following counties make up the Nine County Area Manistee, Mason, Wexford, Muskegon, Kent, Lake, Ottawa, Oceana and Newaygo.</p> <p>All other counties and all other states make up the Outlying Area.</p> <p><u>If you did not get a ballot for the primary, please update your address with the enrollment dept.</u></p> <p>Your <u>physical address</u> (where you live) tells us what voting district you are in. Example, if you live in the Outlying District, but have a Nine County mailing address, you will get an Outlying Ballot.</p> <p>There are two seats coming up for the Election Board, but only one person is running, so we will have a Special Election to fill that seat at a later date.</p> <p><u>Please mail your ballot <u>early</u> to ensure there is enough time to receive it before the April 26, 2019. Has to be at the Manistee Post Office by <u>noon</u>.</u></p> <p>If you did not vote in the Primary Election and don't vote in the Regular Election you will be taken off the voters list. (Chapter 2, pg 10, Automatic Voter Registration.)</p> <p>Undeliverable addresses will not get a ballot.</p>

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

PRIMARY ELECTION FEBRUARY 15, 2019



OFFICIAL

OFFICE OF TRIBAL OMEGA	NINE- COUNTY	NINE COUNTY HAND TALLYS	OUTLYING	OUTLYING HAND TALLYS	TOTALS	%	RANK
NITUMIGAABOW "RYAN" CHAMPAGNE	24	0	69	0	93	9.34%	4
SHANNON PAUL CRAMPTON	89	0	113	1	203	20.38%	2
GARY PAUL DIPIAZZA SEES-BAK-TUNSE	35	2	25	0	62	6.22%	5
JIMMIE MITCHELL	35	1	24	0	60	6.02%	6
LARRY "LITTLE THUNDER" ROMANELLI	263	5	211	2	481	48.29%	1
JESSICA STEINBERG	49	0	47	1	97	9.74%	3

OFFICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL - 9 COUNTY	NINE- COUNTY	NINE COUNTY HAND TALLYS	TOTALS	%	RANK
JAMIE L. FRIEDEL	95	1	96	10.84%	4
RITA ANNETTE GALE	84	1	85	9.59%	5
TOM GUENTHARDT	191	4	195	22.01%	1
MARTHA M. HOWELL (ZHAAWASHKO NIMKEE KWE)	45	1	46	5.19%	7
JACOB KEQUOM	44	0	44	4.97%	8
SANDRA "PEANUT" LEWIS	163	2	165	18.62%	2
NIKKI DORIS NELSON	63	0	63	7.11%	6
JOSEPH RILEY	126	3	129	14.56%	3
LEVI O. STONE	61	2	63	7.11%	6

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY MAIL 9 COUNTY	512
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY MAIL OUTLYING	493
TOTAL BALLOTS HAND COUNTED 9 COUNTY	15
TOTAL BALLOTS HAND COUNTED OUTLYING	4

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	
1005	VOTER PARTICIPATION%
	26.17%
TOTAL VOTERS	
3840	

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the number of votes cast for the candidates shown herein for the Primary Election held on February 15, 2019. We further affirm that the aforementioned election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Tribal Constitution and the Election Code.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS

Luigi Burnaschi *Karen Rova*
Valerie McDonnell *Jimmy S. Burnaschi*
Mahesh G. G. G.

Government Center News

Pow-Wow Dance Class | March 16 | Muskegon 12 - 4P

Open to those who wish to learn how to dance powwow styles, and learn proper powwow etiquette.

Learn powwow dance styles: men and women fancy, grass, men and women traditional, jingle, and hoop dance. You will get a great workout.

Lakeshore Museum
430 W. Clay Ave
Muskegon, MI
49440

For more information contact
LRBOI Education Department
Deb Davis at 231.398.6724
or Yvonne Parsons 231.398.6735



2019 Election Calendar | 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)

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

Jarrett E. Kelsey

Allan Taylor

Micheal L. Wabindato

Lisa L. Brown

Martin Fleury

Elisa L. Tippitt

Pauline Wabindato

Jordyn A. Ceplina

Trinity Ricker

Jerry S. Tyler

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.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is accepting bids for 193 cord of 8ft pole logs

The Tribe has approximately 193 cord of 8ft pole logs. The entire pile is up for bid.

For more information, please contact Michelle Lucas at mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Due date for the bids is March 18th, 2019



Career Opportunities with LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort



Family Services

Victim Advocate

Human Resources

Human Resources Assistant

IT Department

IT Technician

Network Engineer

Systems Administrator

Natural Resources Department

Seasonal Fisheries Technician - 2 Temp Positions

Seasonal Wildlife Technician - 5 Temp Positions

Wildlife Biologist - Full Time

Unified Legal

Legal Intern - Full/Part Time Temp

1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859

jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/

Career Assistance Voucher

The \$200.00 Career Assistance Voucher is a useful component of the LRBOI Workforce Development Program that can assist the newly hired Tribal Member transition to new employment. It is the most used component in Workforce Development. The Voucher can be used by the new hire to help purchase clothing, shoes, supplies, tools, gasoline and transportation, but are not limited to those uses. In order to qualify for a Voucher, the member must be at least 16 years old and fill out an application with Workforce Development. The applicant must be a new hire at a new employer and make application requesting the Voucher within 30 days of the hire date. A rehire at the same employer does not qualify for a Voucher. Access to Voucher funding is limited to three times within a five-year period. There is a 365-day wait between the issuance of another Voucher and must meet the new hire requirement. Enrollment and employment verification is required prior to the disbursement of funds. For more information, contact Workforce Development.

David Hawley | Workforce Development Specialist

P: 231.398.6842 | E: dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

W: lrboi-nsn.gov/government/workforce-development/



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High Lift / Floor Care Cleaner

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1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530
Monday through Friday 7am-5pm

March Beading Workshop



Every Wednesday in March

Dates 13th, 20th, and 27th

5P-7P

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Pot Luck

Sign up now!

For more information contact: Debra Davis

Education Department

231.398.6724

LRBOI 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?

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

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.

Free Tax Preparation Sites

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. The VITA program assists people who generally make \$54,000 or less and persons with disabilities. The TCE program assists all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age or older. AARP Tax-Aide Sites offer free tax preparation for low to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 50 years of age or older.

Appointments may be required. Site dates and hours of operation, are subject to change. Please contact your nearest site to confirm.

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.

To find your nearest VITA location and its days and hours of operation:

Call 800.906.9887

Visit the website www.IRS.gov/VITA

Download the free IRS2Go app

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

Call 888.227.7669

Visit the website www.IRS.gov/TCE

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To find your nearest AARP Tax-Aide location and its days and hours of operation:

Call 888.227.7669

Visit the website www.IRS.gov/TCE

EDC | Economic Development Corporation

The EDC Board

Thad Taylor •Chair
Frank Lewis, Jr. •Vice Chair
E. James Nedeau •Secretary/Treasurer
Tim Ervin

Next EDC Board Meeting

March 27, 2019 | 3P

2608 Government Center Drive
 Manistee, MI 49660

Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.

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InTerra Nutraceuticals

interranutra.com

Advanced Protein Solutions

advancedproteins.com

Odeno Homes in Fruitport

odenohomes.com

EDC Companies:

Ayaa Ventures, LLC (InTerra and Advanced Protein Solutions)

Little River Capital Management, LLC

Little River Development, LLC

Little River Real Estate Management, LLC

Little River Government Contracting, LLC



Rehmann, the auditors the EDC Board hired to do its first audit and who also audit LRBOI, have begun their audit procedures.

Little River Holdings is in the process of building its own website so that Tribal Members can easily locate updates and information regarding the EDC. They are currently reviewing bids from two companies, one of whom is already working on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' website.

An annual report was presented to Tribal Council and the Ogema in January regarding the EDC's first year in business. Once we get the website built and launched, all of the updates and information will be found there in one convenient location.

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Scott Wahr, Michael Burmeister, Chuck Fisher, Ron Spoerl. Tribal Members are always welcome to attend the Citizen Advisory Board meetings during the Public Comment period. The public comment period is held at the beginning of each meeting. There is one open seat and if you are interested in applying, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman at crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov.

InTerra Nutraceuticals: InTerra lotions and serums are now available on amazon.com. There are currently six products available for sale with another product scheduled for production in Spring 2019. As of right now, customers can purchase the products online from the interranutra.com website, the Little River Casino Resort Gift Shop, or at the LRBOI Government Center. Tribal Members can receive a 35% discount when purchasing from the LRBOI Government Center location only.

Advanced Protein Solutions (APS): Staff are working with Food Network star and indigenous chef Crystal Wahpepah to possibly develop a product line using the formulation owned by the Tribe in her recipes.

Little River Government Contracting (LRGC): An application for the Tribe to become 8(a) certified has been completed and submitted to the Small Business Administration. It is hoped that LRGCC will secure its first U.S. Government contract starting in mid-2019.

Odeno: There were six homes sold in 2018 and three sold already this year. The subdivision is starting to get noticed. The trail system is now complete and additional bike trails will be added to the current street system. Additional models have been added with a total of 13 home plans to choose from. Visit the Odeno website for a fly-through view of the entire development or via [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

A Regional Symposium

The Opioid Epidemic: Inspiring Hope & Recovery



Thursday April 4, 2019

Little River Casino Resort Conference Center
2700 Orchard Highway – Manistee, Michigan 49660

Presented By

**Manistee County Human Services Collaborative Body
LRBOI Be Da Bin Behavioral Health Program**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

**MSU Extension United Way of Manistee County 2-1-1
Substance Education & Awareness Manistee
Centra Wellness Network**

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Jon Villasurda MPH, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services serves as a State Assistant Administrator Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA). His primary duties include strategic initiative development, project management, spending plan oversight, and policy analysis and development. This includes analyzing, interpreting, and developing policies, budgets, and reports related to Michigan's public behavioral health system. Key projects Jon has led include the Opioid Health Home, network adequacy standards, organizational optimization, research projects, legislative analyses, and several integral IT activities pertinent to increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of BHDDA and its services to the public. Prior to joining BHDDA in January 2017, Jon served as a Policy Analyst with the MDHHS Medical Services Administration (MSA) since Sept. 2014. At MSA, he was charged with overseeing the evaluation activities for the Healthy Michigan Plan. Jon was also integral to the development of Michigan's primary care health home benefit, the MI Care Team. In this role, he wrote the benefit's policy, state plan amendment, and provided program oversight and technical assistance to MI Care Team providers. Jon also provided policy research and support to his MSA colleagues for various Medicaid policy and operational issues.

Karen M. Marshall Karen's involvement with suicide awareness, prevention, intervention, and "post-vention" spans more than 25 years. She has been a speaker, trainer, advocate, and leader in the field nationally and internationally. Her work is primarily centered around crisis centers and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1.800.273.8255), and as a trainer with LivingWorks Education of Calgary, Canada, the developer and provider of the world's standard suicide prevention training programs. She recently retired from full-time work with American Indian Health & Family Services of SE Michigan, where she was the Outreach and Training Coordinator for the agency's federally grant-funded Youth Suicide Prevention project. The grant funded partnerships and training primarily with the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan, along with outreach and training for communities throughout the state. (Noon keynote and afternoon in VIP lounge.)

Schedule Thursday, April 4, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am (Event Center) Registration

Little River Casino Resort Event Center. A light breakfast of juice, fruit, rolls, coffee, and water will be available. Pick up your packet. Visit vendor booths in the event center. Remember a loved one impacted by the opioid epidemic by signing the memory board located by the registration table.

9:00 am - 9:50 am (Front stage area of Event Center)

Welcome and Keynote Address Jon Villasurda, State Assistant Administrator, MI Dept. Health & Human Services and Developmental Disabilities Administration; Opioid Health Home Initiative.

10:00 am – 10:50 am Breakout Sessions

1F: Jon Villasurda, continuation of keynote; to clarify the state strategy for attendees, and to gain valuable learnings and perspective from attendees. 1A: David S McGraham, MD, FACP; Academic Detailing in Primary Care Offices: A Novel Approach to Assisting with Chronic Pain and SUD – focus on providers and resources available.

1B: Ken Kaufman, co-chair of the Substance Free Coalition of NW MI; GT area FAN board member; Opioid Prevention through Education Initiative – aimed at getting to the root of the epidemic.

Breakout Sessions Continued

10:00 am – 11:50 am These are Double – Back to Back - Breakout Sessions

1C: QPR Training - Question – Persuade – Refer Michael Pyne will present this evidence-based training aimed at saving lives. Attendees will be certified gatekeepers in QPR upon completion.

1D: Harm Reduction Michigan, a small community-based organization providing harm reduction resources, counseling, and advocacy throughout the State of Michigan. Pamela Lynch presents: Opiate Overdose.

11:00 am – 11:50 am Choice of Breakout Sessions

2FS: SEA Coalition Youth Involvement Workgroup – a presentation by area students on vaping.

2A: Chip Johnston, LMSW, CEO Centra Wellness Network; Joy Pomeroy, MSN, RN; Emelee Haik, LMSW Behavioral Clinician; Paige Stec, RN; Randy Arndt, Recovery Coach; Centra Wellness Network Panel; CWN Opioid Health Home – A Recovery Approach. Concept and Care Model.

2B: Community Service Trooper David Prichard, Michigan State Police, served on Traverse Narcotics Team and as a School Resource Officer; He will speak on current drug trends.

Noon – 1:20 pm Lunch - Center Area of the Event Center

Event Center Luncheon Speaker Karen M. Marshall will speak about Healing, Hope and Recovery: Changing the conversation around suicide prevention, meeting people's needs and related issues of opioid addiction will all be part of this discussion. Continued discussion in VIP lounge area.

1:30 pm – 2:20 pm Choice of Breakout Sessions

3SF: Dr. Evan Parks, Mary Free Bed; The Mind and Body and How it Develops Chronic Pain

3A: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; One of our sponsors will present on topics of interest from their perspective.

3B: Tory Werth with co-presenter Joyce Fetrow from NMSAS Recovery Center; Will talk about utilizing the multiple ways to recovery. Not everyone attains and sustains recovery the same way.

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm These are Double – Back to Back - Breakout Sessions.

3C: Dr. Bruce Baker; Presentation of what various drugs look like, how they are used, and what harm they pose to unsuspecting people who find them. How you figure out what someone is on... What clinical clues to look for, etc. Also various drug street names that they are known by.

2D: Mary Gruman; ACEs information What Do We Know? Trauma informed strategies in the quest to develop responses to addiction. The film *Resilience* will be shown as part of her session.

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Choice of Breakout Sessions

4FS: Christina Pudvan, NMRE Northern Michigan Regional Entity; Regional Prevention Efforts

4A: Dr. James Whelan, MD, Munson Healthcare; MHC's response to the Opioid Crisis – Best practices for prescribers; Next steps for the healthcare community.

4B: Jill R. Schneiderhan, MD, Co-director, Integrative Family Medicine, Ann Arbor; Integrative and holistic medicine and chronic pain management.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Wrap Up In the main Event Center – Front Stage Area

Event will be held 8:30 am - 4:00pm Cost \$60

Contact: hscbmanistee@gmail.com

Call for Presenters: [Call for presenters 2019](#)

Vender Application: [Vendor application 2019](#)

Conference Registration: [Conference Registration](#)

Vender application, Conference Registration, & Call for presenters application can be found online at:
<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/calendar/regional-symposium-the-opioid-epidemic-inspiring-hope-recovery/>

Saturday March 16th
11 am - 3 pm
Little River Casino Resort
 2700 Orchard Hwy
 Manistee, MI



MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
POLAR PLUNGE

 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN

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, silent auction and amazing food!

Some familiar employee faces that have already registered to take the plunge.

Drew Jeurink
Jodi Walter
Robert Medacco
Tina LaHaye
Matthew Umlauf
Charmaine Stone
Steven McKinnon
Joseph Riley
Jordan Jacobi
Jeffrey Pefley



Photos from the First Annual Polar Plunge @ LRCR

www.firstgiving.com/event/polarplunge/Manistee19
[www.Facebook.com/PlungeMi/](https://www.facebook.com/PlungeMi/)

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Bear Lake Highlands Celebrates a New Year Steven Biehl, Golf Course Superintendent



The 1-year anniversary of operating Bear Lake Highlands will be upon us soon. It is satisfying looking back on all we have been able to accomplish, and astonishing that it has been accomplished in less than 12 months! Bear Lake Highlands has always been a fantastic property, but circumstances of the recent years had resulted in a lapse of regular preventative maintenance. This has presented us with, not only the obligation to refresh a favorite among the local golfers, but the opportunity to create an alternative choice among the growing golfing destinations of northern Michigan.

In addition to the cosmetic updates in the clubhouse and bathrooms on the course, the majority of the work over the past year has been an assessment of the existing infrastructure and initiating long-term solutions. Heating and cooling updates were made in the clubhouse to improve the guest experience. New turf equipment was acquired to replace unreliable equipment, and a plan for rebuilding existing equipment will continue through the coming year. These additions will allow for more efficient operations as well as improved playing conditions over the long-term. An upgrade to the existing irrigation pump station will be completed soon, which will provide proper operating pressure to the lines throughout the course, as well as improved energy conservation. A large effort to clean up dead or dying trees and shrubs across the entire course was completed over several weeks this past season. This provided a much cleaner look to the course.

Changes to the course were initiated and are planned to continue over the coming season. Much effort will be made to create a course with a clean and uniform look, which is FUN to play, day-in and day-out. This will involve creating wider fairways, unifying the look of all the course accessories and signage, and continuing to improve playing conditions across all areas of the course.

The most recent addition to the rebranding of Bear Lake Highlands has been a new logo. This is one of several new additions guests will see when they return this season. A new sign with a LED display will sit prominently along US-31. Guest will also get to enjoy a new fleet of carts during their round of golf.

Any satisfaction we may have enjoyed watching the progress of the previous 12 months pales in comparison to the excitement we hold for the plans of the coming season and beyond. We have already been booking tee times, groups, outings and leagues for the coming season. Many people are calling to say they love the course and, with the news of new ownership, can't wait to return to play it again. We can't wait for them to return too!



www.bearlakehighlands.com

**11685 Chippewa Highway
Bear Lake, Michigan 49614
231.864.3817**



NRD Staff Member Joshua Beaulaurier holding a long nose gar.

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department is in the process of developing a wild rice stewardship plan. Soon we will be looking for input from the membership. If you are interested in providing input, please be on the lookout for future announcements. The plan will include long-term goals for the Wild Rice Program and what is envisioned for the future of wild rice in our area.

Wild Rice Waterbodies

Hamlin Lake -282 Acres

Manistee Lake - 8 Acres

Manistee River -12 stems per 5.38 feet squared

Arcadia Marsh - Sparse

Muskegon River - Sparse, but a couple larger beds



If you have any questions about the Wild Rice Program don't hesitate to contact Joshua Beaulaurier.

231.723.1594

joshuabeaulaurier@lrboi-nsn.gov



Wild Rice News

The Wild Rice Program has been busy this past year with multiple projects. One of the program's projects is monitoring current wild rice beds around Manistee and Muskegon Counties that contain northern species and southern species of wild rice. This year we monitored Hamlin Lake that has the northern species of wild rice. This year the bed was approximately 282 acres in size with a stem density around 20 stems per 5.38 feet squared. The Manistee Lake wild rice bed is also the northern species. Currently it is thought that the rise of Lake Michigan water levels is causing a negative impact on the wild rice bed size and density in Manistee Lake. The Manistee bed was around 8 acres, but was very sparse with densities being around 1 stem per 5.38 feet squared.

The southern species of wild rice was monitored in the Manistee River, Muskegon River, and Arcadia Marsh. This year the Manistee River wild rice beds seem to be slowly expanding down the river and the beds this year had an average density of 12 stems per 5.38 feet squared. NRD staff surveyed the Muskegon River this year to look at the southern species that is present and is sparsely located throughout the riverine systems with no beds surveyed over 164 feet long. This year the southern species was also surveyed in Arcadia Marsh. The population is sparse due to the rise in Lake Michigan water levels.

This year in collaboration with the City of Manistee and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the wild rice program installed "WILD RICE BE AWARE" signs at boat launches. Signs were installed at two launches around Manistee Lake and one on the upper part of the Hamlin Lake boat launch. NRD staff hope that the signs will bring awareness to casual boaters that the plant is in the area and to not drive their boats through it.

Currently LRBOI NRD staff are working with several partners including the Grand Traverse Bands of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Department of Natural Resources (GTB NRD) to select restoration locations for wild rice in the 1836 Ceded Territories. Some of the sites being investigated are near Cadillac, MI and are located on USFS lands. LRBOI NRD and GTB NRD received a joint Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant through the National Park Service for restoring wild rice at various locations for the next 2-3 years. LRBOI staff will continue to research quality lakes, streams and wetlands for wild rice restoration in the area in future years.

The Wild Rice Fish Community Assessment Project has been ongoing for the last two years and has caught over 4,000 fish. The dominant species that are being found in the wild rice beds are blue gill, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch. The less dominate species that were found in numbers less than 100 are black crappie, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, freshwater drum, white sucker, bowfin, bullhead species and red horse species. The rarer species are the longnose gar, gizzard shad, golden shiner, steelhead, redear sunfish, and walleye.

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department is in the process of developing a Wild Rice Stewardship Plan. We will be soon looking for input from the membership. If you are interested in providing input, please be on the lookout for future invitations. This document will include long-term goals for the Wild Rice Program and what is envisioned for the future of wild rice in our area. Currently, LRBOI NRD Staff are planning to hold meetings in Manistee and Muskegon.

LRBOI WILD RICE COLLABORATION

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Supreme Court Justices, Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum Honor Peacemaker Patrick Wilson

LANSING, MI, January 16, 2019 – Members of the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum (“Forum”), including Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack, convened today at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing to honor Peacemaker Patrick D. Wilson, of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. Chief Justice McCormack was joined by Justice Megan K. Cavanagh, the Court’s new liaison on tribal issues, and her father, retired Justice Michael F. Cavanagh, in presenting Wilson with a resolution from the Supreme Court for his instrumental work on the Forum and his assistance in starting the Washtenaw County Peacemaking Court—the first state court of its kind in Michigan.

“The work of the Forum is important to all Michigan citizens because it affects how our court systems best serve Michiganders, and the peacemaking process is an essential part of this work,” said Chief Justice McCormack. “Peacemaker Wilson is truly a visionary, and I applaud him for helping to bring this approach to justice to the state level.”

Forum members in attendance included Judge Timothy Connors, of Washtenaw County Circuit and Peacemaking Courts; Peacemaker Margaret Connors, Washtenaw County Peacemaking Court; William Petoskey, Washtenaw County Peacemaking Court; and Chief Judge Jeffrey Nellis, Mason County Circuit Court.

Representing the Little River Band were Tribal Ogema (or “Chief”) Larry Romanelli, Tribal Court Chief Judge Daniel Bailey, Associate Judge Angela Sherigan, Peacemaker Martha Howell, Court Administrator Deborah Miller, and Court Clerk Laurie Willis.

Peacemaking is a traditional Native American approach to problem solving that focuses on healing and restoring relationships between parties in disagreement. It aims to improve the traditional courtroom experience in a process whereby everyone is part of a comprehensive solution. Parties meet in a circle with trained peacemakers. Learn more about Washtenaw County Peacemaking Court [here](#).

Retired Justice Michael Cavanagh cofounded the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum with Tribal Judge Michael Petoskey, of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, in 2014 to provide an ongoing venue for judges from all three jurisdictions to convene jointly to improve working relations and communication. It is comprised of judges representing each of Michigan’s 12 federally-recognized tribes, 12 state court judges, and federal judges and officials. Read more about the Forum [here](#).



Midwest Advance Peacemaker Training BODY LANGUAGE AND OTHER NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Seeing What They Are Really Saying
By Patrick D. Wilson
August 23, 2019

We use body language and non-verbal communication on a daily basis, as it is a natural part of getting our messages and thoughts communicated to others. Our body language on a very basics level and can be understood very easily. Some research says 55-60% of what we say is expressed through our movements.

Body language and other non-verbal communication comes in very handy when conducting a Peacemaking Session. This training will enlighten you on how to utilize your understanding of body language to guide and redirect the participants to achieve the best outcome possible and start the healing.

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(look back)

Looking back at past Little River Currents articles, this one is from March 2004 submitted by a Tribal Citizen. The website below is still very much active and some may find it useful. www.whitebison.org

What is a Firestarter?

In the beliefs of many Native American philosophies, every individual has a purpose and has been given the gifts, talents and abilities to accomplish this purpose.

"Firestarter" refers to an individual who has the ability to envision the needs and potential (fire or light) within a person or community. Such individuals come to identify their purpose through divine intervention or as a result of a life experience that is triggered by prolonged conflict.

During this time, the individual goes through an immediate self-appraisal which "sparks" or "brings light" to an understanding and knowledge within of what abilities they have or must acquire to accomplish their purpose.

For more information:
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Submitted by LRBOI Tribal Member
Jackie Redwoman Lindow



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- FREE Program for Native Youth
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Afternoon

Evening

Night time

Midnight

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You can't deceive a March born as they are highly intuitive. They will sense or smell out any schemes being planned against them. Plus, it is best not to underestimate them as deception makes them stronger. March born individuals are very sympathetic and generous in nature. These qualities gain them admiration from their peers. People respect them for these traits and are highly motivated by them. They make good volunteers and are always ready to help others. These folks are super devoted and committed people in their relationships. They don't give up on people and will stick it out no matter what! However, if they know that one is the unfaithful kind, they will not waste time over such people. They stick by their beliefs and principles, and are very clear about what they want in their lives. March born individuals love their peace and quiet fiercely. After all the hustle-bustle in their daily lives, they prefer to retire to their cocoons and get lost in their thoughts.

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Did you experience recent power outage due to weather? You may be eligible for a credit.

If anyone is a Consumers Power customer, and you lost power for more than five days (120 hrs), you can go to the website's power out page and apply for a credit on their bill. <https://www.consumersenergy.com/outages/outage-center> or you can call **800.477.5050**.

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Bridge/SNAP benefit recipients, and have lost perishable food due to the recent outages, you can call **855.275.6424** to apply for reimbursement of the value to your food account.

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Fox Medicine by Shirley Brauker

Drawn on a 1889 Ledger page from the state of Missouri.

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The White Star Tavern casts a snowy image in this 1960s photograph.

The tavern was located on M-55 between Manistee and Wellston.

AKA: Star Corners

It was frequented by many Tribal Members back in the day and fond memories are told in many stories.

Danny Joseph Schultz

It is with sadness that I let my Tribal Family know that one of my younger brothers, Danny Joseph (Joe) Schultz had passed away. He went with the Lord on January 27, 2019, surrounded by his sisters and brother.



Danny was a person, which will be remembered for a long time. He never had a bad bone in his body; he would do anything for anyone. He did not care if he knew you or not, he would introduce himself and soon become good friends. He always had a smile on his face. Dan also was a jokester, you never knew what he was going to do or say. Many times, I would say, "Dan be quiet, Dan do not do that". He did not care he still did it.

Dan also had a passion for cars, especially convertibles. I can remember him buying old cars when we were young and putting \$800.00 parts into a car he might have purchased for \$100.00. That was Dan. At the time of his death, he had a green mustang convertible and another car. Summer time you would see him touring around with his hair blowing in the wind, his trusty dog "Boots" sitting next to him. What a card. He also loved animals, mostly dogs, yet when he came to my house, our cat would run over to him. The cat knew he loved animals.

Dan is in Heaven with our Mom, Grace Koon Schultz Willis, our Dad, Donald Schultz and our step dad, Sandy Willis. He can now play tricks on them. He can talk to my brother Don and his sister Trish.

Dan leaves behind Brother, David Schultz; Sister, Diane Schultz Lonn; Sister, Mary Willis Thomas; and Brothers, Bill Willis and Paul Willis, and his crazy dog Boots.

Until we meet in heaven brother, may you rest in peace. God Bless you and may Jesus wrap his arms around you. You are out of pain brother and with your loved ones. —Diane Lonn

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March

16 | Polar Plunge Manistee LRCR
16 | Pow Wow Dance Class
28 | Treaty Recognition Day (Offices Closed)
29 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
30 | Candidate Forum

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
23 | Peacemaking Training

September

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

October

5 | Elders Meeting
11 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle
11 | Ogema's Meet & Greet
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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