



Little River Currents

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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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
Mshikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	231.398.6853

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

5

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls

LRBOI joins other Tribes to declare May 5th a day of awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

MAY

10

Painting for a Cause (see page 18)

Manistee, VFW Post 4499
1211 28th St., Manistee
Contact Joann at 231.747.9430 to sign up

MAY

27

Memorial Day

Government Center Offices will be closed.
Clinic / Pharmacy will be closed.

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)

Honor the Earth Pow Wow Grounds	May 17 - 19	Hayward, WI
Feast of the Flowering Moon Festival	May 23 - 26	Chillicothe, OH
Ho-Chunk Memorial Day Pow Wow	May 25 - 27	Black River Falls, WI
St Ignace Native American Festival	May 25 - 26	St. Ignace, MI
Oshke Kne Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow	May 25 - 26	Dowagiac, MI
LRBOI Jiingtamok	Jun 29 - 30	Manistee, MI



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-Government

-Executive Branch: Tribal Ogema

-Ogema Larry Romanelli

Ogema's Meet & Greet

October 11, 2019

7- 9P

LRCR Three Fires Conference
Room

Fall Membership Meeting

October 12, 2019

LRCR Event Center

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

Annual Budget Hearing

August 3, 2019

Government Center Lodge
9 - 11A



2019 Ogema Larry Romanelli - Meet & Greet



2019 Tribal Council Talking Circle



2019 Spring Membership Meeting - Public Comment

The 2019 Spring Membership Meeting Video can be found on the LRBOI website:
[Government > Membership Meetings](#)

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

April 17
 May 22
 June 19

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 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
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
Richard Koon	•Commissioner
Shannon Crampton	•Liaison
Gary DiPiazza	•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	Defra Kelsey	•Trustee	Ron Pete	•Liaison
Marcella Leusby	•Secretary				

TRIBAL COUNCIL Joseph Riley II • Speaker

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Tribal Council held a work session last fall in the thought of changing the \$20.00 fee for a campsite to \$10.00 a week for each campsite for Elders. The campground opens April 1st of each year. If you wish to utilize a campsite contact Public Safety for a permit. Robert Medacco, Public Safety Director can also be reached at 888.723.8288 and he is always willing to assist Tribal Members with their safety and needs. The Natural Resource Commission Camping Regulations have been posted for 30-day public comment. Public Comments and Proposed Ordinances can be viewed on the [LRBOI website](#), please email your comments to: comments@lrboi-nsn.gov. Your voice is important.

Approval of grant funding on Violence Against Women included the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Present to receive the grant funding were Prosecutor Shayne Machen, Paralegal Spring Medacco, Attorney Elise McGowen-Cuellar, and Tribal Councilor Jamie Friedel. Grant funding support will be utilized to protect Tribal Member safety and therefore we will be able to prosecute non-Tribal Members on Tribal lands.

We had a work session regarding flood relief to assist Tribal Members, but first a State of Emergency declaration must be made.

We would like to give a welcome to Richard Koon to the Natural Resource Commission, Seat # 5. Rich has a lifetime of knowledge of State and Tribal Law that he will bring to the table. Rich also has established connections with the State DNR in his career.

Sandra Lewis**Tribal Council Recorder****PUBLIC COMMENT | PROPOSED ORDINANCES****The following were posted online for public comment:**[Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance 06-100-02](#) Expires 5/10/19[Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance 14-100-10](#) Expires 5/10/19[HC Regulations Chapter 4-Rent Payments, Collection and Eviction Procedures for Tribal Rental Units](#) Expires 5/10/19[HC Regulation Chapter 7-Maintenance and Modernization for Low Income Elder and Tribal Owned Rental Homes](#) Expires 5/10/19[HC Regulation Chapter 8-Hearings](#) Expires 5/10/19For comments please email: comments@lrboi-nsn.gov

Please visit lrboi-nsn.gov for the full reports which can be found under the tabs:
[Government/Legislative Branch/Public Comment - Proposed Ordinances](#)

For copies and additional information please contact 888.723.8288 | 231.723.8288

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL UPDATE

M.A.S.T.

The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes is an intertribal organization, which includes 33 Federally recognized Tribes and four intertribal organizations in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa, each having sovereign authority to govern themselves.

Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Meeting was held in Washington D.C.

March 5th - 8th

Councilors Shannon Crampton, Sandra Lewis, and Ron Wittenberg attended and represented LRBOI

Tribal Leader Round Table Discussion:

Rebecca Trautmann- Curator for National Native American Veterans Memorial. An update was given that a memorial structure for Native Veterans of the Armed Forces will be placed at the Native American Indian Museum.

Guest Speakers included:

U.S. Congressman Paul Cook 8th District of California	President Jefferson Keel National Congress of American Indians	U.S. Congressman Raul Grijavia 3rd District of Arizona
U.S. Congressman John Moolenaar 4th District of Michigan	U.S. Congressman Mike Gallagher 8 th District of Wisconsin	U.S. Congresswoman Sharice Davids 3rd District of Kansas
U.S. Congressman Dave Joyce 14 th District of Ohio	Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeny	U.S. Congressman Dan Kildee 5th District of Michigan

Resolutions that were approved at M.A.S.T. included:

Resolution ECWS-19-005

Urging Congress to pass a long-term reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that Includes key protections for Native Women. Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes met with the south eastern Tribes and at this time we made contact with Abigail Echo-Hawk who is taking the lead on missing Indigenous women. We were also able to discuss issues regarding missing Indigenous men, as no one should ever be forgotten.

Resolution ECWS-19-001

Support for advanced appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services.

Discussions:

Discussions took place at the office of Congressman Andy Levin and included Michigan Representative Jack Bergman, Congressman Rob Bishop, House Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples, Alaska Representative Don Young. Topics of discussion included the Government shutdown in which many Tribes' services were in jeopardy of being funded and having an effect on I.H.S., Public Safety, I.C.W.A., and Education. Our ancestors signed Treaties with the U.S. Government insuring the well-being of our people that included health, homes, and education. The Federal Government is bound by the Treaties obligations and to see that this does not happen again M.A.S.T is pursuing advanced appropriations.

Sandra Lewis

Tribal Council Recorder

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | MARCH

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
03/04/19	Round Table	x	*	*	x	x		x	*	x	5
03/04/19	Burial Fund Increase	x	*	*	x	x		x	*	x	5
03/04/19	Gov Business & Acctg	x	*	*	x	x		x	*	x	5
03/04/19	Agenda Review	x	*	*	x			x	*	x	4
03/05/19	Government Financials	x	*	*	x	x		x	*	x	5
03/11/19	Agenda Review	x	x			V	x	x	x	x	6
03/12/19	Board of Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x		V	x	P	x	x	6
03/14/19	MDOT	x	x			V		x	x	x	5
03/18/19	Health Commission Ord	x	x				x	*	x	x	5
03/18/19	Gaming Commission Ord	x	x				x	*	x	x	5
03/18/19	Agenda Review	x	x				x	*	x	x	5
03/19/19	Rehabilitation for Lic.	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	7
03/19/19	2019 Goals	x		x				x	x	x	5
03/25/19	Interview NRC	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	8
03/25/19	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	8
03/25/19	Flood Relief	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	7
03/26/19	Strategic Planning	x	x		x			x	x	x	6
03/26/19	Government Financials	x	x		x			x	x	x	6
Total - 18		18	11	6	11	4	8	14	13	18	

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 06, 2019 10:00A - QUORUM NOT ESTABLISHED

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 13, 2019 10:00A - 12:10P

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

Reports due: January & February

Operations Report

Financial Report

Natural Resource Commission September 2018

Reports Received

None Submitted

December 2018

None Submitted

19-0313-053 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION by Lewis; supported by Friedel

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

19-0313-055 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500 TO THE NATIVE CIRCLE OF NEWAYGO COUNTY (NCNC) by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

19-0313-054 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY-NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS INSTITUTE 2019 by Lewis; supported by Friedel

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

19-0313-056 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500 TO THE FOUR SEASONS KATERI CIRCLE OF MUSKEGON by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 13, 2019 10:00A - 12:10P (CONTINUED)

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

19-0313-057 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$250 TO MANISTEE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0313-058 AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO POLAR PLUNGE WITH \$500 FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND \$500 FROM THE TRIBAL OGEMA

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0313-059 APPROVAL OF EDC BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE, RON SPOERL

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

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

MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING ACT OF 2010, ORDINANCE 10-100-06 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

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

19-0313-060 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THE FY2018 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

19-0313-061 RATIFICATION OF BRICK HOUSE INTERACTIVE CONTRACT

by Friedel; supported by Pete

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

19-0313-062 RATIFICATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH WEST

by Friedel; supported by Pete

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

19-0313-063 RATIFICATION OF VERIZON WIRELESS CONTRACT

by Pete; supported by Friedel

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 20, 2019 10:00A - 11:17A

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

Reports due: January 2019

Operations Report

Financial Report

Natural Resources Commission September 2018

Reports Received

January 2019 & February 2019

None Submitted

None Submitted

19-0320-064 AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED FAMILY SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR THE VICTIMS SERVICES AND BE DA BIN DIVISIONS

by Lewis; supported by Friedel

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

19-0320-065 AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORT OF \$250 AND TRIBAL OGEMA MATCH OF \$250 FOR A TOTAL OF \$500 TO SPONSOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS PRINCESS TRIP TO THE GATHERING OF THE NATIONS POW WOW IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 25-27, 2019

by Pete; supported by Lewis

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

19-0320-066 AUTHORIZING THE UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO AMEND THE REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR 50% OF REVENUE TO BE RESERVED FOR PER CAPITA PAYMENTS

by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0320-069 ACCEPTANCE & RATIFICATION OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2019-02 MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT AUDIT CHAPTER 4

by Friedel; supported by Pete

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 27, 2019 10:00A - 11:47A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	FRIEDEL PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN ABSENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	RILEY PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
Acceptance of Reports				Reports Received		MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD KOON TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION FOR SEAT #5 ENDING ON 9/20/2021		
Financial Report				None Submitted		by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel		
Acceptance of Commission Reports								
Binojeeuk Commission				February 2019		DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES		
Enrollment Commission				February 2019		LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES		
Gaming Commission				February 2019		PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
Health Commission				None Submitted				
Housing Commission				February 2019				
Natural Resource Commission				None Submitted				
Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities				Reports Received		19-0327-073 DISCONTINUE PAYMENT OF STIPENDS TO NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION UNTIL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE REGARDING MONTHLY REPORTING		
Elders Committee Minutes				February 2019		by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel		
Little River Casino Resort Preference Report				February 2019		DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES		
Ethics Board Report				March 2019		LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES		
Old Business Reports that are due: January 2019						PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
Financial Report				January 2019				
Natural Resource Commission				None Submitted				
September 2018								
19-0327-070 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH COMMISSION ORDINANCE 06-150-06				by Pete; supported by Lewis		19-0327-074 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING		
DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES						by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel		
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES						DIPIAZZA•NO CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES		
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES						LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES		
						PETE•NO RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
19-0327-071 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE REHABILITATION FOR LICENSURE ORDINANCE #11-400-10				by Pete; supported by Wittenberg		19-0327-075 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMICUS BRIEF SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE 2010 INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT		
DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES						by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza		
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES						DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES		
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES						LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES		
						PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
19-0327-072 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION ORDINANCE 04-400-04				by Lewis; supported by Pete		19-0327-076, RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL OF OMAHA		
DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES						by Pete; supported by Di Piazza		
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES						DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES		
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES						LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES		
						PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		
MOTION FOR POSTING THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION CAMPING REGULATIONS R500-01:NRC 04 FOR 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD				by Di Piazza; supported by Pete		19-0327-077 APPROVING CONTRACT WITH BIG FIRE LAW & POLICY GROUP		
DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES						by Crampton; supported by Friedel		
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES						DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES		
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES						LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT COREY•YES		
						PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES		

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

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

EDC | Economic Development Corporation

The EDC Board

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

EDC Board Meeting

May 29 | 3PM

2608 Government Center Drive
 Manistee, MI 49660

Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.

Career Opportunity:

Assistant Director

Little River Holdings, LLC
 Economic Development Corporation
 Call for more info: 231.398.6840

Administration:

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Assistant Director
 231.398.6811

TylerLeppanen@lrboi-nsn.gov

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Attorney
 231.398.6815

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On the web:

InTerra Nutraceuticals
interranutra.com

Advanced Protein Solutions
advancedproteins.com

Odeno Homes in Fruitport
odenohomes.com

EDC Companies:

Ayaa Ventures, LLC

(InTerra & Advanced Protein Solutions)

Little River Capital Management, LLC

Little River Development, LLC

Little River Real Estate Management, LLC

Little River Government Contracting, LLC



The Tribal EDC is actively seeking Tribal Members with business experience and an interest in learning about and creating economic sovereignty for the Tribe. A

great way to contribute to the EDC's vision is to join the Citizen Advisory Board! Members of the board meet quarterly to get updated on what the EDC is working on, as well as contribute their thoughts and ideas on future endeavors.

These are voluntary positions (no compensation), but there isn't a better way to be part of something important to the Tribe's financial future. To show interest in becoming a member of the Citizen Advisory Board, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman at CrystalNewman@lrboi-nsn.gov.

EDC Board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Government Center - Law Library. Open session/public comment starts promptly at **3pm**, and Tribal Members are welcome to attend. The next scheduled meeting is **May 29, 2019**.

The Spring Membership Meeting was quite an event. The EDC presented updates on stage, sponsored a photo booth for Tribal Members and handed out gift bags with InTerra samples including our new CBD/hemp product. Our Little River Government Contracting staff was present to talk to anyone who had questions. Plans are already in the works for the Fall Membership Meeting! We had 27 Tribal Members sign up for more information about our Citizen Advisory Board and all were contacted. From those contacted we received applications from two Tribal Members who will be meeting with the EDC board on May 29.



The EDC Board's most recent appointee, Ron Spoerl, was officially sworn in on April 12th by Judge Bailey. He has an extensive business background and is a welcome addition to our board.

Little River Holdings and Little River Government Contracting held a Warrior/Veterans Luncheon on April 12th. This was a 'Thank you' to all of the Tribal Members who have served and a way to introduce them to the government contracting world. Veterans were presented with specially minted coins thanking them for their service. There was also drumming and a pipe ceremony officiated by Jay Sam. Thanks to technological advances, we were able to have an EDC board member (also a Veteran) attend via video conference all the way from Malaysia!



Government Center News

Food Distribution Program Receives Urban Waivers

Urban waivers are needed to provide benefits and services to eligible Tribal households in an area with a population over 10,000 people.

In October of 2018 urban waivers for the Grand Rapids area and Muskegon County area were submitted to the USDA for approval.

On April 2, 2019 the Grand Rapids area waiver was approved and on April 8, 2019 the Muskegon County area waiver was approved. These will allow us to provide benefits and services to eligible Tribal households residing in both of these areas.

On May 24, 2019 Ken LaHaye will be in the Muskegon office accepting applications. If you would like to come and submit an application or come and just learn about the program, he will be at the office from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Food Distribution Program Supervisor | Ken LaHaye

Food Distribution Program Warehouse Assistant | Melanie Ceplina

231.398.6715 | kenlahaye@lrboi-nsn.gov

231.398.6716 | melanieceplina@lrboi-nsn.gov

MEMBERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MAY 13, 2019.

The Attorney apologizes for any inconvenience.

Northern Michigan Legal Services 231.947.0771

Michigan Indian Legal Services 877.968.6877

Legal Aid of Western Michigan 616.774.0672

Michiganlegalhelp.org

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

Pauline Wabindato

Lisa L. Brown

Martin Fleury

Elisa L. Tippitt

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

PURCHASED AND REFERRED CARE (CLINIC) | MSHKIKII GAMIG (PHARMACY)

Tribal Members can call the Tribal Pharmacy directly to obtain refills on their prescriptions.

231.398.6853

Also a reminder that **Northern Michigan Health Service Dental Clinic (in the old casino)** is **NOT** owned or affiliated with the Little River Tribal Health Clinic; however, if you choose to use their services, you must notify your PRC worker.

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

LRBOI BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM PUBLIC RECORD IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!



⇒ ONLINE AT WWW.LRBOI-NSN.GOV

⇒ IN-PERSON AT THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
310 9TH ST, MANISTEE, MI



**For more information please contact Breanna Knudsen, Brownfield Specialist at
231.398.2182 or breannaknudsen@lrboi-nsn.gov**

Career Opportunities with LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort



Aki Maadiziwin

Cafeteria Worker - Elder's Meals - Part Time

Family Services

Resident Services Coordinator

Housing

Maintenance Technician

Human Resources

Government Center Temp. Pool

IT Department

IT Technician

Network Engineer

Natural Resources Department

Seasonal Fisheries Technician - 2 Temp Positions

Seasonal Wildlife Technician - 5 Temp Positions

Next Generation Learning Center

Lead Cook

Teacher's Aide

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/



Cage Cashier

Compliance Officer

Cosmetologist/Hair Stylist

Customer Service Associate

Food Cashier

General Ledger Accountant

Golf Course Groundskeeper

Guest Service Agent

Lead Customer Service Associate

Massage Therapist

Pool/Spa Maintenance Technician

Security Level 2

Service Bartender

1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530

Monday through Friday 7am-5pm

www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers



David Hawley

Workforce Development Specialist

231.398.6842

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

The Working World

There is no denying the Internet is an incredibly powerful job search tool. But you should be careful about how much and what kind of information you put out there. Your digital self—the version of you that people get from your emails, postings, social networking pages, online portfolio, and personal website—is available to everyone, including potential employers, and they do look. According to studies, nearly half of employers check Facebook and other information found on the Internet when reviewing potential candidates. So be sure there is nothing about you online that an employer might use to screen you out.

*Excerpt: Farr, Michael, **Getting the Job You Really Want**. (Sixth Edition)*

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REGULAR ELECTION April 26, 2019



UNOFFICIAL

VOTE FOR (1)

OFFICE OF TRIBAL OGEMA	NINE- COUNTY	NINE COUNTY HAND TALLYS	OUTLYING	OUTLYING HAND TALLYS	TOTALS	%	RANK
SHANNON PAUL CRAMPTON	197	4	249	0	450	37.13%	2
LARRY "LITTLE THUNDER" ROMANELLI	413	5	343	1	762	62.87%	1

VOTE FOR (2)

OFFICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL - NINE-COUNTY							
JAMIE L. FRIEDEL	128	0			128	11.29%	4
RITA ANNETTE GALE	101	1			102	8.99%	5
TOM GUENTHARDT	266	7			273	24.07%	1
SANDRA "PEANUT" LEWIS	246	2			248	21.87%	2
NIKKI DORIS NELSON	101	1			102	8.99%	5
JOSEPH RILEY	197	5			202	17.81%	3
LEVI O. STONE	79	0			79	6.97%	6

VOTE FOR (2)

OFFICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL - OUTLYING							
CINDY "PETE" CHAMPAGNE			314	0	314	32.27%	1
JOHN GROCHOLSKI IV			152	1	153	15.72%	4
AL METZGER			209	0	209	21.48%	3
WYATT L. SZPLIET			68	1	69	7.09%	5
RON WITTENBERG			228	0	228	23.43%	2

VOTE FOR (1)

OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE							
ANGELA SHERIGAN	507	8	496	1	1012	100.00%	1

VOTE FOR (1)

OFFICE OF ELECTION BOARD							
KAREN LOVE	512	7	499	1	1019	100.00%	1

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY MAIL 9 COUNTY	605
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY MAIL OUTLYING	596
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN PERSON 9 COUNTY	16
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN PERSON OUTLYING	1
TOTAL BALLOTS HAND COUNTED 9 COUNTY	9
TOTAL BALLOTS HAND COUNTED OUTLYING	1

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	
1228	VOTER PARTICIPATION%
	32.10%
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	
3825	

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 Regular Election held on April 26, 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

Sammy Burmeister *Lerie Burmeister*
Valerie McDowell
Med J. Galt

May 3 |

Deadline for Regular Election recounts, disputes, challenges

Deadline for Regular Election campaign financial report

Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Regular Election

Election Board:

2602 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660

231.398.6709 | election@lrboi-nsn.gov

More information regarding the Election Board can be found online at:

lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/



Ballots being counted



Results being tallied



Results are announced by Election Board Chair Terri Burmeister

Tax-Exempt Purchases at the Little River Trading Post

Tobacco & Motor Fuel Note:

Refusal to provide your Tribal ID card, complete the appropriate motor fuel and/or tobacco/cigarettes log(s) will result in denial of your tax exemption.

Motor Fuel Purchases:

All Tribal members are **required** to be registered for the tax-exempt Motor Fuel program. The Tax Department and the Little River Trading Post have Motor Fuel Registration forms available. The form can be turned in to the Trading Post or dropped off, mailed, emailed, or faxed to the Tax Department, located at the Tribal Government Center.

Only Tribal members are entitled to purchase and use tax-exempt fuel purchased under the terms of the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. The exemption does not extend to friends or family members that are not Tribal members. Tribal members that purchase fuel for someone else and/or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment and/or fines, as applicable. The monthly tax exempt motor fuel quota per member remains at **175** gallons per month.

Payment for all tax-exempt fuel purchases must be made inside the gas station **AFTER** fuel has been pumped. Tribal members should not pay for fuel at the pump; if you pay at the pump, you will not receive the tax exemption. After pumping your fuel, proceed inside the store and inform the attendant on duty that you are a Little River Band member and are eligible for a tax exemption on your motor fuel purchase **before** they ring up your sale.

Present your Tribal ID card to the attendant for verification. They are required to verify the name, number, and picture on your ID card. They cannot give you the discount if you do not have your ID card present at the time of purchase.

The attendant will ask you to complete the "Log of tax-exempt sales". You must enter the date, your Tribal ID number, signature, license plate number and number of gallons purchased. Also, so that your purchase does not get logged incorrectly, **please write clearly** so that it can be read for data entry. If you are unsure of your Tribal ID number, please double check the number on your ID card.

Tribal members may not purchase fuel for a non-Tribal member or another member's use. Doing so will result in suspension of your tax-exempt purchase privileges. Additional penalties may also be assessed as outlined in the Motor Fuel Regulations.

Keep track of your gallons so you don't go over your monthly limit of 175 gallons. The fuel discount will not be given for two separate vehicles at one purchase. Do not ask for this exemption unless the second vehicle is being towed or is on a trailer pulled by the vehicle the Tribal member is using.

The 175 gallon monthly quota per member is a combination of gasoline and diesel; they do not have separate quota limits. Tribal members are responsible for staying within their monthly limit. It is not the job of the Little River Trading Post to track your purchases and it is not their fault if you go over your limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in a tax assessment and/or penalty plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges as applicable, until the assessed amount is paid in full.



Tobacco / Cigarette Purchases:

Tribal members are not allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco/cigarette products for non-members (including family members) who are not eligible for the exemption. Tax-exempt purchases are for the Tribal member's personal use only. Tribal members are not allowed to purchase tax-exempt tobacco products for other Tribal members who have already reached their monthly quota.

Also, please remember that Tribal members are not allowed to purchase tax-exempt purchases on behalf of another eligible Tribal member. For example, you cannot purchase tax-exempt cigarettes for your Tribal parent, sibling, cousin, other relative, or friend because they are sick at home, working late, or unable to get to the Trading Post to make their own purchase. The tax-exempt tobacco purchase must be for the Tribal member purchasing it at the time of sale.

All Tribal members purchasing tax-exempt tobacco/cigarettes must show their Tribal ID to the cashier on duty and complete the appropriate purchase log at the counter. There have been multiple issues with members not signing the log, and/or not completely filling out all of the information requested.

The monthly tax exempt cigarette quota per member remains at **25** packs per month. In the very near future, we will be extending the tax exemption to more OTP (other tobacco products) other than the current bagged or loose tobacco. Tobacco products that will be added soon include cigars, cigarillos, chewing tobacco, and snuff.

Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

Resident Tribal Members must contact the Tax Office for a *Tribal Certificate of Exemption* **BEFORE** purchasing a tax exempt personal use vehicle and/or construction materials for their personal residence. There are no provisions for receiving a refund after the sale is completed. If you sign a contract that includes Michigan Sales and Use Tax, it will be a taxable purchase. Application forms are available on the Tax Department page of the LRBOI website under "Resident Tribal Member Information".

It takes time to prepare the paperwork required by the State of Michigan before you can obtain your Certificate of Exemption. The Certificate also requires a Tribal authorized signature, which may take additional time to obtain. The best advice is to be courteous by planning ahead and contacting the Tax Department once you know what you are going to buy, but before you complete the bill of sale. No refunds can be given for sales taxes paid because a *Tribal Certificate of Exemption* was not obtained.

For more information or questions pertaining to tax exempt tobacco and motor fuel purchases or Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members.

**Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer | 231.398.6874,
toll-free at 888.723.8288 ext. 6874 | fax 231.398.6849
email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov**



Little River

CASINO RESORT



Andrew Gentile, LRCR General Manager



Charmaine Stone and Diana O'Neal

PolarPlunge

MANISTEE MI, On Saturday, March 16, Little River Casino Resort (LRCR) hosted its second annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. With 79 plungers and a silent auction, the event raised over 23k for Michigan's Area 24 Special Olympics.

Every dollar raised goes directly to Michigan's Special Olympics and Michigan Area 24, which serves athletes in Manistee, Mason and Lake Counties. This makes Charmaine Stone, Director of Hotel Operations at LRCR, happy. "LRCR's hosting of the Polar Plunge directly supports Michigan athletes," Stone explains.

Stone sits on the Special Olympics Michigan Board of Directors. She was inspired to bring the Polar Plunge to Manistee and thought the Resort would be the perfect place. "It's important to get LRCR involved and bring the community together," she states.

According to Andrew West, Development and Events Coordinator for Special Olympics Michigan Southwest, "The sponsorship provided by Little River Casino Resort helps Special Olympics Michigan locally and across the state. Locally, it benefits the Area 24 athletes by helping fund local programs...including uniforms, facility fees and other costs. At the state level, the sponsorship helps fund regional and state-wide competitions. Athletes participate at no cost to them or their families when practicing, traveling or competing in our programs at the state and local level."

The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics was originated by Law Enforcement Officers who host annual Torch Runs for Special Olympics. The event raises money through sponsorship of hardy individuals, called "plungers," who brave frosty climates and leap into a chilly pool of water. In 2019, Michigan alone hosted 30 Polar Plunges.

Stone's favorite aspect of the event is watching LRCR team members unite to support Special Olympics. "Many team members canvassed the area for donations and some even participated in the event," she smiles. West stated that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Police raised over \$1400 and LRCR employees raised over \$5000.

"Tribal Council members, Tribal Police and the Resort's General Manager all took the plunge for Special Olympics," Stone recounts. "To know LRBOI and LRCR are helping provide opportunities to athletes makes your heart feel good. It helps everyone be part of something together."

Stone fully expects the Resort to host the Polar Plunge in 2020, tentatively in March.

For questions about LRCR's sponsorship of the Polar Plunge, contact Charmaine Stone at charmaines@lrcr.com



The Grinch (aka Frank Medacco)



Diana O'Neal



LRBOI Law Enforcement



**Tribal Council Member
Joe Riley**

**Jim Henderson
LRCR Team Member**



Photos courtesy of Tribal Member Russell Johnson
Check out more of Russell Johnson's Photography

[Leading Day Photography on Facebook](#)

- Some great photos of the 2018 LRBOI Jiingtamok can be found there.

[Lake Shore Photo Booth on Facebook](#)

- Photos from the 2019 Spring Membership Meeting photo booth can be found there.



MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
POLAR PLUNGE



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN

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TO BENEFIT:
*The Manistee
 County Child
 Advocacy Center*

Friday, May 10th at 6:00pm

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*Manistee VFW
 Post 4499*

1211 28TH ST, MANISTEE

May 5th Declared as a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council voted on April 24th to join other Tribes in signing a resolution to declare May 5th a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) reports that "the murder rate of native women is more than ten times the national average on some reservations". The NIWRC further states that "these disappearances or murders are connected to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking" (UTFAV, personal communication, 2019).

The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Women and Girls will (UTFAV, personal; communication, 2019):

- Honor the lives of our Native Sisters,
- Help shed light on the countless tragedies involving our Native sisters, and
- Highlight the need for ongoing grassroots advocacy and organizing for change of laws, policies/protocols, and allocation of resources at the tribal, federal, and state levels to end these injustices.

It isn't enough that Tribes stand united in the injustice against our Sisters; we, as members of our Tribe must join forces to bring awareness of this growing problem and stop future acts of violence against our women and girls.

The LRBOI Victims Services Program (VSP) is actively working to help bring awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. Additionally, the program assists those in our nine-county area who are victims/survivors of these crimes by providing support services.

If you, or someone you know needs help, please reach out to the VSP team at 888.723.8288.



Article submitted by
Michol Tanner,
Outreach Specialist,
Victim Services
Program

 **LRBOI Victim Services**
Facebook page:

By searching:

[LRBOI Victim Services Program](#)

Thank you Be Da Bin's Dottie Batchelder

I would like to thank all of the Opioid Symposium Sponsors, speakers, vendors, volunteers, planning committee members, and Little River Casino. The Opioid Symposium would not have been possible without funding from Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Be Da Bin Behavioral Health, who received an Opioid Prevention Grant for education and events, from Inter-Tribal Council. A big thank you to Be Da Bin, and especially to Dottie Batchelder, committee member, for all the hard work to help make the Opioid Symposiums a big success both years. I'm so proud of all these people coming together to make a difference and save lives!! We are seeing positive changes in our community.

-Cyndi Jacobi, Manistee Community Nutrition Instructor

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Invites you to the **26th Annual** **2019 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp**



Friday, July 26:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

12:00pm Lunch

1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops

5:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Talent show

Saturday, July 27:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops

12:00pm Lunch

1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops

5:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Memorial Jiingtamok (Pow wow)

Sunday, July 28:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops

12:00pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- ◆ No Registration Fee
- ◆ Meals Provided
- ◆ Camping available (first come, first serve)
- ◆ On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- ◆ Location: 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI
Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the Little River Casino Resort
- ⇒ Little River Casino Resort 2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee, MI 49660 | **231.723.1535**

- ◆ **“Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture”**
- ◆ **For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.**
- ◆ **We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.**
- ◆ **Bring your Nation’s Flag and a Giveaway Gift**
- ◆ **The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit www.lrboi-nsn.gov or www.anishinaabemdaa.com for updates. Some presentations/workshops may include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.**



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Call us to register so we can prepare the meals accordingly.

For more information, please contact: 888.723.8288

Kenny Pheasant: 231.398.6892, 231.590.1187 Email: kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov





Presenters Call

26th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp 2019

Aanii,

We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held **July 26 - 28, 2019**. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters may be asked to present up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic.

We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion, if you will have a translator, or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information by email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration.)

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present.

The deadline for all of this information is May 10, 2019

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Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant
kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov | 231.398.6892

NATIONAL DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



May 2 National Brothers and Sisters Day	May 15 International Day of Families
May 3 National Paranormal Day	May 17 National Pizza Party Day
May 4 Star Wars Day	May 18 National Armed Forces Day
May 5 National Hoagie Day	May 19 National Endangered Species Day
May 6 National Nurses Day	May 20 National Be a Millionaire Day
May 7 National Teacher's Day	May 21 National Waiters & Waitresses Day
May 8 National Have a Coke Day	May 22 National Maritime Day
May 10 National Receptionists Day	May 23 National Taffy Day
May 11 World Migratory Bird Day	May 24 National Brother's Day
May 12 Mother's Day	May 26 National Paper Airplane Day
May 13 National Apple Pie Day	May 27 Memorial Day
May 14 National Buttermilk Biscuit Day	May 28 National Hamburger Day

Happy Birthday Tribal Elders 65 and Older!

Sally Allen	Linda Coon	Regina Forbes	Marcella Leusby	Richard Ramsey
Clarence Battice	Christine Cooper	Robert Guenthardt	Marita Lilleberg	Debra Rankinen
Nancy Bower	Paul Cram	Sandra Guthrie	Darlene Loney	Dennis Resterhouse
Thomas Bray	Frank Crampton	Earl Guthrie	Ethel McMurray	Tina Rodriguez
Robert Bush	Sharon Crossno	Joan Hanson	Francis Medacco	Emily Smith
William Campeau	Arlenea Davidson	Lynn Haskell	Reta Morgan	Robert TenHaken
Robert Cantu	Lynn Davis	Linda Hill	Kenneth Olsen	Norman Theodore
Thomas Chandler	Cornelius De Verney	Mary Lou Hoffmeyer	Charlotte Paszkowski	Edith Therrien
Terrance Chivis	Judy Dodge	Maria Johnson	Alvin Patricio	Kim Tyler
Dennis Chivis	Carlos Eagle	Phyllis Kott	Violet Peterson	Doris Willard-Mingo
Helen Christman	Christine Edgar	Virginia Lenartowicz	Valerie Pringle	Julia Zimmerman



I WOULD LIKE TO WISH MY HUSBAND ISAAC BENNETT, A TRIBAL ELDER, A HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 18, 2019.
WITH ALL OF MY LOVE, YOUR WIFE KELLY





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Shirley Brauker | 260.243.9027

sbrauker@gmail.com

www.moonbearpottery.com

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To see more of Shirley's work please visit the website links. Many pieces are available for purchase.

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MY GRANDFATHER

NGWIS

MY GRANDMOTHER

NOOS

MY FATHER

NMISHOOMIS

MY MOTHER

NWIJKENHENH

MY SON

NGASHI

MY DAUGHTER

NOOKMIS

MY FRIEND

NDAANIS

APRIL CURRENTS ANSWERS

IT IS SNOWING

ZOOKPO

IT IS WINDY

NOODIN

IT IS RAINING

GMIWAAN

IT IS A HOT DAY

GIZHAATEMGAT

IT IS THUNDERING

NIMKIKA

IT IS A COLD DAY

KISINAAMGAT

IT IS A NICE DAY

MNAGIIZHGAT

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2019 Calendar

May

5 | National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Native Women and Girls
10 | Painting for a Cause
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)
18 - 21 | Indian Village Youth Camp
19 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
26-28 | Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp
26 | Movie Night @ Anishinaabe Family & Language Camp

August

3 | Elders Picnic
3 | Annual Budget Hearing
15-18 | Indian Village Youth Camp
23 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
23 | Midwest Advance Peacemaking Training

September

7 | Elders Meeting
21 | Reaffirmation Day (Offices Closed 9.20)
27 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

October

5 | Elders Meeting
11 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle
11 | Ogema's Meet & Greet
12 | Fall Membership Meeting
18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
31 | LRBOI Campground Closes

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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