



# Little River Currents

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Hunter Safety Class

3031 Domres Rd. Manistee, MI 49660  
See page 9

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### LRBOI Government Office - Muskegon

8:30A - 4P | 1111W Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441  
Additional LRBOI Government Departments and services will be available. See page 10

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### Reaffirmation Day

Government Center/ Clinic & Pharmacy will be closed on Friday, Sept. 20 in observation.

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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
Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	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)

Grand Valley American Indian Lodge Pow Wow	Sep 7 - 8	Grand Rapids, MI
Andersontown Pow Wow & Indian Market	Sep 7 - 8	Anderson, IN
Great Mohican Pow Wow	Sep 13 - 15	Loudonville, OH
Bluff City Pow Wow	Sep 14 - 15	Rockport, IN
Rendez-vous at Ste Anne de Detroit	Sep 15 - 16	Detroit, MI
Mahkato Pow Wow	Sep 20 - 22	Mankato, WI
Woodland Indian Celebration	Sep 27 - 29	Perrysburg, OH



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 -Executive Branch: Tribal Ogema  
 -Ogema Larry Romanelli

Aanii,

Good things continue to happen within our Tribe. Most recently, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians received a grant for \$700,000 for our Commodities Department thanks to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) along with the work of Commodities Department Director, Ken LaHaye and Grants Department, Lyle Dorr. HUD staff came to Manistee to deliver the news. I really want to say "Miigwetch", thank you to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the very generous award to fund the construction of a new food distribution center and warehouse. We, as a Tribe, have operated a USDA Food Commodity and Distribution program for over two decades and now with the support of this grant we can expand our services to a broader area of 14 counties and a larger population. I want to give kudos to former Director Yvonne Theodore for her work over the years in Commodities. Often times, Native Americans as a group, do not get the recognition they need and this award and effort ensures Native Americans do have a "seat at the table". Again, thank you. This grant will not only help the various Tribes that have members in the area but will assist the West Michigan area as a whole.

We are preparing for the dedication of the memorial tree "garden", which is located behind the Tribal Government Center. We will hopefully have the dedication on Saturday after the Fall Membership Meeting. One tree was planted for each year since our Federal Reaffirmation, which lists the Tribal Members who walked on during that year. Plaques have been ordered, and received and should be placed at each tree.

I continue to receive the questionnaires back from members and am very pleased with the amount of responses. I want to thank everyone for taking the time to write down their thoughts and ideas. I will have a report at the next Membership Meeting. Until next time...

**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



**Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting of the new Elders Apartment Complex at Aki Maadiziwin.**  
 Pictured cutting the ribbon are Housing Commissioners (L-R): Margaret Kowalkowski, Julia Chapman, Judy Hardenburgh, Marcella Leusby, and Teresa Callis.

Prayers and an Open House took place in the lobby of the new Elders Apartment Complex.

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

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

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

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

**State Liaisons**

Gary DiPiazza  
 Ron Pete

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

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

Ron Pete  
 Ron Wittenberg  
 Tom Guenthardt

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

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

**Federal Liaisons • Democrat**

Sandra Lewis  
 Shannon Crampton

**US Chamber of Commerce**

Ron Pete Delegate  
 Shannon Crampton Delegate  
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

**United Tribes of MI**

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

**Federal Liaisons • Republican**

Gary DiPiazza  
 Diane Lonn

**ELECTION BOARD**

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

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**Open Meetings - 5PM**  
**Government Center**  
 September 25

**COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE****Binojeek Commission**

**Meetings: 1PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays**

**Family Services Department**

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

**Health Commission**

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

**Law Library**

**Pamela Johnson** •Chair  
**Al Patricio** •Commissioner  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Sandra Lewis** •Liaison  
**Gary DiPiazza** •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  
**Cindy Champagne** •Liaison

**Housing Commission**

**Meetings: 10AM 1st and 3rd Thursday**

**Aki Maadiziwin Community Center**

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

**Gaming Commission**

**Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday**

**Gaming Commission Office**

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

**Natural Resource Commission**

**Meetings: 5PM 2nd Monday of the Month**

**Natural Resource Office**

**Virgil Johnson** •Chair  
**Martha Howell** •Secretary  
**Connie Eno** •Commissioner  
**Boo Battice** •Commissioner  
**Richard Koon** •Commissioner  
**Gary DiPiazza** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison  
**Dave Corey** •Liaison

**Elders Committee**

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

**Mary Thomas** •Chair      **Al Metzger** •Trustee      **Diane Lonn** •Liaison  
**Darleen Martin** •Co-Chair      **Detra Kelsey** •Trustee      **Shannon Crampton** •Liaison  
**Marcella Leusby** •Secretary

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

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Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
07/01/19	Round Table	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	V	7
07/01/19	Education & Children Serv	x	x			x	x	x		V	5
07/01/19	Health & Community Serv	x	x		x	x			x	V	5
07/08/19	Round Table	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	V	x	7
07/08/19	Agenda Review	x	*	V	x	x	x	x	V	x	6
07/09/19	Natural Resources Plan	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
07/09/19	TC Budget Reviews	x	*	x	x	x	x	x		x	7
07/09/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	*	x	x	x	x	x		x	7
07/15/19	Round Table	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
07/15/19	Budget & Appropriations	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
07/15/19	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
07/16/19	Well & Septic	x	x			x	x	V	x	x	6
07/16/19	Indian Preference	x			x	x	x	V	x	x	6
07/16/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x		x	x	x	V	x	x	7
07/23/19	Commercial Fishing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
07/23/19	Land - Strategic Plan	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
07/23/19	Housing - Strategic Plan	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
07/23/19	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
07/25/19	Child Care Fund App	x		*		x		x	x	x	5
07/25/19	Government Financials	x	x	*		x		x	x	x	6
07/26/19	Budget & Appropriations	x	x	*	x	x		x	x	x	7
07/29/19	Round Table	x		x		x		x	x	x	6
07/29/19	Home Repair	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	7
07/29/19	Housing Regulations	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	8
07/29/19	Agenda Review	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	8
07/30/19	Well & Septic	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
07/30/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
	<b>Total - 27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 10, 2019 10A - 12:48P**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG ABSENT
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**Reports due: May 2019**

Reports due: May 2019	Reports Received
Financial Report - March - May 2019	None Submitted
Enrollment Commission	None Submitted
Health Commission	None Submitted

**Drawing of Names for Elected Officials Ethics Complaint**

Tribal Council approved the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance 14-100-01 creating the Ethics Board to hold hearings on allegations or unethical conduct by Elected Officials to develop and recommend further regulations deemed necessary to meet the purposes of this ordinance. Recorder Di Piazza drew the names and the alternates for the Ethics Board. Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**19-0710-181 APPROVAL TO RENEW INSURANCE POLICIES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, BUSINESS AUTO, COMMERCIAL CRIME AND WORKERS COMPENSATION WITH TRIBAL FIRST THROUGH AGENT STEPHEN MADIGAN, LLC TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC. AND MUSKEGON GAMING DEVELOPMENT**

by Lonni; supported by Corey

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

**19-0710-182 ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION R400- 04:GC-11 CHAPTER 11-CLASS III MINIMUM INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS FOR GAMING ENTERPRISES OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

by Corey; supported by Lonni

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

**19-0710-183 AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE APPROVAL FOR SECURE PROCESSES** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonni

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

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM AND INCLUDE THE OGEMA, THE LAWYERS, ROBERT MEDACCO** by Lonni; supported by Crampton

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

**19-0710-184 EMERGENCY ADOPTION IN ESTABLISHING THE CRITERION AND PROCEDURES FOR EXCLUDING OF PERSONS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TO BE ON THE LANDS OF THE TRIBE AND DEFINING WHO IS NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BE ON THE LANDS OF THE TRIBE AND ARE TO BE EXCLUDED AND REMOVED** by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton *Motion Failed*

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

**19-0710-185 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY**

by Guenthardt; supported by Corey

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

**19-0710-186 RATIFICATION OF RESERVATION CONTRACT**

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonni

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

**19-0710-187 RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH SABA SOFTWARE, INC**

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonni

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

**19-0710-188 RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE AND RATIFICATION OF LRBOI INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT-2019-02**

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonni

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 17, 2019 QUORUM NOT ESTABLISHED**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON ABSENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS ABSENT	LONN ABSENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG ABSENT
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Acting Recorder Guenthardt said four present and five absent.

Guenthardt said quorum is not established.

Acting Speaker DiPiazza thanked everyone that came in. DiPiazza said have a nice day.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 24, 2019 10A - 2:43P**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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**Reports due: May 2019**

Financial Report - March - May 2019	None Submitted
Enrollment Commission	May 2019
Health Commission	None Submitted

**Reports Received**

**19-0724-191 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-40 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700,000** by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

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

**19-0724-192 APPROVING THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION REGULATION CHAPTER 8-HEARINGS**

by Di Piazza; supported by Corey

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

**19-0724-193 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019 AND WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 AND ADDING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-194 RESOLUTION FOR INTENT OF REMOVAL OF RON PETE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER 9-COUNTY** by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton

The following roll call vote was taken in response to Councilor Lewis' abstention and noting Conflict of Interest.

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

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

*Motion Failed*

**MOTION FOR APPROVED REQUEST FOR 30-DAY POSTING OF THE INDIAN PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE 15-600-02**

by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton

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

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION 19-0724-195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 210; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY ALSO RESOLUTION 19-0724-204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION**

by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

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

*The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**19-0724-195 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND GARY ALLAN FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES**

by Lonni; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-196 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND JGL TOURING, INC. FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES OF JONNY LANG**

by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-197 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND WEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES**

by Lonni; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-198 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND REVENUE OPTIMIZATION, LLP FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

by Lonni; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-199 APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF A MULTI-JECT AERATOR FOR USE AT BEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE**

by Guenthardt; supported by Di Piazza

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 24, 2019 (CONTINUED)**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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**19-0724-200 APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF A 2015 CLUB CAB CARRY ALL FOR USE AT BEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-201 APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE RESORT'S RTU 36** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-202 APPROVING 2019 BUDGETED GM CONTINGENCY FOR C-STORE VEEDER-ROOT UPGRADE** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-203 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LRCR AND NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND, INC. FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES**

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-205 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH MARY WITKOP FOR MEMBERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

by Lonn; supported by Di Piazza

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

**19-0724-210 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH BIG FIRE LAW & POLICY GROUP LLP FOR LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES**

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

*The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**19-0724-204 RATIFICATION OF NO COST CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FOR THE WILD RICE GENETICS PROJECT**

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-206 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**

by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt

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

**19-0724-207 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN WILLIAM HUGHES, PLLC**

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-208 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN PATRICK DOUGHERTY, PLC**

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

**19-0724-209 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN DAVID B. KORTERING LAW OFFICE**

by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn

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

**19-0724-211 RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MACHIN ENGINEERING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESIGN WORK AND REPAIRS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION ENTRYWAY**

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

*This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 31, 2019 10A - 11:11A**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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**Reports due: June 2019**

Reports due: June 2019	Reports Received
Financial Report - March & April 2019 May & June 2019	Submitted None Submitted
Operations Report	None Submitted
Health Commission - May 2019	None Submitted

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA DAVIS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION** by Lonni; supported by Lewis

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BILL WILLIS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION** by Lonni; supported by Lewis

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

**19-0731-214 MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, RESOLUTION 19-0731-215 AND 216; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL**

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonni

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

**The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session.**

**19-0724-215 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FORM WITH INTER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA, INC.**

by Guenthardt; supported by Lonni

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

**19-0724-216 RATIFICATION OF SUMMIT COMPANIES CONTRACT FOR ELDER CENTER FIRE ALARM MONITORING** by Lonni; supported by Guenthardt

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

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019**

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00A, 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**

September 7   Aki @ 10A	October 2	November 2 (LR CR)	December 4
September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11
September 18	October 16	November 13	December 18
September 25	October 23	November 20	

**2019 ELDERS COMMITTEE ELECTION | NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

**Three Seats are up for election for the Elders Committee: Vice-Chair, Secretary and Trustee. Seats will be voted on at the November 2, 2019 at the Elders Conference**

**Candidates:**

Chuck Fisher	Jessica Steinberg
Bonnie Kenny	Sally Russo
Marcella Leusby	Phillip Memberto

Rooms are available now for the Elders Conference. Please contact the Little River Casino Resort for a reservation; be sure to mention the room is for the Elders Conference.

## Government Center News

### Positive Indian Parenting - Honoring Our Children by Honoring Our Traditions

Positive Indian Parenting is a research-based curriculum designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for those who are raising Native American Children.

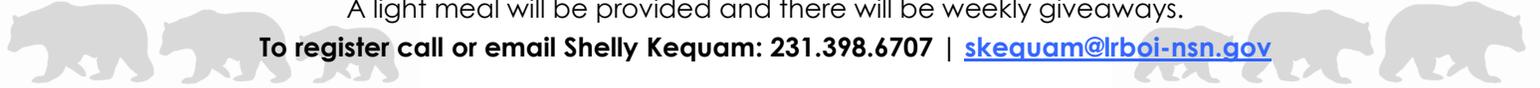
**Traditional Parenting**      **Lessons of the Cradleboard**      **Traditional Behavioral Management**      **Praise in Traditional Parenting**  
**Lessons of the Storyteller**      **Harmony in Childrearing**      **Lessons of Mother Nature**      **Choices in Parenting**

**Every Wednesday | September 25 - November 13 | 5:30 - 7:30P | Aki Maadiziwin**

We welcome anyone who is a parent or caregiver of Indian Children (Grandparents, single parents, non-custodial parents, teen parents, foster parents, couples, step-parents, expecting parents)

A light meal will be provided and there will be weekly giveaways.

**To register call or email Shelly Kequam: 231.398.6707 | [skequam@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:skequam@lrboi-nsn.gov)**



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

**WHEN: September 6, 2019 from 6:00P TILL 9:00P & September 7, 2019 from 8:00A TILL 4:00P**

**WHERE: 3031 Domres Rd. Manistee MI 49660**

Please call and sign up for the class; space is limited (30). All materials and equipment provided. Parts of the class will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Class sponsored by LRBOI Conservation Enforcement.

**To register call or email: Robert Robles 231.398.3413 | [rrobles@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:rrobles@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT

**Are you an Elder and looking to relocate or would you like to move to Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee?**

The Little River Band Housing Department is now taking applications for our new Elder Apartment Complex. For an application please contact:

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



## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is accepting proposals for snow plowing and de-icing services for the 2019-2020 winter season for Tribal Offices located in Manistee, MI.

**Proposals are due September 9, 2019 by 5P**

**For bid packets or inquiries, please contact Michelle Lucas: 231.398.6804 | [purchasing@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:purchasing@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

## 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      Jordyn A. Ceplina      Trinity Ricker      Elisa L. Tippitt**  
**Lisa L. Brown      Jarrett E. Kelsey      Allan Taylor      Pauline Wabindato**

Please take the time to review the list and get the word out about these unclaimed payments. Any help you can provide to aid us in getting these payments to their rightful owners would be appreciated. Contact the LRBOI Enrollment Department at 888.723.8288, if you can claim outstanding payments, provide assistance in settling payment(s) or have any questions.

## The following LRBOI Departments will be at the Muskegon Office on September 13, 2019

Muskegon Tribal Office | 1111 West Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441 | 231.398.6651

Listed below are the Departments that will be available and the services that they will be providing:

### **Enrollment Department**

- Address Changes
- Phone Number Updates
- E-mail Updates
- Direct Deposits
- Per Cap - proof of income
- Cancellation of Direct Deposits
- Per Cap Check Cancellation & Reissues
- Per Cap Federal Tax Withholdings
- Bereavement Benefit
- Tribal Directory
- Applications for enrolling in the Tribe
- Tribal ID's
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
- Descendant/Spouse Certifications
- Eagle Feather Permit Certification
- Tuition Waiver Certification

### **Education Department**

- College Applications
- Vocational Programs
- Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW)

### **Food Distribution**

Applications will be available. If interested in applying please make sure to bring proof of income.

### **Health Department**

- Purchased Referred Care | Extend Health Assistance
- Patient Benefits
- Community Health Representatives
- Pharmacy Representation Program

- The Health Services Department will be present to take blood pressures, blood glucose levels and vitals.
- A Pharmacist will be present to discuss how the Muskegon Pharmacy Distribution Center functions and who is eligible.
- Purchase Referred Care Specialist will be present to discuss patient benefits and qualifications in greater detail.

### **Housing Department**

- Lease Program Information
- Leasehold Mortgage Program
- Homeownership Initiative Program
- Information & Applications

### **Member's Assistance**

#### **Elder Chore Assistance Program**

This program is intended to offer temporary assistance to elder citizens who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores.

#### **Emergency Transportation**

This program provides short-term assistance to members experiencing a transportation crisis.

#### **Food Assistance Program**

This program provides short-term assistance to members experiencing a food crisis.

#### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

This is a H.H.S. grant funded program available to assist Tribal citizens experiencing a heating and energy crisis.

#### **Low Income Energy Assistance**

This program is to provide short-term assistance to Tribal citizens who are experiencing an energy crisis.

#### **Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

This program provides short-term assistance to Tribal citizens who are experiencing a housing crisis.

#### **Well and Septic Program**

The Well and Septic program is funded by the Indian Health Services. This program provides new or renovation sanitation facilities (Well and Septic) for Tribal home owners.

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



### **Family Services**

Parent Educator  
Teacher's Aide

### **Health Services**

Staff Physicians - 2

### **Housing Department**

Housing Director

### **Human Resources**

Government Center Temp Pool

### **IT Department**

Network Engineer

### **Maintenance Department**

Maintenance Technician

### **Natural Resources Department**

Aquatic/Fisheries Biologist  
Seasonal Wildlife Technician

### **Public Safety**

Conservation Officer

### **Unified Legal**

Legal Intern

**1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859**

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

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



### **Banquet Server**

**Busperson**

**Cook 1**

**Count Services Team Member**

**Food & Beverage Server**

**Food Cashier**

**Guest Service Agent**

**Guest Service Supervisor**

**High Lift Floor Care Cleaner**

**Maintenance Supervisor**

**Massage Therapist**

**Network Specialist**

**Pantry Cook**

**Porter**

**Security Level I**

**Security Level II**

**Security Supervisor**

**Steward**

**Steward Supervisor**

**Systems Specialist**

**Table Games Floor Supervisor**

**1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530**

Monday through Friday 7am-5pm

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



**David Hawley**

Workforce Development Specialist

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### **More Than Just Courtesy**

Writing a thank-you letter after an interview does not just showcase a candidate's manners—it can also make or break someone's chances of landing a job. Nearly 15 percent of hiring managers say they would not hire someone who failed to send a thank-you letter after the interview. Thirty-two percent say they would still consider the candidate but would think less of him or her, according to the CareerBuilder.com "How to Get in the Front Door" survey. For any questions, contact Workforce Development.

# EDC | Economic Development Corporation

## The EDC Board

**Frank Lewis, Jr.** • Vice Chair  
**E. James Nedeau** • Secretary/Treasurer  
**James LaPorte** • Treasurer  
**Ron Spoerl**

## EDC Board Meeting

**September 25 | 3PM**

2608 Government Center Drive  
 Manistee, MI 49660

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

We are still looking for Citizen Advisory Board members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet quarterly to discuss current issues going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas.

If you are interested in applying for a seat on the Citizen Advisory Board, please send a letter of interest, resume, and two references to Crystal Newman.

## Administration:

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[facebook.com/littleriverholdingsllc](https://www.facebook.com/littleriverholdingsllc)

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

Advanced Protein Solutions  
[advancedproteins.com](http://advancedproteins.com)

Odeno Homes in Fruitport  
[odenhomes.com](http://odenhomes.com)

## EDC Companies:

**Little River Health Technologies, 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**

**Please join us in welcoming the newest addition to our team, Jennifer! Her first day as our new Administrative Assistant was Monday, August 5. We had many qualified applicants and held several interviews before choosing Jennifer to join our ranks. We hope she enjoys working for Little River Holdings as much as we do!**

## Subsidiary Updates

### Little River Health Technologies (formerly Ayaa Ventures)

**InTerra:** We have completed our first month of our online advertising campaign with a Seminole-owned marketing company. You can find our products for sale on our InTerra website, Amazon, or at the Little River Casino Resort.

**Advanced Protein Solutions(APS):** We are in preliminary discussions with a couple of National accounts to move our APS offerings forward.

### Little River Real Estate Management

All of our rental units are currently filled. We executed a land contract with a Tribal Member on one of the in-town properties that have been listed for sale to the membership since May, and are in the process of negotiating contracts with the other two listed properties.

### Little River Development

Sales are continuing at our Odeno subdivision in Fruitport. We have sold all standing models and specs except one, and are gearing up for our 2020 sales season now, when we expect to be more than half sold out for our Phase 1 development.

We have met with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to move to the next stage of development of the US-31/M-22 corner, and have applied to the Township for rezoning to facilitate the next steps in this initiative.

### Little River Government Contracting

The SBA 8(a) Business Development Program is a nine (9) year program which assists socially and economically disadvantaged companies to develop and sustain an economic engine. Acceptance into the program will provide Little River Government Contracting the ability to receive sole/direct source contract awards from the Federal government. The 8(a) designation will also allow LRGC to form joint ventures with larger prime contractors to enhance our past performance and provide new services to the government, thus enhancing our growth in the market.

This is an exciting time for Little River Government Contracting. Once we have the 8(a) designation in hand, we will be able to begin growing a seven generations business for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. We will be able to follow the model set by the Alaskan Native Companies who have been in the program for over 30 years. This new business will develop steady and stable income for the Tribe and Tribal Citizens.

EDC board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3pm, except for months where that Wednesday falls on or close to a holiday. **Open session/public comment starts promptly at 3pm**, and Tribal Members are welcome to attend that portion of the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is September 25, 2019.

## Tax Department Introduction

### Overview:

The Tax Department assists in exercising the Tribe's sovereign right to tax business activity within our territorial jurisdiction. We assist Resident Tribal Citizens in obtaining exemption from State taxes as negotiated in the Tax Agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan. The department is responsible for protecting the Tribe from liability for non-compliance with State and Federal tax laws while maximizing benefits available to the Tribe and our Citizens. The administration and enforcement of the Tax Agreement, Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance, and all Tax Regulations are the responsibility of the Tax Department as well.

### Services:

**Motor Fuel Tax-Exemption Program:** All Tribal Members that would like to purchase tax exempt motor fuel at the Little River Trading Post must register their vehicle(s) and license plate(s) with the Tax Department. Every time a Member gets a new vehicle or license plate, the Member must update their information with the Tax Department. The registration is a requirement of the Tribe/State Tax Agreement.

**Community Center Reservations:** Any Tribal Member that would like to reserve the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center must contact the Tax Department to complete a Building Use Request, Rental Agreement, and deposit.

**Temporary Tribal Business Tax Licenses:** Any individual selling merchandise on Tribal or Trust Lands must obtain a Temporary Tribal Business Tax License whether the sale period is less than a day or planned for a year or longer (including fundraisers).

**Tax Agreement Benefits:** Resident Tribal Members only are eligible for State sales tax exemption on utilities, Certificates of Exemption for enumerated purchases per the Tax Agreement, Annual Sales Tax Credit, and Michigan Income Tax-Exemption. These benefits require the Tax Department to issue Certificates and Letters of Verification to the Resident Tribal Member prior to any claims.

**Proofs of Residency:** Tribal Members must complete a Proof of Residency each time they move into or to another location within the Tax Agreement Area in order to obtain Resident Tribal Member status.

### Staff:

#### Valerie Chandler

Tax Officer  
231.398.6874

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

#### Administrative Assistant

(In the process of interviews, but will be introduced in the next issue of Currents)

### TOBACCO PRODUCTS NOTICE:

Beginning Monday, September 2, 2019, all Tribal Citizens will be able to purchase "other tobacco products" (OTP) exempt from Michigan Tobacco Products Tax. The tobacco products include chewing tobacco, snuff, cigars, cigarillos, and loose tobacco. The "discount" is not allowed on cigarette papers or tubes, vaping products, and promotional tobacco products. Purchases can only be made at the Little River Trading Post.

For these purchases, Tribal Citizens must show the cashier their Tribal ID card and complete the "Other Tobacco Products" log (current process for fuel and cigarettes). Resident Tribal Members (living within the Tax Agreement Area and registered with the Tax Department) will continue to be tax exempt on these purchases.

For any questions, please contact Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer at 231.398.6874 or [vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov).

# 16 Signs of Emotional Abuse in a Relationship

No one expects to find themselves in an abusive relationship. Most relationships begin in a good way with kind words and compliments, but they can turn harmful and emotionally abusive at any time.

Emotional abuse is a type of [domestic violence](#) that often flies under the radar, but it should always be taken seriously as a form of abuse. When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, a partner will criticize, threaten or isolate their partner as a way to manipulate and control them. Emotional abuse can be degrading, humiliating and terrifying, often leaving long-lasting scars on one's spirit and self-esteem.

So, how do you know if you're in an abusive relationship? What can you do when a loved one is being emotionally abused? Let's start with recognizing the tactics of emotional abuse.

## SIGNS OF EMOTIONAL ABUSE

In an intimate relationship, **emotional abuse** can look like when a partner:

- Constantly calls you hurtful or degrading names, insults or criticizes you
- Acts extremely jealous or possessive of you
- Humiliates you in any way, or shames you
- Isolates you from your family, friends or community
- Blocks you from making new friends or joining social groups
- Ignores your presence for several hours, days or weeks
- Refuses to listen, speak or respond to you (ex. silent treatment)
- Explodes in anger toward you or is constantly angry at everything you do
- Pressures you to commit and becomes angry or sulks when you don't commit
- Threatens to hurt you or themselves, or uses weapons to scare you
- Threatens to hurt your children, family members or pets
- Threatens to take your children away from you or call child protective services (CPS) on you
- Repeatedly lies about where they are, what they're doing or who they're with
- Calls you "crazy," "too sensitive," or denies abuse is happening when confronted (ex. [gaslighting](#))
- Cheats on you or flirts with other people to intentionally hurt you
- Accuses you of cheating in the relationship

When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, you may feel off-balance, like you're walking on eggshells, or question your judgment more than usual. This is because an abusive partner uses harmful behaviors like the tactics above to manipulate and control their partner so they feel powerless. That's why it is so important to trust your instincts when your partner does or says something that doesn't feel right to you.

Emotional abuse is extremely dangerous and detrimental to a person's wellbeing and often has lifelong psychological effects. An abusive partner's behavior is likely to escalate as time goes on, and they will often use emotional abuse in combination with other abuse types and tactics to obtain and maintain power in the relationship.

People in abusive relationships tend to blame themselves for the abuse or believe they must have done something to deserve the criticism or attacks. No one ever deserves to be abused and no matter the abusive partner's [reasoning for the abuse](#), domestic violence [goes against our traditional ways](#) as Native people. It is never acceptable to hurt a partner or spouse in any way.

## IS ARGUING ABUSIVE?

In every relationship, partners can expect to disagree from time to time. **Arguments are a normal part of any relationship, but abusive behavior is not.**

In a healthy relationship, each partner must commit to being honest, communicating, and trusting the other person. Each partner must work to maintain healthy communication and avoid hurting the other person emotionally, spiritually and physically. Above all, each partner must show respect in the relationship, especially when disagreements arise.

In an abusive relationship, any disagreement can escalate into emotionally or physically abusive behavior. Remember, there is never an excuse for abuse.

**GETTING HELP**

Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse is the first step to getting help. If you or someone you know is being hurt in a relationship, know that you are not alone. There are people who want to support you, including advocates at the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

By calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483), you can [connect anonymously with a Native advocate](#) who can offer a listening ear and support with whatever is happening in your relationship. You can share as much as you feel comfortable, and our advocates will listen without judgment or blame.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST. Advocates also offer crisis intervention, assistance with finding ways to stay safe, and a connection to Tribal and Native domestic violence resources, if needed. We can also assist concerned friends or family members with ways to help a loved one who is being abused, as well as people who are worried they might be abusing their partner.

**It can also be incredibly helpful to lean on family members and your cultural roots for support.** Never forget that you have the strength and courage of your ancestors, too, who dreamed of a world where every one of their relatives would live in safety, happiness and in harmony. You deserve to feel safe in your relationship, no matter what.



In an intimate relationship,  
**emotional abuse** can look like:

- ACTING EXTREMELY JEALOUS OR POSSESSIVE
- HUMILIATING OR SHAMING YOU
- THREATENING TO HURT YOU OR THEMSELVES
- REPEATEDLY LYING TO YOU OR DECEIVING YOU
- CHEATING ON YOU TO INTENTIONALLY HURT YOU



**STRONGHEARTS**  
Native Helpline

# NATIONAL DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sep 1	American Chess Day	Sep 17	Constitution Day
Sep 2	World Coconut Day	Sep 18	National Cheeseburger Day
Sep 3	Telephone Tuesday	Sep 19	International Talk Like a Pirate Day
Sep 4	National Wildlife Day	Sep 20	National Queso Day
Sep 5	National Cheese Pizza Day	Sep 21	National Dance Day
Sep 6	National Read a Book Day	Sep 22	National Ice Cream Cone Day
Sep 8	National Grandparents Day	Sep 23	National Dogs in Politics Day
Sep 9	International Sudoku Day	Sep 24	National Cherries Jubilee Day
Sep 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Sep 25	National Cooking Day
Sep 11	National Make Your Bed Day	Sep 26	National Pancake Day
Sep 12	National Video Games Day	Sep 27	World Tourism Day
Sep 13	National Peanut Day	Sep 28	National Hunting and Fishing Day
Sep 14	National Coloring Day	Sep 29	National Coffee Day
Sep 15	Batman Day	Sep 30	National Love People Day
Sep 16	National Guacamole Day	Sep 1-30	National Suicide Prevention Month



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRIBAL ELDER 65 AND OLDER!

Wanita Ancel	Gaylord Boyer	Bernadene Crampton	William Langner	Martin Shalifoe
Linda Andre	Judith Bridges	Michael Duarte	Bruce Lenartowicz	David Somerville
Fred Bean	Ronald Bush	Robert Hewitt	Melvin Lewis	Charles Stone
Millicent Biers	Alfred Chabot	Geraldine Howen	Ada Mills	Dawn Stutz
Carol Bingham	Julia Chapman	Linda Johnson	Walter Pamame	Susan Thull
Denise Birnbaum	David Cram	James Kinney	Tonyah Pannill	Charles Warren
Sharon Boucher	Emogene Crampton	Rae Klemp	Jennifer Rabuck	Marie Wellman



**Ambrose Antoine**, retired self employed welder, born on March 31, 1940 in Concho Oklahoma, passed away Tuesday July 30th, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents Ambrose and Mary (Thompson) Antoine and brother George Antoine. He is survived by his wife Joetta (Victory) Antoine, daughter Amber Antoine, son Aaron Antoine, four sisters Ione, Mavis, Mary and Eilene, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Celebration of life will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at the Park City Community Building at McLain Park, 6801 N. Hydraulic, Park City, KS. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.bakerfhvc.com](http://www.bakerfhvc.com)

Great Grandfather:

Ambrose Antoine | DOB 1845

Great Grandmother:

Me Non Quay | Minnie Bananas | DOB 1853

Grandfather:

Isaac Antoine | Grand River Ottawa | DOB 1885 | Manistee, MI

Grandmother:

MeTawkoo | Marry Keyway Quam

Representatives from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians participated in the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation that took place in New Buffalo, MI recently.



**Ogema Larry Romanelli, Prosecutor Shayne Machen, Victim Services Program Manager Shanaviah Canales, and Tribal Councilor Ron Pete.**

If you would like to submit a special announcement, story, traditional family recipes, birth, or obituary announcement please submit it to :

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# Tribal Health Center Development Projects

Completion and Submission of Muskegon Clinic/Pharmacy Project & Manistee Dental Project Applications.

**Notification in Fall 2019 if awarded funds of \$2 Million.**

**Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council, and Indian Health Services all signed approval of project application.**

## **Summer 2019**

New Tribal Health Center sign with specialist constructed by Clinic entrance

New Tribal Health Center Sign with Specialists constructed on main road

Tribal Health Clinic Commercial setup and start filming to market Resort and public

New TV monitors with local news/weather airing throughout Tribal Health Clinic

New digital security locking system installed throughout entire Health Services rooms/hallways

Pharmacy Distribution Center on Fridays at Muskegon Office

Director of Health Services and Foot and Ankle Specialist Dr. Daryl B. Wever will be at Muskegon Office Thursday afternoons for assessments/referrals/meet and greet.

## **August 2019 | Monday, Tuesday through and Thursday Mornings**

Foot and Ankle Specialist Dr. Daryl B. Wever will be seeing patients at the Tribal Health Clinic

Digital Foot and Ankle X-Ray machinery will be implemented at the Tribal Health Clinic

## **September 2019**

New cameras installed throughout the Tribal Health Center and back parking lot

## **Fall | Winter 2019/2020**

Evening Hours for Tribal Health Clinic and Pharmacy: one day a week

Department of Veterans Affairs will be utilizing facility and Joint Venture Program

Telemedicine Technology/Device will be implemented

Additional Physicians (1-2) joining the Tribal Health Center

Possible Urgent Care Center/Physician on site with evening hours

## **Winter 2020**

Lab Technician and In-House Laboratory Services at Tribal Health Clinic

## 2019 Tribal Member Services provided by LRBOI Government

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

\*Other criteria may apply | \* All services/Benefits depend on available funding.



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## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2019 Calendar

### September

- 6 & 7 | Hunters Safety Class
- 7 | Elders Meeting
- 13 | Muskegon Office LRBOI Services
- 21 | Reaffirmation Day (Offices Closed 9.20)
- 25 | EDC Meeting
- 25 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 27 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### October

- 2 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 5 | Elders Meeting
- 9 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 11 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle
- 11 | Ogema's Meet & Greet
- 12 | Fall Membership Meeting
- 16 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 23 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 30 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 31 | LRBOI Campground Closes

### November

- 2-3 | Elders Conference
- 6 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 11 | Veterans Day (Offices Closed)
- 13 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 15 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 28-29 | Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)

### December

- 7 | Elders Christmas Party
- 8 | Kids Christmas Party
- 20 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- Dec 26 - Jan 1 | Holiday Break  
Government Offices/ Clinic Closed

## Little River Currents Newspaper

Submissions due by the 15th of month.

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COMPUTER	GIIGAADOOBII' AAPKONHS	WALKING	MASE
WEBSITE	AANWENJIGE KIK	WALKING TOWARDS	BIIDAASMASE
COPIER	MJIMENJIGE KENDAASWIN TEG	WALKING AWAY FROM	NIMSE
SHREDDER	MZINAASHKOOJIGAN	WALKING ACROSS	TKANSE
GARBAGE CAN	MJIMENJIGAN	WALK SLOW	BEJIGAASESE
TELEPHONE	AASHAABIIGESJIGAN	WALK OUT	ZAAGIJIGAASESE
PRINTER	SHIGOOJIGAN	WALK IN	BIINDIGEGAASESE