



# Little River Currents

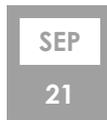
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**Labor Day**  
Offices Closed



**Federal Reaffirmation Day**  
Offices Closed



**Fall Membership Meeting**  
Live Streamed @ LRBOI-NSN.GOV (Login Required)

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**Government Center:** 888.723.8288 | 231.723.8288

An auto attendant is available to transfer your call to the appropriate department. If you are unable to find the department or employee by using the auto attendant, select the operator option and leave a message. Voicemails are being forwarded to the appropriate departments and/or employee. More information on pg. 8.

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Contact page on LRBOI-NSN.GOV has been updated with available employees by phone and email.

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-Executive Branch: Tribal Ogema

-Ogema Larry Romanelli

### Fall Membership Meeting

October 10, 2020

10A

Live Streamed @ LRBOI-NSN.GOV  
(Login Required)

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Approximately five months after it started, we still do not have all the answers to the COVID-19 pandemic. What we do know, is that information about it is everchanging.

Here at the Tribal Government we are doing everything we can to continue to provide services to our members in the best way we can. Because of health reasons, we are continuing to limit access to government offices.

The Little River Casino Resort is operating in a less-than-normal situation. Again, because of the pandemic, our revenues continue to take a drastic cut. Recently, because of tougher facemask regulations and no smoking on the main gaming floor, our revenue took an even deeper cut.

I know we will survive this as a Tribe, but I don't believe we are close to feeling the full effects of what this horrible virus has caused. I do believe we are doing as well as can be expected thanks to very dedicated staff at the Resort, and amenities, i.e. golf course and Trading Post C-store as well as the Tribal Government staff.

As you are well aware of, most every event for 2020 has been cancelled across the United States and within our Tribe. As reported before, our Fall Membership Meeting will be live-streamed. There will be no Christmas parties this year.

We are planning for a better 2021 year and already making plans. I am planning on putting some more informational "meetings" or short videos on our Tribal website within the next couple of weeks. The Informational Meetings I've done in the past seem to work. Oftentimes I get asked the same questions that someone else could better answer. Please keep watching, I'm thinking one or two short clips could be on the website by end of September.

Please take care and stay safe. Until next month...

### Aki Maadiziwin Community Center Notice

Please note that the Tribal Community Center will remain closed through the remainder of 2020 due to the unknown course of the COVID-19 virus. The Elders Meal Program has continued to provide take-out meals for our Elders throughout the Tribal Government's closure and will continue in this manner as the "new norm". Keeping our Elders safe and providing healthy meals as well as keeping our employees healthy are our goals in utilizing the Community Center during these unprecedented times. Should the situation change, a notice will be published at that time. Your understanding and patience is much appreciated.

**MAST**  
**Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**  
 Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Shannon Crampton Alternate  
 Sandra Lewis Alternate  
 Ron Wittenberg Alternate  
 Cindy Champagne Alternate

**NIGC**  
**National Indian Gaming Commission**  
 Ron Pete  
 Ron Wittenberg  
 Tom Guenthardt

**US Chamber of Commerce**  
 Ron Pete Delegate  
 Shannon Crampton Delegate  
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

**NCAI**  
**National Congress of American Indians**  
 Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Sandra Lewis Alternate  
 Shannon Crampton Alternate  
 Cindy Champagne Alternate

**NIGA**  
**National Indian Gaming Association**  
 Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Ron Pete Alternate  
 Sandra Lewis Alternate  
 Tom Guenthardt Alternate

**United Tribes of MI**  
 Larry Romanelli Delegate  
 Ron Wittenberg Alternate  
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate  
 Diane Lonn Alternate

**State Liaisons**  
 Gary DiPiazza  
 Ron Pete

**Federal Liaisons • Democrat**  
 Sandra Lewis  
 Shannon Crampton

**Federal Liaisons • Republican**  
 Gary DiPiazza  
 Diane Lonn

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

**ELECTION BOARD**

**Valerie McDonnell** Chair  
**Michael Ceplina**  
**Kathy Gibson** Secretary  
**Terri Burmeister**  
**Karen Love**

**Open Election Board Meetings via Zoom: Next Meeting: Sep 16, 2020 - 5:15P  
 Oct 21, Nov 18, & Dec 9, 2020**

Join Zoom Meeting | Meeting ID: 998 0833 8390 | Passcode: 743234  
<https://zoom.us/j/99808338390pwd=WDY1QUZhZlNoWFcvRct1dmQ0ckU1dz09>

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

By Phone: One Tap Mobile | Meeting ID: 998 0833 8390 | Passcode: 743234  
 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aDFbYuvXn>

**COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE \*\*PLEASE CHECK AHEAD TO SEE IF MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD**

**Binojeeuk Commission**  
**Vacant** •Chair  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Shawwna** •Commissioner  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Beverly Cole** •Commissioner  
**Diane Lonn** •Liaison  
**Cindy** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison

**Enrollment Commission**  
**Charmaine Stone** •Chair  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Krystyne Medawis** •Secretary  
**Chuck Fisher** •Commissioner  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Ron Wittenberg** •Liaison  
**Sandra Lewis** •Liaison  
**Diane Lonn** •Liaison  
**Cindy Champagne** •Liaison

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

**Health Commission**  
**Pamela Johnson** •Chair  
**Grace Hendler** •Commissioner  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Sandra Lewis** •Liaison  
**Gary DiPiazza** •Liaison

**Housing Commission**  
**Vacant** •Commissioner  
**Julia Chapman** •Commissioner  
**Marcella Leusby** •Secretary  
**Teresa Callis** •Commissioner  
**Margaret Kowalkowski** •Commissioner  
**Sandra Lewis** •Liaison  
**Shannon Crampton** •Liaison  
**Ron Wittenberg** •Liaison  
**Tom Guenthardt** •Liaison

**Natural Resource Commission**  
**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**  
**Mary Thomas** •Chair  
**Chuck Fisher** •Trustee  
**Diane Lonn** •Liaison  
**Detra Kelsey** •Co-Chair  
**Marcella Leusby** •Trustee  
**Shannon Crampton** •Liaison  
**Sally Russo** •Secretary

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**TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | JULY**

Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
07/02/20	Increase Cultural Knowledge	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	<b>9</b>
07/07/20	Electronic Signatures	P		P	x			x	P	B	<b>5</b>
07/07/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	P	x	P	P	B	<b>8</b>
07/09/20	Enrollment Ordinance	P	P	P	x	P			P	x	<b>7</b>
07/09/20	Binojeeuk Commission	P	P	P	x	P				x	<b>6</b>
07/09/20	Meeting Procedure Ordinance	P	P	P	x				P	x	<b>6</b>
07/09/20	Increase Cultural Knowledge	P	P	P	x	x			P		<b>6</b>
07/13/20	Electronic Signatures	P	P	P	x	x		P	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/13/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x		P	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/14/20	Gov. Financials - May	P	P	P	x	P	P	P	P	x	<b>9</b>
07/14/20	Committee Ordinance	P	P	P	x	P		P	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/14/20	Increase Cultural Knowledge	P	P	P	x				P	x	<b>6</b>
07/16/20	Commission Compensation	P		P	x	x			P	x	<b>6</b>
07/16/20	Enrollment Ordinance	P	P	P	x	x			P	x	<b>7</b>
07/16/20	Voter Education	P	P	P	x	x			P	x	<b>7</b>
07/20/20	Election Ordinance	P	P	P	x	x		x	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/20/20	Committee Ordinance	P	P	P	*	x		x	P	x	<b>7</b>
07/20/20	Agenda Review		P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/20/20	Cultural Committee	P	P	P	x		P	P	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/23/20	Commission Compensation	P	P	P		P		P	P	P	<b>7</b>
07/23/20	Enrollment Ordinance	P				x		x		x	<b>4</b>
07/27/20	Legislative Strategic Plan	P	P	P	x	x		x	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/27/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	P		P	P	x	<b>8</b>
07/30/20	Enrollment Ordinance	P	P	P	x	x			P		<b>6</b>
<b>Total - 24</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	

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

## All Tribal Council Work Sessions and Tribal Council Meetings are now on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting | Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129 | Passcode: 1836

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Or by phone: One tap mobile

301.715.8592 | Meeting ID: 99808338390 # | 0 # | Passcode: 743234 # US (Germantown)

312.626.6799 | Meeting ID: 99808338390 # | 0# | Passcode: 743234 # US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aDFbYuvXn>

### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 4, 2020 | 10A - 11:51A

DIPIAZZA ABSENT	CRAMPTON ABSENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY ABSENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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#### Acceptance of Reports Reports Received

##### Monthly Reports due: Jan & Feb 2020

Operations Report	None Submitted
Financial Report	None Submitted
Enrollment Commission	None Submitted
Health Commission: Dec 2019, Jan & Feb	None Submitted No Meetings
Natural Resource Commission	None Submitted

##### New Business

#### 20-0304-082 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500 FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AND \$500 FROM THE TRIBAL OGEMA FOR THE POLAR PLUNGE AT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MICHIGAN

by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg

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

#### 20-0304-083 ADOPTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL PROCEDURE FOR INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MEETINGS

by Lonni; supported by Wittenberg

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

#### APPROVAL TO POST 2020 UTILITY RATES FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RATES NEED TO BE REVIEWED AS PER THE UTILITY ORDINANCE AND POSTED FOR 30-DAYS WITH AN OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

by Lonni; supported by Wittenberg

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

#### ITEMS MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION

#### 20-0304-084 RATIFICATION OF SUMMIT COMPANIES FOR INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE ALARMS AND SYSTEMS AT AKI, JUSTICE CENTER, GOVERNMENT BUILDING, AND NATURAL RESOURCE BUILDING

by Lonni; supported by Lewis

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

Complete Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

[lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/open-session-minutes/](http://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/open-session-minutes/)

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10A, 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	October	November	December
9	7	7, Saturday	2
16	14	@ LR CR	9
23	21	18	16
30	28	25	23

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 11, 2020 | 10A - 11:13A**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Acceptance of Reports	Reports Received
<b>Monthly Reports due: Jan &amp; Feb 2020</b>	
Operations Report	None Submitted
Financial Report	January 2020
Enrollment Commission	None Submitted
Health Commission: Dec 2019	None Submitted
Natural Resource Commission	None Submitted

**New Business**

**20-0311-091 AUTHORIZATION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IN OBTAINING A WAIVER TO THE TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEE**  
by Di Piazza; supported by Lon n

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

*ITEMS MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION*

**20-0311-092 LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES**  
by Lon n; supported by Corey

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

**20-0311-093 LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT 2020 REFORECAST BUDGET**  
by Guenthardt; supported by Lon n

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

**20-0311-094 APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR RETAIL SPORTS BETTING TECHNOLOGY** by Di Piazza; supported by Lon n

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING: MARCH 16, 2020 | 11A - 11:13A**

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY ABSENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG ABSENT
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**20-0316-095 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING** by Di Piazza; supported by Lon n

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



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**ELECTION BOARD**

**DATE:** Friday, August 28, 2020

**TO:** Tribal Ogema, Tribal Council, Tribal Court

**FROM:** Valerie McDonnell, Election Board Chairperson

**RE:** 2021 Regular Election



On August 28, 2020. The Election Board has declared the 2021 Regular Election to be held on Friday, April 30, 2021. The Election Board will be mailing the announcement to all Tribal Members 18 and older by date of election

If you should have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Thank you,  
 Election Board

**Election Board | Open Meetings**  
**Sep 16, 2020 05:00P Eastern Time (US and Canada)**  
**October 21, 2020, November 18, 2020, December 9, 2020**

**Join Zoom Meeting | Meeting ID: 998 0833 8390 | Passcode: 743234**  
<https://zoom.us/j/99808338390?pwd=WDY1QUZhZlNoWFcvRCt1dmQ0ckU1dz09>

or

**One tap mobile**  
**Ph# 301.715.8592 | Meeting ID: 998 0833 8390# | Passcode: 743234**  
 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/99808338390?pwd=WDY1QUZhZlNoWFcvRCt1dmQ0ckU1dz09>

**Election Board | Phone# 231.398.6709 | Email [electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

**EDC | Economic Development Corporation****GENERAL UPDATES**

Our staff are back in the office full time and are working hard to keep everything on track for Little River Holdings. If you need to reach any of us, please contact us via the phone numbers or email addresses posted in the left sidebar.

Due to COVID-19 health restrictions, visitors to the Government Center currently need to make appointments, so it is preferred that our renters and land contract tenants continue to make their payments through the mail to ensure safe practices for all involved.

Little River Holdings created a new company, **Native Source Procurement Services**, that leverages an exclusive partnership agreement with Entegra Procurement Services, a division of Sodexo, to offer their buying power for food and other services to tribal entities in the U.S. and Canada. What is the opportunity with this agreement?

We are partnering with Entegra and we will use their pricing and have exclusivity in the U.S. and Canada for all tribal entities. We can go to any tribal entity, utilize Entegra's prices and provide cost avoidance for that client. Native Source Procurement Services will do the sale. When we look on a national scale, we believe there's several billion dollars in food spent throughout the U.S. and Canada and we believe we can capture a percentage of that.

We can also provide, in addition to food, cost savings on janitorial services and office supplies - everything from the parking lot to the roof top. We have already signed on our own entity, Little River Casino Resort. They will now be able to save money on things they already purchase, thereby saving the Tribe money!

We are once again seeking members for our all-tribal Citizen Advisory Board. We have had a couple members move on, so we have some seats to fill. Please see qualifications below: Each Advisory Board member must meet the following qualifications:

- At least twenty-five (25) years old
- Possess an Associate Degree, high school diploma or GED
- Five (5) years of significant business, financial, legal, government contracting, or industry experience
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the last ten (10) years

Submit to a background investigation yielding no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude. If interested in applying, please send a Letter of Interest and a resume to [crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov).

**Little River Government Contracting**

One of our contractors for LRGC, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Lance Lehr, has been awarded the Bainbridge Medal for his contributions to the Army Noncommissioned Officer Corps. Congratulations Lance!

**Little River Health Technologies**

**InTerra:** InTerra has a patent pending for our Hi-Tech Hemp Nano-gel, as well as pending trademarks for both InTerra and APS. Sales increased since our last publication and continue to rise. Our biggest seller is our awesome hemp nano-gel. We are currently exploring other product possibilities to expand our offerings and hope to have new items in the near future.

Help support and grow InTerra's outreach by subscribing to our social media accounts.

Like and Follow us: Instagram [@interranutraceuticals](https://www.instagram.com/interranutraceuticals)

Twitter [@interranutra1](https://twitter.com/interranutra1)

Facebook [@interranutra](https://www.facebook.com/interranutra)

Amazon [Interra Nutraceuticals](https://www.amazon.com/Interra-Nutraceuticals)

**Little River Real Estate Management**

All of our rental units are currently leased. We have five units under land contract with Tribal Members.

**Little River Development**

Sales continue to grow at Odeno Homes in Fruitport and we are hitting peak home-buying season!

**The EDC Board**

<b>Frank Lewis, Jr.</b>	•Chair
<b>Ron Spoerl</b>	•Vice Chair
<b>E. James Nedeau</b>	•Secretary
<b>James LaPorte</b>	•Treasurer
<b>Scott Wahr</b>	•Member

[Little River Health Technologies, LLC](#)

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[Little River Development, LLC](#)

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

[Little River Government Contracting, LLC](#)

[Native Source Procurement Services, LLC](#)

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## Government Center :

**The Tribal Government offices will be closed this year between Christmas and the New Year.**

The following is how the closure will be observed:

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Offices will be open 8A – noon)**

**LRBOI Government Offices will be closed; Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Offices will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8A**

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Our department will try to respond to any reported lake sturgeon found on beaches from about Arcadia to Ludington. Please call 231.398.2195 or email [NME@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:NME@lrboi-nsn.gov).

We ask if you are reporting a dead sturgeon to give the location of the sturgeon as best as possible (access site, north/south of access site, distance from access, and date/time when they encountered it).

MI DNR has a website that can also be used to report sturgeon <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ORS/Survey/28>

## GOVERNMENT CENTER MAIN LINE

**Due to the continued closure and staff reduction at the Government Center, the main line has changed to an auto attendant to direct your phone calls. Information to help navigate the new options are listed below:**

**If you know your party's extension, press 1**

Extensions are also the last 4 digits of any staff member's full phone number.  
(i.e. Public Affairs 231.398.6841 [ext. #6841])

**To dial by last name, press 2**

**For Health Services, Clinic and Pharmacy, press 3**

For all clinic, pharmacy, Purchased and Referred Care, and Extended Health Assistance Program Services.

**For the most recent Per Cap information, press 4**

Pre recorded message regarding recent Per Cap information.

**For Enrollment, press 5**

Tribe Membership, Bereavement, Per Cap, Tribal IDs, Address/Name Changes, and Direct Deposit Services.

**For Family Services and the Next Generation Learning Center, press 6**

Member Services, Elder Support, Family Violence Protection, Advocacy, Counseling, & Indian Child Welfare Services.

**For Housing, press 7**

Aki Maadiwizin and Elder Housing, Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance, and Housing Maintenance Requests.

**For the Food Distribution Program, press 8**

Commodity Food Services, Applications, and Delivery Services.

**For Natural Resources, press 9**

Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering Resources, Permits, Air, Water, and Wildlife Programs.

**For Education, press \***

Higher Education Scholarship, College Book Stipends, MI Indian Tuition Waiver, Vocational Education Assistance, Tutoring Assistance and LRBOI Student Services.

**To Leave a voice message, press 0**

If you are unable to find the needed option please leave a voicemail and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

# Dead sturgeon found on Lake Michigan beaches

By [Caroline Llanes](#) • Aug 11, 2020  
Credit National Park Service

Dead lake sturgeon have been turning up along the shore of Lake Michigan. Seven sturgeon carcasses have been found since mid-July on beaches in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Vincent Cavalieri is a wildlife biologist with the National Park Service. He says to have this many dead sturgeon in such a short period of time is incredibly unusual.

Cavalieri says the die-off could be due to botulism. Botulism is an illness caused by a toxin produced by bacteria. The sturgeon carcasses were too decomposed to test, but some gull carcasses had also been found near the same time as the sturgeons.

"We sent one of those gulls to the national health lab in Madison, and we're kind of waiting on the results of that testing, just to confirm if botulism is present or not," he says.

Ed Baker is the research station manager at the Marquette Fisheries Research Station for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

He says the botulism could potentially be related to an invasive species, zebra mussels, which have drastically altered the Great Lakes ecosystem since their introduction.

"It's a bit of a hypothesis, but it's suspected that the changes that are taking place around zebra mussels and real dense zebra mussel infestations is allowing the *Botulinum* bacterium to become more abundant than it would otherwise," says Baker. "Then it gets passed up the food chain. We think round gobies are somehow involved. Whether it's round gobies ingesting the toxin, and the bird-eating fish as well as sturgeon ingesting the gobies, and poisoning them, or some other mechanism. But it does appear to be related to the zebra mussel invasion."

Gobies are another invasive species in the Great Lakes, and sturgeon have been known to eat them.

Another potential reason for the die-off could be a sudden change in temperature.

"We've had some pretty warm water temperatures in Lake Michigan this summer, especially before a bit of a cool down last week. Those warm temperatures can impact oxygen levels in the lake. If they're low enough, they can potentially cause mortalities for sturgeon. So that's another possibility," Cavalieri says, adding, "It could be a combination of the two."

Sturgeon are considered threatened in the state of Michigan. Baker estimates that current sturgeon populations in the Great Lakes are less than 1% of what they've been historically.

Cavalieri says the sturgeon deaths are cause for some concern because of the sturgeon's threatened status.

"It's somewhat of a concern, the numbers, at least so far, aren't so big that we're panicking or anything," says Cavalieri. "But for a rare species, a long-lived species like sturgeon, we don't like to see any kind of mortality like that, given that we're trying to restore them across the basin to some semblance of their former numbers. You don't want to see another threat that could potentially check that recovery."

He says male sturgeon can live to more than 50 years of age, and females can reach 100 or even older. Their longevity also makes repopulating the Great Lakes slow-going: sturgeon aren't ready to reproduce until they're 15-20 years old.

<https://www.michiganradio.org/post/dead-sturgeon-found-lake-michigan-beaches>

Thank you, LRBOI'S Frank Beaver (Natural Resources Department) for sharing.



Nmé are part of our spiritual and cultural identity.

The annual nmé return and its celebration by our Peoples assure the renewal and continuation of human and all other life.

Historically, we were wealthy/healthy Peoples because of sustenance based, in part, on nmé.

The Creator put the nmé in the Big Manistee River. The nmé and the rivers they use are part of our sense of place. The Creator put us here where the nmé return. We are obliged to remain and protect this place.

As a food source for thousands of years, nmé continue to be a vital, albeit currently diminished, aspect of our nutritional health.

Because the LRBOI population is growing (returning to pre-1836 levels), the needs for nmé are more important than ever.

The annual return of the nmé allows the transfer of traditional values from generation to generation.

Without nmé returning to our rivers and streams, we would lose an indicator species and an important part of our culture.





## LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS RIVER CLEAN-UP IN MANISTEE

On September 12 at 9A MUCC's On the Water will be cleaning up and removing trash from the Manistee River with the Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians. We will meet in the parking lot and proceed to the worksite. A logistics email will be sent out a few days prior to registering for the event with more day-of details. This event runs from 9A-2P.

Lunch will be provided by MUCC at noon and volunteers will receive a reusable water bottle and stickers to take home at the end of the event! Personal protective gear (such as gloves), buckets, trash bags, sunscreen, bug spray, trash grabbers, and waders will be provided on a first come first serve basis. There will be a water station so please remember to bring your own reusable water bottle!

Volunteers are encouraged to abide by the current guidelines established by the CDC and the State of Michigan when it comes to addressing COVID-19. Please remember to remain safe, practice good hygiene and social distancing. By registering for this event you acknowledge the potential risks of contracting COVID-19.

All are welcome to join us for a great day of volunteering to help improve your local habitat.

Please contact Emma Nehan at [enehan@mucc.org](mailto:enehan@mucc.org) if you have any questions.

### 2020-21 Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

Regulations and definitions for migratory bird hunting are provided in the Hunting Regulation Book, available from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department. Tribal members must follow all applicable regulations in that book as well as the seasons, limits and notes below. The seasons and limits below apply to hunting on tribal lands and within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Shooting hours will be from one half hour before sunrise to sunset, Eastern Standard Time. For the purposes of the notes for this supplement, *Ducks* includes pintail, canvasback, hooded merganser, black duck, wood duck, redhead, bufflehead, and mallard ducks. Migratory birds that are not on this list may not be taken.

Species	Open Season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession	Notes
Pintail	September 1 through January 31	2 per day	No more than 2 times the daily bag limit.	Total bag limit 12 per day for all Ducks
Canvasback		2 per day		
Hooded Merganser		1 per day		
Black Duck		3 per day		
Wood Duck		3 per day		
Redhead		3 per day		
Mallard		6 per day; No more than 2 may be mallard hens		
Bufflehead		1 per day		
Coots and Gallinules	September 14 through January 31	5 per day		
Canada Geese	September 1 through January 31			
White-fronted, Ross, Snow, and Blue Geese; Brant	September 7 through December 9			
Snipe, Rail (Sora and Virginia), and Mourning Dove	September 1 through November 11			
Woodcock	5 per day			
Sandhill Crane	September 1 through December 31	2 per day		

# *Little River Health Service Center*

September Update | Dr. Daryl B. Wever

Dear Little River,

As we continue to maneuver through these very unusual times, I want to thank all Tribal and Health Service Members for their patience and dedication to the Health Service Center. As you are aware, the Little River Health Service Center has had to make a few changes in recent months. Due to financial situations and the unknown, our department unfortunately was required to have a reduction in staff. The Little River Health Service Center continues to remain optimistic for the months ahead leading into 2021. We continue to maintain optimism that once the current situation resolves, therapeutic medications become available, and/or the development of a vaccine, we as an organization will thrive and succeed even stronger than before this pandemic. It is of high hopes the Little River Health Service Center will continue to grow and expand, leading to the introduction of many new positions and employment within the healthcare system. The Little River Health Service Center has acquired a great deal of Grant/COVID funding; therefore, growth and expansion could be even closer than anticipated.

I would also like to take this time and recognize the Little River Health Service Center's employees. I am extremely proud and grateful to all the healthcare providers/staffing at Little River. This has been a very stressful and challenging time for many healthcare providers and members. As the pandemic first became apparent and researchers developed a greater understanding, we as a department remained open, but functioning at a reduced staff and patient load. I would like to give a special **"Thank you" to Janice Grant; the Clinic Supervisor; and Gina Dahlke; Contract Health Supervisor;** for their extreme dedication to Little River Health Service Center. Despite the fact COVID-19 shut the world down, there were several healthcare providers and staff members that still presented to the Clinic/Pharmacy daily. Another special **"Thank you" to Keith Jacque and Peter Dobrzelewski,** our two pharmacists that were present daily Monday thru Friday 8A til 5P, as well. It was of great courage that Little River Health Service Center continued to treat Urgent and Wound Care patients daily during the unknown. It takes extreme work ethics to educate and research daily on how to protect and maintain a healthy environment not only for the patients and our members, but also our healthcare providers/staff members.

It is of great honor as well for Little River Health Service Center to be the **FIRST** Tribal Health Clinic in the Bemidji Area (Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) to be the **FIRST** to resume full clinical hours, full patient load, but still with reduced staff, and maintain a healthy and protective environment for all its patients and members. The Little River Health Service Center maintained and still maintains a healthy and negative COVID-19 environment. To all the healthcare providers at Little River; you truly are a blessing and godsent. All your hard work and commitment to the organization does **NOT** go unnoticed by many eyes. I am truly grateful for each one of you. **Miigwetch!**

**Clinic Main:**  
**231.398.8299**  
**888.382.8299**

**Clinic Office:**  
**231.398.6601**

**Pharmacy:**  
**231.398.6853**

## **Little River Health Service Center: Exciting Developments:**

Despite the current pandemic and other unusual events, the Little River Health Service Center has been extremely busy in terms of advancing itself both professionally and financially. Currently, there are several exciting completed projects/developments that have been finalized and several that are still in the process or potentially in the process.

### **First:**

The Little River Health Service Center continues to strive for the best healthcare providers available. As a healthcare provider, we must strive for teamwork, communication, dedication, fully competent medical training with energy and passion. We as a facility are looking to grow, expand, and develop a multi-specialist facility that not only provides efficient and effective medical treatment, but also proper financial revenue. The Little River Health Service Center has formulated a vision for the near future that could potentially consist of a Full Lab Center/Lab Technician, Psychiatrist, Clinical and Sports Massage Therapist, Chest Xray machines, COVID-19 Testing Center, Muskegon Clinic/Pharmacy Center, and highly sophisticated technology at all healthcare facilities. We as an organization need to be diverse, energetic, and competent to medical care in all specialties. As an organization, and healthcare providers, we will not fill a position/void unless we meet all the proper qualifications and needs of that profession. Little River Health Service Center is looking towards the future, not the past, on growth, prosperity and professionalism.

## **It is a Privilege to Introduce Dr. Ronald Graeser, DO to Little River Health Service Center!**

### **Dr. Ronald Graeser: Education**

University of Arizona: Electrical Engineering  
 Pathology Resident: Grand Rapids, MI  
 Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine: Family Medicine, DO

### **Dr. Ronald Graeser, DO** has an Extensive Medical and Professionalism Background

Practiced Forensic Pathology for 23 years  
 Analytical Engineer at Federal Aviation Agency and Lear Siegler in Grand Rapids, MI  
 Family Medicine Physician: DO  
 20 years completion of U.S. Army Reserves

### **Dr. Ronald Graeser: Family**

Currently Married  
 Three Adult Daughters

### **Dr. Ronald Graeser: Interests Outside the Medical Profession**

Reading/History  
 Gardening  
 Target Practice/Outdoors

## **It is a Privilege to Introduce Dr. Thomas Stout, DO to Little River Health Service Center!**

Dr. Thomas Stout, DO has Practiced Family Medicine and Urgent Care at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, MI and the Lansing, MI Area for many years.

### **Dr. Thomas Stout's: Education**

Undergraduate: Western Michigan University  
 Master's Degree: Western Michigan University  
 Medical Degree: Michigan State University

### **Dr. Thomas Stout's Family**

Two Sons:  
 Michael Stout: Physician  
 Stephen Stout: Pharmacist  
 5 Grandchildren

### **Dr. Thomas Stout's: Interests Outside the Medical Profession**

Golfing  
 Fly Fishing/Trout/Salmon/Steelhead  
 Developing Friendship/Relations with the Community and the Patients

**Insurance Update:**

**Congratulations Little River Health Service Center! Welcome Back to Medicare!** The process has been long and daunting, but after months and months of paperwork, Little River is finally back utilizing Medicare reimbursement. Thank you everyone for all the help in the process. Special thank you to **Ogema Larry Romanelli**, for the tremendous amount of paperwork and signatures with this process. Again, congratulations to Little River Health Service Center!

**105(L) Award:**

**Congratulations Little River Health Service Center!** In October of 2019, Little River Health Service Center applied for the 105(L) which is a program that will pay all utilities and overhead associated with the Little River Health Service Center. It has been a long process and special thanks to the Accounting department: **Lani Rozga, Tammy Burmeister and Lyle Dorr** for all your tireless efforts to make this possible. The Little River Health Service Center will be presenting to Council for acceptance a check worth **\$616,566.00 (2019, 2020)**. Little River will submit the 105(L) yearly. If Little River Health Service Center should acquire any additional locations, that too will be additional funds received to cover that location's overhead as well. Again, congratulations Little River Health Service Center, well done!

**Veterans Affairs Partnership**

**Congratulations Little River Health Service Center!** The Veterans Affairs office (VA) has reached out to our organization and would like to develop a partnership with Little River. There has been several months of discussion and with our **Medicare finally reinstated**, partnership with the VA can now become a reality. This is a wonderful opportunity for Little River Health Service Center regarding in-house referrals and growth not only with staffing, but also a financial growth. We are currently amid discussion and will update the organization as new developments occur. Again, congratulations Little River Health Service Center!

**Muskegon Clinic and Full Pharmacy Possible Expansion:**

**Congratulations Little River Health Service Center!** Despite the unfortunate pandemic, the Little River Health Service Center has been very fortunate in acquiring tremendous amounts of resources/funds. We here in the Health Service Center have received hundreds of thousands of dollars (\$1.9 Million) that can be utilized to help grow and develop Little River Health Service Center. The multitude of funds can be utilized not only for COVID-19 related growth, but other amenities as well per other funding accounts. These new resources now allow Little River Health Service the opportunity to grow and develop our **"DREAM"** of a Muskegon Clinic and Full Pharmacy. All accessories and equipment can be fully funded with these new funds acquired. The building has been located, equipment has been reviewed and discussed, Physicians and staffing available to cover the new location, Medicare reinstated, new insurance companies added, the 105(L) award received that will pay ALL utilities and overhead, and now it's up to the Ogema and Tribal Council if this is an appropriate plan and if needed by Little River. Work sessions have been assigned and the discussion has started. Again, congratulations Little River Health Service Center. **Your "DREAM" can now become a reality!**

**Little River: Facelift**

**Congratulations Little River Health Service Center!** A face lift was a must. The landscaper will be finishing the sign out front with larger boulders, larger scaled plants, and additional modern flag design adjacent to the sign. The modifications have been laid over from 2019. The new additions will be occurring within the next several weeks. In addition to the sign, the Little River Health Service Center will have large advertisement flags adorned to the light poles as you enter the North Entrance leading from the road, along the tree line, up to the Ogema's window. It will be a beautiful display and help direct patients to the appropriate section of the Government building. It will properly display amenities within the Health Service Center. In addition, there will be several large stone planters adjacent to the Clinic Entrance that will house large Cedar trees/bushes, as well as other overflowing flowers. Again, congratulations Little River Health Service Center. A face lift is always appreciated by many!

**Possible Additional Staffing: 2021**

**Congratulations Little River Health Service Center! 2021 will be a Wonderful Year!** After reviewing resources/funds/grants it has been formulated that Little River Health Service Center has the opportunity to have several new additions to our specialty department. Little River Health Service Center will be looking for a Psychiatrist and Lab Technician/Researcher to join our organization. This will allow for a Psychiatrist on-site, as well as Telepsych. The Health Service Center will be converting and developing a complete and full in-house Lab Facility. This expansion will allow Little River Health Service Center to be more independent and help keep resources In-House versus neighboring facilities. In addition, there has been discussion to acquire chest X-ray Machinery, both for Manistee and the possible Muskegon Clinic location. These are very exciting times despite the pandemic, but the Little River Health Service Center is overdue, and we are full of energy and excited to proceed forward into the future! Again, congratulations Little River Health Service Center! **Well Done!**

The Little River Health Service Center would like to thank all its members and tribal leaders for their patience and understanding during this transition process. It is a very exciting time for the Health Department to grow and expand. I would like to personally thank everyone for all the kind words, support and willingness to help lift our department. It has never been a better time to stay positive and show your support for the Little River Health Service Center. If we can all continue to come together and be part of the solution, the health services at Little River can be phenomenal in similarity to many southern state Tribes. It will happen and it must happen! We here at the Little River Health Service Center have a ton of energy and great vision for the future. We will not give up and the best is yet to come! Thank you again and from all the staff in the Little River Health Service Center, may you all remain healthy and safe.

**Eat Well! Sleep Well! And Be Well, Everyone!**

**Dr. Daryl B. Wever | Director of Health Services and Physician  
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# LRBOI Essay Contest

Sponsored by LRBOI Education Department

## Topic:

**How has the Pandemic affected you as you get ready to go back to school.**

**Open to all students under the age of 18**

**No minimum age or grade level to participate.**

**Winner in 4 levels each will receive a \$100 gift card**

**Lower elementary grades**

**Upper elementary grades**

**Middle school**

**High School**

**All essays must be submitted by October 1st**

**Please Mail them to  
Education Department  
2608 Government Center Dr.  
Manistee, MI 49660**

## E-mail:

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## For more information contact

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or Deb Davis 231.398.6724**

**Winning Essays will be printed in the LRBOI Currents**

## Thank you to Yvonne Parsons with the LRBOI Education Department from Christina Castillo

Hi Yvonne:

Per my phone call with Deb this morning, I am emailing you the book stipend forms. Since, I would rather not go to the post office for this when my scanner can do the trick much faster and safer. Anyway, I am glad you are supporting minimal exposure to us by accepting the College Stipend via email.

You know I will never forget my first conversation with you about college. I was so clueless and didn't know anything about school, other than it seemed unreachable for someone like me. A middle aged, mother and soon to be grandmother. I also, remember, how personable you were to talk to someone you didn't know and share your knowledge with me about education during my desperate time. You had no idea that your conversation would impact my life in a positive way.

You talked to me about the programs available and the financial help available to members. Additionally, you spoke about the different degrees (AA, AS, BA, BS, Masters, PHD) and certificates. It was so far away for me then; I never thought I would ever reach any of those dreams. At the time I was unemployed, in between contracts, raising my toddlers and on my way to becoming a new grandma. I wanted to be more marketable, and meet the basic qualifications for jobs that would carry me through. Getting a degree seemed unattainable, for someone needing to put food on the table, pay the mortgage and supporting the children. Reaching out to you was a call for help which also exposed how naive I really was in terms of education. However, I felt safe with you, probably because of your role in the tribe, but also because you were genuine helpful on the phone. I thought it was important, especially now, that even though that day was just another day answering the phones for you, it was a life changing moment for me.

Living in California, and living paycheck to paycheck, I only really qualified for the book stipend. So, I began at Community College, where the stipend balanced the tuition. (Especially, when I remembered to submit it.) San Francisco City College took 8 years with generally one class a semester, sometimes two if I was lucky. In 2005, I earned my Associates in Science and Math, but continued with community college. After 130 units of undergrad units, this year, I decided to take the plunge, and transfer into our local university to prepare myself to help as a middle school teacher. It may take me another 8 years for that 2nd degree, but I can count on every semester to be enriching.

Thank you again for your welcoming and genuine inspiring educational support, as you became one of my strong motivators who helped me and my family to supplementing my life skills.

Christina Castillo

## NATIONAL DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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|---|--|
| 1  <a href="#">National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day</a>                       | 16  <a href="#">National Working Parents Day</a>     |
| 2  <a href="#">National Blueberry Popsicle Day</a>                          | 17  <a href="#">National Apple Dumpling Day</a>      |
| 3  <a href="#">U.S. Bowling League Day</a>                                  | 18  <a href="#">National Hug Your Boss Day</a>       |
| 4  <a href="#">National Wildlife Day</a>                                    | 19  <a href="#">National Dance Day</a>               |
| 5  <a href="#">National Be Late For Something Day</a>                       | 20  <a href="#">Wife Appreciation Day</a>            |
| 6  <a href="#">National Read A Book Day</a>                                 | 21  <a href="#">National Pecan Cookie Day</a>        |
| 7  <a href="#">National Acorn Squash Day</a>                                | 22  <a href="#">National Ice Cream Cone Day</a>      |
| 8  <a href="#">National Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day</a>        | 23  <a href="#">Innergize Day</a>                    |
| 9  <a href="#">National Teddy Bear Day</a>                                  | 24  <a href="#">National Punctuation Day</a>         |
| 10  <a href="#">National School Picture Day</a>                             | 25  <a href="#">National BRAVE DAY</a>               |
| 11  <a href="#">Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance</a> | 26  <a href="#">National Hunting and Fishing Day</a> |
| 12  <a href="#">National Day of Encouragement</a>                           | 27  <a href="#">National Gold Star Mother's Day</a>  |
| 13  <a href="#">National Grandparent's Day</a>                              | 28  <a href="#">National Family Day</a>              |
| 14  <a href="#">National Boss/Employee Exchange Day</a>                     | 29  <a href="#">National Coffee Day</a>              |
| 15  <a href="#">National Tackle Kids Cancer Day</a>                         | 30  <a href="#">National Love People Day</a>         |

## Happy Birthday Tribal Elders 65+

Wanita Ancel	Alfred Chabot	Geraldine Howen	Tonyah Pannill
Linda Andre	Julia Chapman	Linda Johnson	Jennifer Rabuck
Fred Bean	Janis Compeau	James Kinney	Maria Ruiz
Millicent Biers	Emogene Crampton	Ræ Klemp	Martin Shalifœ
Carol Bingham	Bernadene Crampton	William Langner	David Somerville
Denise Birnbaum	Marlene Davis	Bruce Lenartowicz	Charles Stone
Sharon Boucher	Michæel Duarte	Melvin Lewis	Dawn Stutz
Gaylord Boyer	Vikki Glover	Ada Mills	Susan Thull
Judith Bridges	Robert Hewitt	Jimmy Olson	Charles Warren
Ronald Bush	David Hopkins	Walter Pamame	Marie Wellman

Being born in September means sharing the birthday spotlight with friends because it's the most popular month of the year to be born. Here are some of the unique traits that make September babies so special.

### They're The Top of the Class

Being a September baby means higher rates of academic success. Most September babies are the oldest kids in their class thanks to enrollment cut-off dates that often lead to these tykes getting a late start in school. That late-start, means that kids born in September are more mature, which has shown to have a significant impact on their cognitive development and test scores throughout primary school. Not only are babies born in September more likely to be successful in grade school, but they are also more likely to continue their success all the way up the path to higher learning.

### They're the First-String

Academics aren't the only thing September babies are successful at; they are more likely to succeed in athletics as well. For the same reasons that they are successful in the classroom, being the oldest often gives them an on-field advantage in size and strength.

### They Live Longer

Autumn babies or those born between September and November are more likely to live to be 100. According to a study from the University of Chicago that analyzed data from over 1,500 centenarians, most people that live to be 100 are born during these months. The reason for this, the researchers suggest, is that this group was less likely to suffer from seasonal infections early in life, which could impact life-long health.

### They're Happier

Success is wonderful, but nothing is more important than happiness. As Time reports, people born in the fall months are the least likely to suffer from depression. They are also least likely to suffer from bipolar disorder.

### They Are Taller

The same study from Bristol University found that babies born during the late summer to early fall were often taller than those born during other months. The small, but significant, 5mm difference is most likely due to moms getting more sun exposure, and in turn more Vitamin D, during the final trimester.

**LRBOI | Language Instructor Kenny Pheasant**

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Giin-Singular</u>	<u>Giinwa-Plural</u>	<u>Giinwe-Let's</u>
Mask	Dengwenhchigan	Dengwenhchiganan	
Wash hands	Giziinjiin	Giziinjiik	Giziinjiidaa
Quarantine	Gizhaadigen	Gizhaadigek	Gizhaadigedaa
Detain	Gnigaabinigo	Gnigaabinigoom	Gnigaabinigoomi
Avoid crowds	Pkaanendizaan	Pkaanendizaak	Pkaanendizidaa
Sanitizing lotion	Biininjiinh aaboo/mingan		
(S) Please wear your mask	(Giin)- Aasanaa biiskaan gdengwenhchigan		
(P) Please wear your mask	(Giinwa)- Aasanaa biiskaamok gdengwenhchiganwaan		
Let's wear our masks	(Giinwe)- Aasanaa biiskaandaa gdenwenhchiganaanin		

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<b>AUGUST ANSWERS</b>			
CAT	<a href="#">GAAZHAAG</a>	NORTH	<a href="#">EPANGISHMOK</a>
BULL	<a href="#">YAABE BIZHIKE</a>	EAST	<a href="#">ZHAAWANONG</a>
DOG	<a href="#">ANIMOSH</a>	WEST	<a href="#">KIIWEDINONG</a>
PIG	<a href="#">GOKOSH</a>	SOUTH	<a href="#">WAABINONG</a>
PUPPY	<a href="#">ANIMOOINHS</a>		
DOMESTIC ANIMAL	<a href="#">OKAAN</a>		
KITTEN	<a href="#">GAAZHAAGENHS</a>		

Online Readers please note an addition has been made to the Anishinaabe words provided by Kenny Pheasant. You can now click the words in blue and hear Kenny say them.

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we will begin the fall/winter hours

Sunday	6:00am-9:00pm
Monday	6:00am-9:00pm
Tuesday	6:00am-9:00pm
Wednesday	6:00am-9:00pm
Thursday	6:00am-9:00pm
Friday	6:00am-12:00am
Saturday	6:00am-12:00am

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**September**

7 | Labor Day (Offices Closed)

21 | Federal Reaffirmation Day  
(Offices Closed)

**October**

10 | Fall Membership Meeting  
(online live stream)

**November**

Elders Conference - **Canceled**

**December**

Elders Christmas Party - **Canceled**

Kids Christmas Party - **Canceled**

24 | Government Center open 8A - Noon

25 - Jan 1 | Government Center Closed