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Little Spirit Moon
December 2018

Little River Currents

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

UPCOMING EVENTS

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DEC

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Elders Christmas Party

Little River Casino Resort - Event Center
Registration opens at 11A
Party starts at 12P

DEC

2

Kids Christmas Party

Little River Casino Resort - Event Center
Registration opens at 9A
Party starts at 11A

DEC

24 - 25

Government Center / Clinic Holiday Closure

Dec 24 | ½ day Holiday (Offices will be open 8am – noon)
Dec 25 – Jan 1 | Holiday Closure
Offices will reopen Wednesday January 2, 2019 at 8am

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Manistee, MI 49660
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Little River Currents:

Submissions due by 2nd
Wednesday of the month
Currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov
231.398.6841

On the web@ lrboi-nsn.gov
Can be found under the
[News & Media Tab:](#)

Rapid River Online News:
"Daily Posts - Members Only"

LRBOI Calendar:

- Events
- Government Center Activities/Meetings

Reoccurring Events

Elders Meal
Aki Maadziwin
Mon-Thu 12PM

Language Class
Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM
www.anishinaabemdaa.com
www.Aanii.org
[f Anishinaabemdaa](https://www.facebook.com/Anishinaabemdaa)

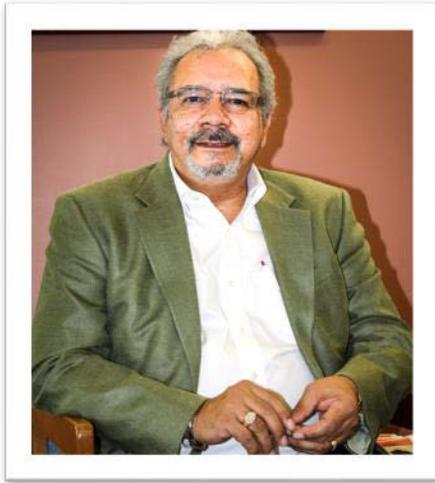
Traditional Healer
Government Center
Every 3rd Tuesday
by Appointment

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians - Phone Listings

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

Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)

Sault Tribe New Years Eve Sobriety Pow Wow	Dec 31	Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Keweenaw Bay New Years Eve Pow Wow	Dec 31	Baraga, MI
Gathering of Nations Pow Wow	Apr 25 - 27, 2019	Albuquerque, NM
LRBOI Jiingtamok	Jun 29 - 30, 2019	Manistee, MI



OGEMA LARRY ROMANELLI

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Ogema's Online page can be found@
lrboi-nsn.gov

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

Ogema's Meet & Greet

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

Spring Membership Meeting

April 13, 2019
LRCR Event Center

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

Aanii,

Well, winter has arrived, but we knew it was coming.

Good news, bad news. Bad news, I was nominated for the Chamber of Commerce, "Business Person of the Year" here in Manistee, but I wasn't chosen. Longtime business person, Dan Bathrick, owner of Snyder's Shoes was the very deserving winner. Congratulations to Dan.

The good news is that our Little River Casino Resort was nominated and won the Chamber of Commerce, "Business of the Year"! Great job everyone! I'm proud of the whole team!

More good news. Our Muskegon Casino project has been given the nod to move forward to have a final hearing in Fruitport! This is great news after all this time. It appears the Department of Interior is ready to publish its intent to take our land in Trust in the Federal Register. This is what we've been waiting on for a long time. I want to thank most of you for your patience and trust through this process even though you've been told by some, that it would never get approved by the Department of Interior. We have a very long list of people who have helped make this effort possible. At a later date I will make a list going all the way back to the beginning.

The final hearing is to be held on December 12th and please watch the Rapid River News for the exact time and location. This is a very important hearing and hope you can make it.

After the hearing and final approval, the project will come back to the State of Michigan for approvals. These are exciting times!

Until next month...

Mr. Andrew Gentile
General Manager
Little River Casino Resort
P.O. Box 417
Manistee, MI 49660-0417

Ogema Larry Romanelli
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660



Dear Mr. Gentile and Ogema Romanelli:

It is with extreme gratitude that I write you both on behalf of the Manistee Area Public Schools Board of Education, the Administration, Chippewas 350 Club, Athletic Department, Students, Families and, especially, the 2018/19 Chippewa Football Team. The Team achieved so much during this Fall Season, working together to achieve team and individual "bests," which culminated with the first perfect season since 1961, and the most "wins" in school history during regular season play. It was time to come together and to look to the future!

Thank you to you, Ogema Romanelli and Mr. Gentile, and the Little River Casino Resort Assistant General Manager Connie Waitner, Director of Food & Beverage Jodi Walters and her staff, Conference Sales & Catering Service Lead Tiffany Inglis, and Kathy Williams and the entire LRCR staff for "rolling out the red carpet" in record time for our Team last Sunday by generously donating the conference room, labor, food and drinks to host the Chippewa Team and their families to watch the Michigan High School Athletic Association's playoff selection show.

As you were made aware, the MAPS Family is in the process of healing following the passing of one of our Students. Your LRCR Family's response and much appreciated/much needed gesture of community spirit, sensitivity, and giving came at the perfect time.

We appreciate the many ways Little River Casino Resort and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians continuously support our community.

Once again, with gratitude,

Ronald J. Stoneman
Superintendent

MAST

Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes

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

NIGC

National Indian Gaming Commission

Joe Riley, II
 Ron Wittenberg
 Diane Lonn

US Chamber of Commerce

Joe Riley, II Delegate
 Shannon Crampton Delegate
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

NCAI

National Congress of American Indians

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

NIGA

National Indian Gaming Association

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

United Tribes of MI

Larry Romanelli Delegate
 Ron Wittenberg Alternate
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

State Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza
 Ron Pete

Federal Liaisons

Sandra Lewis
 Shannon Crampton

Joint Units of Government

Gary DiPiazza
 Ron Pete

ELECTION BOARD

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

Open Meetings
Government Center Building at 5:00PM

November 28, 2018
 December 19, 2018

2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
231.398.6709

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

COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE

Binojeek Commission

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

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

Enrollment Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month
 Enrollment Department

Charmaine Stone •Chair
Diana O'Neal •Co-Chair
Krystyne Medawis •Secretary
Chuck Fisher •Commissioner
Ron Wittenberg •Liaison
Sandra Lewis •Liaison
Diane Lonn •Liaison

Gaming Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday
 Gaming Commission Office

Bill Willis •Chair
Vacant •Co-Chair
Mark Jespersen •Commissioner
Deb Davis •Commissioner
Vacant •Commissioner
Joseph Riley II •Liaison
Ron Pete •Liaison
Dave Corey •Liaison

Health Commission

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

Pamela Johnson •Chair
Al Patricio •Commissioner
Vacant •Commissioner
Sandra Lewis •Liaison
Diane Lonn •Liaison

Housing Commission

Meetings: 10AM 2nd Thursday of the Month
 Aki Maadizwin Community Center

Julia Chapman •Chair
Marcella Leusby •Secretary
Judy Hardenburgh •Commissioner
Teresa Callis •Commissioner
John Pabami •Commissioner
Sandra Lewis •Liaison
Shannon Crampton •Liaison
Ron Wittenberg •Liaison
Jamie Friedel •Alternate

Natural Resource Commission

Meetings: 5PM 2nd Monday of the Month
 Natural Resource Office

Boo Battice •Chair
Martha Howell •Secretary
Connie Eno •Commissioner
Virgil Johnson •Commissioner
John Pabami •Commissioner
Jacob Kequom •Commissioner
Shannon Crampton •Liaison
Jamie Friedel •Liaison

Elders Committee

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

Mary Thomas •Chair **Al Metzger** •Trustee **Diane Lonn** •Liaison
Darleen Martin •Co-Chair **Detra Kelsey** •Trustee **Ron Pete** •Liaison
Marcella Luesby •Secretary

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Talking Circle April 12, 2019 4PM - 6PM LRCR Three Fires Conference Room	Joseph Riley II • Speaker 231.398.6854 jriley@lrboi-nsn.gov	Sandy Lewis • Recorder 231.398.6869 smlewis@lrboi-nsn.gov	Ron Pete 231.398.6820 ronpete@lrboi-nsn.gov
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	Dave Corey 231.398.6836 dcorey@lrboi-nsn.gov	Shannon Crampton 231.398.6835 scrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov	Gary DiPiazza 231.398.6825 gdipliazza@lrboi-nsn.gov

Tribal Council Update:

Tribal Council's last meeting was held at the Little River Casino Resort's Event Center during the Elders Conference. Tribal Council wishes to thank the Elders Committee for allowing time to Tribal Council for the meeting.

Agenda items included the Annual Dues to the National Congress of American Indians and the Commissions Ordinance #04-150-01 for a 30 Day Public Comment Period. The changes were regarding editing, formatting and grammatical errors. Also the word "stipend" has been changed to read as "compensation". The Binojeeuk and Gaming Commission's Compensation will be \$150.00 per meeting and all other commissions will receive \$125.00 per meeting.

Video Conferencing is being made available in hopes of encouraging Tribal members to apply for seats on Commissions regardless of where they live in the United States. The only requirement of the video conferencing is that the member can connect to the Tribe's system and be in a confidential area during the video call. All seats are open to Tribal members but, if seats cannot be filled, one seat on each commission will be open to either a Tribal Member Spouse or Tribal Member Descendant. Public Comment Period was also open during the Tribal Council Meeting and if you were not able to voice your concerns there, please contact Tribal Council Members via the Toll-Free Number 1-888-723-8288.

Sandra Lewis

The following were posted online for public comment:

For comments please email: comments@lrboi-nsn.gov

[Commissions Ordinance 04-150-01 Expires 12-3-18](#)

Please visit lrboi-nsn.gov for the full reports which can be found under the tabs:

Government/Legislative Branch/Public Comment - Proposed Ordinances

For copies and additional information please contact Kathleen Bowers.
231.398.6845

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | OCTOBER

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
10/01/18	Elder Complex Rental Rate	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	8
10/01/18	Commissions	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	x	x	8
10/01/18	Agenda Review	x	V	x	x			*	x	x	5
10/01/18	Bullying in workplace	x	V	x			x	*	x	*	4
10/02/18	Emergency Relief	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	x	7
10/08/18	Sovereign Finance	x			x	x	x	x	x	*	6
10/08/18	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	*	7
10/08/18	NRD - Strategic Planning	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	*	7
10/09/18	Education & Child - Strategic Planning	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	*	7
10/09/18	Housing Opp. - Strategic Planning	x	x			x	x	x	x	*	6
10/09/18	Government Finances	x				x	x		x	*	4
10/09/18	Land & Property - Strategic Planning		x			x	x		x	*	4
10/09/18	Self Sufficient - Strategic Planning		x			x	x		x	*	4
10/09/18	Gaming - Strategic Planning		x				x		x	*	3
10/09/18	Audit Review		x				x		x	*	3
10/11/18	Pharmacy & Health - Strategic Planning	x	x	x		x		x	x	*	6
10/11/18	Capping Rates at Aki		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	7
10/11/18	Elder Complex Rental Rate	x	x	x		x		x	x	*	6
10/11/18	Pharmacy Sales Tax	x	x	x		x		x	x	*	6
10/15/18	Shoreline Update	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			7
10/15/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
10/16/18	Firewood Distribution	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	8
10/16/18	Place to Sell Goods	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/16/18	Indian Preference Employ	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/16/18	Building Use Rental Agree	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/22/18	ULD Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	7
10/22/18	2019 Budget Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
10/22/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
10/22/18	Clarify Political Identity	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
10/23/18	NR Law and Order	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/23/18	Gaming Enterprise	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/23/18	TTIP	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/23/18	Dial-A-Ride	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
10/25/18	Commissions Ordinance	x	x	P	*	x	x	x	x	x	7
10/29/18	Agenda Review	x	x				x	x	x	x	6
10/30/18	Power Plant	x	x		x	V	x		x	x	6
10/30/18	Election Board	x	x		x	V	x		x	x	6
10/30/18	Email Privacy Act	x	x		x	V	x		x	x	6
10/30/18	Lee McCaslin	x	V			V			x	x	3
	Total: 39	34	34	22	26	30	34	24	33	22	

V = Vacation * = Business Related P = Called In

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2018

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated.

ALL REGULAR MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER LODGE

December 5

December 12

December 19

*Tribal Council Meetings and Agendas are posted prior to meeting@ lrboi-nsn.gov/calendar

*Tribal Council Meeting Videos are posted@ lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/tribal-council/reports

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 10, 2018 10:00A - 11:55P

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

New Business

18-1010-293; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHAPTER 1, TRIBAL TAX REGULATIONS #R100-08:TRA-01 by Di Piazza ; supported by Friedel

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

18-1010-294; AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR SUBMISSION OF REQUEST TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FY 2019 LITIGATION SUPPORT FUNDS by Di Piazza ; supported by Lewis

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

MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 2005, ORDINANCE #05-600-01 FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD by Di Piazza ; supported by Lewis

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

MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE HUNTING, TRAPPING AND GATHERING REGULATIONS FOR THE 1836 CEDED TERRITORY, CHAPTER 3 NATURAL RESOURCES REGULATIONS FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD by Di Piazza ; supported by Lewis

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

18-1010-295; APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FY2019 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND REVIEWED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION by Friedel ; supported by Wittenberg

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

18-1010-296; AUTHORIZING RE-SETTING COMMISSION COMPENSATION AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MONTHLY MEETINGS ALLOWED by Di Piazza ; supported by Friedel

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

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

18-1010-297, APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD G. MCGEE, LLC TO PROVIDE GAMING LAW AND REGULATION TRAINING by Corey ; supported by Friedel

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

18-1010-298, APPROVING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH CORNER STONES CONSTRUCTION by Corey ; supported by Friedel

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

Elders Housing progress; completion is expected to be in August 2019



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 2018 10:00A - 02:17P

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL TO POST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #15-600-02 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 9/20/2019 by Lewis; supported by Pete

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

18-1024-308; APPROVAL TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #05-1221-712 APPROVAL TO REIMBURSE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR 6% DISCOUNT ON RETAIL SALES TO NON-RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS AT ODAWA GIFT SHOP by Pete; supported by Lewis

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

18-1024-309; APPROVAL OF THE AKI MAADIZIWIN COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

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

18-1024-310; ADOPTION OF THE FY 2019-2022 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TTIP) by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

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

18-1024-311; ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET by Pete; supported by Lonn

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

18-1024-312; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.07 OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013 by Pete; supported by Lonn

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

18-1024-313; AUTHORIZATION FOR GALLAGHER TO USE THE TRIBAL SEAL FOR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS SUCH AS PRESENTATIONS AND EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATIONS by Lewis; supported by Friedel

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

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

18-1024-315, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DENTAL, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019

by Pete; supported by Lonn

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

18-1024-316, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH VSP, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 by Pete; supported by Lonn

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

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center Rental Changes:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Aki Maadiziwin Community Center offers amenities favorable for community and personal gatherings. On October 10, 2018, a new Community Building Use Policy was approved and Tribal Members are required to complete a Building Use Request Form and submit it to the Tribe's Tax Department.

Upon approval of the Request, the Tribal Member must sign a Rental Agreement and pay a refundable \$50 deposit to guarantee the reservation. Deposits must be paid per each approved reservation within five (5) business days of the reservation otherwise the date and time may be offered to another Applicant.

Packets containing a copy of the Building Use Policy and Request Form are available at the Government Center Front Desk or on the Tribal website (www.lrb-nsn.gov). You can also contact Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer by email at vchandler@lrb-nsn.gov or by calling (231) 398-6874.

GOVERNMENT CENTER NEWS & INFORMATION

Notice Regarding Unclaimed Per Capita Payments– Deadline December 31,2018

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, 2018**, to claim these payments. Should any payments remain unclaimed after December 31, 2018, the funds will be reverted to the Tribe as specified in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Timothy J Badger | Andrew E Frees | Leslie C Studey |
| Jeremiah Behnke | Gerald Kalke Jr | Allan Taylor |
| Robert A Bontrager | Jarrett E Kelsey | Karch M Taylor |
| Miranda A Boyer | Anthony Kequom Jr | Elisa L Tippitt |
| Lisa L Brown | Sabrina M Nichols-Olivarri | Jerry S Tyler |
| Jordyn A Ceplina | Samantha J Nichols-Olivarri | Micheal L Wabindato |
| Chase M Childrey | Eric Pego | Pauline Wabindato |
| Stewart F Cogswell Jr | Trinity Ricker | Thomas Wellman |
| Renee M Diehlman | Brandon R Saugie | David A Wilson |
| Martin Fleury | Janina A Sprague | |

Please take the time to review the list and get the word out about these unclaimed payments. Any help you can provide to aid us in getting these payments to their rightful owners would be appreciated. Contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Enrollment Department at (888)723-8288, if you can claim outstanding payments, provide assistance in settling payment(s) or have any questions.

Food Distribution Program

Ken LaHaye 231.398.6715
 Melanie Ceplina 231.398.6716
 Hours: M-F 7:30A - 4:00P
 Lunch: 12:00P - 12:30P
 2700 Orchard Highway
 Manistee, MI 49660

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by Congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers nutritious food to income based Tribal households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Food Distribution Program.

USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 Monthly Income Standards

October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2019

Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$ 1,176.00
2	\$ 1,536.00
3	\$ 1,896.00
4	\$ 2,266.00
5	\$ 2,656.00
6	\$ 3,046.00
7	\$ 3,406.00
8	\$ 3,766.00

For each additional member add \$ 360.00

The Food Distribution Program serves 14 counties:

Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kent, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford

LRBOI BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM PUBLIC RECORD IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!



- ⇒ ONLINE AT WWW.LRBOI-NSN.GOV
 Tabs: Government/NRD/ Tribal Brownfield -Response Program/Public Record
- ⇒ DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 310 9TH STREET IN MANISTEE



**For more information please contact Breanna Knudsen
 Brownfield Specialist at 231-398-2182 or
breannaknudsen@lrboi-nsn.gov**

Memo from the LRBOI Mailroom:

When sending mail to the Government Center please make sure to address the department you are trying to reach. The Government Center mailroom receives a large number of items that are not addressed to anyone or department, those items have to be opened to be determined what department should receive the item.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attention: Public Affairs
 2608 Government Center Drive
 Manistee, MI 49660

Paid undergraduate research opportunity: Central Michigan University Great Lakes Research Experiences for Undergraduates

Central Michigan University is seeking undergraduate students to participate in a 10-week paid research experience for undergraduates (REU) program at its Biological Station (CMUBS) on Beaver Island, MI.

This REU program will support the training of 8 undergraduate students (open to non-CMU students) during the summer of 2019 (tentative dates are May 28-August 3). During the 10-week program, students will work with CMU faculty to develop and conduct research projects (ranging from limnology, fisheries biology, conservation and spatial ecology to molecular ecology and microbial ecology) addressing important issues in the Laurentian Great Lakes (one of the world's most important and threatened freshwater ecosystems).



The program will allow students to gain hands-on experience in all parts of the scientific process, from experimental design through data communication. Students will receive a \$5,750 stipend, together with free room and board and up to \$500 for travel to CMU's main campus in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

More information on the program and the online application are available at: <http://se.cmich.edu/cmubsreu>

Applications are due by Friday, February 1, 2019, with the final selection of participants expected by March 1, 2019. Eligible undergraduate students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and will be returning to their undergraduate program in Fall 2019.

Questions can be directed to Deric Learman (deric.learman@cmich.edu) or Jessica Lapp, coordinator of the Institute for Great Lakes Research, via email to iglr@cmich.edu, or by phone to 989-774-4401.

Tax-Exempt Quota Change

The monthly cigarette limit per eligible Tribal Member has been temporarily increased to 30 packs until further notice.

Penalty will apply to over-limit purchases!

The monthly motor fuel limit remains at 175 gallons per eligible Tribal Member.

It is the responsibility of the Tribal Member to keep track of their tax-exempt tobacco and motor fuel purchases.



Current Job Postings: lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/

Staff Physician - (Clinic) Salary: \$132,128.00 - \$175,218.00
 Staff Pharmacist - (Clinic) Salary: \$99,908.00 - \$132,490.00
 Systems Administrator - (IT Dept.) Salary: \$43,193 - \$57,279
 Government Center Temporary Pool

Application Instructions:

Obtain an application form and a copy of the position description on the Tribe's website: Employment Opportunities or by contacting Human Resources at:

Contact Information:

Phone: 1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859

Mail: LRBOI - Attn: HR Department
 2608 Government Center Drive
 Manistee, MI 49660

Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Money Matters: The Ability to Budget

According to the Federal Reserve, about 43 percent of Americans spend more money than they earn. Living within one's means is difficult, but by creating a monthly or weekly budget, you can stay out of debt and ahead of the game. Simply compare your net pay to your total expenses. Identify those expenses you can't do without (needs such as rent or mortgage, heat, water, electricity, and groceries) and those you can (wants such as movies, dining out or new shoes). Then cut down on the second category until it balances out. Besides, the ability to control spending and stay within a budget is a valuable transferable skill. Need help? Contact LRBOI Workforce Development.

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

David Hawley

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 2608 Government Center Drive
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W: <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/workforce-development/>



Current Job Postings: www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers

Bus Person - Part time: \$9.25 hourly
 Cook I - Full time: \$12.00 hourly
 Steward - Full time: \$9.25 hourly
 Food & Beverage Server - Full/Part Time: \$3.52 Tip Wage
 Security Level III - Full Time: \$13.99 hourly

Please submit an application and resume.

Native American preference will apply in accordance with Tribal policies.

Employees must be able to work any shift, holidays and weekends as scheduled.

Current Employees must complete an internal application and obtain management signature.

Contact Information:

Phone: 1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530
 Little River Casino Resort - Attn: Recruiting
 P.O. Box 417
 Manistee, MI 49660
 Office hours are Monday through Friday 7am-5pm.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING OTHERS?

DO YOU NEED SOMETHING TO DO THIS WINTER?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TAXES?

The Tax Department is looking for volunteers just like **YOU!** No experience necessary—free training is available.

Our goal is to be an IRS-designated Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site to service our Tribal Members and local community. The programs offer FREE tax preparation services and tax counseling.

All we need are volunteers to dedicate time to the program (set your own volunteer hours). Please contact Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer at (231) 398-6874 for more information and/or to sign up as a volunteer.

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Employment Opportunities:

Intern Position

Exciting Internship opportunity with Little River Holdings LLC! We are looking for an energetic intern to join our team with the possibility of moving into a Full Time independent contractor position as an administrative assistant. This position will provide a broad range of mid – to high-level administrative assistance and coordination for the company and communications that support the immediate and long term goals of management. Ideally a recent or current college graduate. For more information visit:
<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/e-d-c-economic-development-corporation/>

\$12 per hour
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- Ayaa Ventures, LLC (InTerra and Advanced Protein Solutions – APS)
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Are you looking to make a difference? Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the work the EDC does? The EDC is looking for Citizen Advisory Board Members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet monthly to discuss current things going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and to be a part of something important to the Tribe's financial future. To show interest in becoming a member of the Citizen Advisory Board, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman P: 231.398.6840

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CASINO RESORT

Little River Casino Resort Awarded Business of the Year



MANISTEE, MI November 12, 2018 – Little River Casino Resort (LRCR) was awarded the Manistee Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award. Attendees at the November 8 awards night selected LRCR through Live Voting.

LRCR hosted the Manistee Chamber of Commerce "Lights, Camera, Appreciation" awards night on November 8, 2018. The event took place in the resort Event Center where guests enjoyed a meal and live voting for award nominees. Out of 44 Business of the Year nominees, LRCR was voted best by attendees.

"We couldn't do it without our team members," Connie Waitner, Assistant General Manager says. Both General Manager Andrew Gentile and Connie are focused on commitment to and from their 700+ team. "It is our team that keeps us winning!" says Gentile. LRCR is the largest employer in Manistee County.

Located in Manistee Michigan, Little River Casino Resort has long been the area's foremost entertainment destination of choice. The Resort celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2019 and has grown from a simple gaming floor to a full-fledged resort. With a 292 room hotel, 95 space RV Park, a 24-hour Bistro, Big Lake Buffet, a 1500 seat Event Center and over 1300 slot machines, 28 tables inclusive of a beautiful non-smoking Gaming area, the resort has plenty of amenities to offer gaming and non-gaming guests alike. A recent renovation saw the resort add a Sports Bar & Grille as well as the full-service Nectar Spa. A new addition to the LRCR family is the Bear Lake Highlands Golf Course, a full 18-hole course in Bear Lake, Michigan.

Nominations for Manistee Chamber of Commerce awards are submitted by the public and are open in mid-August for next year's awards. The Chamber has been awarding this award for over 25 years. Little River Casino Resort received Business of the Year previously in 2005.

Contact: Sandra McCaslin, Executive Administrative Assistant for Marketing sandram@lrcr.com



The Little River Trading Post received an upgrade to its gasoline pumps. On Tuesday, November 13, the Trading Post was temporarily closed while new gasoline pumps were installed.

A little over ten years ago, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians opened their Trading Post convenience store and gas station. The initial gasoline pumps were installed at that time and are now at end-of-life, with maintenance costs increasing and replacement parts hard to find. New Wayne Ovation pumps were installed, and this equipment should return a 15-year life cycle as well as provide more efficient guest service.

"We are excited about these new pumps," says Israel Stone, who oversees the Trading Post. "They will offer enhanced capabilities and improved experience for our valued guests." Stone describes how the new pumps support a goal of the Trading Post for driving revenue to the Tribal Government to support Tribal Citizens.

The pumps include an 8-inch LCD screen that will display news, weather, sports and in-store-specials, as well as Little River Casino Resort promotions. Stone thinks the screen content can even highlight Tribal involvement within the community.

"We have a great partnership with Blarney Castle," Stone attests. "Dennis McCarthy has been instrumental in keeping us competitive with fuel pricing and support for our store." McCarthy has been a partner of the Trading Post since its inception. Stone asserts the tribe selected a good partner and hopes to continue the collaboration.

In addition to the gas pumps, the Trading Post recently received an upgrade to the lighted canopy and exterior signage. "We are working on freshening up the inside of the store, too," Stone says. "Stop in and see all the positive changes."



MANISTEE MI, November 12, 2018

Little River Casino Resort considers stewardship of the environment an important responsibility. Director of Hotel Operations, Charmaine Stone, and Director of Food & Beverage, Jodi Walter, take that responsibility seriously.

"Consider this," Walter says, handing me a brightly printed insert for a restaurant table tent. "There is a Texas size island of plastic in the ocean. Plastic disposable drinking straws are part of that island and part of the pollution. Using plastic drinking straws is part of the problem."

I study the flier's bright red capital letters: "Consider No Straws." The inserts are placed on resort restaurant tables and encourage diners to join LRCR in making an "important change" that can benefit the environment. Bullet points inform guests that an average straw is used for ten (10) minutes yet can take over 100 years to decompose. Along with being one of the Top 10 Trash Items collected from ocean beaches, plastic straws can injure marine animals, birds and fish when ingested.

Because plastics will never biodegrade, plastic disposable drinking straws become a permanent part of the environment. Paper drinking straws can break down within 180 days and biodegrade into environmentally friendly components, like starch or corn. Walter and her Executive Sous Chef, Jeremy Makowski, were made aware of paper straws during a Culinary Institute of America conference. They agreed to bring them to LRCR.

On the hotel side, Charmaine Stone tells me she was inspired by her travels several years ago, after staying at an inn that offered a towel re-use program. She hands me a different, brightly colored item, this one designed to hang on a hotel door knob. "Go Green," it says in Kelly green print, beneath a symbol for recycling.

Stone is excited about the program. "LRCR's Go Green initiative saves water, cleaning detergents, and electricity on over 1200 hotel rooms per month," she says. "This is one way of giving back to the environment."

The Go Green initiative allows hotel guests to reuse towels and opt out of daily bedding changes during their stay. If they Go Green, they receive a \$5 discount at the resort food outlets, gift shop or spa. "Consider all the energy, time and water saved by not resetting 2400 beds a month," Stone explains. Guests have been selecting the option and return guests ask for it by name.

The American Hotel and Lodging Association estimates that water, sewer and energy costs are reduced by 17% when guests choose an option like Go Green. National Geographic reports that laundry is the second major water use of any hotel. Add energy for laundry dryers, sheet folders and pressing and you begin to understand how a guest's simple choice can begin to have an impact.

While paper straws and reused towels might not seem overly exciting, being an engaged member of the world-wide community and committing to a proactive approach is.

Back in LRCR's Big Lake Buffet, brightly colored inserts offer diners the opportunity to consider the environment and choose a paper straw. The response has been strong, and the F&B team supports the paper straw initiative. Walter looks at me and smiles. "A responsible steward is part of the solution. We can be part of the solution," she nods. Considering many small steps can add up to big changes, I believe Little River Casino Resort is stepping in the right direction.

Notice of Sale December 1, 2018 | 10A

It is the intent of the LRCR to sell approximately 25 of our old golf carts.
The date of the sale is tentatively Saturday December 1st (10:00am).
The sale will be held at the Bear Lake Highlands golf course.

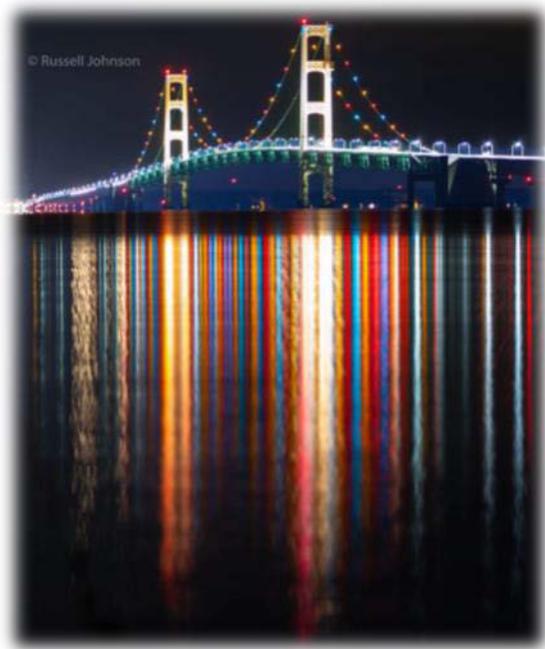
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Happy Birthday Tribal Members 65 and older



Mackinac Bridge - Mackinaw City, St. Ignace
Photo submission by Russell Johnson

Check out more of his photography @ [Leading Day Photography on Facebook](#)

Excellent photos of this year's Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) can be found there.

Russell will be at this year's Elders & Kids Christmas parties with his photo booth stop by and get that family Christmas photo with Santa at no charge.

Check out [Lake Shore Photo Booth](#) on Facebook for more information.

If you would like to submit a special announcement, picture, birth, or obituary announcement please submit to :

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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1st Place
Johnathon Robertson
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"Creper Clown"

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Brad Compeau
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"Plague Doctor"

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