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Currents

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Upcoming Events

Elders Meal
Aki Community
Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

Round Dance
April 22, 2017

2017 Membership
Meeting
October 7, 2017

Call Little River Resort Hotel
US Toll Free: 1-888-568-2244
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Tribe breaks ground for housing development in Fruitport

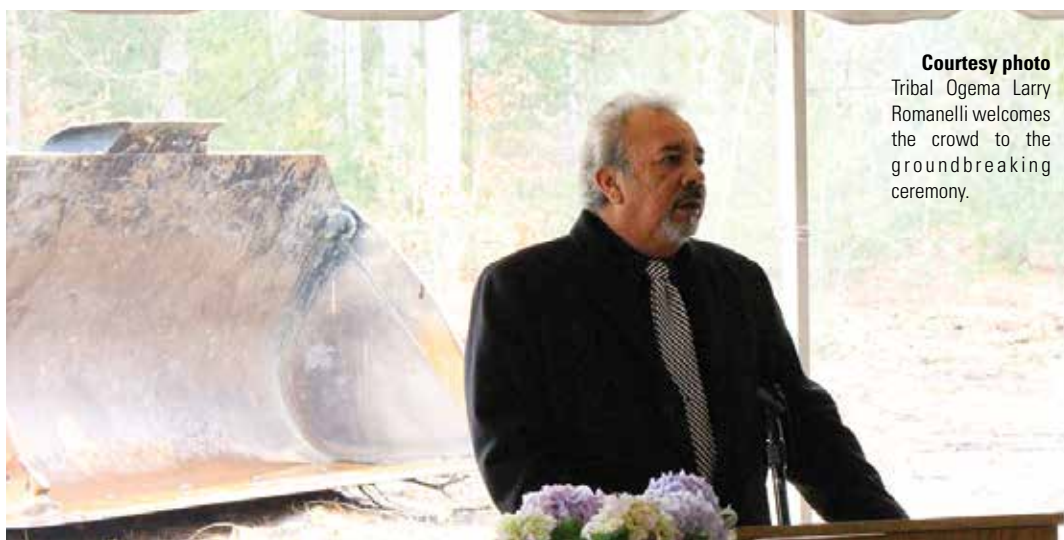
FROM STAFF REPORTS

FRUITPORT TWP. — The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) and Dirk Stone Real Estate recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for their housing development project in Fruitport Township.

The development is called Odeno, which means “a place of many hearts” or a “village” in the Tribe’s native Anisinaabe language.

The Little River Band plans to develop the site in five phases, with the first phase including 115 new homes. The housing development is open to the general public and will feature homes ranging from starter homes of \$150,000 to larger homes with walkouts and other additional features to \$300,000.

The groundbreaking featured several speakers as well as a drum ceremony. Among those speaking were Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli and Fruitport



Courtesy photo
Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli welcomes the crowd to the groundbreaking ceremony.

Township Supervisor Heidi Tice. The housing development will provide homes for 300 new families while returning the land to the tax rolls, providing additional funds to the local school district and community.

“Our goal was to work with the local community to develop a

unique village that offers homes of different sizes and amenities for first time home buyers, retirees and growing families in the area,” Romanelli said. “Odeno will be a special place where residents will enjoy living in energy efficient homes in a community with ponds, parks, natural areas

and walkways.”

The Odeno development is a collaborative economic development investment in the Fruitport community to further help Fruitport stand out as a community of choice for people of all ages, professions and income levels.

DNR urges boaters to ‘Spring Aboard’ for training

Boaters encouraged to enroll in safety classes prior to season

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources encourages boaters to enroll in a boating education course prior to the boating season. The reminder coincides with the national Spring Aboard – Take a Boating Education Course campaign that runs March 19-25.

“Educated boaters will have a safer, more enjoyable experience on the water,” said Lt. Tom Wanless,

Michigan’s boating law administrator. “There are many safety courses across Michigan and online, making it affordable and convenient. Don’t wait until the season starts. It’s important to know what you’re doing before you head out on the water.”

Boaters born after June 30, 1996, and most personal watercraft operators must have a boater education card.

“Nationally, we are seeing an upward trend in the number of

accidents and fatalities with nonmotorized vessels, which include canoes and kayaks,” Wanless said.

With this in mind, officials encourage all boaters, regardless of age or experience, to take a safety class.

The U.S. Coast Guard reports that of the nationwide accidents in which the level of operator education was known, 80 percent of boating deaths occurred on vessels where the operator never received boating education.

During the Spring Aboard

awareness campaign, some course providers may offer discounts or other incentives for students who enroll in or complete a course. The campaign is promoted by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the Coast Guard and several public and private organizations.

Get more information on boating safety, including who is required to take a safety class, on the DNR website www.michigan.gov/boating.



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May Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

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



March Worksession Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Total
03/02/17	Child Protection Law				x	x		x			3
03/06/17	EDC		x	x		x	V	x	V	x	5
03/06/17	Agenda Review		x	x	V	x	V	x	V	x	5
03/09/17	Budget & Appropriations		x	x	V	x	V		x		4
03/10/17	Housing APR		x	x	x	x	V		x	x	6
03/10/17	40 hour work week		x	x	x	x	V		x	x	6
03/13/17	Ogema Calculation Mod.		x	x	V	x	x	x	x		6
03/13/17	EPA Representation		x	x	V	x	x	x	x		6
03/13/17	Agenda Review		x	x	V	x	x	x	x		6
03/14/17	Civil Offenses		x		x	x	x		x		5
03/14/17	DNA		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
03/14/17	Pharmacy Purchase Auth		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		7
03/14/17	Bike Time		x	x	x	x		x	x		6
03/16/17	BIA Roads Project		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/17/17	Budget & Appropriations		x	*		x	x	*	x	x	5
03/20/17	Agenda Review		x	*	x	*		x	*		3
03/21/17	8(a) Contracting		x	*		*		x	*	x	3
03/23/17	2017 Goals	x	x	*	x	x	x		*	x	6
03/23/17	Elders Committee	x	x	*	x	x	x	x	*	x	7
03/24/17	Wells Fargo		x	*	x	x	x	x	*		5
03/27/17	Children's Protection Code	x	x	x		x	x	V	V		5
03/27/17	Utility Rates	x	x	x		x	x	V	V		5
03/27/17	Building Ordinance	x	x	x	x	V	x	V	V		5
03/29/17	40 Hour work week	x	x	x	x	x		V	x		6
03/29/17	Aaya 1st QTR Update	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x		7
03/30/17	Aaya and Minority	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
03/30/17	Budget & Appropriations	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
03/30/17	Tribal Veteran Affairs	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
03/30/17	Judge/Council/Ogema Salary	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
Total Work Sessions - 29		11	28	21	19	26	19	18	18	13	

***=Business Related V=Vacation B=Bereavement**

Note: Jamie Friedel was sworn in on March 22, 2017

Little River Currents submission guidelines

The following guidelines are used for submissions to the monthly Tribal newspaper, the Currents, of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, Michigan:

Articles must impact or affect the LRBOI tribal community, LRBOI tribal members or the larger Native American/Alaska Indian community.

Precedence will be given to information generated or submitted by the LRBOI Tribal Government offices or staff; to applicable Federal (US) Government-supplied information affecting the above-mentioned communities or groups or information from tribal organizations or supportive agencies such as NCAI, NNLEA, IHS and BIA.

Tribal member businesses or those specifically targeting the LRBOI tribal community will be given the opportunity to run free display ads, as space allows, in the newspaper.

Notices from Tribal members will be accepted and printed, space permitting in the paper. Said notices should address:

Family announcements (birthdays, thank you notes, gatherings, graduations, obituaries etc.)

Opinion pieces or letters-to-the-editor are not allowed. The Currents is an instrument used to push useful information out to the membership of the tribe and as a government organ, it is not designed to be an opinion tool.

Election information:

- As a government publication, neither the staff nor the paper may make institutional endorsements of candidates during times of elections.
- The newspaper will carry such information as the Election Board generates regarding elections.
- The opportunity for Candidate statements, in concert with regular scheduled tribal elections, will be made available to all certified candidates in said elections within certain editions and with equal opportunities presented to all candidates. This will also be coordinated with and through the

LRBOI Election Board and the department will acquiesce to their wishes.

- Submitted statements will be scrutinized to identify slander, libel or other potentially deleterious comments that might appear. The authors will be notified of the potential issues and requested to re-submit articles which do not present the same issues. If no corrected article is submitted, the staff of the Currents reserves the right to not run the original submission.

Links: References to internet links are guided by the fact that said links must comply with federal and/or state law regarding cyber-crimes, civil laws such as defamatory, derogatory and untruthful statement that are injurious to ones' health, safety and community standing.

Deadlines for submission are at the close of business on the first business day of the month.



Round Dance

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(Above and Right) The February 18th Round Dance was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Courtesy Photo

Round Dance A Good Time Together

Native American round dance is not ballroom dancing. It is a friendship dance that has long been held as a courtship activity. It is performed during a portion of a powwow and during many social occasions. The round dance has an infectious upbeat tempo and creates a simple and fun activity.

Round dances are performed during the intertribal social portion of a powwow. During the long winter nights Native people gather for the Round Dance, this traditional dance inspires both young and old alike. It is a time for friendship and courtship as singers strive to bring couples together too.



The April MIEA (Michigan Indian Elder's Association) meeting was held at Little River Casino Resort April 3rd, 4th and 5th. Attendees were treated to meals entertainment and a live auction. All eleven Tribes were represented by their Delegates and/or Alternates plus additional Elders. Over 180 people attended the event. The meeting was started with the Drum, Songs and veterans posting of Flags. The next conference will be held in July.



MANISTEE — Little River Casino Resort will hold its 18th Charity Golf Classic on July 7.

This annual event features a day of interactive golf complete with prizes, a gift raffle and live music with a spotlight on area charitable community service organizations to benefit from this year's event proceeds.

The casino resort underwrites all costs associated with the event and donates 100 percent of all monies received from participant fees and sponsorship funds raised. In 2016 over \$58,000 was distributed to 10 charitable organizations and has distributed over \$725,000 since its inaugural event in 1999.

Charitable 501(c)(3) community service organizations located within the Manistee area are encouraged submit an application for consideration to receive a share of the 2017 event proceeds.

Eligible organizations may contact Chad Eckhardt, LRCR Player Development manager to receive an application form. The deadline for applications for consideration is May 1. Contact Eckhardt at chade@lrcr.com or call (231) 398-3821 for details.

Anyone who would to participate in or sponsor this year's event also should contact Eckhardt for more information.



The West Shore Wolves Pee-Wee (U-12) team celebrates after winning the Adray League state championship played at Patterson Ice Center in Grand Rapids on Sunday. West Shore went undefeated in round-robin play, defeating Troy Express 6-0 on Friday, Metro Jets 8-3 and Big Rapids Ice Dogs 4-2 on Saturday to advance to the Championship game, in which they defeated Troy Express again, 6-1, to take the title. The Wolves ended the season with a record of 34-1-0, MAHA State Championship, ADRAY State Championship, District 6 Champions and ADRAY Gold Tournament Champions. Front row, from left: Rylan Mirretti, Conner Maciag, Alex Shriver, Reya Dila, Evan McCarthy and Gavin Rhodea. Second row from left: Nevin Slater, Brady Anes, Conner Rudzki, Nick Sprague, Kian Gurizzian, Bryce Harless, Tyler Johnson and Austin Quillan. Coaches from left: Bill Shriver, Ray Stefanski and Shawn McCarthy.

LRBOI to conduct Sturgeon study

For the first time in nearly 17 years, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) will be conducting an assessment of the Manistee River adult spawning population of lake sturgeon.

In the Anishnaabek language, sturgeon is known by the name of Nmé and is the grandfather fish. Today the North American temperate freshwater fish is a protected species.

The assessment is part of the LRBOI's Natural Resources Department's stewardship plan to rehabilitate the population of lake sturgeon. According to the tribe's Natural Resources Department, the assessment activity is to obtain information about the Manistee River adult spawning population of lake sturgeon and to investigate if there

are any returning individuals from the Tribe's Streamside Rearing Facility (SRF) efforts.

The study began on Wednesday, March 22, and will be conducted through the end of April, based upon previously documented sturgeon presence within Manistee Lake.

"The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians made it a priority to assess the lake sturgeon population," said Frank Beaver, director of the LRBOI's Natural Resources. "We will share this data with other agencies and organizations interested in the outcome of the project."

The spawning migration of lake sturgeon will be assessed within Manistee Lake for the population staging to migrate up the Manistee River. Large

mesh gill net sets will be utilized for assessment activities. The large mesh gillnetting will be within Manistee Lake near the river mouth to gather preliminary adult sturgeon data for 2017.

The assessment gill nets be set in the evening and lifted in the morning with approximately 12 to 14 hours of soak time. Fish will be allowed to recover in an onboard tank or boat-side cradle until release.

Late last year, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians originally proposed an anchoring system for a temporary resistance board weir downstream from Manistee County's Rainbow Bend and requested a special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

While the north side of that partic-

ular portion of the Manistee River is owned by the LRBOI, installing the weir would involve anchoring it to the Manistee National Forest lands on the south side.

However, after a flood of public comments and concerns about the project, the LRBOI decided to take a step back and re-evaluate.

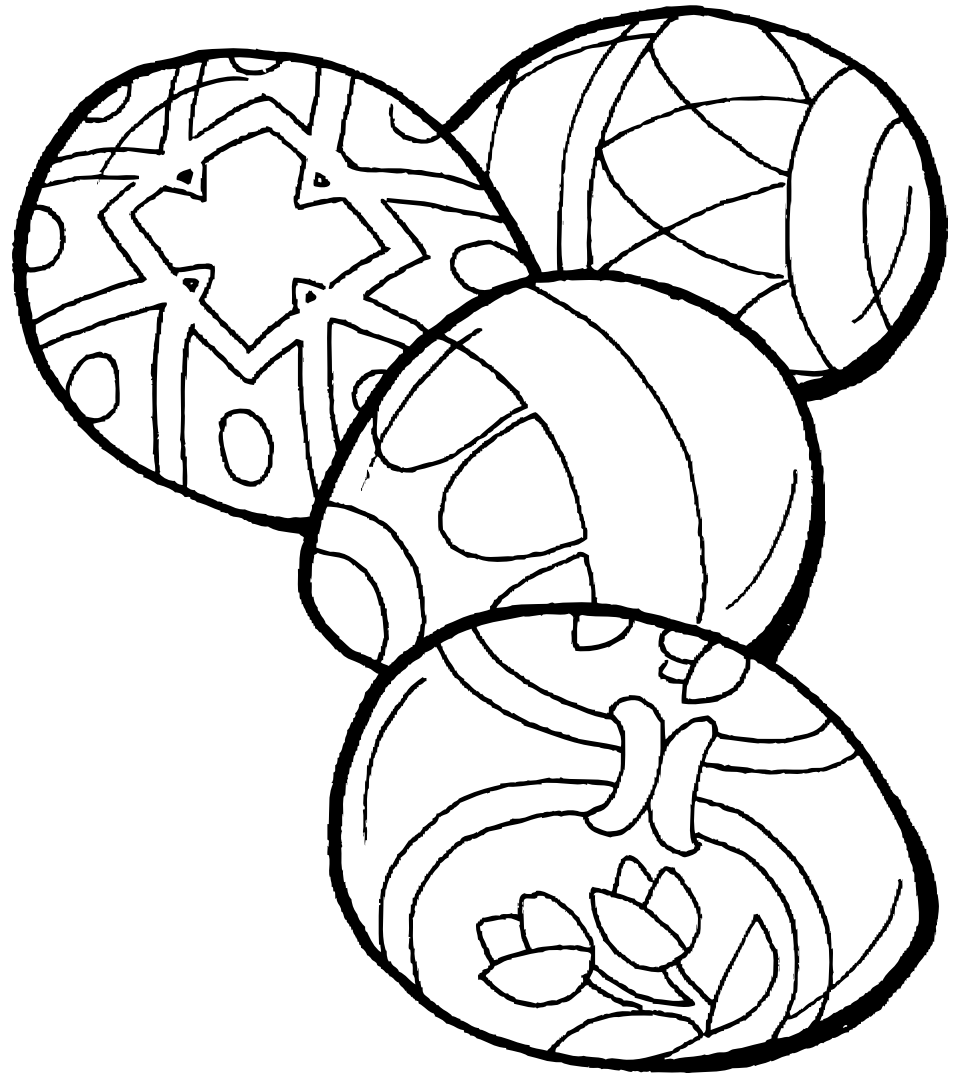
"We received approximately 66 comments and letters from either individuals or organizations concerned with the project," said Mark A. Herberger of the USFS. "I can say every comment we received was not in favor (of the weir construction), although many people did say they realize sturgeon is an important fish species that should be studied."

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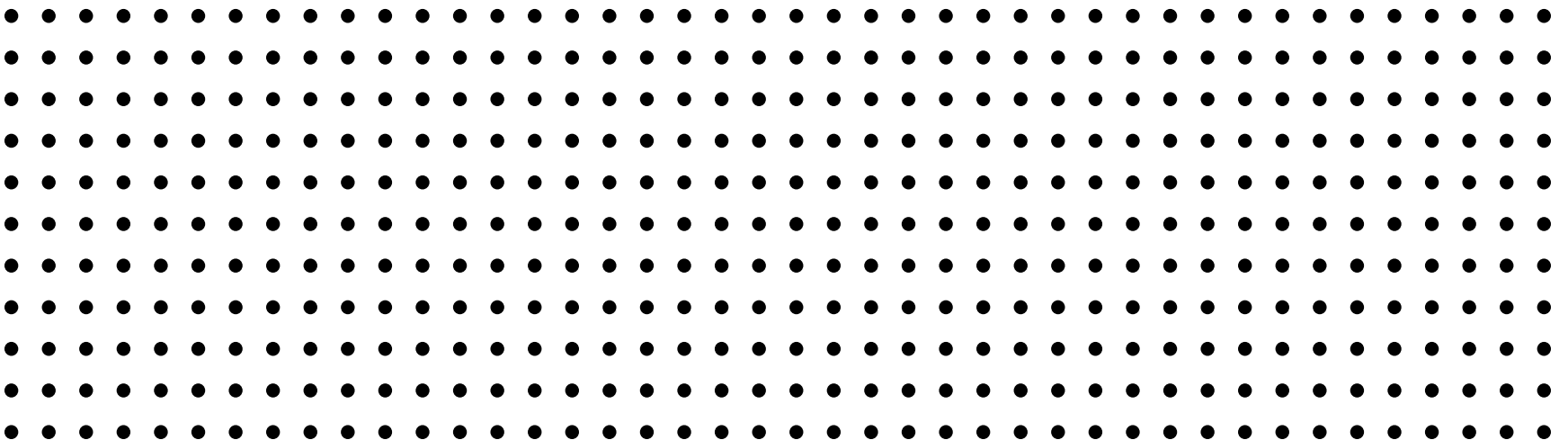
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Dots and Boxes

The object of the game is to make more small squares than your opponent. To play, just draw a line from one dot to another. Alternate turns. If you complete a square, put your initial in the square, and you get another turn. The one with the most squares at the end is the winner.



Common Every Day Phrases

GIZIJIIN Wash your hands



SHKWAAZIN wake up



GIZIIWAABITEWAAN
brush your teeth



PZANGWAABIN
close your eyes



GIZIINGWEWAAN
wash your face



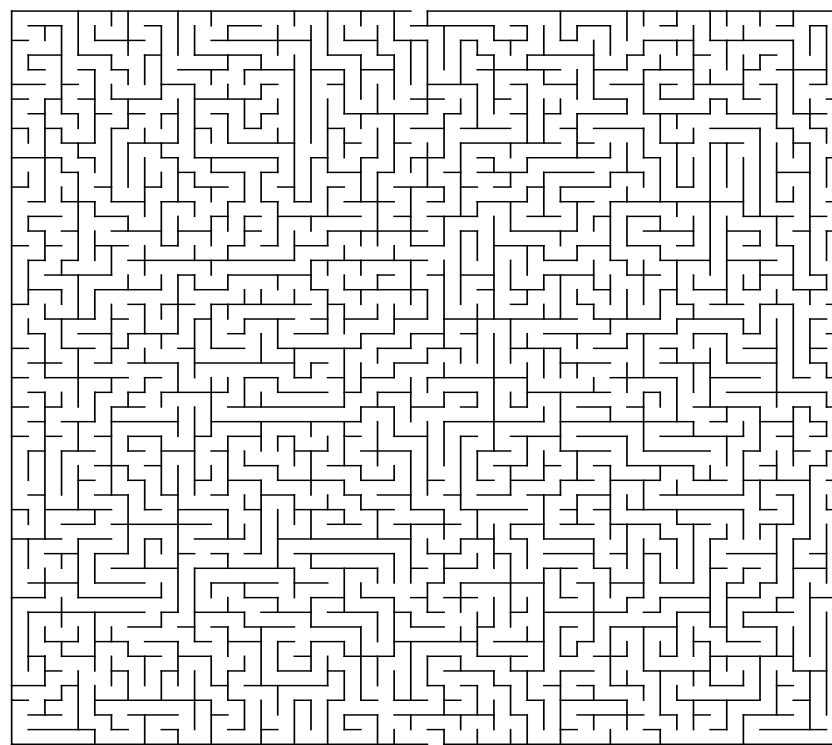
ONIBAAN go to sleep



NSIKWEWAN comb your hair



DOSKAABIN open your eyes



Mkwà

Traditionally the LRBOI relied on this land and water to provide the foods, medicines, tools, and shelter necessary for everyday life. Long ago the Gitchi Manitu (Creator) offered the clan system to provide leadership and to care for these needs. There were seven original clans and each clan was known by its animal emblem. The animal emblem symbolized the strength and duties of the clan. The bear is of the west, the place of darkness, dreams, and the home of the Thunder Beings. "Strong of body, heart, love and spirit." The medicine of the great bear is among the strongest, and most enduring, known to our people. The bear is among the survivors of the great deluge, at the beginning of time as we are told.

Bear medicine is that of the herbal knowledge, of patience, understanding, and learning. Although the bear may seem slow, awkward, and unintelligent, unfortunately for those who see only with their eyes, the bear is neither slow, awkward nor unintelligent, as any genuine hunter will testify. The bear wastes nothing. He is an avid hunter and fisherman when hungry; a clown when he feels it, and a good parent and provider for his family. The bear is a powerful friend with very positive medicine, and a dangerous enemy to those who would abuse him. He does not intimidate those who seek

his medicine in a right and respectful manner. He willingly teaches. Those, who seek his medicine for ill purposes, seek great and fatal danger for themselves.

Bear has great healing power given by Creator; which we are capable of learning. We must first learn, how to learn from our four leg brother, and then we must learn how to apply that knowledge in a healing way. We must allow ourselves, our spirits, and our bodies to be healed. Thus, we gain the medicine to help others.

Our brother, the bear, lives his life in a natural way, with great love, respect, integrity, and honor for all living things. He knows that there is time enough for everything in his life, and there in enough of everything in life for everyone, gifted to us all by the Creator. Perhaps, herein lies part of the great secret of bear's medicine, or prolonging all life. Bear's power comes from the understanding that he has no control of many things, yet lives in balance with all things. He knows to seek shelter of his lodge when the Nimkiik (thunder) people walk upon our Mother Earth. He gathers and stores what he needs in the late summer and fall, relaxes in the winter, and awakens to a new and vibrant world in the spring. We can learn much from this which prolongs life.

THE LESSON OF THE CANOE

Two men had been walking along a bayou, returning to the village of their people on the main river channel, when one spotted an old canoe on shore. As they approached, the other saw some paddles laying in the weeds. "This will make our travel easier, and our burden lighter", said the first. "We are lucky that it still floats, noted the second. They knew the way back to the river's channel, so the men sat in the canoe – but both faced each end. Shoving off they could go nowhere, as each tried to pull the canoe in their own direction. After several tries, they decided to talk it over. They finally decided that they would get into the canoe so that the first would face the middle and the other would then face the front. The one in front would power the boat forward and lead the way – watching for trouble, while the one in back would steer the course. Working together they arrived at their village easily. One leads looking for dangers, the other steers around those dangers. Where do you sit in the canoe?





Directory

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Tribal Service Reference Guide

Family Services

723-8288 ext. 6726

- Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency
- Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification
- Education and Assistance
- Elder Services
- Family Counseling
- Positive Indian Parenting Programs
- Family Violence Prevention
- Family Violence Protection & Education
- Notary Services
- Advocacy and Consulting

Health Clinic – Contract Health Services

723-8288 ext. 6601

Family Physician, Medical Services, Community Health Resource, Diabetic Education, Health Nursing (Limited Health Benefit Programs)

- Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service area
- Extended Health Assistance Program
- All Tribal Members
- All Government
- (EHAP) outside the 9 county service area
- Counseling and Referral for Substance Abuse and
- Open to: Employees and descendants
- Mental Health
- LRBOI Fitness Center – Located on lower level of Government Center
- All Casino Employees and family members

Open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Education

723-8288 ext. 6735

- Michigan Tuition Waiver
- Activities Assistance, Senior (High School)
- Adult Education Incentive Grant
- Expenses, Drivers Training Assistance
- Higher Education Program
- 12th Grade Laptop Computer Program
- Book Stipend Program
- School Clothing Assistance
- Vocational Education Assistance Program
- Student Services

Members Assistance

723-8288 ext. 6733 or 6731

- Low Income Energy Assistance
- Rental & Mortgage Assistance
- Emergency Transportation Program
- Elder Chore Services

Referral Services available (Grant Funded Programs available to 9 County Food Assistance Service Areas)

- LIHEAP
- REACH
- Well and Septic Program
- Elder Meal Program

Commodities

723-8288 ext. 6715

USDA Commodities Distribution – The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPRI) provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations.

Enrollment

723-8288 ext. 6712 or 6713

- Enrollment Processing
- Judgment Funds
- Address Changes
- Tribal Directory Information
- Bereavement Program
- Per Capita Beneficiary Form
- Notary Services
- Per Capita Information
- Services
- Direct Deposit Form
- Tax withholding on Per Capita

Housing

723-8288 ext. 6878

- Aki Maadiziwin Subdivision
- Short term low income rentals in Manistee
- Low income single family and elder Rental homes
- Leasehold mortgage program
- Fair market rent-to-own single Family
- Down payment and closing cost assistance program
- Family homes
- Fair market rentals

Tax Department

723-8288 ext. 6874

- Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program
- Tribal Certificates of Exemption for
- Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities
- Tribal Tax Licenses
- Tribal Business Licenses
- Commercial and Subsistence Fishers

Commerce

723-8288 ext. 6866

- Small Business Loan Program
- Tribal Title Office
- Tribal Owned Economic Development
- Work Force Development
- Tribal Member Owned Economic Development
- Development Intern Program
- Development & Training Program
- Career Assistance Voucher
- Employment Daycare Assistance
- Adult (18+) Work Experience/
- Employment Program
- Youth (16-17) Work Experience/ Employment Program
- GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher
- Vocational Assistance Award
- Summer College Stipend

Legal Assistance

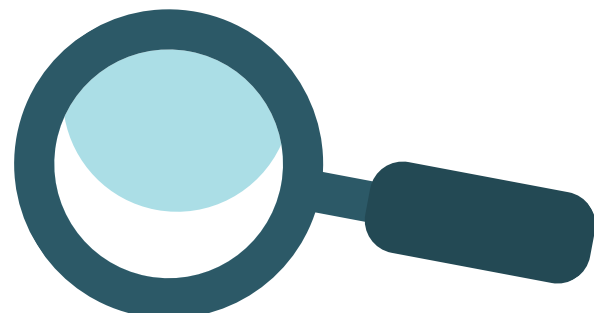
723-8288 ext. 2234

Legal Advice that includes but is not limited to the following:

- Estate Planning: preparation of Trust, Wills, Durable Power of Attorneys, Medical Power of Attorneys for Tribal Members and their spouses.
- Real Estate
- Criminal Matters
- Landlord-Tenant Matters
- Civil Matters
- Divorce/Custody, Support
- Paternity, DNA Testing, Birth Certificates
- Probate of
- Estates
- Guardianships & Conservatorships for children & adults
- Driver's Licenses
- General Legal Advice

General Information: The Attorney cannot appear in court with a Tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe, but can assist with providing legal guidance and drafting of document. The Attorney can represent Tribal Elders in Tribal Court in civil matters that do not involve the tribe.

Reminder: If you are served with a Summons and Complaint contact the Attorney IMMEDIATELY.



Mnadendiwin

Nangwa aapji znagat wii-mnaadendamang kina gegoo. Nangwa bemaadzijik kaawin de-piichtaasiwok wii naanaagdawenmowat, wii waamdaamwat weni gechi-piitendaagok, maadzewing. Wenpanendmook wii kidwat, "Kaawiin gwiya nwii mnaadenmaasii gishpin mnaadenmisik". Aaniipiish nji maachtaamgak mnaadendmowin giishpin kina gwiiya naasaap a'nendang. Mnaadendizan miinwaa mnaadenim kwijji maadis. Giishpin manaadenmiksiwan gwiiya, wiikwaajtoon gwa ji-mnadenmad, kaa mnadoodaadis dash.

Respect

Today, it is difficult to respect all things. Today's people don't take the time to think, to see what is important in life. They find it easier to say, "I am not going to respect if one doesn't respect me." Where is respect going to begin if everyone thinks this way? Respect yourself, and respect your fellow human beings. If one doesn't respect you, try to respect anyway, you will do good for yourself.

Campground Closed

Camping at the LRBOI gathering grounds is closed until further notice due to improvements.

**Tentative date to reopen is
June 22, 2017**



Catching the Dream Scholarship Program Great Success

ALBUQUERQUE – Catching the Dream (CTD), a national scholarship program for Native American college students, announced today that its completion rate after 30 years is 85.1%

"Our scholarship program has one of the highest graduation rates ever achieved with Indian students," reported the President, Gov. James Lujan (Taos Pueblo). "We have produced 891 graduates out of 1,265 students we have funded. We have 186 students on scholarship this year. Only 188 of our 1,265 students have dropped out," he added.

"The national dropout rate for Indian college students is about 80%," he went on. "We have begun efforts to change and lower this high dropout rate. The high schools our Native students attend must prepare them adequately to be

successful in college. Most Indian high schools are still preparing Indian students for vocational work, such as mechanics, secretaries, and cooks."

"We have produced 52 medical doctors, 157 business graduates, 123 educators, 28 engineers, and 120 scientists," he added. "We have also helped to develop 40 Exemplary Programs in Indian Education. These schools are changing the face of Indian education from failure to a high success rate. Three of them, Navajo Preparatory School, Wellpinit High School, and the American Indian Charter Public School, have had one or more years with no dropouts and 100% college attendance."

"CTD has also made 180 reading grants to Indian schools, over 150 of which have achieved outstanding

improvements in student outcomes," he continued. "The best of these schools have won awards at the state and national levels. Ganado Primary School in Arizona won the award for being the best school in the State of Arizona and won an award from the White House for being one of the best schools in the nation. These schools are using our book "Reading for College" to help their high school graduates be totally ready for college," he said.

"CTD has also made 47 grants to Indian high schools under our Math and Science Teaching (MAST) program to help them improve their STEM curricula," he added. "These schools are now sending much larger percentages of their graduates on to college. We have helped over 20 of them to put in math

and science labs with our grants."

The CTD website is www.catchingthedream.org. Students from any federally recognized tribe, terminated tribe, or state recognized tribe are eligible to apply for the CTD scholarship program. The scholarships are for life; students never have to apply again. They should read the article "How to Find and Win Scholarships," do their scholarship search, then read the essay outline in the application packet and write their essay.

To begin the process, high school seniors or juniors should contact the CTD Director, Dr. Dean Chavers at CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com by sending him their scholarship essay for a critique.



Elder's Committee

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Committee Guidelines

June 29th, 2011

Mission Statement

"The Elders of the Tribe will embrace the future by honoring our past."

Composition of the Committee

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Committee will consist of five (5) tribal members who are over the age of 55 years. All Committee members shall be enrolled citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Election of Committee Members

Election of Elders Committee will occur every two years. Notice will be posted in the September Currents Newspaper and the Rapid River News announcing the names of members running for Elders Committee. At the November meeting registered Elders shall vote by paper ballot from a list of candidates. Ballots shall be counted by the Elder Coordinator(s) and two (2) LRBOI elders.

Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Elders Committee as a result of death, resignation, or removal shall be filled accordingly. The Committee will request names of candidates from the Elders at the next scheduled meeting. Elders shall hand write the candidate's name on a paper ballot for voting purposes. Paper ballots will be counted by three LRBOI Elders in attendance at the meeting. Chairperson of the Elders will announce the new Elders Committee member.

Terms of Office

Committee members shall be voted into office by their peers and terms will be staggered.

The Chairperson and one Committee member will be elected to a four year term of office.

The Secretary, Vice Chairperson, and one Committee member will be elected for a two year term of office.

Delegates for Michigan Indian Elders Association

Delegates will be voted in for terms of two (2) years by tribal elders. Vote for the delegates will take place at the Elders February meeting.

Elders will vote in two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate to sit on the Association Board. One must be a veteran. Delegates must be 55 years or older and be an enrolled member of LRBOI.

Alternate is allowed to attend each meeting but can vote only in the absence of the elected delegate. Spouses or caregiver may travel with Delegate. Elders will pay for the Delegate's room, travel, and meals. Elders will pay for spouse's meals only.

Delegate can resign at any time. The delegate resigning will send written notice to elders Coordinator.

If Delegate cannot serve out their two year term the Elders will vote in a new delegate.

Meetings

The Elders Committee meetings shall be for a specific purpose as listed below.

1. Regular Meetings: Shall be held on the 1st Saturday of each month. Regular meetings shall be open to the public and the announcement of the meeting date, time, and agenda will be posted in what Tribal Media is available. Regular meetings shall be held at the AKI Community Center unless otherwise specified.
2. Special Meetings: Special meetings are allowable and if

deemed necessary can be initiated by three Committee members, by phone or email. Information must be recorded and approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. Elected Officials Meeting: The Elders Committee will meet with LRBOI Tribal Councilors and Ogema on quarterly basis to discuss issues or concerns. Meetings may be held jointly or separately depending on the need of the Elders or Elected Officials. The information discussed will be summarized and presented at the next regular scheduled Elder's meeting.
4. Annual Meeting: The Elders Committee shall conduct an open annual meeting. This meeting will be held the first Saturday of the month determined by the Elders. Business items shall include but not limited to:
 - Welcome – Elder Committee Chairperson
 - Agenda Review - Additions
 - State of the Tribe – Ogema Presentation
 - Future of the Tribe – Tribal Council Speaker
 - Financial overview of the Tribe
 - Elder Committee Update and Accomplishments
 - Issues facing our Elders
 - Comments & Concerns
 - Elders Initiatives for Tribal Council Action
5. Closed Meeting: The Elders Committee will not hold any closed meeting.

Quorum

Three voting members of the Elders Committee shall constitute a quorum for all regular, special, and annual meetings. A quorum of the Committee must be present before any action or vote, can be taken.

One Committee member can be present to conduct meeting. There will be no actions or votes taken. Committee member conducting the meeting will receive stipend.

Elders Committee Minutes

Minutes of all Elders Committee meetings shall be kept in the administrative office of the Tribal Elders Coordinator:

1. Format: The minutes of all meetings shall include the following information:
 - Date, time, location of meeting.
 - Committee members present and absent.
 - Listing of other persons present at the meeting.
 - Individual listings of reports, actions, and outcomes of each item
 - Open and closing times.
2. Recording: the Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of all actions of the Elders.
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: The Committee shall review, revise, or approve (with revisions or as written) minutes from the previous meeting at their next special meeting or regular meeting. Approval of minutes shall be documented in the Committee minutes at which the previous meeting minutes were approved.
4. Maintenance of Minutes: the original copy of all Committee meeting minutes shall be maintained in a file at the administrative offices of the Tribal Elders Coordinator Office.
5. Minutes will be forwarded to Tribal Council once they are approved for filing.

Order of Business

The meetings of the Elders Committee shall work from an agenda to expedite the conduct of the business at meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for developing meeting agendas in consultation with the Chairperson and Elders Coordinator.

Order of business for each regular meeting of the Committee shall follow the format below:

1. Prayer
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Previous Board Minutes
5. Reports (to be listed on the agenda)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Items of Information
9. Elected Officials - updates
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

Committee Responsibility

The Officers of the Elders Committee shall consist of the duties and responsibilities listed below:

1. Committee Chairperson shall exercise such powers as pertain to his/her office, inclusive of:
 - Preside at all meetings of the Committee or assign another Committee member.
 - Provide for the orderly conduct of Committee meetings.
 - Bring to the Committee through the agenda those matters that require the attention or action of the Elders
 - Recommend the establishment of special meetings subject to the approval of the Committee.
 - Appear on behalf of the Committee in all actions brought by or against the Committee.
 - Act as public spokesperson for the Committee except as this responsibility is delegated to others
2. Vice Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence.
3. Elder Committee Secretary shall:
 - A. Maintain accurate reporting of Committee actions and business through a recording of official Committee meeting minutes.
 - Publish and post notices regarding vacant Committee seats, and other pertinent notices.
 - Perform any other duties which may be assigned by the Committee; the duties of the Secretary may be delegated by the Committee to specific Administrative personnel.

Elders Budget

The Elder Committee stipend will be determined by LRBOI Tribal Council.

The Elder Committee will be compensated for travel, mileage, and per diem, according to the LRBOI Travel Policy when traveling for Elders business.

The Elders Committee shall be responsible for adopting an Elders budget according to the process establish by the LRBOI. The Elders Committee is responsible for oversight of the budget to assure proper use of and accounting for Elders department funds.

Inland Fisheries Harvest Opportunities

As the waters begin to open up, so do the opportunities for harvest. Walleye and steelhead can be harvested using a variety of gear types in area waters. Below is a summary of the regulations for each species. Please refer to the LRBOI Fishing Regulations Book for complete descriptions.

Steelhead Harvest

Under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, LRBOI steelhead harvest will be similar to years past on rivers and streams within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Some specific river and stream segments where the spawning and survival of steelhead was believed to be highly successful were identified for protection. These areas are defined as "protected streams" in the Inland Consent Decree and include 11 stream segments in the lower peninsula. Harvest opportunities exist in these "protected streams" with certain limitations. "Protected streams" are identified in the LRBOI 2009 Inland Fishing Regulations under Table 4. Regulations may be obtained at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department.

General Restrictions (excluding protected streams):

For steelhead harvest not including the protected streams:

- Open all year
- Bag limit of three fish per day with a possession limit of six fish
- Minimum size limit is 16" (steelhead harvested under 16" that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit)
- Allowable gear types include hook and line, spears, bows, hand nets and hands
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resources Department within 7 days of harvest
- No harvest permit is needed
- No fishing within 100' of an electric lamprey control device and the lamprey control barrier on the Betsie River
- No fishing within three-hundred feet (300') of any of the State's salmon and steelhead egg collection weirs
- No use of spears or bows to harvest steelhead in the Little Manistee River from the mouth of the Little Manistee River at its confluence with Manistee Lake upstream to the Little Manistee River Weir
- No spearing in the following Upper Peninsula Streams: Chocolay River; Mosquito River; Big Two Hearted River; Little Two Hearted River; and a portion of the Anna River
- Protected Streams:
- Spearing of steelhead allowed from April 1 to April 15. For all other methods there is a closure from March 15 to the last Saturday of April in the Lower Peninsula and from April 1 to the last Saturday of April in the Upper Peninsula
- Bag limit of three fish per day with a possession limit of six fish
- Minimum size limit is 16" (steelhead harvested under 16" that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit)
- Allowable gear types outside of the closed season from March 15 to the last Saturday in April in the Lower Peninsula and April 1 to the last Saturday of April in the Upper Peninsula include hook and line, spears, bows,

hand nets and hands

- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resources Department within 7 days of harvest
- A harvest permit needs to be picked up at the Natural Resources Department at least 7 hours prior to harvest

Walleye Harvest

Under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, lakes within the 1836 Ceded Territory were identified as either walleye lake systems or non-walleye lake systems. Regulations may differ between these lake systems depending on the time of year when walleye are being harvested. Walleye lake systems are identified in the 2007 Inland Consent Decree and a list can be obtained at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department. Tribal members are encouraged to contact the Natural Resource Department when determining whether an inland lake and its tributaries is a walleye lake system or non-walleye lake system. Additionally, specific regulations were developed for walleye harvest in streams tributary to the bays de Noc. The sections below outline the regulations and harvest opportunities for walleye within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

Walleye Lake System Restrictions

- Open all year
- Allowable gear types in inland lakes include: hook and line, spear, bow,
- hand net, long seine and impoundment net (see LRBOI 2009 Inland Fishing Regulations section 6.03 for definitions of gear types).
- Allowable gear types in tributaries (rivers and streams) include: hook and line, spear, bow and hand net.
- A harvest permit needs to be obtained from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department seven hours prior to walleye harvest when using hook and line, spear, bow and hand net between April 1st – May 14th in the Upper Peninsula and between March 15th through the Friday before the last Saturday in April in the Lower Peninsula.
- A harvest permit needs to be obtained from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department 24 hours prior to harvest when using impoundment nets and long seines in walleye lake systems during any time of the year.
- Bag limit of 10 fish per day (unless otherwise specified by permit) with a possession limit of 20 fish.
- Minimum size limit is 14" (walleye harvested under 14" that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit).
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resource Department within seven days of harvest.

Non Walleye Lake System Restrictions

- Open all year
- Allowable gear types in inland lakes include: hook and line, spear, bow, hand net, long seine and impoundment net (see LRBOI 2009 Inland Fishing Regulations section 6.03 for definitions of gear types).
- Allowable gear types in tributaries (rivers and streams) include: hook and line, spear, bow and hand net.
- A harvest permit needs to be obtained 24 hours prior to harvest when using long seines and impoundment nets.

- Bag limit of 10 fish per day (unless otherwise specified by permit) with a possession limit of 20 fish.
- Minimum size limit is 14" (walleye harvested under 14" that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit).
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resource Department within seven days of harvest.
- Walleye Harvest in bays de Noc Tributaries
- (Sturgeon River, Days River, Escanaba River, and Rapid River, Delta County)
- Open season March 15th – End of February. There is a closure from March 1st – March 14th.
- Allowable gear types include hook and line and spear.
- A harvest permit needs to be obtained from the LRBOI Natural Resource Department seven hours prior to harvest when using hook and line between March 15th – May 14th and the use of spears during any time of the year.
- Bag limit of 10 fish per day with a possession limit of 20 fish.
- Minimum size limit is 14" (walleye harvested under 14" that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit).
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resource Department within seven days of harvest.
- All other tributaries
- Open season May 15th – End of February. There is a closure from March 1st – May 14th.
- Allowable gear types include hook and line, spear, bow and hand net.
- Bag limit of 10 fish per day with a possession limit of 20 fish.
- Minimum size limit is 14" (walleye harvested under 14" that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit).
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resource Department within seven days of harvest.

Maps and lists of protected stream segments and walleye lake systems are available at the Natural Resources Department.

Please contact Archie Martell at 231-398-2193 or Dan Mays at 231-398-2198 with any questions.





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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
INVITES YOU TO THE 24TH ANNUAL**

2017 ANISHINAABE FAMILY LANGUAGE & CULTURE CAMP

July 28th - 30th, 2017

Friday, July 28

Waabini Manidookewin
(Sunrise Ceremony)
12pm Lunch
1:15pm - 5pm
Presentations/Workshops
5pm Dinner
7pm Talent Show

Presentations/Workshops

12pm Lunch
1:15-5pm
Presentations/Workshops
5pm Dinner
7pm Jiingtamok (Pow Wow)

Saturday, July 29

Waabini Manidookewin
(Sunrise Ceremony)
8am Breakfast
9am-12pm

Sunday, July 30

Waabini Manidookewin
(Sunrise Ceremony)
8am Breakfast
9am-12pm Presentations/
Workshops
12pm Lunch, Giveaway &
Closing

*Dedicated to the memory of our Emcee Doris Boissoneau'ba,
who has been our Emcee since the camp started*

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[LRCR, 2700 ORCHARD HWY, MANISTEE, MI 49660]

Sponsored by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

- **No Registration Fee**
- **Meals Provided**

- **Camping Available**
- **On-site Restrooms & Bath House**

"Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"

- For the Sunrise Ceremony, please dress appropriately and respectfully for all (women, please wear long skirts)
- We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp
- Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway Gift
- The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit www.lrboi-nsn.gov or www.anishnaabemdaa.com for updates
- Some presentations/workshops may include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.

For more information, please contact: **888-723-8288**

Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892 | 231-590-1187 | kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov

Wyatt Szpliet: 231-398-6891 | wyattszpliet@lrboi-nsn.gov

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

Presenters Call!

24th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp 2017 Manistee MI

Aanii. We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone.

This year's camp will be held on **July 28th, 29th 30th 2017.**

If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

What We Need From You

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

Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

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

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all

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

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

**The deadline for all of this information is
May 10, 2017**

**For more information contact:
kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov
231-398-6892**

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Council Meetings



Council Meeting: March 1, 2017

General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 2/22/17 for Filing
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato
Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he will abstain because he was not in presence for the meeting. Johnson said that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (5-0-1-2-1)

Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything for Grants & Contracts

Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$45,560
The Tribe has received additional funding
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

2. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-13 in the amount of \$80,000
The Tribe has received additional funding
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

3. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$16,876
The Triba has received additional funding
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-00-1st QTR to fund additional costs related to building modification and rehabilitation at 2480 Orchard Highway, Manistee Michigan 49660 in the amount of \$300,000

This resolution will support additional costs to rehabilitate the existing structure due to aging of equipment and maintenance of building and fund build-out to accomodate medical/dental facility within the structure.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

5. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-00-1st QTR to fund continuation of the Reservation Restoration Project in the amount of \$90,457.50

Tribal Council has received a Certifiacion of Availability of Funds #2017-007 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything for Item C for Approval of Budgeted Expenditures.

Old Business

- Operations Report - January 2017
- Enrollment Commission - January 2017
- Health Commission - January 2017
- Health Commission - December 2016

Speaker Johnson said in their Agenda Review he asked the Recorder at that point if there was any action items required on behalf of Council and he indicated no. Johnson said therefore it is so noted that the reports are being submitted to them under Old Business will be filed. Johnson said that is the Operations Report for January, the other one is the Enrollment Commission for January, and the Health Commission for January and December. Johnson said it is so noted that they will be filed with no action required from Council.

New Business

1. Approval of the Natural Resources Department Organizational Chart

An additional Wildlife Technician was approved for the 2017 NRD Budget. The Organizational Chart has to be approved to add this position.

Speaker Johnson noted Item A has been removed; the Natural Resource Department Organizational Chart. Johnson said they are waiting on the finalization of that chart.

2. Approval to Post Proposed Resolution for a 40 Minimum Work Week for 30 Day Public Comment

Authorizing minimum of 40 hours of work at the office attending TC Meetings for Tribal Council members to receive full compensation. Superseding and clarifying the resolutions governing compensation for Tribal Council:

Resolutions #15-0415-115, #13-0424-085, #11-0420-132, #09-0415-099, #07-0321-147, #05-0511-197, #03-0419

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Crampton

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

- Approval for the Unified Legal Department to Submit Comments in Support of Proposed Amendments of MCR 8.126

The Unified Legal Department would like to express its support of this proposed rule change, as it will allow for increased compliance and participation in cases subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act and Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

- Acceptance of Final Report for the 2017 Special Election

The Election Board would like to present the Final Special Report to Tribal Council for acceptance

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

- Approving the Proposed Elders Committee Guidelines for a two month period in order for new elections to be held

The Guidelines were created in 2011 but never formally adopted. In order to establish compliance with Tribal Law, Tribal Council would like to formally

adopt the guidelines.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they had anything to move from Close to Open. Recorder Riley replied to Speaker Johnson yes they do.

- Motion to move Closed Session C.1 through C.4, Resolution, Motion and Roll Call Vote to Open Session

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

- Ratification of Contract with RCA, LLC for Miscellaneous Services necessary for the BIA Roads Program

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

- Authorizing the Ogema to execute Contract Extension with K&N Services, LLC

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

- Ratification of Service Agreement Amendment with the Forrest County Potawatomi Insurance Department in order to begin Medical Bill Coding for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

- Approving Tribal Ogema to execute the Amendment to extend the Service Agreement for CY2017 with Cambridge Research Consultants

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-1-0-0-1)

Council Meeting: March 8, 2017

General Business

- Motion to Postpone Meeting Minutes Approval for 3/1/2017 until Second Open so they can review them in Closed

Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-1-0-1-1)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are postponed until second open.

Grants & Contracts

- Approval of the Natural Resources Department to submit a grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clear Air Act 103 Program for Fiscal Years 2017 & 2018

This grant will allow the continued collection and analysis of Ozone and PM data used to assess the effectiveness of Pollution Control Programs

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Budget Modifications

- Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017; Authorizing the modification of the Utility Department Budget - Lagoon Project in the amount of \$69,716

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Council Meetings



Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Joseph Riley II to attend the National Indian Gaming Association's Trade Show & Convention in San Diego, CA
NIGA will take place at the Embassy Suites San Diego Bay on April 9-14, 2017
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis
Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Recorder Riley noted that he was going to abstain. Speaker Johnson said Recorder Riley is going to abstain, he is the traveler. Johnson said that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-1-1)

Old Business

- Binojeeuk Commission - January 2017
- Housing Commssion - January 2017
- Elders Committee Mintues - November 3, 2106
- Little River Casino Resort Preference Report - January 2017

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any actions that Council has to make under reports that have been submitted under Old Business.

Recorder Riley responded no.

Speaker Johnson said with that they will move on.

New Business

1. Authorizing the Sponsorship Donation of \$1,000 to the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

The Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the well-being of Tribal Members and especially Tribal Youth are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Roll Call Voting Key

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| ● Yes | ● Abstain |
| ● No | ● Absent |

2. Approval of Corrected Resolution for Gathering Grounds Right-of-Way

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is requiring that Tribal Council pass another resolution approving a Right-of-Way for the Gathering Grounds Project that includes a waiver of insurances on the easement
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

3. Approval of Organizational Chart and Summer Legal Internship Program modifying the Scope of the Unified Legal Department; Program #1020-109

The Unified Legal Department Budget for 2017 has funds sufficient for four full time Staff Attorneys and the funds for the fourth Staff Attorney will not be used for the first half of the year and ULD has determined that a Summer Intern Position would benefit the department and foster education and interest in Indian Law

Motion by Riley; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

Recorder Riley noted they are in second open.

Speaker Johnson said they have two action items in second open. Johnson said the first one has to do with items moved from Closed to Open and the second one is the action to postpone the Open Session Minutes

1. Motion to move under Closed Session Bids & Contracts; The Resolution, Roll Call Vote for C.2, C.3, and C.4

Motion by Riley; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

2. Approval of Asset Management Plan Contract with Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.
Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Riley

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

3. Ratification of Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the USDA Forest Area Service Huron-Manistee National Forests

Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

4. Ratification of Blue Stone Strategy Group Contract

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wabindato

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (7-0-0-1-1)

Speaker Johnson said the second item they want to discuss is the Open Session for March 1st, 2017. Johnson said at this point he will entertain a motion to postpone it until next week.

5. Motion to postpone the minutes until next week until further review

Motion by Crampton; Supported by Wabindato
Recorder Riley noted the item is postponed.

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-1-0-1-1)

Speaker Johnson said just a careful reminder for all of his friends here at this table to keep Councilor Medacco and his father in their prayers.



Council Meetings

Nmebine-Giizis
(Sucker Moon)
April 2017
Vol. 4, Issue 16

Council Meeting: March 15, 2017

General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 3/8/17
Motion by Lewis; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Speaker Johnson said at this point he is going to turn this part of the meeting over to Jason Cross who has been spearheading a tour of their local Chamber of Commerce and maybe do a quick introduction. Johnson said at this point or whatever it is at his pleasure.

Jason Cross thanked Speaker Johnson. Cross said this is their second year of hosting Tribal Day for the Manistee Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program so they have a group here today. Cross said they have been downstairs this morning in Historic Preservation and Jay Sam has been speaking for the last hour or so. Cross said they are coming up for Council and following this they are going to a quick tour of the building. Cross said they are going across the street to the Next Generation Learning Center, have lunch with the Elders, then go to the Justice Center to listen to Judge Bailey and Chief Medacco, then to Natural Resources for Frank Beaver's presentation and then come back to this building at 3:00 so that is their plan today. Speaker Johnson said okay and thanked Jason Cross. Johnson said at this point what he is going to do is call a recess so they can go out and meet their Chamber. Johnson said they will reconvene after that.

Jason Cross thanked them.

Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Grants & Contracts

Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$138,204

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Item C for Approval of Budgeted Expenditures.

Acceptance of Commission Reports

- Enrollment Commission - February 2017
- Gaming Commission - February 2017
- Health Commission - February 2017

Speaker Johnson said they will go into the Acceptance of Commission Reports and the ones submitted to them. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there was any action required by Council. Recorder Riley replied no.

Speaker Johnson said with that said let it be known that they will accept those reports for filing noting there is no action by Council.

Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- Elders Committee Minutes - February 2017

Speaker Johnson said they have the Elders Committee Minutes for February 2017. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there is any action required by them.

Recorder Riley replied no.

Speaker Johnson said okay at this point he would like to note they need to set up a meeting with the Elders Committee, a work session, about the April Meeting. Johnson said it is so noted and believed they are in the process of doing that.

Recorder Riley said it is already scheduled.

Speaker Johnson said okay and thanked Recorder Riley.

Old Business

- Tribal Council Minutes - 3/1/17

These minutes were postponed for further review at the 3/8/17 Tribal Council Meeting

1. Motion to accept Tribal Council Minutes for 3/1/17

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes for 3/1/17 are accepted.

New Business

1. Approval of Donation of \$10,000 to the Church of the Morning Star

This donation is for supporting Standing Rock in their Michigan and Florida Camps and protection of Mother Earth. The Tribal Council requests that a report be submitted on how the donation has impacted conditions for Water Protectors.

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

1. Motion to move items Closed Session C.1, C.2, and C.3; Resolution, Roll Call and Vote to Open Session

Motion by Riley; Supported by Medacco

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

2. Ratification of Zones, Inc. Subscription Services

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

3. Authorizing Contract with Lamar Advertising, Co.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call

J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-0-1)

Council Meetings







4. Authorizing the Ogema to execute agreement with Timber Run Associates, LLC
Motion by Riley; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Roll Call Voting Key

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|---|---|
|  Yes |  Abstain |
|  No |  Absent |

Council Meeting: March 22, 2017

General Business

1. Move to accept the Tribal Council Minutes for 3/15/17
Motion by Riley; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	—	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-0-2-1)

Oath of Office Administered

Judge Carlson

Office of Tribal Council - 9 County

- Jamie Friedel

I, Jamie Friedel, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred. Signed and sworn before me this 22nd day of March, 2017.

Speaker Johnson said to Jamie Friedel that he wanted to first of all welcome him to Council and they have a gift here for him and invite him to take his seat up there with Council at this point. Johnson said then they are going to have another Drum Song.

Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Submission of a grant application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, for the FY2017 Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program in an amount not to exceed \$7,000; the initiative will

increase Tribal Access to Language, Culture and Historic/Informational Resources which subsequently be made available as Educational Materials

Grant Application as indicated will be completed and submitted to the funding agency on or before the Submission Deadline of April 3, 2017.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Friedel said he will.

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

Budget Modifications

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have any budget modifications

Approval of Budgeted Expenditures

1. Approval for Councilor Lewis to attend the 2017 Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference

The conference takes place at the Spokane Convention Center in Spokane, Washington on April 23-27, 2017

Motion by Riley; Supported by Medacco

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Friedel said he will and he is going to abstain all the way through because he wasn't at the Monday Agenda Meeting.

Speaker Johnson said he fully understands and thanked him. Johnson said he will get this right and apologies again. Johnson said with that said it was open for discussion.

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (5-0-2-2)

Recorder Riley noted Councilor Lewis' travel is approved.

2. Approval for Recorder Riley to attend Hearing as a Witness in Washington, DC

The House Subcommittee on Health Employment, Labor and Pensions will hold a Hearing on the House Bill HR 986 on March 29, 2017

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg
Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and they know that Councilor Friedel is going to. Johnson said Recorder Riley is going to also. Johnson said it was open for discussion.

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

Recorder Riley noted travel is approved.

Old Business

- Binojeeuk Commission - February 2017
- Housing Commission - February 2017
- Little River Casino Resort Preference Report - February 2017

Speaker Johnson said that moves them into Old Business in the reports here. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there were any action items that the Council has to do with these reports. Johnson said he is asking that question to the Recorder. Recorder Riley replied no.

Speaker Johnson said with that said then they will move into New Business.

New Business

1. Approval to Submit to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report (APR) for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as Developed by the Housing Department

The APR provides both activity and expenditures for goals and objectives specifically identified within

the plan and are allowable activities and serve the long term interest of the Housing Department, the Tribe and its members.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

- Approval of the Revised Gaming Commission By-Laws

The Gaming Commission reviewed the By-Laws and has made the revisions necessary to be compliant with Tribal Law

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

- Approval of the 2017 User Rates Set by the Utility Department

The Fee Schedule was posted for Public Comment for 30 Days and a meeting for public comment was held on January 19, 2017 at 3pm and now the rates are ready for final approval.

Speaker Johnson reminded everyone that they did postpone Item C

- Amending the approved Family Services Organizational Structure

The Family Services Department is requesting approval of an addition to the Organizational Structure

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

- Approving Cost of Living Adjustment Pay Correction for the Tribal Ogema.

The Tribal Ogema's Compensation was diminished from 2012 to 2015 and needs to be corrected.

Speaker Johnson noted they did remove Item E

- Granting Signing Authority to Tribal Ogema & Health Department Leadership for Application or Registration Activity for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pharmacy Clinic

The Pharmacy has several Agreements/Registrations that require minimal monetary obligation. By grants Signing Authority to the Department Leadership, namely the Pharmacist and Health Clinic Director, the process will be simplified.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

- Authorizing the Donation of \$1,500 to Arts & Culture Alliance of Manistee County

The Tribal Leadership has determined that organizations which contribute to the well-being of Tribal Members and the community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

- Approval to Rescind Resolution #17-0315-102 and Re-approve Donation of \$10,000 to the Church of the Morning Star

This donation was approved at the 3/15/17 Tribal Council Meeting but a correction was made to the funding numbers and a new resolution has to be re-approved.

Motion by Riley; Supported by Wittenberg

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

- Approving Additional Authorized User(s) to the Credit Card Utilized by the Gaming Commission for Conducting Background Investigations

There is currently only one authorized user on the credit card account utilized by the Gaming Commission's account and another authorized signer is needed for absences

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they had any items to move from closed to open

Recorder Riley replied yes they do.

- Motion to Move from Closed Session, B.1.a, Motion and Roll Call; B.1.b, Motion, Roll Call and Resolution; Resolution #09-0805-223 along with Resolution #16-1012-311 to Open Session

Motion by Riley; Supported by Medacco

Roll Call		
J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said on the last two items and resolutions is that just the motion and roll call vote on those resolutions or the entire resolution.

Recorder Riley answered the motion and roll call has already been released on these. Riley said these are just the resolutions for the Contract for Tom Davis to serve as Interim General Manager and the Resolution for the Ogema to Execute the Contract with Ron Pete. Riley said they have released all the other GM Contract Resolutions and these are just two lingering ones.

Speaker Johnson said alright. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

- Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-07-1st QTR to fund costs associated with investing in the building of the Odeno Subdivision Infrastructure

Letter from the Ogema



Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

3. Approval of Tribal Ogema to complete the residential home purchase on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Wittenberg

Resolution#09-0805-223
Resolution #16-1012-311

Roll Call

J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

Roll Call

J. Riley	J. Friedel	F. Medacco
S. Crampton	G. DiPiazza	M. Wabindato
R. Wittenberg	V. Johnson	S. Lewis

Motion Carried (6-0-1-2)

Roll Call Voting Key

● Yes	● Abstain
● No	● Absent

Aanii,

At this writing it is several days before the Spring Membership Meeting and less than a month before the General Elections.

Just a reminder, I have updated my Ogema webpage to hopefully provide more and better information to members. It is still a bit of a work in progress but should provide more information. Hopefully our Membership Meeting videos, and Informational Meeting videos can be placed on the site. Because this is more of a closed group to mostly tribal members and not the world-wide web, I can respond to posts on Face Book and give more clarity from my perspective.

Last week the Elder's Committee was dissolved after more than a decade. It is very disappointing and sad. Hopefully what needs to be fixed gets fixed and resurrected soon. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elder's hosted the Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference April 3-5th and the event turned out very well. Thanks to the Elders and their delegates for pulling this off in fine fashion.

The Edward Curtis Exhibit is on display at the Muskegon Museum of Art from May 11th through September 10th and we have free tickets to the event. The exhibit features Mr. Curtis' photography of Native Americans from the late 1800s. If you will be in the area and would like to attend, please let Mary Thomas know at 1-231-398-6824 or at mthomas@lrboi-nsn.gov, and we can send the tickets or they can be picked up at the Government Center. I will also have a limited amount at the Muskegon Offices but you would need to call or email Mary for a time to pick them up.

The Groundbreaking for the 300 homes in Fruitport was held and



work has begun to build the first 90+ houses. This is one of our economic development projects for the Tribe and will happen over the next several years. Additionally, 10 more houses are to be built at Aki Maadiziwin for tribal members.

Until next time...





2017 Spring Membership Meeting

To kick things off, Ogema Larry Romanelli held the Ogema Meet and Greet on Friday April 7th in the Three Fires Conference Center from 7 – 9 p.m.

The Spring Membership Meeting was held Saturday April 8th in the Three Fires Conference Center. The day started off with Registration at 8 a.m. Next were Informational booths in the Hallway of the Three Fires Conference. At 10 a.m. was the Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations. At 11 a.m. was a Presentation by Family Services Department followed at 11:30 a.m. with a presentation by the Commerce Department.

12:00 p.m. started the Opening of the Meeting with as always, a wonderful lunch prepared by the staff of the Little River Casino Resort.

The official meeting began at 1:00 p.m. followed by a Question and Answer Period. Throughout the day was the popular gift giving, conducted by the Ogema and his staff. Many prizes were given out to members.

Meet the Candidates

Office of Tribal Council - 9 County

Gary Paul DiPiazza(Sees-Bak-Tunse)



Our Nations Prosperity is my Priority Miigwetch for allowing me to serve as your 9 County Representative. I have devoted every single day moving us closer to a better future for us all. During this time I have seized every opportunity to speak with our Governor and his staff to secure our success in Muskegon. I have worked hard on updating our hunting, trapping, gathering and fishing regulations. I

have been appointed to the Board of Directors and construction task force. I have a clean background along with being issued a Gaming license. I will continue to work hard to improve our future. Such as our sewer lines, building new homes, rental properties and Renewable Energy. We have the most beautiful and updated casino that can only bring in more revenue for you. I have been working hard to bring in new businesses such as manufacturing to employ our Tribal Members. This will be a reality. I have stayed true to My Heart, voting with the best interest of my members in mind every time. I am asking for your vote to bring these goals to reality this term.

Call me anytime 1-231-299-1298

Kathy (Koon) Gibson

My name is Kathryn Gibson. My maiden name is Koon. I am the daughter of John and the late Theresa Koon. My paternal grandparents are the late James and Beatrice Koon. I have three sons, Nickolas, Jacob and Thomas. A granddaughter, Dannika and am guardian to Dominick. My husband is Brian Gibson. As a little girl, I can remember my parents taking me to tribal meetings, Ghost Suppers and Pow wows. My eagerness to learn where I came from was when I was in Junior High. A discussion was taking place on fishing and fishing rights. A class mate made a comment about how the "Indians take all the fish by gill netting" I was so angry I stood up stated you don't know the 1st thing about us! At this point I started attending tribal meetings to learn more about our people. On my 21st birthday in 1995, I was appointed to the Tribal Council, serving for 15 years. After not having close contact with our tribe I felt loss and wanted to be reconnected. I got the job in the CHS/ EHAP Department and worked there for 15 years. I am currently working in the Human Resource Department as the Benefits Administrator. I am trying to continue to help our tribe.

Teresa Johnson



AniAnishna,
My name is Teresa" Anaan Kwe" Johnson, and I am running for the Nine County Tribal Council seat. I am a traditional dancer and have been for most of my life. I am a proud mother of three beautiful children and I'm a grandmother. There are many things I would like to see change within our community, first and foremost, I would like to see us stop all

the hatred directed at each other. I have been employed most of my life, from factory to my current position with the tribe. I would like to see our tribe diversify our finances and to start more business other than the casino. I believe we will only become financially sound when we start diversifying our money. I volunteer my time with people who are suffering from drug abuse and alcoholism. I understand that I would be foolish to make any promises of what I will do as Councilwoman. I will not be able to accomplish anything without your support. But I will always be here for anyone who needs me. Nine county, outlying council, or at large. We are the Gaaching Ziibii Dawa Anishnaabek. I will represent all people. This is a promise I will not waver from. I will be in the office, I will do my 40 hours plus. So I ask for your support and vote, and help me make a better day for our community, our tribe, our future. Chi

Miigwetch, Baamaa

Sandy Mezeske

Aani Tribal members,
With great pride I am running for a nine county seat. My mother is Anna M. (Sam's) Lempke. I have three beautiful daughters, Niki, Jodee and Shelly plus 4 wonderful grandchildren. In 2010, I was appointed to fill a vacant seat and in 2011 was elected to serve you. I am running again to bring back integrity and common sense to tribal council. I only ask one thing from you, if you hear a rumor, or read something on Facebook about me please call me or ask me in person 231-299-4584. In this day and age you can't believe what people are writing because everything is interpreted differently depending on how you think. During my tenure as a Tribal Council member I found attending all work sessions was one of the most important things I could do. These sessions provided me with the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the items with other Councilors to reach a consensus on the item. Please pay attention to attendance records. We need to focus on the future of our Tribe and how to better serve the membership and I promise to vote with my heart for you.

Ronald J. Pete



Aanii,
I come from a family of 6 brothers and 1 sister, my Mother and Father were Art and Marion Pete. I am blessed to have an extended family: my wife Vicki, her two children and my two children. Vicki and I have 8 grandchildren in our family. My fellow Tribal members, for those of you who do not know me, I am the current General Manager at the

Little River Casino Resort. I have worked here for 11.5 years and have held a PMO license for 10 of those years. As an FYI the PMO background license check is the most thorough and rigorous licensure that I have ever been through. I have held 6 positions here at the Resort from Supervisor, Manager, Senior Department Manager, Director, AGM and General Manager. I've also been fortunate for the last ten years to serve as the chair for the LRBOI Elders Committee. Resort responsibilities include budget development, FTE labor budgets, financial and strategic planning, plus I had oversight of the recent renovation/construction Project at the Resort. Education: Ferris State University and UNLV William F. Harrah College of Administration Please vote for a change,

Ron

Office of Tribal Council- At Large

Michael J. Ceplina



Aanii
My name is Michael J Ceplina and I will be running for the office of the Tribal Council. I was born in Wakefield Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. I'm descended from Joseph and Josphine Pete. I am a family man with six children and two grandchildren. I'm the proud parent of a Marine and two Navy personell

currently serving. I was a Natural Resource Commissioner for years working on our 2007 Consent Decree and establishing laws to govern the tribe and protect our treaty rights. I'm also a firekeeper and elder. Whenever I voted I looked at how my vote affected all tribal members and not just certain families. I started working with the tribe in 2002. My jobs were: Security Officer, Treatment Plant Operator, Surveillance Operator and Tribal Councilor. As a council member, I have been liason for Gaming & Natural Resource Commissions, worked on the Government Center Task Force and the Housing Task Force, helped draft a law that protects our families & children.

Education: Milwaukee Area Technical College, Hold a State of Michigan Water and Wastewater license.

If elected I will work with Tribal Council to:

- Move forward the Casino in Muskegon.
- Pass laws to hold the Ogema and Tribal Council accountable.
- Pass laws to make it easier for tribal citizens to access our lands to harvest and gather.
- Establish our reservation boundaries to enforce our jurisdiction and establish our sovereignty.

Sincerely,
Michael J Ceplina
Home Phone 231-510-2385

Jacob Kequom

Hello my name is Jacob Kequom and I am running for the At large seat for the tribal council. I am a graduate of West Shore College. In 2015, I received an Associates in Marketing/Management. I have been an employee at the Little River Casino Resort for the past 10 years. For the last 2 years I have been working as an EVS Supervisor and for 8 years I worked in the hotel as a hotel House person and Room Inspector. I am an open minded person that likes to hear people's opinions before making a decision. In our tribe there needs to be better communication between the government and Casino. I feel that the tribe needs to work as a team instead of being divided. I feel that accountability and structure is needed throughout the tribe. I think that our tribe needs to work on getting more small businesses. I have always been a believer in green energy with solar panels and turbines. An idea for the tribe can be opening up senior living homes to assist elders who need 24 hour care. With this type of business you are able to have them in more locations for all tribal members.

Diane A. Lonn



Hello, my name is Diane A. Lonn. I am running for Tribal Council (AT LARGE) and I want your vote! I am very proud to say that I am one of you! My family goes back to the Koon and Espiew Families. My mother was Grace Koon and my Grandparents were Jim & Bea Koon. I have been married 46 years and have three, grown children, as well as five Granddaughters. Since 1993, I have worked for the tribe, the majority of the time heading up the Enrollment Department and I worked four years at the Casino during that time. I have spent many years volunteering on Tribal Committees, Health, Land Usage, Pow Wows and Children's Christmas parties. I helped write the Constitution for the Tribe. You may trust that I know how our government works and how it doesn't work. Knowing this and seeing the struggle, I know that I can serve you well on Tribal Council with an eye to a successful future. I worked and went to school during this time and received my Bachelors in Business Administration and two Associate Degrees, one in Marketing/Management and one in Secretarial Science. I look forward to helping our youth, and caring for our Elders. My number is 231-398-3235

Office of Tribal Council - Outlying Nitumigaabow "Ryan" Champagne



Boozhoo Nindinawemaaganidog (Hello all my relatives, we are all related),
For the last 15 years, I have proudly served Indian Country and advocated for Social Justice Reform. Throughout my professional career I have led numerous federal and state

policy reforms around recognition and promotion of our cultural ways and practices; child welfare reform to promote keeping families united; medical waivers to keep our elders and disabled in their own communities; and affordable and supportive housing for our families. I have advocated as a consultant with the Children's Bureau, BIA, IHS, SAMHSA, and various states and tribes to improve our communities.

As your Outlying Representative, I will bring my vast experience and proven results to build upon your visions for our communities. Your community's vision will be the guiding force in the development of policies, resource allocation, and building of infrastructure. This is the first time that outlying communities will have fair representation on Tribal Council. I have lived in Northern Wisconsin and Milwaukee, and understand the unique needs of those communities and I am willing to learn what our other communities' needs may be.

Miigwech,
Nitumigaabow Ryan Champagne
414.429.6906 | socialservices@grandriverband.org
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/helpingfamilieshealingcommunities>
"Helping Families, Healing Communities"

Dave Corey



My name is Dave Corey. I am running for tribal council representative for the outlying seat. My qualifications are achieving my High School diploma from Benzie Central High School, College Education at Michigan State University with my Associates/Certificate in Agri-Business : Construction Business Owner for 14 years, Business Manager of

Muschigon Construction, 6 years. Where I and the Muschigon men built trading posts, demoed the great lakes downs, a new community center, a new housing shop, 39 homes in aki along with private work. I am 1/4 blood Ottawa. I was born and raised here in Northern Michigan (life long resident) and have a clean background. I have been a Gaming Commissioner for Little River Band for the past several years. With my long history in construction Business and clear background I would be able to serve on the new board of directors seat to help lead us into the future.

Shannon Paul Crampton



Boozhoo,
My name is Shannon Paul Crampton I am asking your consideration for the honor to serve you as your Outlying Rep. I am forty nine years old, husband to a beautiful wife, father to two wonderful LRBOI tribal members and the proud grandfather of two beautiful grandchildren. I have been involved in business management in one capacity or another since my early twenties. I am an obsessive compulsive person by nature who must learn the inner workings, cause and solution to any problem I encounter which has led to being successful in virtually every task I have undertaken. In 1993, I began speaking at schools educating non-natives of the rich culture that existed within tribal communities and speaking out to my fellow tribal members on the corrective measures needed to move our tribe in a positive and progressive direction and continue to do so to this very day. I have a firm knowledge of the problems that are case specific to LRBOI, a plan to deliver the solutions needed and the integrity to see those solutions fairly implemented. I would consider it one of the greatest honors of my life to be granted the opportunity to serve as your Outlying Rep.

Thank you for your time.
Shannon Paul Crampton #1747.

Office Of Tribal Court Appellate Judge Berni L. Carlson



Aanii,
My name is Berni Carlson and I have been honored to serve The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as one of the Appellate Court Justices, for the past term of office. I am married, a mother of 4, grandma of 2 and a nursing supervisor of 15 years for St. John's Healthcare P.C. I am also the secretary for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7729

and Band Booster President for Oakridge Public Schools. I am running for re-election to the office of Appellate Court Judge. My education from the National Judicial College of Reno Nevada, my experience on the bench of the Appellate Court the past 5.5 years, and my experience in my professional career, are qualities I bring with me to be able to serve The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. I will uphold our Constitution as the decisions made, not only affect this tribe, but the tribes of this Nation. I will also continue to be fair and treat our members with the dignity and respect they deserve. I humbly ask for your Support and Vote. I would be honored to be re-elected as an Appellate Court Judge.

Miigwech

Cindy Pete Champagne



I want to thank all my relatives who believed in me when I previously served as your Appellate Justice. I have served my people proudly and will be willing to continue to serve if that is the wish of our people. I worked 30 years for Eaton Corporation as a Human Resources Administrator. I worked as the Director of Human Resources at Little

River Casino Resort. Each of these roles required knowledge of State, local and Federal laws, and at the Casino, knowledge of Tribal laws was necessary. I humbly served, protecting our children and families as a Binojeeuk Commissioner. I bring to the bench a restorative justice perspective versus a punitive perspective. I feel our people have a right to be tried and heard by their own. I ask for your vote for Appellate Justice. I have always been devoted about doing the right thing for the right reasons. I understand the importance of the three appellate justices on the bench and the importance of decisions coming out of the Appellate Court. I am not known to follow the crowd. I will issue a dissenting opinion in order to uphold the law and our values.

Kimberley A. Crampton (Kequom)



Boozhoo. Aanii. I, Kimberly Crampton (Kequom), am declaring my candidacy for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Appellate Court Judge.

There are about 566 Federally-recognized Tribes. About 300 of those have Tribal Courts and about 150 have Appellate Courts. LRBOI had the foresight to include an Appellate

Court. Miigwech to our leadership for having the progressive thinking to include the Appellate Court.

Our Court invites lay advocates to defend litigants. Lay advocates can struggle with the appellate process where the language is foreign, intimidating and scary, and this can hamper them in Court. This makes the foundation for the Appellate Court. This is why I am running for the Appellate Court. Because our Court allows for lay advocates to defend Tribal Citizens, I would like to see the Appellate Procedure Rules streamlined. To expect a lay advocate to follow procedures that are hard to

Election Candidates



understand is unfair. Peacemaking is a great example of how we created a system that reflects our traditions. In the spirit of fairness, it would benefit us to have our rules modeled after our traditional methods and make them user-friendly. I respectfully ask for your vote for Appellate Court Judge. Miigwetch for your consideration.

Office of Election Board

Terri L. Burmeister



My name is Terri L. Burmeister TM# 0979 and I hope to represent Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on the Election Board. As a mother and grandmother, I fully understand the necessity of good leadership. We all know our tribal leaders are a result of an election. What better way to serve our tribal community than to ensure that these very

elections are honestly and promptly performed. Instead of waiting to hear what's going on within our tribe, I hope to be a part of what's going on.

My qualifications are many, and I will try to briefly explain. I am currently employed as a Food & Beverage Dining Room Service Lead at LRCR. This makes me a part of a leadership team that is responsible for multiple outlets and over 200 employees. I am Honest, Dependable, Organized, and Fair. I understand there needs to be a balance between business and personal responsibilities. I am capable of problem solving and conflict resolution. To hold a position on the Election Board would be an Honor and a Privilege. If given the opportunity, I would strive daily to represent our people and the election process in a good way. Miigwetch

Terri L. Burmeister

Sharron Cogswell Detz

Have you ever wondered if your vote counts? Well let me tell you that every vote counts! I have decided to run for a seat on the Election Board because there are a few things that I would like to see changed and feel that I can be part of the solution. I have been involved in the election before, sitting and waiting for the ballots to be run through the machine and was frustrated by the process. Why do we hire a company that has been associated with election fraud? And then to top it off, the Tribe pays them \$10,000. Why? There has to be a more inexpensive and transparent way to have our votes counted.

I will ensure that all policies and regulations of the Election Board are carried out consistently. I will seek improvement in all areas of the Election Board and be available to all Tribal Members.

I am really encouraged by the focused leadership in our present Tribal Council. There is a renewed hope and belief again in the future of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. I ask for your support in this election!

Valerie Robinson-McDonnell



Boozhoo! My name is Valerie Robinson-McDonnell and I am running for a seat on the Election Board. I am the daughter of Wallace Robinson and Pearl (Whelpley) Hall, and the granddaughter of Bessie (Elizabeth) Robinson-McNew, and the great granddaughter of Geo Shaniquite and Cora Robinson. I am a graduate of Muskegon Community College. I have two children Samantha and Jeremy Lloyd. I have been a member of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians since 2009. Currently, I work at a law office in Muskegon. I started out as office help, and I have worked my way up to be the File Administrator for the firm. I consider myself to be a "jack of all trades" and "master of none." It just

goes to show that you can do any job you want, as long as you're willing to put in the time and hard work. Miigwetch! Please remember to vote in the upcoming election!

Edward Tyler



Aanii,

I am seeking a position on the Election Board. I previously served on the Election Board, but was required to give up my seat when I ran for Tribal Council 2 years ago. I am an Elder and my grandmother was Nancy Shagonaby, who lived in Free Soil. I am a Graduate of Ludington High School and attended Grand

Rapids Community College.

Qualifications: I previously held a seat on the Election Board and on the Gaming Commission (which required an extensive background check), retired from Steelcase in the engineering field. Hold 3 U.S. Patents, Crew Chief- C-130 Aircraft, member of the Warriors Society, American Legion Post #381 Honor Guard Squad, served as a Deacon on 2 Church Boards and the Kent County Traffic Squad.

I am committed to providing an accurate and honest Election system where a person's vote is accurately recorded to their candidate of choice. The Election process is a very important aspect of the Tribal Government and must be adequately maintained.

Married 45 years, father of 3, grandfather of 5. Attend Cultural Events in Manistee, Grand Rapids, and surrounding areas, teaching my granddaughters Native American Culture by assisting with Regalia construction, taking our grandchildren to Traditional Events, never been arrested, no problems with alcohol or substance abuse, never homeless, never been sued. I would appreciate it if you would vote for me to be on the Election Board this coming spring.

General Election Ballots have been mailed by the election service company. Please fill out as instructed and sign back of envelope. Mail has to be received by April 28, 2017, 12 noon. Please do not drop ballots off, they must be received through the mail. On the day of the General Election in house voting will take place from 10a-6p in the Government Center Lodge.

The following is the list of offices and candidates for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2017 Election. The number of candidates that can be voted for is in parentheses under the heading for each office.

Certified Slated of Candidates for the 2017 Election

Office of Tribal Council – 9 County

(Vote for no more than 2)

Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees-Bak-Tunse)
Kathy (Koon) Gibson
Teresa Johnson
Steven Edward Kequom
Sandy Mezeske
Ronald J. Pete

Office of Tribal Council – At Large

(Vote for no more than 1)

Michael J. Ceplina
Jacob Kequom
Diane A. Lonn

Office of Tribal Council – Outlying*

(Vote for no more than 2)

Nitumigaabow "Ryan" Champagne
Dave Corey
Shannon Paul Crampton
Bill Willis

Office of Tribal Court Appellate Judge

(Vote for no more than 1)

Berni L. Carlson
Cindy Pete Champagne
Kimberly A. Crampton (Kequom)

Office of Election Board*

(Vote for no more than 3)

Terri L. Burmeister
Sharron Cogswell Detz
Valerie Robinson-McDonnell
Edward Tyler

*Office of Tribal Council – Outlying and Office of Election Board offices and candidates automatically proceed to the ballot for the General Election. All others are included on the Little River Band Primary Election Ballot.



Election Notice

Nmebine-Giizis
(Sucker Moon)
April 2017
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Date of Election: April 28, 2017

Offices to be Elected:

Office of Tribal Council - Nine County District (two seats)

Office of Tribal Council - At Large District (one seat)

Office of Tribal Council - Outlying (two seats)

Office of Election Board (three seats)

Office of Appellate Judge (one seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy

To Run for Office a Tribal Member must obtain, complete, and submit a Declaration of Candidacy packet during the period listed in the Election Calendar.

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. Ballot counting process begins at 12:00pm.

The General Election will be conducted by secret mail ballot and central polling place. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. You must be a registered voter with current mailing information on file with the Enrollment Department to receive a ballot. The central polling place will be located

in the Lodge at the Government Center, 2608 Government Drive, Manistee, MI. The hours for the polling place will be 10am until 6pm. The ballot counting will also take place in the Lodge and the counting process begins at 12pm.

A copy of the Election Board Office Hours has been included in this mailing and will be from October 3, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

If a candidate wishes to have their photograph and biography included in the Special Election Newsletter, the candidate must include the photograph and biography in their packet.

The Tribal Constitution has recently been amended by a vote of the Membership. The

Election Board will be posting revisions to the Chapter 3 and 4 Election Board Regulations to reflect the Constitutional amendments. If enacted, these changes to Chapter 3 and 4 will be in effect for this election.

One of the Constitutional changes is that the Election Board is required to perform background checks for the position of Tribal Council, Tribal Ogema, and Tribal Judiciary. The background checks paperwork must be filled out and turned in with your Declaration of Candidacy Packet along with a fee to cover the cost of the background check service. The Election Board is researching check services and the amount of the fee will be included in the Candidacy Packets. Only cash and money orders will be accepted.

Election Calendar

Declaration of Candidacy Packets AvailableOct. 3, 2016
Declaration of Candidacy Packets DueOct. 28, 2016
Background Checks CertifiedNov. 30, 2016
Slate of Candidates CertifiedDec. 12, 2016
Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy.....Dec. 19, 2016
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election.....Jan. 13, 2017
Ballots Due and Primary Election DayFeb. 10, 2017

Deadline for Primary Recounts, Disputes, Challenges.....Feb. 17, 2017
Deadline for Candidate Withdrawal after Primary.....Feb. 27, 2017
Ballots Mailed for General Election.....Mar. 24, 2017
Ballots Due and General Election DayApr. 28, 2017
Deadline for General Election Recounts, Disputes, Challenges.. May 5, 2017
Deadline for General Election Campaign Financial Report.... May 5, 2017

Please Note: In accordance with the Election Board Regulations Chapter 2, section 1(d): "If Voter Registration Form is not received by the Election Board 60 calendar days before an election, the eligible voter will not be registered to vote in that election."

Last Day to register to vote for the Primary Election is December 13, 2016

Last Day to register to vote for the General Election is February 27, 2017

The Election Board is not responsible for the failure of an Eligible Voter to complete the registration requirements by the prescribed deadlines.

Registered voters are responsible for maintaining their current physical/mailling address with the Enrollment Department. Ballots will be mailed to the address on file in the Enrollment Department.

Ayaa Ventures (owned by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)

(A unique opportunity for a Tribal Member in the Traverse City area)

Operations / Social Media Specialist

Department: LRBOI Commerce/Workforce Development
(Work Experience component)

Supervisor: Commerce Director / Coordinator

Pay: \$10.00/hour for maximum 320 hours (29 hours per week)

Location: Traverse City, MI

Funding Source: Commerce (100% Tribal Funds)

Summary: The position is responsible for the opening and closing of the front office, answering and transferring calls, greeting and directing visitors, and providing visitors with answers to basic service questions. Provides a variety of basic administrative/clerical support functions to the department supervisor and assigned staff members, enabling an efficient operation from intake to completion. Maintains all social media accounts for the company.

Employment Qualifications: A qualified candidate is an individual who is a minimum of 18 years of age with a clear and pleasant speaking voice, some customer service experience, and presents a willingness to be trained. A qualified candidate offers:

- a High School Diploma or GED; and
- a work experience of one (1) or more years as an office assistant or similar; and
- the technical skills of a basic user of MS Office software, computers, and office equipment. The candidate's technical and social media skills will be tested during the interview process.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Performs clerical and secretarial work, including but not limited to answering phones, receiving and processing department mail, responding to e-mail correspondence, greeting visitors, scheduling appointments, providing basic answers to departmental services questions, and referring visitors to the appropriate staff members.
2. Operates a broad range of office equipment such as computers, copiers, facsimiles, multi-line telephones, scanners, shredders, and other department specific office peripherals.
3. Types a variety of correspondence, reports, memoranda

- and other such documents to be reviewed by supervisor.
4. Maintains department hardcopy and electronic files following approved file maintenance system.
5. Facilitate the dissemination of the department's communication resources (postings, brochures, e-mails, social media, etc.); provide the same regarding the services of other departments.
6. Maintains confidentiality in all aspects of work and complies with all applicable tribal, federal, or states laws and procedures.
7. Represents the company, as requested, in meetings with outside agencies, or in seminars and serves as an ambassador of goodwill at all times.
8. All other position related duties as assigned by supervisor.

Other Skills and Abilities

During the course of employment, the employee will consistently utilize and demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills, good organizational skills, good interpersonal and teamwork skills, a heightened attention to detail and accuracy, the ability to work cooperatively with other departments, and a commitment to confidentiality.

Supervisory Responsibilities

None

Physical Demands

Sitting for long periods of time, frequent walking, and occasional reaching, bending, kneeling, or stretching is to be expected. The nature of the work also involves manual dexterity to operate office equipment and while keyboarding. An employee will need normal, or corrected to normal range of sight and hearing and will carry work related materials up to twenty-five (25) pounds.

Working Environment

Work is performed in a climate controlled office environment. The employee's work schedule may periodically need to be flexible and adjusted according to business need. The employee must be able to effectively handle stressful and compromising situations while remaining focused and professional, as well as be able to deal with difficult people without losing perspective. Occasional overnight or local travel will be necessary to attend meetings or trainings.

Government is closed for the following Holidays

New Years Day
Treaty Recognition Day (3/28)
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Reaffirmation Day (9/21)
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving (Thurs & Fri)
Christmas Eve (Half Day)
Christmas Day

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288.
Some areas of the government will continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities.
It's always a good idea to call first.

Disclaimer and Conditions of Employment

The above statements are intended to describe the nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this job title. It shall govern this short-term position. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills.

Conditions of employment with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians includes, passing a pre-employment drug test and background investigation. Candidates for this position will be required to have dependable transportation available to them without notice.

To Apply: Submit completed Commerce Department Workforce Development Program Application for Programs; Employment Application for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and Little River Band of Ottawa Employment Background Application to:

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,
ATTN: Commerce Dept.
2608 Government Center Drive,
Manistee, MI 49660
or email dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov / Phone 231-398-6842.**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GAMING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Per Tribal Council Ordinance #1-800- 03 ,
Gaming Enterprise(s) Oversight Act of 2010
We are now accepting applications for Four (4) At Large positions.
Positions will serve an initial three (3) year term.

- One member must have at least 7 years of finance, accounting or financial auditing experience.

- One member must have at least 10 years of experience in executive management in the fields of hospitality, gaming or gaming compliance.
- All remaining members must have at least 10 years of executive level business experience that lends demonstrable skills to the management of a gaming enterprise.

Compensation is to be determined (TBD) and employees of the Resort, any gaming facility, Tribal Government and Gaming Commission are not eligible to serve.
Please send a letter of application and resume to Chief Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, Michigan 49660 ATTN: Ogema.



Job Postings

Nmebine-Giizis
(Sucker Moon)
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2017 Summer Legal Internship Program

Position: Legal Intern

Reporting to: Unified Legal Department Staff Attorneys

About the Program: Intern(s) will work closely with the Unified Legal Department in several clearly defined projects to be completed this summer. Interns will assist the Unified Legal Department in its role as in-house legal counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Unified Legal Department provides legal services and representation to the Tribal Government and its Enterprises, including Elected Officials, Departments, Commissions, and the Little River Casino Resort. The position is paid at a rate of \$15.00-\$20.00 per hour, depending on experience. The position is temporary part-time and will last eight to twelve weeks. The Department is willing to accommodate a flexible schedule but wants a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week. Hours worked should

conform to a schedule of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited law school.
- Applicants must not currently be subject to any disciplinary action by an institution or entity, including but not limited to any education or law enforcement agency.
- Applicants must pass a drug test and criminal background check. The Tribe adheres to a drug-free workplace policy.
- Applicant must possess a valid state driver's license.

Interested Applicants should submit the following documents:

- A cover letter highlighting your interest in federal Indian Law;
- A current resume;
- A copy of your law school transcript; and
- A writing sample (optional).

Deadline: Applications must be received by April 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m. EST. Applications will be reviewed on a revolving basis until the position(s) is filled. Applications may be sent via email to the Unified Legal Department at UnifiedLegal@lrboi-nsn.gov, or by U.S. mail to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attn: Unified Legal Department
2608 Government Center Drive,
Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance #15-600-02.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2017 BEAR PERMIT Application

The Natural Resources Department will be holding a lottery drawing for Black Bear permits for the 2017 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to; **LRBOI Natural Resources Department, 2608 Government Center Dr., Manistee, MI 49660** or call the Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594. You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a Black Bear permit. **You need not be present at the drawing to be selected.**

Application must be postmarked by
Friday May 12, 2017
at 5:00pm

Questions or comments please call:

866-723-1594

Drawing will be held in June, 2017

Name: _____ Tribal ID#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Elder: _____

Hunting Units

Baldwin, Gladwin, Red Oak, Newberry, Gwinn, Baraga

Please list your hunting unit preference in the spaces below.

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2017 ELK PERMIT Application

The Natural Resources Department will be holding a lottery drawing for Elk permits for the 2017 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to; LRBOI Natural Resources Department, 2608 Government Center Dr., Manistee, MI 49660 or call the Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594. You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for an Elk permit. **You need NOT be present at the drawing to be selected. NOTE:** You are ineligible to apply if you have received or were offered an Elk permit within the last five (5) years.

Application must be postmarked by
Friday May 12, 2017
at 5:00pm

Questions or comments please call:

866-723-1594

Drawing will be held in June, 2017

Name: _____ Tribal ID#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Elder: _____

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 commodity to low income Native American 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 Commodity Program.

USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2016 through September 31, 2017	
Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$ 1,147.00
2	\$ 1,492.00
3	\$ 1,837.00
4	\$ 2,193.00
5	\$ 2,567.00
6	\$ 2,941.00
7	\$ 3,287.00
8	\$ 3,634.00
For each additional member add \$347.00	

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program
Office **231-398-6716** or **231-398-6715**



Anishinaabemdaa

Anishinaabemdaa is now on Facebook! Let me share how this all happened. I got this idea while I was on vacation last summer. I wanted to put a weekly lesson or teaching on a page on Facebook and for that lesson to stay and be viewed over and over again. So our Historic Preservation and the Information Technology department got together and made it work. Back in October 2016 I started posting written lessons only and right away we were reaching several hundreds of people. I was very pleased with the results so about the middle of December we started posting video lessons then the numbers really started to climb. Mack Brushman is a very talented man, he does all the editing and makes the videos look very professional. On Monday January 23 2016 I posted a video

that I created as a request from the viewing and listening audience. They were asking me how to pronounce the words that were not recorded so I recorded them. On Tuesday afternoon I was curious of how many checked the post, there 3,969 views and the numbers are still climbing and by Friday morning we were at 6,211 views. So help yourself to some language, teachings, stories, jokes, phrases and so on. The website is still very popular and is being used by many universities, colleges and school districts in this part of the United States and Canada.
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Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant
Language Coordinator*

Take Control of Your Future!

Commerce/Workforce Development Program Benefits for Tribal Members*:

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|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| • Internship | 240 hours @ \$10.00 per hour | • Youth Work Experience/Employment Program | 320 hours @ \$8.15 per hour |
| • Internship Hosting | \$150.00 Honorarium | • Vocational Assistance Award (need based) | Up to \$4,000.00 |
| • Development & Training | Up to \$300.00 per calendar year | • Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station | Upon Request |
| • Career Assistance Voucher | \$200.00 per calendar year | • GED Preparation Book | Upon Request |
| • Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher | \$250.00 per calendar year | • Job Readiness Training | By Appointment |
| • GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher | \$250.00 one time | • Referral Services to Michigan Works! | Free |
| • Adult Work Experience/Employment Program | 320 hours @ \$10.00 per hour | | |

*Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements. All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis. Ask or see Program for details and eligibility requirements.

Success Story

Utilizing Workforce Development Components



Back in September 2015, a LRBOI Tribal Citizen completed academic requirements for a high school diploma. Once confirmation was received from the academic institution, Workforce Development awarded him with a GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher. In May 2016, the same Tribal Citizen participated and completed a corrections training program through a county sponsored

sheriff's department academy. Workforce Development helped him pay for some of his required training equipment through the Development and Training component. In June 2016, the Tribal Citizen was hired as a Corrections Deputy with a county sheriff's department qualifying him for a Career Assistance Voucher through Workforce Development.

We want more Success Stories. Let us know how we can help!

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT M-22 REALIGNMENT ROAD PROJECT

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs hereby announces their intent to reconstruct the north leg of the M-22/US-31 intersection during the M-22 Realignment Road Project MDOT I.D. NO. 44801

The project is located within the Michigan Department of Transportation's road right-of-way within Manistee County, Michigan. The project starts at the M-22/US-31 intersection and extends 0.08 miles north along M-22. The total project is located in Sections 28, Township 22N, and Range 16W.

The project is scheduled for construction during spring of 2017 construction season and shall be completed by June 23rd, 2017

Work consists of realigning M-22 and extending the right turn lane along the west side of the preexisting road. This work would include HMA removal, regrading of aggregate base and repaving to realign and widen M-22. In addition, new curbing and truck aprons will be installed for traffic and storm water control.

Plans and other related information concerning this project are available for viewing by contacting one of the following:

Bryan Hewitt, Bureau of Indian Affairs
916 W. Lakeshore Drive, Ashland, WI 54806
(715) 682 2709

Steve Parsons, BIA Roads/Planning coordinator
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 (2331) 398 6810
March 22, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT GATHERING GROUNDS SITE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 ROAD PROJECT

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs hereby announces their intent to preform site improvements during the Gathering Grounds Phase 1 Road Project I.D. NO. F60-48212.

The project is located on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Properties within Manistee County, Michigan. The total project is 5.65 acres in size and is located in Section 27, Township 22N, and Range 16W.

This project is scheduled for construction during spring of 2017 construction season and shall be completed by June 23rd, 2017.

Work will include grading and installing sand subbase, aggregate base, and HMA surface, as well as concrete curbing, side-walk, lighting and landscaping. In addition, campsite power and signage will be installed for fifty-four sites.

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POW WOW DATES AND PLACES

April 15, 2017

Pow Wow of Life.....East Lansing, MI
517-304-2377

April 27 - 29, 2017

Gathering of Nations.....Albuquerque, NM

May 21 - 22, 2017

Teaching our Traditions.....Howell, MI
810-224-0424

June 23 - 25, 2017

Honoring Our Veterans.....Brimley, MI
906-248-8300

June 24 - 25, 2017

Nottawaseppi Annual.....Fulton, MI

July 1 - 2, 2017

LRBOI 22nd Annual Jiintamok.....Manistee, MI
231-398-6891

July 7 - 9, 2017

Traditional Pow Wow.....Sault Ste. Marie, MI
906-635-6050 or 906-203-4977

July 28 - 30, 2017

Saginaw Chippewa.....Mt. Pleasant, MI
989-775-4942 or sagchip.com

August 12, 2017

Youth Empowerment.....Rexton, MI
906-341-3362 or 906-484-2298

August 12 - 13, 2017

Odawa Homecoming.....Harbor Springs, MI
231-242-1427

August 12, 2017

Kitchi Miniss Munising.....Munising, MI
906-387-2368 or 989-751-9682

August 25 - 27, 2017

Rendezvous at the Straights.....St. Ignace, MI
906-643-8717 or 906-984-2083

November 11, 2017

Honoring our Anishnaabe Veterans...Kinross, MI
906-635-6050 or 906-203-4977

December 31, 2017

Sobriety Pow Wow.....Sault Ste. Marie, MI
906-203-4977



TRADITIONAL HEALER

Jd Gibson

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

Appointments available for Indian Health Service (IHS) eligible
Native Americans

Please call

Krystal (231) 398-6739

or Dottie (231) 398-6741

Regarding scheduling of appointments

Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Nwaawiiyaa Niimiwin Saturday April 22, 2017

Free - Open to Public | All Singers Welcome

Pipe Ceremony at 5 pm | Feast to Follow
Bring Side Dish to Share & Feast Bags
Sloppy Joes, Chili, Fry Bread & Cake Provided
Round Dance til 11 pm

LTBB Government Complex
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

Joe Medicine - MC
Patrick Naganashe - Stickman
Tom Teuthorn - Pipe Ceremony

Invited Singers

Paul Shananaquet	Anthony Genia
Mike Naganashe	Motega Cotto
Leroy Shenoskey	Carter Boda
Raymond Shenoskey	Mzhakwod John
Buster Wesaw	Shananaquet
Dion Syrette	
Carson "Begga" T	
Kiyoshk Jr.	
Jerry Wasageshic	

SPOT DANCES | RAFFLES VENDORS | DOOR PRIZES

Vendor Space very limited. Cannot Guarantee space. Call Pauline to ask. First
Come, First Served. May be asked to close if space needed.

Contact: Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520
or Theresa Chingwa 231-242-1486

This is a Drug & Alcohol Free Event. No Politics. Not Responsible for Injury or Loss of Property.

Straw Bale Gardening Workshop

Wednesday, May 10
6pm - 7:30pm
Tribal Government Center

Hands-on workshop for creating a small, easy-
to-reach, soil free and weed free garden from
a simple bale of straw

Straw bale gardening is fun, easy and economical. If
you have poor soil, little space, if you rent and can't
dig a garden in your yard, if you find bending and
kneeling to work in the garden to be difficult, straw
bales can help- join us to see how!

Sponsored by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Education Department. Anyone is welcome!





Elder Meals

Nmebine-Giizis
(Sucker Moon)
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TIP OF THE MONTH

Nutrition

- Eat Three Meals a Day
- Start with a Healthy Breakfast
- Drink Fluids with and between Meals
Up to 8 Glasses a day
- Select at least 3 servings of milk or milk products
- Select at least 6 servings of whole grain cereals
& breads
- Select at least 3 servings or more of vegetables

Meals Served at Noon

Monday-Thursday

No Charge for Elders, Spouse and
Handicapped/Disabled Individuals
who reside with Elder
Guest meals are \$6.00

Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions

Phone: 231-398-6886

Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Mondays - Language Class

Wednesdays - Wii Bowling

Other Activities

Birthday of the Month & BINGO

Menu Subject to Change, without notice.

Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1500-2000 Calorie Diet

Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2017

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Baked Fish Sweet Potato Fries Okra & Dessert	Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables & Dessert	Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Dessert Wii Bowling	Mexican Pizza Broccoli Blend Berries	Cinco de Mayo	Elder Committee Meeting At Noon
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Salisbury Steak Roasted Potato Corn Fruit Language Class	Spaghetti Broccoli Garlic Stix & Dessert	BBQ Sandwich Cole Slaw Asparagus & Dessert Wii Bowling	Angus Dogs Mixed Vegetables Macaroni Salad & Dessert	Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886 Lunch served at noon	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day	Chicken Salad Sandwich Peas Chips & Dessert Language Class	Chop Suey over Rice Vegetables & Dessert	Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Corn & Fruit Wii Bowling	Taco Salad & Dessert BINGO		Armed Forces Day!
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Hamburger Sweet Tator Tots Baked Beans Corn & Ice Cream Language Class	Roasted Turkey Baked Potato Green Beans Pie	Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Dessert Wii Bowling	Chicken Wild Rice Peas & Dessert		
28	29	30	31			
	OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	Breakfast for Lunch	Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice & Dessert			

Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

- 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
 - Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.*
 - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.*
- Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
 - Charge will be for meal of the highest price.*
 - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.*
- 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
- Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees
Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.
 - Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.*
 - Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when Checking in and occupy the room.*
 - No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.*
- In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
- River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).
- Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
 - Spring and Fall membership meeting*
 - LRBOI Elders Conference*
 - Elders Christmas Party*
 - Tribal Members only*
- No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.
- Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).
Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.

Commission, Committee and Board Stipend Payments Collected for the Fiscal Year in Accordance with Resolution #03-0813-248

1. Commissions are created to regulate and manage within a subject matter or activity.

Membership: A commission has at least three commissioners who shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.

Authority: A commission shall be granted sufficient legislative authority to allow the commission to create regulations to govern in the subject matter jurisdiction.

Commissions are created by adoption of an Ordinance which sets forth the legislative requirements, direction, limitations, restrictions or other directions regarding a subject matter. Upon adoption of an Ordinance, the commissioners shall be identified and directed to develop and present by-laws.

The Tribal Council shall establish Tribal Committees, as needed, in areas of governance and development. The

Committees shall be composed of Tribal members and other interested persons who shall meet and discuss specific issues in order to provide information to the Tribal Council so that the Council can make better informed decisions that affect the Tribal community. In furtherance of this purpose, this Policy will provide rules for the organization, functions, responsibilities, and requirements of Tribal Committees.

The Commissions Ordinance states

that "The Tribal Council liaison shall be responsible for identifying a contact number and office location at which the commission may leave documents, messages, requests, and other like information. The Tribal Council liaison may attend meetings, but is not required to do so. The Tribal Council may attend all closed sessions of a commission subject to the discretion of the Commission."

Commission/Committee Schedules:

Commissions

Binojeeuk Commission.....	1:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays	Family Services Department
Commerce Commission	4:00p.m., 2nd Wednesday	Big Manistee Room at LRCR
Enrollment Commission.....	5:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday	Enrollment Department
Gaming Commission.....	5:30 p.m., Tuesdays	Gaming Commission Office
Health Commission	4:30 p.m., 2nd Monday	Law Library
Housing Commission	9:00 a.m., 3rd Thursday	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
Natural Resource Commission.....	5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday	Natural Resource Meeting

**Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.*

Committees

Elders Committee	12:00 noon, 1st Saturday of each month.....	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
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The Binojeeuk Commissioners and Gaming Commissioners receive \$125.00 per meeting
All other Commissions and/or Committees receive \$100.00 per meeting.

Commission/Committee Stipends Paid January 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017

Elders Committee

Ron Pete – Chair	\$400
Diane Lonn	\$400
Connie Waitner	\$300
Sandy Mezeske	\$300
Darleen Martin	\$300

Liaisons Attendance

R. Wittenberg – 0 out of 4
V. Johnson – 2 out of 4
M. Wabindato – 0 out of 4

Binojeeuk Commission

Norma Hinkle	\$750
Beverly Cole	\$875
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	

Liaisons Attendance

M. Wabindato – 0 out of 7
F. Medacco – 5 out of 7

Commerce Commission

Vacant	
Vacant	
Jason Cross	\$100
Peggy Vriesman	\$100
Kareen Lewis - Chair	\$100

Liaisons Attendance

G. DiPiazza – 0 out of 1
V. Johnson – 0 out of 1

Enrollment Commission

Peggy Derouin	\$200
Diana O'Neal - Chair	\$200
Charmaine Stone	\$200
Krystyne Medawis	\$200
Charles Fisher	\$100

Liaisons Attendance

S. Lewis - 0 out of 2
R. Wittenberg – 0 out of 2

Gaming Commission

Bill Willis	\$1,275
Dave Corey - Chair	\$1,375
Julie Wolfe	\$1,075
Vacant	
Deb Davis	\$1,250

Liaisons Attendance

J. Riley – 2 out of 11
F. Medacco – 0 out of 11

Health Commission

Vacant	
Pamela Johnson - Chair	\$300
Al Patricio	\$300

Liaisons Attendance

S. Lewis – 2 out of 3

Housing Commission

Karen Love	\$300
Judy Hardenburgh	\$400
Julia Chapman	\$400
Marcella Leusby – Attended 4 but no stipend paid	
Jamie Friedel	\$100

Liaisons Attendance

S. Lewis – 2 out of 4
R. Wittenberg – 3 out of 4
S. Crampton - 3 out of 4

Natural Resource Commission

Martha Howell	\$200
Connie Eno	\$300
Boo Battice - Chair	\$300
John Koon	\$200
David Schultz	\$300

Liaisons Attendance

G. DiPiazza – 2 out of 3

Upcoming Events

Elders Meal
Aki Community
Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

Round Dance
April 22, 2017

2017 Membership
Meeting
October 7, 2017

Call Little River Resort Hotel
US Toll Free: 1-888-568-2244
Local: 231-723-1535



Notices

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**Special April Birthday Wishes
to my Brother**

**Richard
Tyler**



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April 2017 Court Docket

Key

AA: Adoption of Adult	EB: Election Board Appeal	JV: Juvenile
AM: Adoption of Minor	EM: Emancipation of Minor	LT: Landlord Tenant
CD: Charge of Discrimination	FJ: Foreign Judgment	NA: Neglect Abuse
CO: Cora Offense/Conservation	FSJ: Foreign Support Judgment	NC: Name Change
CS: Child Support	GA: Gaming Appeal	PF: Probate
CT: Civil Ticket	GC: General Civil	PPO: Personal Protection Order
DM: Divorce with children	GM: Guardianship of Minor	TA: Trust Access
DO: Divorce w/o children	GR: Employment Matter	TM: Tribal Misdemeanor
EA: Enrollment Appeal	JC: Judicial Complaint	WC: Workmen's Compensation

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Appellate Panel

11:00 a.m.	Waitner v. Council	17071AP Motion Hrg.
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Monday, April 10, 2017

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Quiver v. Eyk	16120DM Final Pretrial
10:00 a.m.	LRBOI v. Shaw	17075TM Arraignment
11:30 a.m.	LRB v. Palko	17047TM Sentencing
01:15 p.m.	Stafford v. Stafford	17038DM Pretrial
02:00 p.m.	LRBOI v. Cantu	16196TM Pretrial

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Judge Sherigan

09:00 a.m.	Consolidated Cases	16308GC Pretrial Hrg.
03:00 p.m.	Mezeske v. Tribal Council	17083GC Petition TRO

Friday, April 14, 2017

Judge Sherigan

09:30 a.m.	Waitner v. Council	17071AP Continuation Hrg.
10:30 a.m.	Lewis-Jordan v. Jordan	17081 PPO Motion Hrg.
10:00 a.m.	In re: L. Burmeister	15048PF Petition

Monday, April 24, 2017

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	In re: L. Burmeister	15048PF Petition
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Thursday, April 27, 2017

Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m.	Lonn v. Nelson	17039GC Pretrial
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