



Little River Currents

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Ballots Tallied: February 12, 2021

Deadline for Primary Election, recounts, disputes, challenges: February 19, 2021

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Ballots mailed for Regular Election

Regular Election Day April 30, 2021

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Spring Membership Meeting

Online Meeting | LRBOI-NSN.Gov
Login Required

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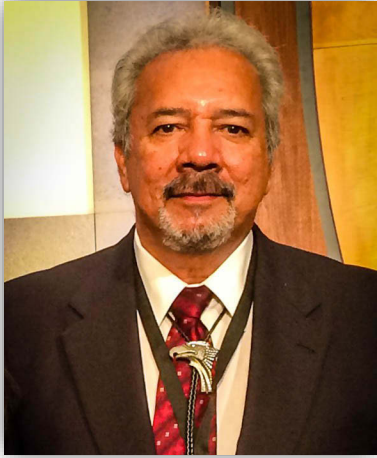
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Many changes are going on within the Tribe. Most of you know of the expansions within our Tribal Clinic. Recently two buildings were purchased in Muskegon to expand our clinic services to the Muskegon area. Along with that, our Family Services will move their Muskegon Offices into the buildings as well. More is written on this in another section.

The COVID-19 virus is still an issue causing a lot of grief. Hopefully, the vaccines will help to get us through this pandemic soon. We have started receiving the vaccines and again, you should've received information on them. Giving the vaccines is not a small task. Our Clinic has done a wonderful job taking care of patients while administering the vaccines.

Now that our Muskegon Casino project has taken a big step forward with getting the land in trust, we continue to move ahead with planning for the actual casino, hotel, and site. The support remains strong although everyone is anxious to get the casino up and running. Hopefully, a two-year project once we get all the approvals in order. We expect to have a positive response at the State level.

I do want to thank the entire staff of the LRBOI Government and the Resort for the work they've done over the past 10 months. It's no secret that the pandemic has put extra strain on almost every department of each entity.

I hope you are staying as safe as possible; let's continue to pray for those affected by this terrible virus. We should also hope for a quick recovery.

Spring is right around the corner; I believe restaurants are expected to begin reopening along with other businesses. Please take care, stay safe, and look to better days.

Until next time...

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Spring Membership Meeting

Online | April 10, 2021

Fall Membership Meeting

October 9, 2021

Location TBD

<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/executive-branch-tribal-ogema/ogema-larry-romanelli/>

MAST**Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**

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

NCAI**National Congress of American Indians**

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

State Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza
 Ron Pete

NIGC**National Indian Gaming Commission**

Ron Pete
 Ron Wittenberg
 Tom Guenthardt

NIGA**National Indian Gaming Association**

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

Federal Liaisons • Democrat

Sandra Lewis
 Shannon Crampton

US Chamber of Commerce

Ron Pete Delegate
 Shannon Crampton Delegate
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

United Tribes of MI

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

Federal Liaisons • Republican

Gary DiPiazza
 Diane Lonn

Joint Units of Government • Gary DiPiazza & Diane Lonn

ELECTION BOARD

Valerie McDonnell Chair
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Open Election Board Zoom Meetings

February 24 March 17 April 21 May 19

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COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE

Binojeeuk Commission

Vacant Chair & (2) Commissioner Seat

Commissioners

Shawna Gonzalez

Council Liaisons:

Cindy Champagne
 Tom Guenthardt
 Diane Lonn

Enrollment Commission

Vacant: (1) Commissioner Seat

Charmaine Stone -Chair

Krystyne Medawis -Secretary

Commissioners

Chuck Fisher

Council Liaisons

Cindy Champagne
 Sandra Lewis
 Diane Lonn
 Ron Wittenberg

Gaming Commission

Bill Willis -Chair

Commissioners

Alyce Giltz
 Mark Jespersen
 Deb Davis
 Steve Parsons

Council Liaisons

Dave Corey
 Tom Guenthardt
 Ron Pete

Health Commission

Vacant (1) Commissioner Seat

Pamela Johnson Chair

Commissioners

Grace Hendler

Housing Commission

Vacant: (1) Commissioner Seat

Teresa Callis -Chair

Marcella Leusby -Secretary

Commissioners

Julia Chapman
 Margaret Kowalkowski

Natural Resource Commission

Virgil Johnson -Chair

Martha Howell -Secretary

Commissioners

Connie Eno
 Boo Battice
 Richard Koon

Council Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza
 Sandra Lewis

Council Liaisons

Shannon Crampton
 Tom Guenthardt
 Sandra Lewis
 Ron Wittenberg

Council Liaisons

Dave Corey
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 Tom Guenthardt

Elders Committee

Mary Thomas

Detra Kelsey

Sally Russo

Trustees

Chuck Fisher

Marcella Leusby

Council Liaisons

Shannon Crampton
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 Gary DiPiazza

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2021 Strategic Plan

Essential Services (5.02d)

The Tribal Council Speaker has prepared an essential services list of service provided by Legislative branch. In case of budget shortfall, this list will be maintained in priority order.

1. Tribal Council Weekly Meetings
2. Tribal Council Work Sessions
3. Ensure communications to membership via LRBOI Website and tribal newspaper “Currents”.
4. Annual External Audit of LRBOI financial activities.
5. Ensure Tribal Activities provide benefit/experience to membership, Pow Wow, Youth and Round Dance, etc.

A list of Legislative Essential Services will be required and submitted to LRBOI “Currents” by the publishing deadline for the annual January issue.

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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL | MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2021

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10A, unless otherwise stated below.

Departmental Reports and Minutes of various entities of the Tribe will be accepted during the third meeting of each month.

ALL REGULAR MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER LODGE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

February: 17, 24	May: 5, 12, 19, 26	August: 7 (Saturday) , 11, 18, 25	November: 6 Saturday LRCR 10, 17, 24
March: 3, 10 , 17, 24, 31	June: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	September: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	December: 1, 8, 15, 22
April: 7, 14, 21, 28	July: 7, 14, 21, 28	October: 6, 13, 20, 27	

Complete Meeting Minutes: lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/open-session-minutes/

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | OCTOBER

Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
10/05/20	Housing Project	P	P		x	x	P		P	B	6
10/05/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x		P		P	B	6
10/06/20	Gross Gaming Tax Ordinance	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	B	8
10/08/20	Cultural Commission Work		P	P	x	x			P	x	6
10/08/20	2021 Budget Process	P	P	P	x	x			P	x	7
10/12/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x		P	P	P	8
10/15/20	Enrollment Budget				x		P	P	P	x	5
10/15/20	IT Budget Review	P		P	x	x	P	P	P	x	8
10/15/20	Historic Preservation Budget	P		P	x	x	P	P	P	x	8
10/15/20	Gaming/Surveillance Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/15/20	IHS/Clinic/Pharm Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/15/20	Public Information Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/15/20	Tribal Court Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/15/20	Ogema/Commerce Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/15/20	Members Assistance Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/15/20	Tax Dept Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/15/20	Finance Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/15/20	Housing/Elders Comp Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/15/20	Grants Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P		8
10/15/20	ULD Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P		8
10/16/20	Public Safety Budget	P	P		x	x	P	P	P	x	8
10/16/20	Education Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/16/20	Planning Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/16/20	Utilities Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/16/20	HR & Workforce Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/16/20	Elders Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/16/20	Legal Asst Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/16/20	Election Board Budget		P	P	x	x	P	P	P		7
10/16/20	Prosecutor Budget	P	P		x	x	P	P	P		7
10/16/20	Facilities Budget		P	P	x	x	P	P	P		7
10/16/20	NRD Sturgeon Budget	P	P		x	x	P	P	P		7
10/16/20	USDA Budget	P	P		x	x	P	P	P		7
10/16/20	TC/Commissions Budget	P	P		x	x	P	P	P		7
10/16/20	Gov. Business Budget	P	P		x	x	P	P	P		7
10/19/20	CARES Act Fund	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/19/20	Cultural Commission Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/19/20	Strategic Plan Update 7	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/19/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/19/20	Stay Filling Prosecutor	P	P	P	x	x		P	P	x	8
10/19/20	Maintenance Budget	P	P		x	x			P	x	6
10/20/20	Gov. August Financials	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/20/20	Enrollment Ordinance Final	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/20/20	Lead Attorney Position	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/21/20	Maintenance Budget	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/26/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
10/26/20	LRB Muskegon Pharmacy	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
10/27/20	Elders Insurance Program	P	P	P	x	x		P	V	x	7
10/27/20	Council Wages to Stipends	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	V		7
10/29/20	Stay Filling Prosecutor	P		P	x	x	P	P		x	7
Total - 49		45	45	40	49	47	43	44	46	36	

X = In Person | V = Vacation | * = Business | P = Called In | B = Bereavement

Tribal Council | Work Sessions & Zoom Meetings

Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129 | **Passcode:** 1836

Participate online: <https://zoom.us/j/99705796129?pwd=OWY5SVVnUis4Y0d1aGdqMXBjRjdxZz09>

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301.715.8592 Germantown | **Meeting ID 99705796129** | **Passcode 1836**

312.626.6799 Chicago | **Meeting ID 99705796129** | **Passcode: 1836**

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Email Contact: tcopensesion@lrboi-nsn.gov

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | NOVEMBER

Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
11/02/20	Government Financials	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
11/04/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
11/16/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
11/23/20	2021 Budget Review	P	P	P	x	P		x	P	x	8
11/23/20	Agenda Review		P	P	x	P	P	P	P	x	8
11/24/20	Little River Holdings	P	P	P	x	V	P	V	P	x	7
11/24/20	Oversight Task Force	P	P	P	x	V		V	P	x	6
11/30/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	V	P	P	P	x	8
Total - 8		7	8	8	8	5	6	6	8	8	

X = In Person | V = Vacation | * = Business | P = Called In | B = Bereavement

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | DECEMBER

Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
12/03/20	Council Stipends	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	9
12/07/20	Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	V	P	x	8
12/08/20	Compensation Comm.	V	P	P	x	V	P	V	P	x	6
12/08/20	Sunshine Law	V	P	P	x	V		V	P	x	5
12/08/20	Board of Directors	V			x	V		V	P	x	3
12/11/20	Enrollment Ordinance	V	P		x	V	P	V	P	x	5
12/11/20	Proc. For Interactive	V		P	x	x	P	V	P	V	5
12/11/20	Per Capita Increase	V	P	P	x	x	P	V	P	x	7
12/14/20	Government Financials	V	P	P	x	x	P	x	P	x	8
12/14/20	Agenda Review	V		P	x	x	P	P	P	x	7
12/15/20	Gaming Comm. Reg	V	P	P	V	V	P	P	P	x	6
12/15/20	Compensation Comm.	V	P	P	V	V	P	x	P	x	6
12/15/20	RAP Percentages	V	P	P	V	V	P		P	x	5
12/17/20	Vaccine Phase 1-C	V	*	*	P	V	P	V	*	*	2
12/17/20	EDC Qualifications	V	P	P	V	V	P	V	P	x	5
12/18/20	Government Financials	V	P	P	V	V	P	V	P	x	5
12/21/20	RAP Percentages	V	P	P	V	P	P	V	P	x	6
12/21/20	Vaccine Discussion	V			P	P	P	V	P	x	5
Total - 18		2	13	14	12	8	16	5	17	16	

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Congratulations, Frank Beaver | LRBOI Natural Resources Director

Manistee man among 14 appointed to governor's Council on Climate Solutions

By [Michelle Graves](#), Manistee News Advocate

LANSING, Mich. — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's appointments to the new Council on Climate Solutions this week include a Manistee man. "Since taking office, I have been focused on addressing the issues that are facing Michiganders. In the case of climate change, the science is clear. Climate change is directly impacting our public health, our environment, our economy, and our families," said Whitmer.

The Council on Climate Solutions was created in September by Whitmer to act in an advisory capacity to the governor and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to formulate and oversee the implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan, which will serve as the action plan for the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition toward economywide carbon neutrality.

"I fully believe that these appointees will help us fully implement the MI Healthy Climate Plan and will be laser-focused when it comes to combating the direct threat of climate change," Whitmer said.

W. Frank Beaver, of Manistee, is one of the 14 appointees. He is the director of the natural resources department for the Littler River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Beaver holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Michigan Technological University. He was appointed for a three-year term.

The Council will include EGLE director Liesl Clark who will serve as chair, the directors of the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Labor and Economic Opportunity, Natural Resources, Transportation, and Health and Human Services, the chair of the Michigan Public Service Commission, the State Treasurer, and the CEO of MEDC, or their designees from within their respective departments and agencies.

"In Michigan, we know that climate solutions are mobility solutions and mobility solutions are climate solutions. As the state that put the world on wheels, what we do on climate matters," said Liesl Eichler Clark, Director of EGLE. "Future generations of Michiganders are counting on us to get this right. Gov. Whitmer has included appointees to the Council on Climate Solutions that bring unique backgrounds and voices on these issues from across the board. Everyone should have a seat at the table as we work to combat climate change while protecting public health and supporting clean energy jobs."

Fair Market and Elder Complex Openings available for rent, apply now.

Elder Apartment Complex is a senior community, serving those 55 years and up.

The units are 1 bedroom income-based units.

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EDC

**Economic Development
Corporation**

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James LaPorte •Treasurer
Tom Guenthardt •Tribal Council
Scott Wahr •Member

EDC Board 2021 Zoom Meetings

Feb 24	Aug 25
Mar 24	Sep 22
Apr 28	Oct 27
May 19	Nov 17
Jun 23	Dec 15
Jul 28	

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schedule changes, and how
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We are currently taking applications for an open seat on the Little River Holdings Board of Directors. The board meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month, unless there is a holiday or other scheduling conflict. At this time, meetings are being held virtually via Zoom. Here are the minimum qualifications:

- At least twenty-five (25) years old
- Possess a Bachelor's degree
- Five (5) years of significant business, financial, legal, government contracting, or industry experience
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the last ten (10) years
- Submit to a background investigation yielding no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude
- Must sign NDA

We are also seeking members for our all-tribal Citizen Advisory Board. The board meets quarterly in the months of March, June, September and December on the Monday after a Board of Directors meeting (unless rescheduled for holidays, conflicts in schedule, etc.). There is a \$100 per meeting stipend for board members. Please see qualifications below:

- At least twenty-five (25) years old
- Possess an Associate Degree
- Five (5) years of significant business, financial, legal, government contracting, or industry experience
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the last ten (10) years
- Submit to a background investigation yielding no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude

If interested in applying, please send a Letter of Interest and a resume to crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov

Native Source Procurement Services - Eugene Magnuson has been appointed to the Entegra Client Advisory Board (eCAB), which is comprised of approximately 40 clients from multiple segments across the Entegra membership across the US and Canada. The eCAB is a two-way form of communication between Entegra client members, our vendor partners, and the Entegra functional teams. This appointment will be beneficial to our partnership between Native Source Procurement Services and Entegra Procurement Services.

Odeno - We have had tremendous success with Phase One of our Odeno development and are a year ahead of schedule to begin Phase Two.

Transformational Downtown Manistee Economic Development Project-Spirit of the Woods

The area of the project includes the north side of River Street, encompassing the Edward Jones building and House of Flavors. On the south side of River Street, the project spans from US-31 to Division Street and includes the elements of 289 River Street, the Cadillac Plumbing building, and the Memory Lane gas station location. The project will create a 100-room hotel and amenities that will provide views of one of Manistee's most important assets - water. The hotel will feature a rooftop bar with scenic views, meeting rooms, banquet space, indoor/outdoor pool, and a fitness room.

Little River Government Contracting - We have won a couple relatively large government contracts so far, including with FEMA and ATF, and are hopeful of our bids in progress. We are also proactively identifying changes with contracting from the incoming Biden administration and will address those appropriately.

InTerra - InTerra is looking to rebrand with a more tribal focus, celebrating the long history of Native American healing on the website, packaging, and marketing.

LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort Career Opportunities



Family Services

Mental Health Counselor

Teacher's Aide (NGLC)

Victim Advocate

Food Distribution

Assistant

Health Services

Clinic Lab Supervisor

Clinic Psychologist

Medical Assistant (Psych.)

Nurse Practitioner

Radiology Technician

Natural Resources

Seasonal Fisheries Technician (6)

Seasonal Wildlife Technician (4)

Public Safety

Road Patrol Officer

Utilities

Utilities Operator

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Little River Health Services | Pfizer and Moderna :



**First Covid-19 Vaccination delivered
December 15th, 2020**



**Joan Schmidt RN, Deb Najdowski RN, Dr.
Daryl Wever**



**Deb Najdowski RN, Pharmacist Keith
Jacque, Ogema Romanelli, Dr. Daryl
Wever, and Clinic Supervisor Janice Grant**

I would like to address a few concerns. I believe someone mentioned that an Emergency Meeting should be called regarding a priority list and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

There were two work sessions on 12/17/2020 and 12/21/2020 with the Ogema, Tribal Council, TERT Emergency Management, myself, and three other physicians to discuss the priority list and distribution. I was denied access to speak at the last Tribal Council Meeting on 12/16/2020; it was deemed not necessary to update the organization on the delivery and priority list at that time.

Let me recap and present what was concluded by Tribal Council Members, TERT Emergency Management, and other Governmental Officials. I and the other three physicians remained neutral on the priority list. It was concluded that the organization would follow CDC and IHS guidelines. The TERT leader, Brandy Martin, formulated a priority list according to these guidelines.

The first round of Pfizer vaccine was delivered on 12/15/2020 at the Grand Rapids Airport was designated for healthcare providers, public safety personnel, and local and state police, according to IHS and CDC requests. Little River received the most dosing compared to other centers. Neighboring tribal clinics received 25 - 35 doses; Little River dispensed the Pfizer vaccine to over 73 individuals.

The Little River Health Service Center was able to vaccinate more individuals than any other Health Center in the area. That included a handful of local and state police officers; these officers were extremely grateful and impressed with the Little River Health Service Center. This is a "Good Thing"! We are building a stronger relationship with our local community; this could open other possibilities soon when we possibly put in an urgent care, dental facility, and an optic center.

Little River Health Services Center was able to purchase two large refrigeration systems and two large freezers that can house these vaccines internally. The local health department reached out to us due to the fact they did not have the refrigeration/freezer system like the Little River Health Service Center. This is a "Good Thing"!

The Little River Health Services Clinic has been in-clinic and in the government building with possible exposure to COVID-19 and extreme chemicals in the air. I have been able to get all required paperwork out and have received shipments of the vaccine above other health centers. The Little River Health Service Center is receiving a minimum of 100 doses weekly. I will be picking-up the Pfizer vaccine with the help of Tribal Member, Shirley Marie Wever.

We will continue to request the vaccine, but it will come down to scheduling and availability. We are still seeing patients in-house, COVID-19 testing with our Three Abbott Rapid 15-min. Testing Systems, and COVID-19 vaccination distribution. Remember, the staff in the Health Service Center are human as well and can only do so much in a day.

I would like to ask patients and members to be patient and respectful. I would also like to send a special THANK YOU to all those individuals that have been so kind and so respectful to me and **ALL members of the Health Service Center!** **THANK YOU!**

The kind words and support go a long way! We in the Health Service Center do care and we are trying to provide the best healthcare to keep our community educated, up-to-date, and safe.

If you have any questions, concerns, and/or comments, you can reach me directly at 231.299.4657 -Dr. Daryl Wever

New Radiology Departments :

The Little River Health Service Center will be installing a **FULLY LICENSED RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT** IN **BOTH** the Manistee and Muskegon Health Centers.



All Cost was Included with the purchase including the installation of all equipment. These Two Radiology Departments were of **NO COST** to the Tribal Organization

All examination equipment and materials have **ARRIVED**. The Radiology Department will include all upper and lower extremities, chest, and hip X-rays with a fully lead-lined examination room with a separate control center.



The **2021 Mobile Medical Vehicle** has arrived! The **Little River Health Service Center** strives to provide medical services both **Internally** and **Externally**. This service was fully purchased with **No Cost** to the Tribal Organization.

Special Thank You to [Ogema Larry Romanelli](#) and Nurses [Debra Najdowski, RN](#) & [Joan Schmidt, RN](#).

In speaking with [Ogema Larry Romanelli](#), it has been concluded that we will be searching for a **Nurse/Nurse Practitioner** to help assist not only with an in-house patient setting but also possible Mobile Medical Assistance.

We hope the Nurse Practitioner and the Mobile Unit can assess vitals of our Elders that are homebound and at the Elders Complex all while not having to enter their home. Assessments would be performed all within their driveway.

Additional Thank-You to [David Corey](#) with "Big Rig" knowledge/maintenance intelligence and [Roxanne Gibson](#) for the thought processing for elder's homebound care.



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Little River Health Service Center: Covid-19 Vaccination Form

To be eligible for the Covid-19 Vaccination, Tribal Members and/or others in the community, need to complete and return the Vaccination Form to the Little River Health Service Center.

Forms have been mailed to Tribal Citizens, can be picked up at the clinic, or found online at: [Little River Health Services. Covid-19 Vaccination Form](#).

Completed forms can be either mailed, faxed or dropped off at:

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LRBOI Education Department

Students and families looking for help paying for college are encouraged to [register for a Virtual College Financial Aid Night](#) provided by Treasury's MI Student Aid team.

Sessions will be available every Tuesday and Thursday evening of February from 6:30P – 8:00P EST.

Participants will be able to gather information on the following financial aid topics:

- FAFSA application information
- Federal financial aid programs
- State financial aid programs
- Scholarship searching
- MiSSG Student Portal Accounts

All sessions are open to the public and participants are encouraged to sign up for one session only due to limited space.



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Medtronic | American Indian Employee Resource Group

2020-2021 Scholarship Program

The Medtronic American Indian Employee Resource Group (AIERG) is committed to helping advance the health and well-being of the American Indian population in the United States. In 2019, the Medtronic AIERG created a scholarship program for students who want to earn a college degree and reach their educational goals. Our scholarships provide financial support to qualifying students who may be unable to afford the full price for program enrollment.



Read more about the Medtronic Mission, [here](#)

Eligible Degrees: Health and Sciences, Biomedical Engineering

To qualify for this scholarship assistance program, students must meet the following criteria:

Student Status

- Applicant must be a first or second-generation college/university student
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen
- Applicant must be accepted as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an accredited four-year college/university, and be pursuing a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree

Grade Point Average

Applicant must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Tribal Citizenship - Applicant must be an enrolled citizen or a descendant of an enrolled citizen, of a federal or state-recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village; or Native Hawaiian or descendant from a Native Hawaiian; or Pacific Islander or descendant from a Pacific Islander; or Indigenous person of Canada. Enrollment documents and/or a copy of a birth certificate showing descendancy from an enrolled citizen, Indigenous group of Canada, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander are acceptable. An applicant may also, instead, provide a copy of their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or Certificate of Degree of Alaska Native Blood (CDIB) card.

Scholarship Application

We kindly request that the applicant provide the following as part of their application:

- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- An essay regarding the first tenant of the Medtronic mission statement: "To contribute to human welfare by application of biomedical engineering in the research, design, manufacture, and sale of instruments or appliances that **alleviate pain, restore health, and extend life.**"

Scholarship Details

- The Medtronic AIERG will award three scholarships of **\$5,500 U.S. dollars each**.

Applications must be submitted by February 15th, 2021 / Scholarships will be awarded by April 24, 2021

To submit your application for the Medtronic AIERG scholarship program please enter your information here:

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LRBOI Natural Resources | Projects

<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Turtles.pdf>



Adult Female Eastern Box Turtle

Mostly found in mixed forests, the female eastern box turtle will dig a hole in sandy soil to lay her eggs in early summer. After she deposits the eggs in the nest, she covers them back up with the soil and departs, leaving the eggs unguarded until they hatch in the fall. As the nest is not very deep, the eggs inside are susceptible to being dug up and eaten by predators. The most common nest predators are raccoons, opossums, and foxes, but there are many more. Frequently, the eggs are dug up and predated as soon as the mother leaves the nest. However, they remain defenseless throughout the entire period in the nest. Neonates are not much larger than a quarter when they emerge, leaving them very vulnerable to predators.



Day old eastern box turtle neonate

To combat this predation risk, the Little River's Natural Resources Department (NRD) builds exclosures to place around the nest, protecting the eggs from predators. By burying the exclosures around the nest, predators are unable to access the eggs, and the turtles are given ample opportunity to fully develop and hatch safely. Once hatched, NRD staff dig up the exclosure and release the newly hatched turtles in a safe place. This allows the developing turtles to avoid their highest risk of mortality in their most vulnerable state and adds new individuals to the local eastern box turtle populations.

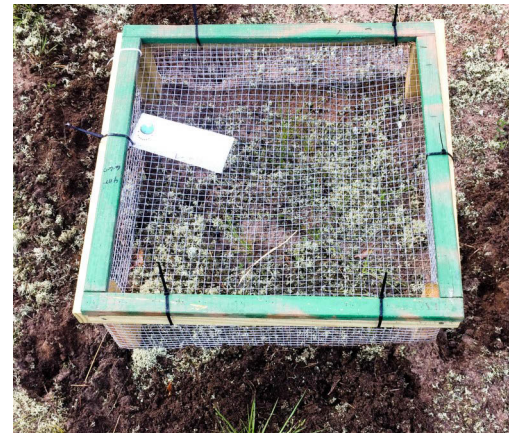
In 2019, Little River's NRD surveyed for turtles for 32 days and was able to safeguard 18 total nests with exclosures. Ten of the protected nests hatched, yielding 42 turtle neonates that were protected from nest predation. In 2020, the NRD surveyed for 13 days, and nine nests were protected with exclosures. Five of the protected nests hatched, yielding 22 neonates. This conservation work strives to increase the number of breeding adult turtles to help the eastern box turtle populations rebound from recent losses.

Turtles are culturally and ecologically important to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Little River) community.

Clan members that are associated with turtles are part of the Miishiki Dodem (Turtle Clan), and eastern box turtles are a species of special concern to Little River. In the Great Lakes region, eastern box turtle numbers have been declining in recent years due to disturbance, habitat loss, and predation. Though the adult turtles have a hard shell that protects them from predators, turtles are extremely vulnerable as neonates and before hatching.



Predated eastern box turtle nest.



Nest exclosure placed around recently laid turtle nest



Recently hatched eastern box turtle neonates

Waabzheshi (American Marten)

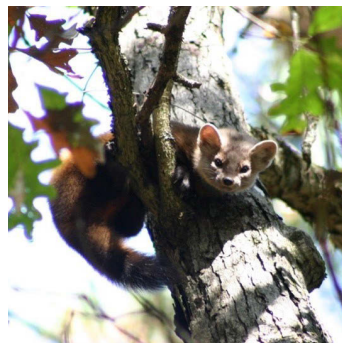
Waabzheshi (American marten, hereafter marten), are charismatic mammals in the weasel family.

Clan members associated with marten are members of the Wabizhashi Dodem (Marten Clan) and are known as warriors, hunters, and gatherers. Martens are both ecologically and culturally significant to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Little River) community and are a species of concern to Little River.

Restoration and stewardship of native species is a high priority for Little River, as is the Native culture, harmony, and connectedness to the natural world.



Marten peering out of a cavity resting site



Marten in an oak tree

Martens once thrived throughout the Great Lakes Region but were extirpated in Michigan in the early 20th century due to habitat loss and overharvest.

Managers relocated marten from other wild populations to Michigan in the mid-20th century. While populations in the Upper Peninsula have thrived, populations in the Lower Peninsula do not appear to be doing as well. Martens are known to occur in the Manistee National Forest and Pigeon River Country State Forest near where they were reintroduced, but their full range across the Lower Peninsula is relatively unknown.

Therefore, Little River's Natural Resources Department (NRD), in collaboration with Grand Valley State University, is surveying the northern Lower Peninsula to model marten occupancy. This project will allow the NRD to be better stewards of Michigan marten populations.

NRD began a three-year survey in 2019 to look for marten, targeting areas predicted to have a high probability of use by marten. Surveying was limited to the northern Lower Peninsula because marten are forest-dwelling animals and southern Michigan is largely agriculture and development. Each survey site consisted of two trail camera, one facing north and one south, baited with salmon oil. A blue scale was painted on a tree within view of each cameras to help identify species with similar appearances, such as mink, marten, and fisher. Camera sets were deployed for four weeks and then the species within each image were identified.

In 2019, 138 sites were sampled, collecting 228,446 images of over 25 species. Martens were present at nine of these sites. In 2020, 102 sites were sampled, collecting 118,827 images. These images are still being processed, but currently, martens have been detected at five new sites. No new species have been detected in 2020 that were not previously detected in 2019. Animals commonly found were white-tailed deer, black bears, various squirrel species, and raccoons. Less commonly found animals were elk, bobcat, badgers, and weasels. <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/American-marten.pdf>



Marten at an exposed branch resting site

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AWARD-WINNING BETRIVERS.COM TO COMMENCE ONLINE CASINO & SPORTSBOOK BETTING IN MICHIGAN

BetRivers.com Site Now Officially Available for Michiganders from Rush Street Interactive (RSI), A Top Performing Online Gaming Operator in the U.S.

CHICAGO, IL & MANISTEE, MI - January 19 2021 Rush Street Interactive, Inc. (NYSE:RSI) ("RSI"), one of the most trusted and fastest-growing online casino and sports betting gaming companies in the United States, today announced that on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 12 noon Eastern, it will begin accepting wagers in Michigan at [BetRivers.com](https://www.betrivers.com), its industry leading online casino and sportsbook.

Gaming enthusiasts in Michigan will be able to play an exciting array of online casino games and wager on their favorite teams and sporting events right from their mobile devices and computers on RSI's innovative, easy-to-use platform at [BetRivers.com](https://www.betrivers.com). Eligible players over the age of 21 can create an account today at [BetRivers.com](https://www.betrivers.com) to be ready to enjoy, as early as this Friday, online slot machines and table games, including blackjack, baccarat and roulette – with live dealer offerings coming soon – and access millions of sports betting options on thousands of games a year.

"We are excited to continue the successful expansion of our online casino and sportsbook and bring greater ease and convenience to Michiganders with the debut of BetRivers.com," said Richard Schwartz, president of RSI. "Since launching our award winning online gaming platform in 2016, RSI has become a leading US online casino and sports betting operator due to our unwavering commitment to earning and retaining player trust, and constantly innovating and creating player-friendly features that are unique to the industry."

RSI received the prestigious Casino Operator of the Year and Customer Service Operator of the Year awards in 2020 from the eGaming Review, and was named the 2020 Global Gaming Awards Digital Operator of the Year.

"We are confident our customers in Michigan will appreciate RSI's acute focus on offering an honest and transparent gaming service, unique to the industry player bonus and loyalty programs, and BetRiver.com's comprehensive selection of casino games and sports betting options," Schwartz added.

Michigan residents can continue to place sports bets in-person at Little River Casino Resort ("LRCR") in Manistee, Michigan, where RSI provides its land-based retail sportsbook wagering services. RSI has a proven track-record of delivering tailored retail wagering services to in-casino sportsbooks and is the market leader in the three most populous states that have legalized sports betting: Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York.

"RSI has an outstanding reputation as a top-rated online casino and sportsbook operator nationwide and has been invaluable in helping us successfully launch in-person sports wagering at our Little River Casino Resort," said Andrew Gentile, General Manager of LRCR. "We are delighted to expand our partnership and bring online gaming to Michigan through the launch of betting on [BetRivers.com](https://www.betrivers.com)."

RSI currently operates online sportsbooks in other Midwestern states such as Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, as well as other states outside the region such as Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Colorado. RSI is a leader in online gaming, with U.S. market share in online casino that is currently among the highest in the industry.

MEDIA NOTE: RSI executives are available for interviews. Interested media should contact Lisa Johnson Communications at 609.788.8548 or lisa@lisajohnsoncommunications.com to arrange***

About RSI:

Founded in 2012 by gaming industry veterans, RSI is a market leader in online casino and sports betting in the U.S. RSI launched its first online gaming casino site, [PlaySugarHouse.com](https://www.playhouse.com), in New Jersey in September 2016 and was the first gaming company to launch a regulated online gaming site in Pennsylvania. With its [BetRivers.com](https://www.betrivers.com) sites, RSI was also the first to launch regulated online gaming in Indiana, Colorado and, most recently, Illinois. RSI was named the 2020 Global Gaming Awards Digital Operator of the Year, and the 2020 EGR North America Awards Casino Operator of the Year and Customer Service Operator of the Year. RSI has been an early mover in Latin America and was the first U.S.-based gaming operator to launch a legal and regulated online casino and sportsbook, [RushBet.co](https://www.rushbet.co), in the country of Colombia. For more information, visit www.rushstreetinteractive.com.

About Little River Casino Resort:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians opened Little River Casino in 1999 as a standalone casino until the completion of their resort in 2001. When Little River Casino opened they had 600 slot machines and one dining option. Today, Little River Casino Resort features 292 luxurious hotel rooms, a 95 space RV park, two indoor pools, one outdoor pool, an indoor winter garden, a courtyard with three fire pits, a gift shop boutique, a spa & salon, three restaurants, three bars, a 1,600 seat event center, four conference rooms, an off-site gas station/c-store, an off-site golf course, roughly 1,100 slot machines, 26 table games featuring various card games, craps and interactive stadium roulette. Little River Casino Resort is conveniently located at the corner of M-22 and US-31 in Manistee, MI.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. RSI's actual results may differ from their expectations, estimates and projections and consequently, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Words such as "expect," "estimate," "project," "budget," "forecast," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "may," "will," "could," "should," "believes," "predicts," "potential," "continue," and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, RSI's expectations about the anticipated timing of launch of its operations in Michigan, the results of its operations in that state and its future performance in that state. These forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from the expected results. Most of these factors are outside RSI's control and are difficult to predict. Factors that may cause such differences include, without limitation, changes in applicable laws or regulations, unanticipated product or service delays, and other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in RSI's most recent proxy statement, including those under "Risk Factors" therein, and in RSI's other filings with the SEC. RSI cautions that the foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. RSI cautions readers not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. RSI does not undertake or accept any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect any change in its expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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February Personalities:

They are frank-Their frankness allows them to be extremely truthful. No matter the situation or the consequence, a February born is never scared, to be honest.

Their authenticity- People born in February are known for their originality. They believe in doing things their way rather than following others just for the sake of it.

They are very mysterious people- Although they don't reveal much about themselves, it leaves the rest of us wondering who they are and leaves us wanting to know more about them.

Quite a bunch of innovative people- Their imagination runs wild and they can think outside of the box. It's not surprising that a lot of people born in this month are scientists, writers, innovators, or work in a job that requires these skills.

They are one of a kind- They prefer to be different and be known as an 'individual' rather than as a part of the group. This makes February borns never boring, they are unique, fun, and have a great mind.

Very determined people- Their determination, self-control, and drive allow them to tackle even the most herculean tasks. It may take time, but eventually, they break through it.

They are loyal- They are all of the mentioned traits towards both their families, partners, and loved ones, not to mention lift your spirits when you're down.

Very strong- They can control their emotions without it taking a toll on them. If they do ever get affected by it, they tend to get over it easily compared to others.

They live in the moment- People born in February do not like to rush things. It helps them to be more logical and gain more knowledge and also appreciate the things around them.

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The vast majority of people who need treatment for substance abuse disorders do not seek it. Though many barriers discourage people from getting the help they need, the cost is a significant factor. So we created a guide that provides comprehensive information on topics like available care options, financial support, and free resources that are available in Michigan.

[Help.org](http://www.help.org) is a community organization dedicated to empowering people suffering from substance abuse addiction with tools and resources to start their personal journey toward recovery. We create and publish comprehensive, unbiased, free web-based resources.

www.help.org/drug-and-alcohol-rehab-centers-in-Michigan/

<https://www.help.org/drug-abuse-hotline/>



Fast Command

Emergency Notification Systems

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be using a new emergency mass communication tool called Fast Command.

The Tribe will have the capability to send text and email with messages, links, and files to keep the membership informed during an emergency.

To use this tool, we are creating a database with member's information to be uploaded into Fast Command. If you are interested in receiving messaging, please provide the information in the survey link or contact us via the contact information below. <https://bit.ly/3ifrGNI>

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