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EDC Board Meeting

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www.lrhedc.com/board-of-directors/

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Spring Membership Meeting

Online Meeting | LRBOI-NSN.Gov
Login Required

APR

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Regular Election

Online Meeting

LRBOI Government Center

Offices are open by appointment only

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

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March

26 | Election Ballots Mailed Out

28 | Treaty Recognition Day

29 | Offices Closed

31 | Tribal Council Meeting

April

10 | Spring Membership Meeting

30 | Regular Election

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Aanii,

Things are looking up. It may be that the COVID pandemic has peaked and is retreating; hopefully, with some businesses and activities starting to re-open. The Clinic and staff have been doing a remarkable job getting the vaccines out to the membership and I thank the entire team. I have completed getting my two vaccinations. Hopefully, this will encourage others to do the same. I want to again extend our thoughts and prayers to those families who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Going forward, we can only hope that everyone stays safe and healthy and hope for better days ahead. Our Muskegon casino project is also still moving ahead and now at the State level, hoping to get the necessary approvals done promptly. The Tribe, State, and community need this opportunity now, more than ever. By all accounts, we have done our homework and have everything in order, to make this happen.

Odeno homes are still selling at a good pace as the housing market remains hot in West Michigan and other areas. The Clinic is working hard to get into the two recently purchased buildings in Muskegon. I hope our Little River Casino Resort and C-Store can begin to re-emerge from last year's closures very soon.

On-line gaming and sports betting seem to be off to a good start as well. LRCCR has teamed up with Rush Street and BetRivers and the coming months will tell how well we are doing. At this writing, Primary Election has concluded, and I wish everyone good luck going into the General Election which will take place in April.

Finally, I want to congratulate Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Director, Frank Beaver; for his recent appointment by Governor Whitmer to the 14 member Council on Climate Solutions. This council is created to address the impact of climate change on public health, the environment, the economy, and the overall health of families in Michigan, which Governor Whitmer strongly supports. Chi Miigwetch Frank for serving on this very important council! Spring is right around the corner. Looking for a much better year.

Until next time...

Spring Membership

Online Meeting
April 10, 2021

Fall Membership Meeting

Location TBD
October 9, 2021

Aanii Tribal Members,

As you may know, Tribal Council recently voted to move the Per Cap amount from 40% to 50%.

Although the figures aren't completely in, by early indications, based on approximately a budget of \$21,882,884, there most likely will be reductions of:

\$1,214,500 from Tribal Government

\$798,726 from General Welfare

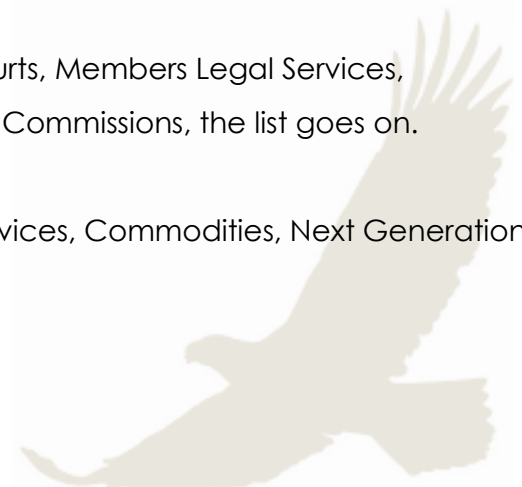
\$175,063 from Economic Development

Tribal Government includes such things as Ogema, Council, Tribal Courts, Members Legal Services, Workforce Development, Natural Resources, Elder's Committee, and Commissions, the list goes on.

General Welfare includes Member's Assistance, Education, Family Services, Commodities, Next Generation Learning Center, IHS, Behavioral Health, Pharmacy, and Clinic.

Economic Development includes EDC funding among other things.

The purpose of this is not to worry you, but to inform you as to what the change in the per cap may mean to the various programs as a whole. At this writing, the Executive staff is working on the best way to make the cuts while doing the least amount of damage to programs. We know that we cannot take a straight across-the-board cut to all departments and areas, so we will have to see where to best make the reductions. Because of the pandemic, we have already had to make reductions to our budget, so this will mean more reductions to an already reduced annual budget. Thank you.



ELECTION BOARD

Open Election Board Zoom Meetings @5:15P

Chair Valerie McDonnell

Secretary Terri Burmeister

Michael Ceplina

Kathy Gibson

Karen Love

April 21

May 19

Meeting ID: 998 0833 8390 | Passcode: 743234

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COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE

Binojeeuk Commission

Vacant Chair

Vacant Commissioner (2)

Commissioners

Shawwna Gonzalez

Council Liaisons

Cindy Champagne

Tom Guenthardt

Diane Lonn

Elders Committee

Mary Thomas

Detra Kelsey

Sally Russo

Trustees

Chuck Fisher

Council Liaisons

Shannon Crampton

Gary DiPiazza

Diane Lonn

Biskaabiiyang Committee

Cicilee Chivis

Chelsea Densmore

Al Metzger

Dawn Moneyhan

Nikki Nelson

Delia Ross

Victoria Wells

Council Liaisons

Dave Corey

Tom Guenthardt

Ron Pete

Enrollment Commission

Vacant Commissioner (2)

Chair Charmaine Stone

Secretary Krystyne Medawis

Commissioners

Chuck Fisher

Council Liaisons

Cindy Champagne

Sandra Lewis

Diane Lonn

Ron Wittenberg

Gaming Commission

Chair Bill Willis

Commissioners

Alyce Giltz

Mark Jespersen

Deb Davis

Steve Parsons

Council Liaisons

Dave Corey

Tom Guenthardt

Ron Pete

Health Commission

Vacant Commissioner

Chair Pamela Johnson

Commissioners

Grace Hendler

Council Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza

Sandra Lewis

Housing Commission

Vacant Commissioner

Chair Teresa Callis

Secretary Marcella Leusby

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Julia Chapman

Margaret Kowalkowski

Council Liaisons

Shannon Crampton

Tom Guenthardt

Sandra Lewis

Ron Wittenberg

Natural Resource Commission

Chair Virgil Johnson

Secretary Martha Howell

Commissioners

Connie Eno

Boo Battice

Richard Koon

Council Liaisons

Dave Corey

Gary DiPiazza

Tom Guenthardt

ELECTION BOARD | OFFICIAL RESULTS 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Primary Election
Election Held on Friday, February 12, 2021

Official Results

At Large Seat

252	25.98%	Diane A. Lonn
217	22.37%	Julie Wolfe
197	20.31%	Nikki (Bailey) Nelson
119	12.27%	Joseph Riley
83	8.56%	Shelly Kequam
67	6.91%	Jaime L. Friedel
35	3.61%	Martha M. Howell

Nine County Council

174	38.45%	Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees Bak Tunse)
130	28.73%	Shirley Marie Wever
106	23.43%	Jessica Steinberg
88	19.45%	Susan Thull
86	19.01%	Roberta Davis (Battice)
79	17.46%	Charles Shaw
69	15.25%	Sandy J. Lempke-Mezeski
54	11.93%	Don P. Koon
54	11.93%	Dave J. Corey
34	7.51%	Jonathon Robertson Sr.
31	6.85%	Alvino Patricio

Election Board:

Chairperson

Valerie McDonnell

Secretary

Lerie Burmeister
Nick J. Caplain
Kathy Gibson

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Federal Liaisons | Republican

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State Liaisons

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The Council is still continuing their Tribal Council Meetings and work sessions via ZOOM during this pandemic. Please check the lrboi-nsn.gov website for more information on upcoming meeting agendas or work sessions under the Legislative Branch: Tribal Council tab.

We are looking into getting night Council meetings in place as not everyone can be at a 10 a.m. meeting.

Stay safe out there!

Gary Paul DiPiazza | Tribal Council Recorder

LRBOI TRIBAL COUNCIL 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

March

24, 31

April

7, 14, 21, 24, 28

May

5, 12, 19, 22, 26

June

2, 9, 19, 23, 30

July

7, 17, 21, 28

August

7 (Sat), 11, 18

September

1, 8, 15, 22, 29

October

6, 13, 23, 27

November

6 Sat (LR CR), 10, 20, 24

December

1, 8, 18, 22

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

Meeting ID 997 05796129 | Passcode 1836

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

Or by phone: One tap mobile

301.715.8592 (Germantown) | Meeting ID 99808338390

Passcode 743234

312.626.6799 (Chicago) | Meeting ID 99808338390

Passcode 743234

Find your local number

<https://zoom.us/u/aDFbYuvXn>

Complete Meeting Minutes can be found online at:

lrboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/open-session-minutes/

WORK SESSIONS | JANUARY

Cindy Champagne Ron Wittenberg Shannon Crampton Gary DiPiazza Diane Lonn Dave Corey Tom Guenthardt Sandra Lewis Ron Pete

01/04/21 Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	B	P	x	8
01/05/21 Enrollment Ordinance	P	P	P	x	x		B	P	x	7
01/05/21 Sunshine Law	P	P	P	x	x	P	B	P	x	8
01/11/21 Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	V	P	x	8
01/12/21 Interactive Participation	P	P	P	x	x	P	V	P	x	8
01/12/21 Government Financials	P	P	P	x	x	P	V	P	x	8
01/18/21 Agenda Review	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	9
01/19/21 Strategic Plan Review	P	P		x	x	P		P	x	7
01/21/21 Cultural Committee	P	P		x		P		P	x	6
01/25/21 Agenda Review	P	P	P	x		P	P	P	x	8
01/26/21 Cultural Committee	P	P	P	x	x		P	P	x	8
01/28/21 Interactive Participation	P	P	P	x	x			P	x	7
Total - 12	12	12	10	12	10	9	3	12	12	

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



EDC

**Economic Development
Corporation**

Board

Frank Lewis, Jr. •Chair
Ron Spoerl •Vice Chair
James LaPorte •Treasurer
Scott Wahr •Secretary
Tom Guenthardt •Tribal Council

EDC Board

2021 Zoom Meetings

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

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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, high school diploma or GED
- Five (5) years of significant business, financial, legal, government contracting, or industry experience
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the last ten (10) years
- Submit to a background investigation yielding no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude
- 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:

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

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

The EDC board of directors elected new officers at their last regularly-scheduled board meeting. Current officers are Frank Lewis, Jr. as Chairman, Ron Spoerl as Vice Chairman, Jim LaPorte as Treasurer, Scott Wahr as Secretary, and Thomas Guenthardt as Tribal Council seat. These positions will last a year.

Odeno

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

InTerra

Great news! ALL of our InTerra products, including the increasingly popular Hemp Nano Gel, are now available for purchase on our InTerra website. Check us out today and make sure to use code TRIBE35 to get your tribal discount of 35% off all orders!

March 28th

A Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Holiday. Why?

March 28th is an official Tribal Holiday: Treaty Recognition Day. What is the reason for this holiday? In 1836 the bands that became the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians signed a treaty with the President of the United States known as the Treaty of Washington or the 1836 Treaty. The treaty was ratified on March 28th, so the Tribe celebrates Treaty Recognition Day. Okay, so the United States didn't exactly strain to recognize the treaty. Why is it important to us? There are several reasons for the Treaty of 1836 to be of importance to the Little River Band members.

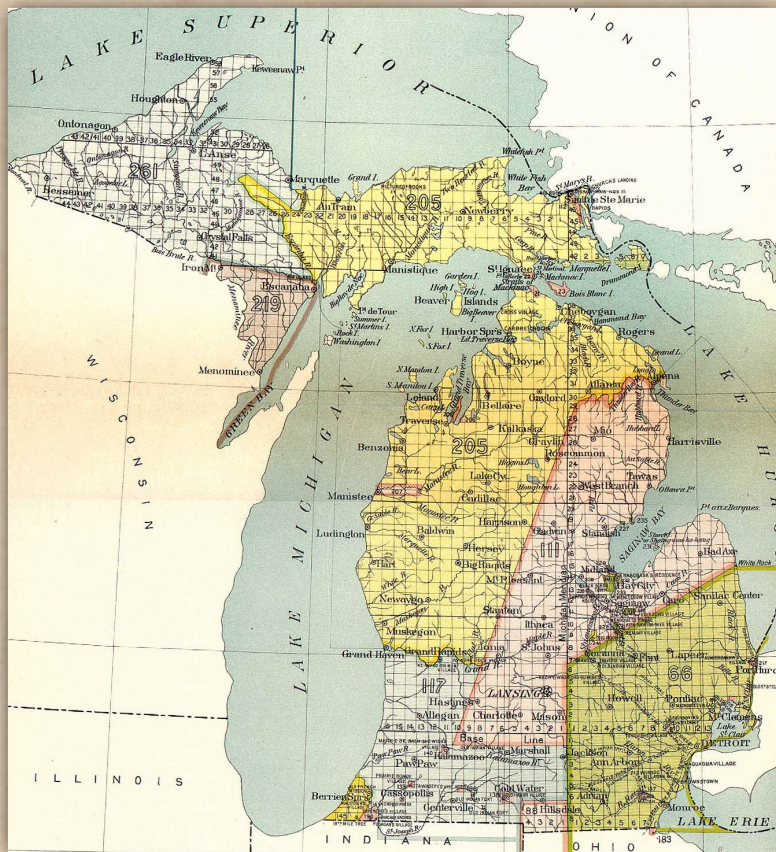
The rights to fish in the Great Lakes like Grand Traverse, Bay Mills, and Sault Ste. Bands do are based on the 13th article. The right to hunt and fish within the ceded territory is stipulated here, so the claim of rights other than the Great Lakes comes from this document.

Little River Band's "home" in Manistee county can be found in the second article. The article reserved 70,000 acres of land from the Pere Marquette River north. This is the Manistee Reservation, the historic reservation of the bands now called Little River. Public Law 103-324, section 2, paragraph 4 states, in part: "The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians consists of at least 500 members who continue to reside close to their ancestral homeland as recognized in the Manistee Reservation in the 1836 Treat of Washington...."

Now that I mention it, the very reaffirmation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians can be traced to the Treaty of 1836. "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are descendants of, and political successors to, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit." Section 2 of 103-324, paragraph 1. (Section 1 is the name of the law, making this the first 'real' statement of the act.)

So why make Treaty Recognition Day a Tribal Holiday? Because the long history of our Tribe's government-to-government relationship with the United States "began" with the Treaty of Washington, March 28, 1836. The reaffirmation of our Tribe's status as a Federal Tribe is due to our ancestor's signing of it. To honor our ancestors, and to remember our heritage and history, we have to remember this date.

--reprinted from the *Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Frontier*, March 1997



By Bureau of American Ethnology - United States Serial Set Number 4015 contains the second part of the two-part Eighteenth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1896-1897. Indian Land Cessions in the United States, 1784-1894 United States Serial Set, Number 4015, Public Domain
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Muskegon Vaccination Clinic

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

March 3rd, 2021

Congratulations Little River!

The Muskegon Vaccination Clinic on March 3rd, 2021 was a success! Like **Brandy Martin** mentioned; TERT Incident Commander, 90 individuals received their first vaccination at the **New Muskegon Ellis Health Center**. I too would like to thank all those involved. It has been discussed, since it went so well, we here at the Health Service Center would like to perhaps **add 50-60 more vaccinations on April 7th, 2021 in Muskegon**.

The Clinical staff has already discussed registration and the possible addition of **Johnson & Johnson vaccination** on this date. We **currently DO NOT** have **Johnson and Johnson in-house**. I have spoken to the Regional Director at IHS and we are registered to receive **Johnson & Johnson** when it becomes available. It appears, but subject to change, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccination will be sent out **on March 28th/29th, 2021**. Johnson and Johnson is a one-time dosage and not as sensitive to temperature in comparison to the other vaccinations. Once the total amount has been identified and timeframe, we here at the Health Center will notify the Organization.

Once again, I want to thank everyone so supportive of the Health Service Center at Little River. **Your kindness and willingness help to promote a healthy and successful environment. We appreciate it and thank you all!**

Eat Well, Sleep Well, Be Well

Dr. Daryl B. Wever
Director of Health Services and Physician
Trauma, Reconstructive, and Elective Foot/Ankle Surgeon
Diabetic Wound Care Specialist
Clinical and Sports Massage Therapist



Little River Health Service Center Staff, TERT, & IT Staff



Amy Doering: CAC/Office Scheduler & Ashley Newcomb: Pharm Tech.



Dr. Stout, Dr. Wever, Joan Schmidt RN, Dr. Graeser



LRBOI Tribal Police

TERT | Tribal Emergency Response Team

Muskegon Vaccine Clinic

On Wednesday, March 3rd, the clinic was able to vaccinate 90 Tribal members in the southern portion of the 9 county region with the support of TERT and Public Safety. This was a great opportunity not only to serve our largest population of Tribal members but for our Tribal community to come together and support the efforts of our clinic to meet their objectives. I think the consensus of those involved is that the Tribe is capable of more than what we think we can do especially when we don't go it alone and get others involved in the process. By the end, the team thought they could have handled even more patients than what was initially thought!

I want to thank the clinic staff for having the registration form pre-filled out. That was a huge undertaking but made the process smooth for the TERT volunteers. Thank you to George LeVasseur for making sure the clinic had everything they needed to get their jobs done, organizing the space beforehand, and grilling us lunch. Thank you to maintenance for transporting supplies down and set up. Thank you to Public Safety for providing officers to help with traffic. Thank you to Mindy Smith for calling 800 households in Ottawa, Oceana, Muskegon, Kent, and Newago Counties. Thank you to the supervisors and directors who lent out their TERT members to assist with registration and observation and to the Ogema who authorized them to be deployed. It really does take a village.

Not only were we in Muskegon vaccinating, but we were also able to deliver 30-second doses at the clinic in Manistee. Thank you to Janice Grant, Deb Najdowski, Juli Compeau, and Teresa Johnson for continuing to provide services with a small staff. The entire clinic staff was involved in preparing for the Muskegon clinic by getting things organized and the mobile unit packed up.

If you see the following, please congratulate them on a job well done; Amy Doering, Ashley Newcomb, Dr. Stout, Joan Schmidt, Dr. Wever, Dr. Graeser, Larry Lamorandier, George LeVasseur, Alex from IT, Karl Hoadley, Tom Bruce, Kyle Gunderson, Mike Brown, Lyle Dorr, Bill Willis, Jon Robertson, Andrew Hurford, Jeff Simpkins, and Shawnee Damm-Hadju. We wouldn't have so many smiling Tribal members leaving the clinic if it wasn't for all your help. The entire group should be proud of what was accomplished.

The Tribal Emergency Response Team (TERT) was reinstated 3 years ago by Public Safety Director Medacco. This group is made up of employee volunteers representing all government buildings. Incident Command Structure classes along with first-aid training are required. This group can assist public safety in an emergency freeing them up to do their job. The Ogema designated an incident commander who leads TERT and also acts as a liaison between the Tribal Government and the local, State, and Federal jurisdictions.

We will be back in Muskegon for the second dose on April 7th.



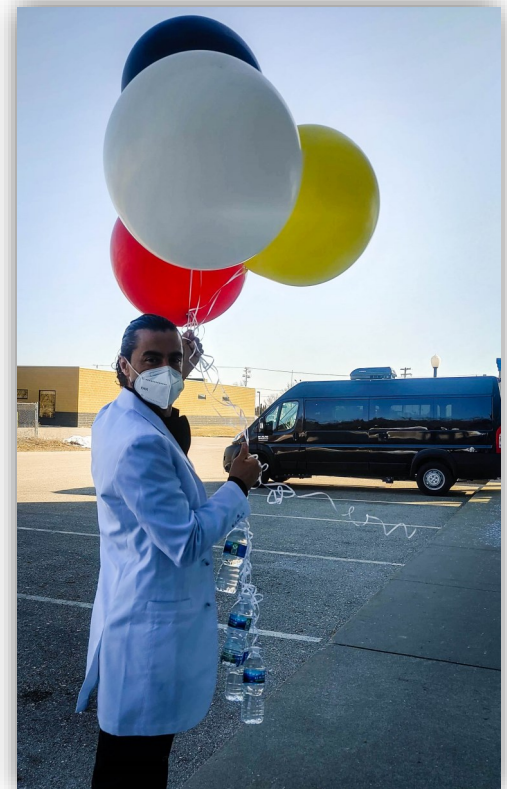
Fast Command

Emergency Notification Systems

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BISKAABIIYANG (TO RETURN TO ONESELF) COMMITTEE

Aanii! Boozhoo! (Hi/ Hello)

The Biskaabiiyang Committee is dedicated to bringing back access to our traditions, culture and language. As a committee, we want to make sure we are reaching and including all members. Our intent is to provide teachings, activities, crafts and events at an array of levels and through a variety of means. We understand that there are many people who might be starting at a beginning level and some who may be a little more advanced, but our goal is to help everyone that wants to learn and participate in our traditional ways.

We are just starting out as a committee and are in the works of creating a website with events, teachings, crafts and other activities we can do. We would love to hear from the community about what you'd like to see happen from this committee. We are here to help our tribe restore our beautiful way of life.

If you'd like to send in or request an activity, teaching or anything else you'd like to see happen, please email us @ lrboibiskaabiiyangcommittee@gmail.com

We want to hear from you and make sure we are accommodating and including everyone.

Miigwetch miinwaa Mii'ew (thank you and that's it).

Committee Members

Al Metzger

Chelsea Densmore

Cicilee Chivis

Dawn Moneyhan

Delia Ross

Nikki Nelson

Victoria Wells

Monthly open meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ noon eastern time

Amik (Beaver) Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 beaver loin
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 cup molasses
- 4 tbsps. crushed juniper berries

Directions:

1. Mix maple syrup and molasses together, marinate beaver loin overnight in this mix to infuse the meat.
(Beaver dries out super fast while cooking so it's essential to save the marinade for cooking)
2. Place loin in marinade in a baking dish or fire safe pan, if cooking over a fire. Add the crushed juniper berries. If the liquid doesn't come halfway up the loin, add equal amounts of maple syrup and molasses until it does.
If cooking in an oven, cook at 375 for 1 hr or until internal meat temperature reaches 165.
(30 minutes into roasting, add 2 cups of berries of your choice)
3. Shred the meat or thin slice after removing from roasting liquid and letting rest for 5 minutes.
4. Serve with manoomin (wild rice) that is cooked with the same type of berries for an added nutritious kick.

Note:

Please check with your healthcare professional before consuming any ingredients that are not already a part of your regular diet.

HOW THE AMIK (BEAVER) GOT HIS TAIL : An Ojibwe Legend

Once upon a time there was an amik (beaver) that loved to brag about his tail. One day while taking a walk, the amik (beaver) stopped to talk to a bineshiinh (bird). The amik (beaver) said to the bineshiinh (bird), "Don't you love my fluffy tail?"

"Why, yes I do little amik (beaver)," replied the bineshiinh (bird).

"Don't you wish your feathers were as fluffy as my tail? Don't you wish your feathers were as strong as my tail? Don't you wish your feathers were just as beautiful as my tail?" the amik (beaver) asked.

"Why do you think so much of your tail, little amik (beaver)?" asked the bineshiinh (bird). This insulted the amik (beaver) and he walked away.

After walking for a while, he stopped for a drink by the river and saw a wazhashk (muskrat). He walked to the wazhashk (muskrat) and said, "Hello little wazhashk (muskrat). What do you think about my tail?"

"Well, it is very beautiful and big and fluffy," answered the wazhashk (muskrat). "Is it also a strong tail?"

"Why, yes, it is," the amik (beaver) answered. "Do you wish you had a tail like mine?"

"I didn't say I wanted a tail like yours. I just asked if it was strong," the wazhashk (muskrat) replied with a disgusted voice.

The amik (beaver) quickly turned and began walking back to his dam. He was angry because he felt that the animals were being rude to him. He was very upset and decided to take out his frustration by cutting down trees. After cutting down a couple of trees, he came to a very large one. He knew that it would be a great challenge for him. So he went to it, but as he was cutting, he kept thinking about his tail and didn't notice that he was cutting at a bad angle. Before he knew what was happening, the tree began to fall toward him. He jumped to get out of the way, but he didn't jump fast enough, and the huge tree fell on his beautiful tail! He tugged and pulled and finally dug away the earth to free himself. When he finally pulled his tail from under the tree, he was horrified to see that it was flat. The amik (beaver) was very sad and started to cry. As he was crying he heard a voice. It was Gichi-Manidoo (the Creator).

"Why are you crying?" asked Gichi-Manidoo (the Creator).

"A tree has crushed my beautiful tail," the amik (beaver) cried. "Now no one will like me."

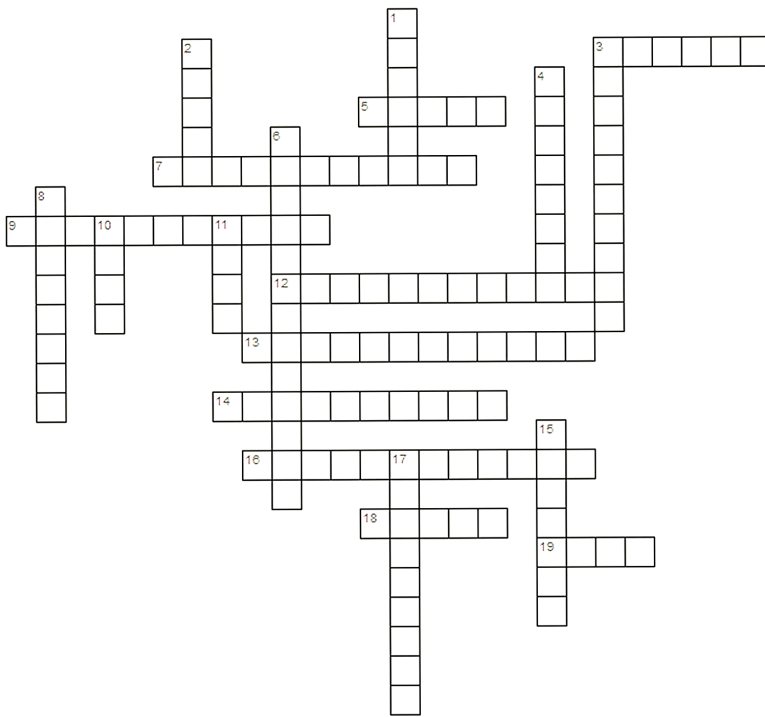
Gichi-Manidoo (the Creator) told him that an amik (beaver) is not liked for his tail but for his kindness and wisdom. He also told him how to use his flat tail. "Now your tail will help you swim rapidly," Gichi-Manidoo (the Creator) said. "And when you want to signal a message to a friend, all you have to do is slap your tail on the water."

Hearing this made the amik (beaver) happy again. When the animals saw his flattened tail they were shocked! But the amik (beaver) said, "It's better this way."

From that day on, the amik (beaver) never bragged about his tail, and all the animals liked him.

That's how the amik (beaver) got his flat tail.





ACROSS

3. IT IS WINTER
5. A RIVER
7. ANIMAL HAS A FURRY TAIL
9. ANIMAL HAS A FLAT TAIL
12. WISDOM
13. A STORY
14. WILD ANIMALS (PLURAL)
16. CREATOR
18. A TREE
19. SNOW

DOWN

1. GOES SWIMMING
2. HELLO
3. A BIRD
4. A BEAVER TAIL
6. KINDNESS
8. MUSKRAT
10. BEAVER
11. WATER
15. IT IS STRONG
17. THANK YOU

All answers are in Anishinaabemowin

Cryptogram Puzzle (In English)

QIK PCKXQDC QDFU IJT QIXQ X NKXRKC JB GDQ FJVKU MDC IJB

QXJF NHQ MDC IJB VJGUGKBB XGU SJBUDT.

And here is your hint:

G = N



Anishinaabemowin has many dialects, all of which originate from the Ojibwe language. These vocabulary words can be referenced online at “The Ojibwe People’s Dictionary”, <http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>

Aanii (ahh nee) hello	Biboon (bee boon) it is winter	Miigwetch (meeg wetch) thank-you	Nibwaakaawin (nib WAH COW in) wisdom
Amik (ahh mick) beaver	Bineshiinh (bin ay SHE) a bird	Miishaanowe (meesh eh now way) animal has a furry tail	Wazhashk (wah zh oushk) muskrat
Amikozow (ahh mick ooh zoo) a beaver tail	Dibaajimowin (dih BAH jimo win) a story	Mitig (mih TIG) a tree	Zhawenjigewin (zhah when zhee GAY win) kindness
Awesiinyag (away see yug) wild animals, plural	Gichi Manidoo (gih chee man ih doe) Creator	Nabagaanowe (nah bah gahn owe way) animal has a flat tail	Ziibi (zee bih) a river
Bagizo (bahg ee ZOO) goes swimming	Goon (goon) snow	Nibi (nib ih) water	Zoongan (zoon gahn) it is strong



Adventures of Inday, the Princess Puppy

This is dad. He's fixing my orange tiger squeak ball. Again. Mom & I were playing with my orange tiger squeak ball and it broke again.

Mom says cats have 9 lives. Mom says tigers are cats. So that means my orange tiger squeak ball has 9 lives, right? Well... it might be down to 6 now cuz mom fixed it last time

and dad fixed it the time before.

Dad was fixing his jacket so mom said he could fix my toy, too. This is currently my favorite toy so I had to supervise to make sure dad did it right. Hey dad! Don't miss that spot over there! I want to make sure we fix it up good so it doesn't lose another





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In the early part of 2019, we welcomed Dr. Daryl B. Wever to the Tribal Health Clinic in Manistee, Michigan. He was chosen to be the Director of Health Services and the Foot and Ankle Physician/ Surgeon. Dr. Daryl B. Wever is a local native of the Western Michigan area. Dr. Wever grew up in the Ludington area community where he attended Ludington Area Catholic Elementary School. He then attended the Ludington Area Public School System through Junior High and High School. He was also an altar server for St. Simons Catholic Church from third grade through High School.

As Dr. Wever transitioned from High School to College he was a wildlife technician for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians working directly with Bill Parsons and Archie Martell. He was with the Natural Resource Wildlife Management for two summers while in college.

Dr. Wever attended Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he received his Bachelor of Science in Bio/Medical Science with Secondary Education Emphasis. He has minors in Chemistry and Psychology. He received his secondary education certification in Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology. In his second year of college at GVSU, Dr. Wever studied abroad at Kingston University in London, England. There he studied Biomedical Science.

After completing his undergraduate degree, he attended Rosalind Franklin University of Health and Medical Sciences/Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. In his third and fourth year, Dr. Wever did dual enrollment and also received his Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration and Management from The Chicago Medical School: College of Health Professions.

After completing his 4-year didactic course work, Dr. Wever completed his 3-year residency in Trauma, Reconstructive and Elective Foot and Ankle Surgery with an emphasis in Diabetic Charcot Foot Reconstruction utilizing Ilizarov External Fixation devices at St. Joseph/Resurrection Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

From there, Dr. Wever went into Group Practice and Individual Private Practice for over 10 years in the Greater Chicago Area. In the early years of Private Practice, Dr. Daryl B. Wever was a Professor at Grand Valley State University/MSU in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was the Anatomy and Physiology/Cadaver Lab, Professor, for over 3 years. During his later years in Private Practice, he also completed his Clinical and Sports Massage Therapy License. Dr. Wever utilizes the clinical therapy license in his postoperative care of surgical patients and lymphedema patients. He is also trained in Deep Tissue and Swedish Therapy.

Over the years, Dr. Daryl B. Wever has had several research/ publications/presentations on a multitude of surgical procedures and techniques. He has been awarded the Inclusive Surgeon of the Year award from AMITA Healthcare System in 2015 and the Americans Top Physician Award by Consumer Research in 2016 and 2017.

Dr. Daryl B. Wever is a Board-Certified licensed physician in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. He also has full pharmaceutical prescription CS3/II, III, IV, V privileges.

Board Certified Family Physician
Dr. Ronald Graeser DO



Dr. Ronald Graeser grew up in Tucson Arizona graduating from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He subsequently worked as a field electronics engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration in the ten western states and then as an analytical engineer for Lear Siegler in Grand Rapids Michigan. He attended two years of pre-medicine at Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan followed by attendance and graduation from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. After successfully completing a rotating internship at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital, he and his wife, Gail, who were married at the end of his sophomore year of medical school moved to Wisconsin for a year and then back to the Newaygo area of Michigan. He had a general practice both solo and with associates for the next 10 years. During this time, he joined the US Army reserves medical corps where he served until retirement 20 years later. He became interested in forensic pathology and worked as a medical examiner for Newaygo, Osceola, and Lake Counties. To further his ability to perform these duties, he successfully completed a four-year residency in Pathology in Grand Rapids. Around 1996 he retired from the forensic practice and worked as a locum tenens Emergency Physician in Emergency Rooms and General Practice at local clinics. While on assignment, as a General Practice locum's Physician at Little River Health Service Center, he found the entire environment much to his liking and was hired on as a permanent employee within the clinic. Dr. Graeser has lived in his current home for the last 49 years in East Fremont and loves the great outdoors of Michigan. He and his wife, Gail, have three grown daughters who live throughout the United States.

Dr. Thomas Stout, a lifelong Michigan resident, born in Battle Creek, graduated from Battle Creek Lakeview HS, Kellogg community college, and Western Michigan University. Dr. Thomas Stout worked as a Respiratory Therapist for 10 years with 6 years as RT Program Director at Lansing Community College. He then enrolled in Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Since graduation, and following an internship at Lansing General Hospital, Dr. Stout has worked nearly 40 years, primarily in Family Practice, but with several years spent working in Urgent Care and Occupational Medicine. His practice has been primarily in the Lansing area as well as the Flint and Grand Rapids areas. Since August 2020, Dr. Stout has enjoyed working for the Little River Health Service Center of Manistee, MI.

Dr. Stout's parents built a Cottage in Manistee when he was a young man and has enjoyed the opportunity to spend weekends and summers in the area. Dr. Stout said it has been an area that holds great appeal to him and his family. In 2018, Dr. Stout built a home in Manistee and has lived here full time since January 2021.

He has 2 sons: A Pharmacist, and an Internal Medicine Physician. Both live in Michigan, are married, and have several children (5 grandkids). In addition to spending time with family and friends, he enjoys the outdoors; especially fishing, and spending time along Lake Michigan. Dr. Stout also enjoys golf, card games, table tennis, and is looking forward to trying pickleball very soon. Like many, Dr. Stout is looking forward to the opportunity to go to restaurants, attend entertainment events, and travel once again.

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March

BIRTHDAYS

According to research from the U.K.'s Office of National Statistics, kids born in March are statistically [more likely to grow up to become pilots](#). You can start racking up those frequent-flyer miles now.

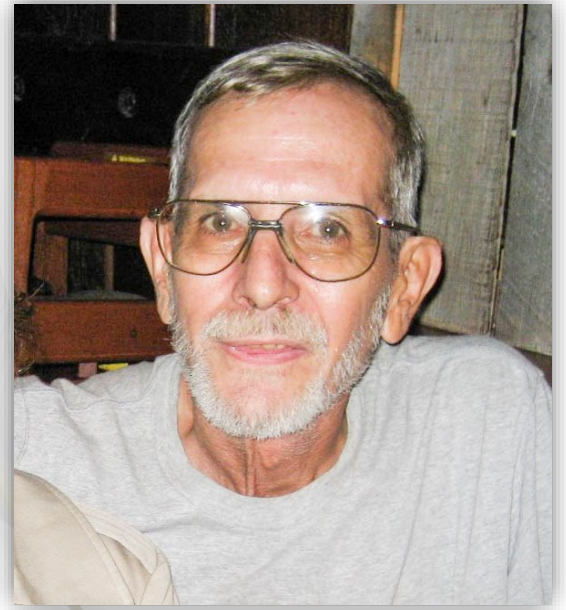
Appropriate for someone with a spring birthday, people born in March have sunny temperaments. They score highly on what's called [the hyperthymia scale](#), which means they possess a general optimism that helps them look past the bad.

Researchers have found that kids born in March and April are more likely to become CEOs — in fact, one study of 375 companies found that 12.5% of CEOs were born in March. (June and July had the least— sorry, summer babes.) Being older than their classmates may be one of the reasons spring babies tend to do so well, The Wall Street Journal reports.

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Jerry F. Bellmore

Little River tribal member, Jerry F. Bellmore of Fort Walton Beach, Florida died in his home on February 7, 2021 of natural causes. He lived with congestive heart failure for more than 5 years. He is survived by a daughter, Wenona of Benton, Arkansas and two sisters, both tribal members; Nancy Morehead of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Renita of Michigan. Jerry graduated high school from Clinton, Michigan and attended one year at MSU before enlisting in the air force and repairing radios in Vietnam, Thailand, and the US. He left the USAF after 15 years and worked repairing televisions for Bourque's Electronics of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. In 2000 he bought the store and ran it until his death, lately online. He lived near the base in Florida almost all his adult life. He is finally coming home. Services will be held at a later date in Michigan. His sister said prayers and sang the traveling song for him over a three-day fire which she maintained at her home. His remains have been cremated and shipped home by Family Funeral and Cremation of Mary Esther, Florida.



Cryptogram Puzzle Answer:

The Creator told him that a beaver is not liked for his tail but for his kindness and wisdom.

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MIIGWETCH	WAZHASHK
ZOONGAN	ZIIBI
AMIK	MITIG
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28 | Treaty Recognition Day

29 | Offices Closed

31 | Tribal Council Mtg

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7 | Muskegon Vaccine Drive
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10 | *Spring Membership Meeting*

14 | Tribal Council Mtg

24 | Tribal Council Mtg @ 3PM

28 | Tribal Council Mtg

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