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# Currents

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## Studying the Sturgeon

Tribe conducting population assessment in Manistee Lake

### Upcoming Events

Elders Meal  
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Mon-Thur 12pm

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Every Friday  
10:30am

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July 1-2, 2017

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BY DYLAN SAVELA, STAFF WRITER  
FOR MANISTEE NEWS ADVOCATE

MANISTEE COUNTY – Known as the grandfather fish, lake sturgeon have a rich history in the Manistee Lake and River system.

A snapshot of the freshwater species' current population may be the key to how it thrives in the future.

For the past month, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) have been conducting an assessment of the adult spawning population in Manistee Lake, the first such study since 2001.

"We're trying to get a good picture of what's happening with the adult sturgeon in our Manistee Lake system," said Frank Beaver, director of the LRBOI's Natural Resources Department. "Since it's been nearly 17 years, nobody has a real good handle right now with how that population has been doing."

The assessment – a catch-and-release procedure conducted with large mesh gill netting in Manistee Lake, near the mouth of the Manistee River where sturgeon stage to migrate upstream – falls in line with LRBOI's Natural Resources Department's stewardship plan to rehabilitate the population of lake sturgeon.

Aside from gathering population data, the project is aimed to potentially track tagged and returning fish from the Tribe's Streamside Rearing Facility (SRF) efforts.

"We've been working with the juvenile (fish), the eggs and



Courtesy photo

The assessment crew attempts to detect a PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tag that would have been implanted with a previous handling of the fish.

larva," Beaver said, "raising those and re-releasing them out in the stream, but this is to get a snapshot of the population.

"Has it improved? Has our management effort had any effect? And what can we do to help this species get rehabilitated."

Corey Jerome, LRBOI fisheries biologist, has helped head the assessment, which is slated to continue through April.

"Depending on the weather, we've been setting two large mesh gill nets – each about 300-feet in length – in the evenings," he explained. "Then, the next morning, we pull those nets and remove any fish that are in them.

"All these fish are released and

in good health," Jerome added, "and with the sturgeon, we take a length, a weight, we put an internal and external tag on them, and we take a small tissue sample for genetics.

"We've also been using a small ultra-sound unit to determine the sex of the fish."

Jerome said the procedure has yielded a good number of sturgeon, but the results have yet to be completed.

The complete data from the study will be shared with other agencies, Beaver said, which the LRBOI work with hand-in-hand in protecting the species.

"We'll share our findings with the larger scientific community,

the other management agencies and academic organizations that are out there," he said. "The tribe has a special relationship with the sturgeon, but we're not the only agency that is putting effort into the sturgeon rehabilitation.

"We talk regularly with the Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DNR," he said, "so we'll all sit down and talk about this and what the data is showing, get the information out there, and see if it has any sort of management implications for what we do next."

Lake 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 particular portion of the Manistee River is owned by the LRBOI, installing the weir would involve anchoring it to 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 that proposal.

"We still felt it was important to get some data this year," Beaver said. "It wasn't necessarily a one-for-one trade, but it's certainly worked out well that we were able to do the net assessment as we take a step back from the resistance board weir.

"They're both designed to get similar types of data."

Information provided by HP (LRBOI) | Layout by Ariel Moreno at the Pioneer Group

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June Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

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| Charles Fisher      |                          |                  |

## April 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
04/03/17	Council Communication		x	V	x	x	x	x	V		5
04/03/17	Agenda Review	x	x	V	x	x	x	x	V		6
04/03/17	Budget & Appropriation	x	x	V	x	x	x		V		5
04/04/17	2017 Goals	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	8
04/06/17	ITFAP		x	x		x	x		x	x	6
04/06/17	Attended Spring Teachings	x			x			x			3
04/10/17	Ethics Ordinance	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	x		7
04/10/17	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	x		7
04/11/17	BIA Roads Kickoff	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	x	7
04/11/17	Water Bill	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	x	7
04/17/17	Minutes	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		7
04/17/17	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		7
04/18/17	Remains	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	7
04/18/17	Utilities - Cost of Separation	x	x		x	x		x	x		6
04/24/17	Ethics Ordinance	x	*	x	x	V	x	x	*		5
04/24/17	ICDBG - Gathering Grds	x	*	x	x	V	x	x	*		5
04/24/17	Agenda Review	x	*	x	x	V	x	x	*		5
04/25/17	TERO	x	*	x	x	x		x	*		5
04/25/17	Budget	x	*	x	x	x	x	x	*		6
Total Work Sessions - 19		17	13	11	17	13	15	13	10	5	

\*=Business Related    V=Vacation    B=Bereavement

# Little River Band Building Big Housing Development

*As published in Indian Country Today*

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has broken ground for an ambitious housing development that would rank as one of the biggest American Indian projects ever undertaken.

The tribe plans for the housing development in Fruitport Township, Michigan includes 300 homes. Construction should start on the first phase of the project in late April or in May. That would see 115 houses rise on the land the tribe bought from the Fruitport community school district in 2016.

Home buyers will not need to be tribal members to purchase a house in the project, described as “a collaborative economic development investment” in the Fruitport community.

The 120-acre housing development is near a site for a proposed tribal casino, but the tribe has not yet gotten the go-ahead to build that facility.

Housing development costs were not revealed, but were reported in media outlets as being between \$70-\$170 million. A tribal spokesman said the project would be developed by tribal investment funds. The tribe is looking at finance options for units which

would be built after a customer signs a purchase agreement. Individual units will cost between \$150,000 and \$300,000. The tribe is working with Dirk Stone Real Estate on the deal.

“We have just settled on the builder and have not yet started taking formal requests to gauge the specific interest from tribal members,” said the spokesman. “However the initial interest from Realtors, potential homeowners and tribal members has been promising.”

The builder on the project will be local builder Ron Stoup, whose company is called Timber Run LLC.

The project will be called Odeno, which means “place of many hearts” in the Anishinaabe language. The tribe said it followed principles of “harmony, beauty, fulfillment and connection to the earth” in its design.

More than 30 of the 120 acres will remain open ground devoted to parks, gazebos and walking trails. A local waterway, Stevens Creek, has been incorporated into the design. Energy-efficient designs have been employed.

The groundbreaking on March 27 at the site, south of the corner of Mt. Garfield and South Sheridan in Fruitport Township, featured both tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli and township supervisor Heide Tice.

“Our goal was to work with the local community to develop a unique village that offers home of different sizes and amenities for first time home buyers, retirees and growing families in the area,” said Romanelli.

If successfully completed, this project will be in the league of giant Indian housing developments built by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the White Mountain Apache in Arizona.

Bill John Baker, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, said construction has started recently on another 11 homes in Vinita, Oklahoma. The tribe has built more than 500 homes and has another 300 in some phase of development in their tribal jurisdiction in northeast Oklahoma, he said. The three-bedroom homes with garages should be finished this year, he said.

The White Mountain Apache planned for 250 homes to be built in an unusual financing structure that included a \$25 million mortgage bond. Ten separate financial institutions were involved in the financing for the tribe, based in the Fort Apache reservation in east-central Arizona.

# Community News

**Congratulations & Best wishes  
on your next adventure,**

## Carlos Wab-Mgizeh Rivera

**from dad, mom, family and friends**

Carlos will graduate from Michigan State University, May 2017, with a Bachelor's degree in Chinese Language along with a certificate in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). Carlos started learning Mandarin Chinese at 6 y/o, diligently applying himself all through elementary, high school and college. He is an accomplished and fluent Chinese speaker, as well as Spanish. He recently traveled to a sub-provincial city in Western China where he was immersed in teaching, not to mention relishing the many delicacies of the Chinese cuisine. His Chinese name is - "Loo Khai Lhong". May this new chapter of life bring you joy and happiness - don't ever stop learning!!

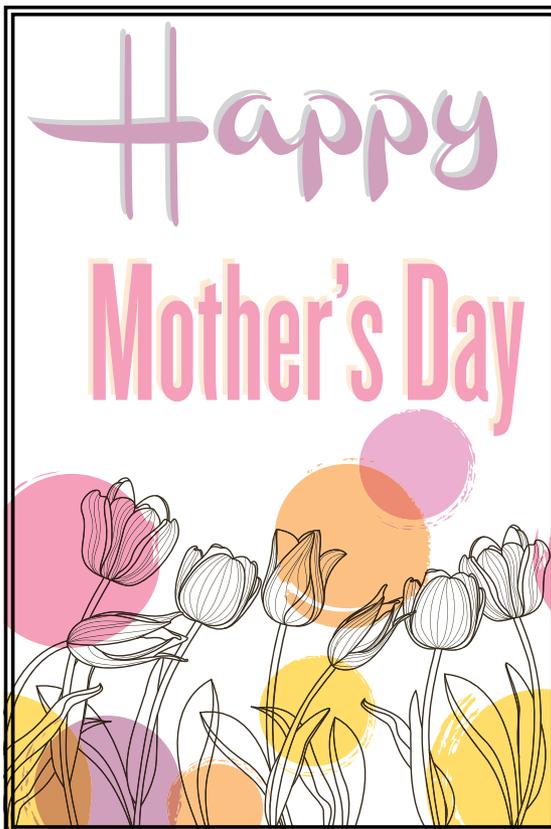
*submitted by Sandra DeVerney (mother)*



**Congratulations!**

**Happy 65th Birthday  
& Happy Retirement**

# Chris Edgar



# CASTING CALL

**GRAND RAPIDS** – “Mino Bimaadiziwin” is a short film is about an Anishinaabe man living in the city who reconnects with his culture after a chance meeting with an Anishinaabe woman passing through town.

The short film will shot in Grand Rapids, Michigan from June 8 – 12, 2017. A casting call is now being hosted to support the two main characters for “Mino Bimaadiziwin.”

## CAST

### JIM ASIGINAAK

Jim Asiginaak is an Anishinaabe man in his late twenties. He is what some consider an “urban Native” and has drifted from his culture. He feels like an outsider to both the white and Native community. He is a loner, timid and tries to avoid conflict.

### BANGISHIMOGIKWE

Bangishimogikwe is an Anishinaabe woman in her late twenties. She was raised by traditional Anishinaabe parents and activists. She is an activist herself and dedicates her time to decolonization. She is always full of energy, confident, strong and is not afraid to physically fight any racist who crosses her path.

## PRODUCTION DETAILS

**Writer/Director:** Shane McSauby

**Producer:** Carese Bartlett

Travel, lodging and meals will be provided. There is a small budget and it is funded through the Native Artist’s Lab at the Sundance Institute. The producer and director are looking specifically for Native American/First Nations actors for both of these roles. The producer and director request no other submissions.

*Please submit a resume, headshot and a reel or samples of your work to [mino.film1@gmail.com](mailto:mino.film1@gmail.com). Must be able to work in the United States. This is a SAG production.*

# Fostering Futures Scholarship

The Fostering Futures Scholarship, a State of Michigan\* program, provides scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care. The State of Michigan works with individuals, community organizations, and businesses to encourage charitable contributions that go towards Fostering Futures Scholarship funds. Awards are paid directly to the students’ institution to assist with unmet need in one or more of the following categories:

State of Michigan departments that are involved are the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Michigan Department of Treasury–Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG), and Michigan Education Trust (MET).

Young adults who have experienced foster care now have an opportunity to apply for a scholarship from the fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

From March 15 to June 30, eligible students enrolled at Michigan degree-granting colleges or universities have an opportunity to apply for a Fostering Futures Scholarship up to \$3,000. Awards are given based on need and paid to the student’s colleges or universities to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies.

A growing number of our youth are reaching adult age while in foster care and have no resources to pay for college when they age out of the system, said Robin Lott, executive director of the Michigan Education Trust. This scholarship provides some help with college expenses when no other assistance may be available.

Since 2012, nearly \$900,000 has been raised and awarded to students. The program is supported through individual donations, group donations, sponsorships, ticket sales, auctions and many volun-

teer-based fundraising events.

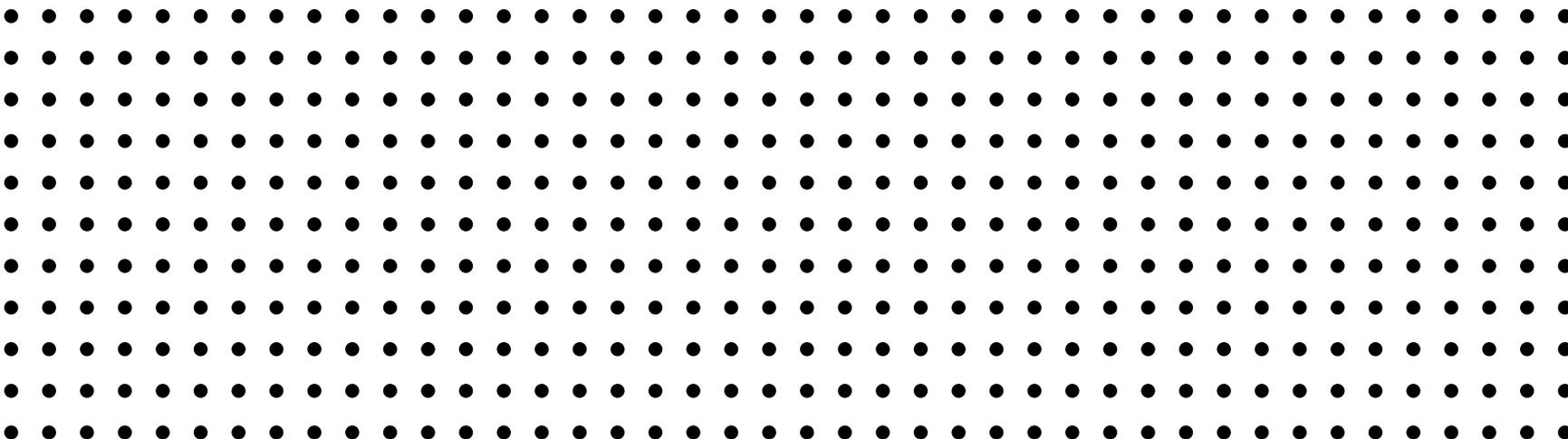
Funds raised during the calendar year are distributed annually to scholarship recipients. Another option for donors, the education endowment, returns a portion of investment income annually as scholarships.

The Fostering Futures Scholarship is a joint effort between the Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan Education Trust and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

To apply or learn more about the fostering Futures Scholarship, go to [www.fosteringfutures-mi.com](http://www.fosteringfutures-mi.com). Questions should be directed to Treasury’s Student Scholarships and Grants area of [ssg@michigan.gov](mailto:ssg@michigan.gov) or call toll-free at (888) 4-GRANTS, or (888)-447-2687

## 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.



## The First Redheaded Woodpecker

It was a beautiful fall day in the Northwoods. Nanaboozho planned to take a walk through the woods on this day. The trees were filled with the bright colors of the fall season and the ground was slightly covered with the crisp fallen leaves. The sun shone brightly as Nanaboozho prepared for this walk.

Nanaboozho walked for many hours admiring the beautiful creation of Mother Earth. During his walk he came upon a secluded wigwam up ahead in the distance. He observed an old woman carrying firewood from the wigwam. The woman wore a black dress and had a red scarf wrapped around her head. There was something strange about this woman. She had an air of unhappiness about her, seen especially on her face. Nanaboozho could not understand how this woman could look so unhappy in such a beautiful place. As he watched the woman, the scowl upon her face grew deeper. So he decided to approach the old woman.

Nanaboozho snapped his fingers and turned himself into an old beggar. His hair was long, dirty, and white, and his leather clothing became torn and baggy. He carried an old, beat-up can which, as a beggar he would lean heavily upon.

The old beggar made his way slowly to the wigwam being sure to make it look like he couldn't walk very well. "Excuse me, but would you happen to have any food to spare? I have been walking for weeks and have only a few supplies." The scowl on the old woman's face grew even deeper but she felt if she turned the old beggar down bad luck would come to her.

"Sit down," she said angrily. "I will see what I can find." She went into the wigwam to find something to make that wouldn't be too much trouble. She decided to make cornbread, so she carefully counted ten pieces of corn and pounded them into a bowl. She added some water to the pounded corn and sat it by the fire to bake. She returned a bit later and couldn't believe her eyes. The bread had tripled in size and was the

most beautiful bread she had ever seen. "I can't give this loaf to the old beggar. It looks too good! I'll save it for myself!" She went back out to talk to the old man. "I burned the bread so you'll have to find something else to eat."

"Please kind woman, could you try again? I am very hungry." The old woman was getting very upset but she feared bad luck so she stomped back into the wigwam to try again.

"I can't believe that bothersome old beggar! Can't he just leave me alone?" she thought as she carefully counted the pieces of corn to be pounded. This time she only used six pieces of corn instead of ten. She finished mixing the batter and placed the rounded bread by the fire. The old woman cleaned the mess and made the wigwam look tidy. She went to check on the bread and couldn't believe her eyes. This loaf was even bigger and better than the first loaf. It was the best bread she had ever seen. She thought to herself, "I'll save this one too, and bring it to the feast. I couldn't possibly give that old beggar the best loaf I have ever made!"

She went back to the beggar. "You'll have to go and find other food. I just burnt this last loaf too" she explained.

"Please kind woman, try one more time. I would really like to eat something." Now the old woman was very angry by this time but she decided to try just one more time.

She hurried into the wigwam to make the bread, but this time she counted only one piece of corn into the bowl to be pounded. She added a drop of water to the flour and set the tiny loaf by the fire. She turned her back for a moment and when she looked back at the loaf it was even bigger. In fact, it was the best loaf she had ever seen. "There is no way I can give the old beggar this loaf. I must save it for the feast and I'll be known as the best cook in the whole village. I'll just tell him to leave."

She approached the beggar and said, "The loaf is burnt again and I won't make any more. Just leave and go find someone else to bother! Go on! Go eat bugs from the bark of trees – I don't care! Just leave!" she shouted angrily.

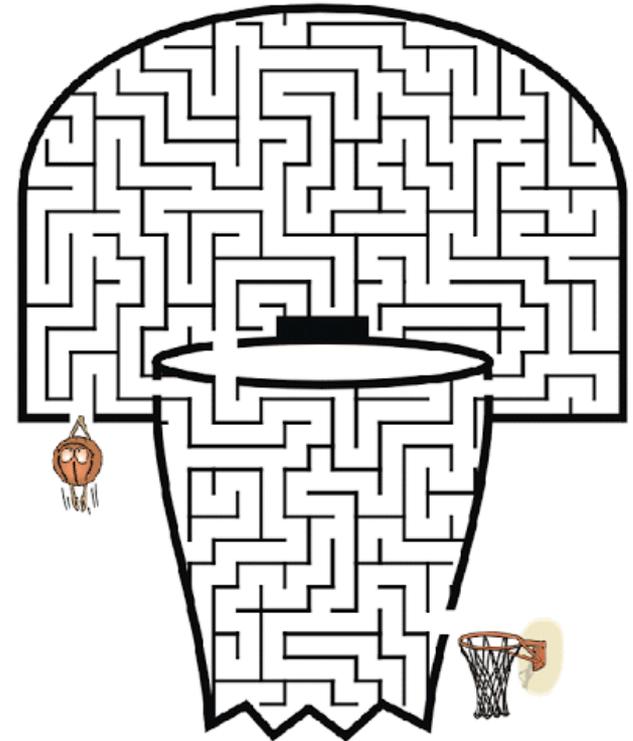
The beggar became very angry with himself and shouted, "You'll be the only one to eat bugs from trees!" He stood up and snapped his fingers and turned back into Nanaboozho. With another snap of his fingers, the old woman began to shrink and shrink until she was very tiny. Her dress became dark black feathers, and the red scarf became the deep red color of the crown of the woodpecker. The old woman became the first redheaded woodpecker.

As she slowly took to the air with her new wings, Nanaboozho yelled to her, "Old woman, you could not even help an old man because of your greediness. You will search for bugs in the bark of trees from this day on. May you serve as a reminder of the importance of sharing with your fellow man." To this day you can still hear the woodpecker pecking in search of food.



# Kid's Activities

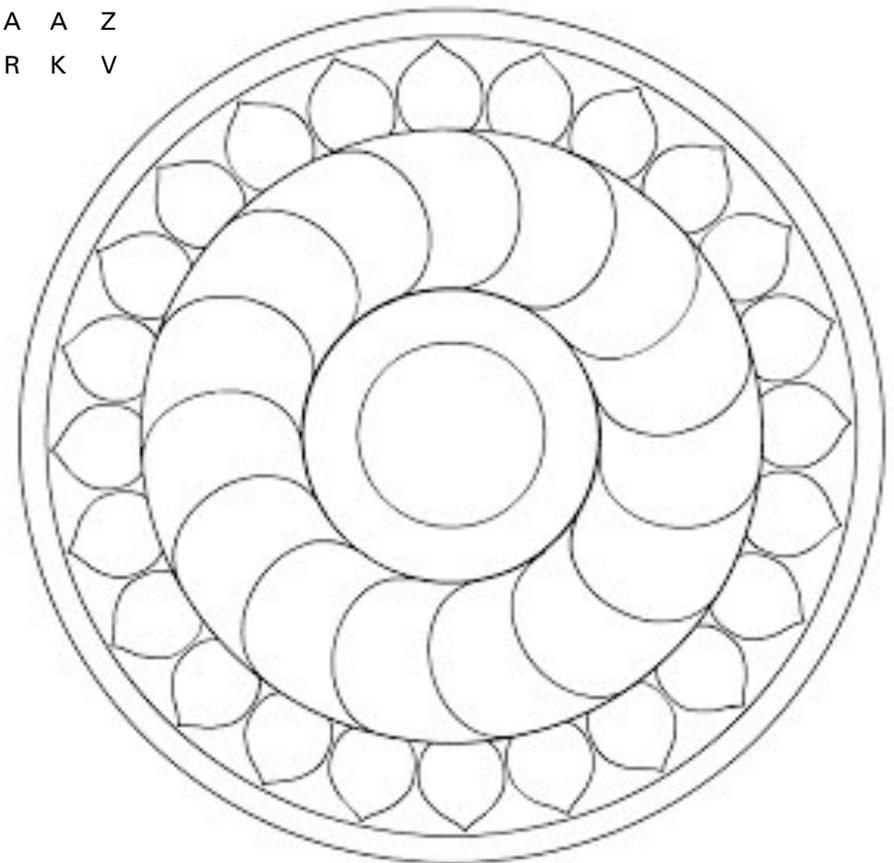
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| BIJIZAGAN .....(Bread)    | PIN .....(Potato)               |
| JISENHS .....(Carrot)     | PSHIIMIN .....(Apple)           |
| KWASMAAN .....(Pumpkin)   | WAWAAN .....(Egg)               |
| MANDAAMIN .....(Corn)     | WASAAGANG .....(Pepper)         |
| MNIJIMIN .....(Pea)       | WIIGWASMIN .....(Cherry)        |
| MINOMIN .....(Rice)       | ZAAZIGKWADENHS .....(Fry bread) |
| MSKWADIISMIN .....(Bean)  | ZIISIBAAKWAT .....(Sugar)       |
| MSKWAMIN .....(Raspberry) | ZIITAAGAN .....(Salt)           |
| OZAAWEMIDE .....(Butter)  | ZIIWAAGMIDE .....(Syrup)        |

## THE LEGEND OF SLEEPING BEAR

A mother bear and her two cubs roamed the great forests of Wisconsin and shores of Lake Michigan. One day there was a great fire. Fleeing the fire, Mother Bear & her cubs ran to the shoreline. Making the choice to swim, Mother Bear & her cubs began to swim across the lake. They swam & swam. Mother Bear encouraged her young to keep swimming and would often look back to make sure they were following. As Mother Bear grew tired, she looked back one more time but did not see her cubs. Finally making it to shore, Mother Bear watched for her cubs. She waited and waited but the cubs never made it to shore. Mother Bear died of sorrow over the loss of her cubs. The sands blew over her body where she had lay waiting. The Gzhemnido (Great Spirit) seen her love for her cubs and brought the cubs near shore to be with their Mother in the form of two islands. These islands are the North and South Manitou Islands located off the shores of what is now Sleeping Bear Dunes in Leelanau County Michigan.



# Food Distribution

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

## American Indian Science Scholars Program July 23-August 2, 2017



**A FREE educational event held at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee for Native American high-school students**

- Hands-on sessions *(Past activities included looking at blood cells of infection, blood typing, DNA necklaces, learn the physics of medical imaging, visiting a field station, and more!)*
- Educational field trips to multiple campuses
- Room and board at UW-Milwaukee dorm provided
  - Cultural activities
- Milwaukee Brewers game

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Days!**

## Emergency Council Meeting: April 4, 2017

### Approval of Elders Work Plan

1. Authorizing the Elders Committee; Approving the Elders Committee Work Plan and establishing procedures for an interim committee

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza  
Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson called on Councilor Friedel. Councilor Friedel said he is going to vote.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Recorder Riley said item is approved.

Roll Call Voting Key			
●	Yes	●	Abstain
●	No	●	Absent

## Council Meeting: April 5, 2017

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 3/22/17 for Filing  
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 (8-0-0-1)**

### Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Grants & Contracts so they will move into Approval of Budget Modifications.

### Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017; Authorizing the modification of the Crime Victim Assistance (VOCA) Budget in the amount of \$22,979

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

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 (8-0-0-1)**

2. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services- Administration for Children & Families and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$1,808

The Tribe has received a grant for the 2017 CWSS Title IV-B Subpart #1 that will go into #5304-Client

### Services

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 (8-0-0-1)**

3. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017 2nd QTR to fund Legal Costs associated with the Reservation Restoration Project in the amount of \$50,000

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-008 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer. Motion by Medacco; 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 (8-0-0-1)**

### Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilor Wittenberg to attend the 2017 Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference in Spokane, Washington

The conference takes place at the Spokane Convention Center on April 23-27, 2017  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Crampton  
Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Councilor Wittenberg said abstain.

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

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

2. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the 2nd Quarter of FY2017 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations act of 2013

Section 5.07 requires that Tribal Council appropriate funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter.

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 (8-0-0-1)**

### Old Business

- Operations Report – February 2017  
Speaker Johnson said that moves them into Old Business; Reports that are due. Johnson said they have received the Operations Report and he doesn't believe there is any action required by Council in regards to this point. Johnson said that it is so noted that they will file that. Johnson said with that they will move onto New Business.

Councilor Di Piazza pointed out another item under Old Business.

Speaker Johnson apologized and said Item F and that Councilor Di Piazza is right. Johnson thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

1. 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. This agenda item was postponed at the 3/22/17 Tribal Council Meeting.  
Motion by Crampton; 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 (8-0-0-1)**

**New Business**

1. Approve Posting Amendments to the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04 for 30 Day Public Comment Period.

The Current Budget & Appropriations Act has timelines that are difficult for the Government & Resort to meet. The GEOA applies this act to the Budget submission of the Resort and Tribal Council wants to be responsive to the Resort's concern. 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 (8-0-0-1)**

2. Approval of Resolution of Support for 3 Lakes Sewer Authority

Onkama Township, Arcadia Township, Bear Lake Township, Pleasanton Township and the Village of Bear Lake have entered into an Agreement to form 3 Lakes Sewer Authority with the intention to connect to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Aerated Lagoon Treatment System and Tribal Council with the Ogema acknowledges and supports this endeavor.

Motion by Di Piazza; 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 (8-0-0-1)**

3. Approval to Post Proposed Amendments to the Residential Building Ordinance; Ordinance #02-550-007, for 30 Day Public Comment Period

The Proposed Amendments to the Residential Building Ordinance require 30-day public comment after a work session was held on March 27, 2017. The Proposed Amendments include retitling the ordinance, adding non-residential structures, and updating standards to conform to the current International Building Code.

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 (8-0-0-1)**

4. Permanent Adoption of Amendments to the Children's Protection Code #98-900-01  
The Children's Protection Code was posted for 30 Day Public Comment and a final work session was held on March 27, 2017. The Children's Protection Code is ready to be permanently adopted by Tribal Council.

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Friedel

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

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

5. Consideration of Appointment to the Election Board for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Tribal Ogema appointing Israel Stone to the Election Board for the remainder of the term for the seat vacated by Carol Gibner.

Motion by Di Piazza; 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 (6-2-0-1)**

6. Consideration of Appointment of Virgil Johnson to the Gaming Enterprise Oversight Task Force  
Tribal Ogema is respectfully appointing Virgil Johnson to this Task Force.

Spaker Johnson reminded everyone that they removed Item F so they will move onto G.

7. Consideration of Appointment of Joseph Riley II to the Gaming Enterprise Oversight Task Force

Tribal Ogema is respectfully appointing Joseph Riley II to this Task Force

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Di Piazza  
Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion and is anybody going to abstain. Johnson said Joe Riley isn't here so. Johnson reiterated that it is open for discussion. Johnson said to Acting Recorder Lewis

to do a roll call please.

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

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

8. Drawing of Names for the Ethics Board  
Complaints shall be filed to the Tribal Council Recorder by placing five (5) copies of the complaint in a sealed envelope with a separate agenda request form for the drawing of names for a Board of Ethics

Speaker Johnson held the basket and Acting Recorder Lewis drew the names and put them in the provided envelope. Five names were drawn for the Ethics Board and three for Alternates.

**Items Moved from Closed to Open Session**

1. Motion to Move Resolution #17-0404-12; Resolution, Motion & Roll Call Vote to Open Session, Resolution #17-0405-129, Resolution, Motion and Roll Call; Resolution #17-0405-128, 130, 131, 132, and 133 Motion and Roll Call Only  
Motion by Lewis; 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 (8-0-0-1)**

The following items were moved from Closed to Open Session

2. Ratification of Employment Agreement with Andrew M. Gentile for the Position of General Manager of the Little River Casino Resort  
Motion by Crampton; Supported by Lewis

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

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

3. Approving Contract with Yesco for Maintenance of Highway Sign  
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 (8-0-0-1)**

4. Ratification of Manistee County Child Advocacy Center Memorandum of Agreement  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by DiPiazza

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

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

5. Ratification of Service Agreement with the Indian Health Services Bemidji Area Office in Order to Continue needed Pharmacy Consultation  
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 (8-0-0-1)**

6. Ratification of Contract with Rehmann 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 (8-0-0-1)**

7. Approving Tribal Ogema to Execute the Agreement with Hobbs Straus for Legal Services  
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 (8-0-0-1)**

8. Approving Amended Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Dissemination of Criminal History Record Information by the National Indian Gaming Commission  
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 (8-0-0-1)**

Roll Call Voting Key	
 Yes	 Abstain
 No	 Absent

## Council Meeting: April 19, 2017

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 3/30/17 and 4/12/17 for Filing  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Grants & Contracts

#### Budget Modifications

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under A or B so they will move into Item C

#### Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilor Friedel to attend the United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan

The meeting is being hosted at the Kewadin Casino Conference Center on May 10-11, 2017

Motion by Crampton; Supported by Medacco

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said Councilor Friedel is going to abstain and that is understood. Johnson said it was open for discussion. Johnson said to Recorder Riley to do a roll call please

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

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

#### Acceptance of Reports

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything on Acceptance of Reports under IV.

#### Acceptance of Commission Reports

- Gaming Commission – March 2017
- Health Commission – March 2017

Speaker Johnson said they do have reports under V - Commissions. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there are any actions required by Council on those reports received by the Gaming Commission or the Health Commission.

Recorder Riley responded no.

Speaker Johnson said it is so noted that they will be filed.

#### Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- Little River Casino Resort Preference Report – March 2017

Speaker Johnson said they do have one for the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for March 2017. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there

was any action required by Council on this. Recorder Riley said nope. Speaker Johnson said it is so noted that they will be filed as well.

#### Old Business

Speaker Johnson said that moves them into the next area of Old Business. Johnson said they have nothing to....other than or are expecting reports but have not received any so that moves them into New Business

#### New Business

1. Authorizing an Easement for Consumers Energy  
Consumers Energy requires an easement on Tribal Property in order to install an upgrade to a guy wire to an existing electric pole  
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 (9-0-0-0)**

2. Approval of Amendment to the Little River Holding Companies Operating Agreement and Authorizing the Activation of the Economic Development Corporation  
Adoption of Amendments to the Operating Agreement and Authorizing the Activation of

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Economic Development Corporation.  
Motion by Riley; 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 (9-0-0-0)**

**Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

1. Motion to Move from Closed to Open the Resolution and Roll Call Vote for C.1, C.3, C.4, C.5 and C.6 and also the Motion to Authorize the use of the Michigan 2009 Residential Building Code for the AKI 10

Motion by Riley; 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 (9-0-0-0)**

The following resolutions, motions and roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session

2. Ratification of High Speed Internet Contract with Trivalent

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

**General Business**

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 4/19/17 for Filing

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Lewis

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

**Budget Modifications**

1. Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Michigan

3. Ratification of Lease Agreement with ScriptPro USA, LLC

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Ratification of Lease Agreement with Medasphere Services Corporation

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 (9-0-0-0)**

5. Motion to Approve Resolution #17-0419, of Memorandum of Understanding between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center and the Institute for Public Policy and Research – Michigan State University

Motion by Riley; Supported by Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

6. Approving the Ogema’s Execution of the FY-2017 Subcontract for Biological Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, in the amount of \$46,400

Motion by Medacco; Supported by Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

7. Authorizing the use of the Michigan 2009 Residential Building Code for “AKI 10”

Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Roll Call Voting Key			
	Yes		Abstain
	No		Absent

**Council Meeting: April 26, 2017**

Department of Health and Human Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$25,000

The Tribe has been awarded a new grant Year 1 for Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention

Motion by Riley; Supported by Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the

Department of Health and Human Services-2017 Elder Meals Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$55,330

The Tribe has received a new grant that is only a portion of the funding that the Tribe will receive at this time.

Motion by Riley; 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 (7-0-0-2)**

- Acceptance of Contract Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services - 2017 Caregiver Support Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017 in the amount of \$17,600

The Tribe has received a new grant that is only a portion of the funding that the Tribe will receive at this time.

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

- Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017 ; Authorizing the modification of the Environmental Protection Agency Lake Sturgeon in the amount of \$11,580

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocations of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the the total original Program Budget  
Motion by Riley; Supported by Crampton  
Speaker Johnson asked if he heard Councilor Crampton. Johnson said Councilor Crampton supported this action.

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

- Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017; Authorizing the modification of the Environmental Protection Agency Air Quality Budget in the amount of \$28,000

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 Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

- Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017; Amending the Inter Tribal Council Honoring our Children Budget, Program #4135 in the amount of \$7,300

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 Friedel

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

- Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017 2nd QTR to fund Improvement Costs associated with the Gathering Grounds in the amount of \$118,925.25

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-011 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer  
Motion by Di Piazza; 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 (7-0-0-2)**

**Old Business**

- Operations Report – March 2017
- Binojeeuk Commission – March 2017

Speaker Johnson said they have received the Operations Report and the Binojeeuk Commission Report. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if there were any actions items declared by Council on those reports.

Recorder Riley said no, there are not.  
Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley. Johnson said that at this point it will be noted that they will be filed and they will move on into New Business.

**New Business**

- Approve Posting of Amendments to the Housing Regulations #R700-01:HC-2 for 30 Day Public Comment

The Housing Commission has reviewed this regulation and would like to permanently adopt previous emergency actions to further change the requirement of a credit report to allow the department to use their discretion  
Motion by Di Piazza; 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 (7-0-0-2)**

**Elected Official Compensation**

Tribal Council held a work session on March 30, 2017 to review the compensation levels of Elected Officials and is required to set those levels by resolution.

Speaker Johnson said they shall treat them as individually he believed and they removed number four, right.

Recorder Riley responded yes.

- Election Board – Continuing the compensation for Election Board Members

Motion by Di Piazza; 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 (7-0-0-2)**

- Tribal Judges – Motion to postpone it until second open

Motion by Di Piazza; Supported by Crampton

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

- Tribal Council – Continuing the compensation for the Tribal Council

Motion by Di Piazza; 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 (7-0-0-2)**

- Tribal Ogema  
Speaker Johnson noted that they did remove item four so that moves them into Concluding Business

**Items Moved from Closed to Open Session**

- Motion to move Resolution, Motion, Roll Call and Vote for Section VII; C.1, C.2 and C.3 to Open Session

Motion by Riley; Supported by Wabindato

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

The following items were moved from Close to Open Session

2. Ratification of a Three Year Contract with Gov-Connection for Microsoft Volume Licensing  
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 (7-0-0-2)**

3. Authorizing the Ogema to execute the Service Agreement with Spectrum Business Internet  
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 (7-0-0-2)**

4. Approval of Change Order #1 for the Gathering Grounds Project in the amount of \$118,925.25 and an increase in the amount of the contract with Elmer's Crane & Dozer, Inc. to \$1,168,917.88  
Motion by Medacco; Supported by Riley

Roll Call Voting Key	
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes	<span style="color: black;">●</span> Abstain
<span style="color: red;">●</span> No	<span style="color: gray;">●</span> Absent

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

**Elected Official Compensation**

1. Tribal Judges – Move to postpone that until next meeting  
Motion by Riley; Supported by Crampton

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

## Crime Victims' Rights Week Door Contest

National Crime Victims' Rights Week was established by Ronald Regan in 1981 to promote victims' rights and services. This year, the LRBOI Victims Service Program commemorated the week with a door decorating contest that ran through the month of April. The theme of the contest was loosely based on the Justice League, with a focus on strength, resilience, and justice. In all, the contest had 12 participants with 5 decorated doors and voting was determined by the number of "likes" the decorated door received on the tribe's official Facebook page.

The intended result of this contest was to provide awareness to the tribal community about the issues that surround victims of crime, and to involve and engage the employees of the tribal government in

supporting victims of crime.

Depending on the needs of the victim, the LRBOI

Victims Service Program is committed to providing support to victims of crime. Services provided by this program vary depending on the situation but could include: crisis intervention, legal advocacy, safety planning, assistance with completing paperwork for the Crime Victim Compensation Fund, referral to tribal and community support, and in some cases emergency financial support.

If you would like more information about what the tribes Victim Service program does please feel free to make contact, at the numbers or emails listed.

**The official results of the contest are as follows:**

**Clinic Door:** Roberta Davis, Teresa Koone, Janina Sprague, and Krystal Davis with 92 votes.

**Peacemaking Door:** Patrick Wilson and Martha Howell with 56 votes.

**Accounting Door:** Tammy Bowen and Autumn Carter with 50 votes.

**Law Office Door:** Rebecca Liebing and Caitlin Rollins with 14 votes.

**Education Door:** Yvonne Parsons and Deb Davis with 6 votes.



Janina Sprague, Teresa Koon, Krystal Davis, Roberta Koone (not pictured)

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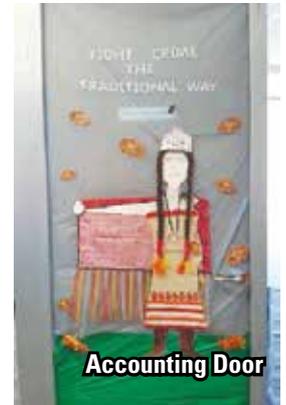


Clinic Door

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Education Door



Accounting Door



Peacemaking Door

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Law Office Door

# Commerce Department



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Commerce Department, in collaboration with the Housing Department, wishes to gratefully acknowledge the support of the Office of the Ogema and Tribal Council on the recent groundbreaking of ten new homes at Aki Maadiziwin Subdivision. Three homes are initially being built with completion expected in Fall 2017 for the new fair market housing. All ten are scheduled for completion during Spring 2018. Participating in the groundbreaking pictured above (left to right) are Commerce Department Coordinator Jeanie Gibson, Councilors Marty Wabindato, Ron Wittenberg, Frankie Medacco, Ogema Larry Romanelli, Speaker Virgil Johnson, Councilors Gary DiPiazza, Sandra Lewis, Jamie Friedel, Shannon Crampton, and Joe Riley, II. Miigwech to the Ogema's Office and Tribal Council from LRBOI Commerce and Housing.

## ACCEPTING EDC BOARD APPLICATIONS

Little River Holdings, LLC will seek to become the parent economic development entity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The economic development company will provide a legal structure built under sovereign tribal laws to house the economic development entities, other than the Manistee Casino, whose purpose is to create monetary profits and tribal community benefits. Each Board of Directors member must meet the following 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  
Little River Holdings, LLC Board of Directors shall be comprised of: two (2) Tribal Council Members approved by Tribal Council; the Ogema (or alternate designated by the Ogema as approved by Tribal Council); one (1) Tribal Member appointed by the Ogema and approved by Tribal Council who is well-experienced in business and Tribal government matters; and three (3) individuals with substantial experience in business, tribal government, finance or accounting, government contracting or procurement, and/or human resources, appointed by the Ogema and ratified by Tribal Council.

An additional opportunity to become involved in the functioning of the EDC will require the formation of an EDC Citizens Advisory Board. If interested, please send a letter of application and resume to Chief Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660, attention Ogema, or email at: Mthomas@lrboi-nsn.gov

## Real Estate Intern Wanted

Dirkstone Real Estate Group, the realtor for Odeno (Place of Many Hearts) Housing Project in Fruitport Township (Muskegon), would like to hire a Tribal Member Intern interested in pursuing a career in real estate, marketing and/or administrative to work and learn in a fast-paced business. Must be enrolled in college. \$10.00 per hour for at least 240 hours.

Contact Dirkstone Real Estate Group, 510 Miller Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Call 231-740-9298. Email [dirk@dirkstone.com](mailto:dirk@dirkstone.com).

If interested in purchasing a home, contact Dirkstone Real Estate Group.

## Ndebwetaadizimi Entrepreneurs Club



The Ndebwetaadizimi (We Believe In Ourselves) Entrepreneurs Club kicked off on Friday, March 3rd with a motivational program offered by One Chance Leadership featuring Chance Rush and Marcus Anthony at Little River Casino Resort Event Center. Earlier that day, Chance and Marcus gave a program directed at government staff and workplace development (see photo). Since the Entrepreneurs Club kick-off, the Club has met three times. Included were presentations by Kenny Pheasant talking about his business Distant Hugs and [distanthugs.com](http://distanthugs.com). After the program, Kenny presented each Entrepreneurs Club member with a Distant Hugs scarf. Next was a program presented by Sean Winters, Executive Director of Chi Ishobak, who talked about financial literacy, dealing with money, financial resources, and saving money. Most recently, Entrepreneurs Club members were treated to a "Back-Of-The-House" Tour of Little River Casino Resort. The Entrepreneurs Club was initiated this year by the Commerce/Workforce Development and Education Departments working in collaboration to bring entrepreneurship to tribal youth 13-19 years old. Limited spaces are still available. Contact David Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or [dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov).

LRBOI Commerce Department is taking proposals to lease agricultural acreage in Fruitport Township (Muskegon).

Property is described as 36.1 acres of Blueberry Fields located near 2051 E. Ellis Road in Fruitport Township, Muskegon. Barn is located on the acreage. Property is bordered on the North by Ellis Road and I-96; on the south by East Sternberg Road; on the East by South Sheridan Road; and on the West by South Quarterline Road.

Property #61-15-122-200-0014-00.

### If interested, contact:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians | Commerce Department,  
2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.  
Phone: 231-723-8288 and ask for Tom or Jeanie.  
Email: [TomStDennis@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:TomStDennis@lrboi-nsn.gov) or [jgibson@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jgibson@lrboi-nsn.gov).

# Next Generation Learning Centers Opens Doors

“It’s all about the kids.” Those five words summed up the feelings of the many people in attendance when the Next Generation Learning Center held a ribbon cutting on Thursday afternoon. The ceremony opened a new chapter in early childhood care and education in Manistee County.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family services Director Jason Cross said the ribbon cutting brought together three years of hard work by many people in turning the new learning center into a reality.

“The most important thing is to thank everyone who was involved in this,” said Cross. “It started three years ago with an idea that was to fill the need to eliminate a barrier for those folks in the community who work. We brought the right people to the table to make sure we got it done.”

Cross thanked the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the many people for supporting their efforts. The tribe provided funding as did a grant from the Kellogg Foundation and several others.

“I think we have created something that is going to be wonderful for the community, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in it,” said Cross.

The new center, which will provide licensed early childhood education and daycare opportunities for children from 0 to 12 years of age, will officially open for service on Sunday. The facility will be open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Collaborations have also been made with West Shore Community College and Baker College for college students looking to go into a career of early childhood education.

Next Generation Learning Center administrator Holly Karlson said they currently have 76 children registered, and they still have room for more students.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli said this project was successful because many different groups came together for a single cause.

“This is a community project and we talk about the ‘c’ word we have community, cooperation, collaboration and children,” said Romanelli.

“I want to thank Jason and his crew for all the work they have done. This is a community project, and it involves one of our most precious resources which is everyone’s children. This isn’t just about daycare for our children, it is a learning center as we are actually teaching our children.”

Romanelli said everyone has taken a part in it, and the new center belongs to the whole community. “I am just excited about it, as I see what this community can and does do time and time again,” said Romanelli.

LRBOI council recorder Joseph Riley II spoke on behalf of the tribal council. He said its members bought



Courtesy Photo

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family services director Jason Cross and Next Generation Learning Center administrator Holly Karlson are joined by Ogema Larry Romanelli and tribal council members to cut the ribbon officially opening the Next generation Learning Center of Thursday, April 27, 2017

into the project right from its early stages.

“The reason the council supported this whole thing to begin with was it provided a service to the community that wasn’t already there,” said Riley. “It will make it easier for parents to get out and go to work and provide for their families. One of the number one barriers for people is child care.”

Cross pointed out to the large crowd in attendance that within the building is going to be federally qualified health center, Northwest Michigan Health Services.

Speaking on behalf of Northwest Michigan Health Services was vice president Kirk Myers. He said in the next several weeks they will be installing their equipment to provide health and dental care.

“I am excited about this project,” said Myers. “I want to thank the Little River Band for this wonderful opportunity to come here and serve this area. It’s going to be great for parents to have the health and dental clinic right next to the kids, so if something happens we are right here.”

Another agency to be housed with their own entrance to the building is the Manistee Child Advocacy Center. Executive director Traci Smith spoke on the

collaboration.

“We are very honored, fortunate and really excited to be in that space,” said Smith. “It has been a long time coming and we feel truly fortunate to be here and look forward to partnering and collaborating together in protecting children and supporting families in this community.”

Thursday’s activities included a tribal tradition with a smudging ceremony by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Historic Preservation Director Jay Sam by using smoke.

“We usually start all sorts of activities including a ribbon cutting with a smudge and in this case we do it because the building has changed, so we are changing the way in which the spirits act in the building,” said Sam. “We are also taking any negative energy. I am going to walk through the whole building and do this so all those areas have that positive energy.”

A prayer was also given by Kenny Pheasant, in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians language, blessing the new center, the children and the future.

“I am going to talk to our Creator on behalf of you and the Next Generation,” Pheasant said prior to delivering the blessing.

# Welcome to Andrew Gentile

We are happy to announce Andrew Gentile has accepted the position of General Manager with an expected start date of May 1, 2017.

Andrew has a bachelor degree in accounting from Trenton State College and comes to us from Sandia Resort & Casino in Albuquerque, NM.

His previous accomplishments in gaming include General Manager at Saratoga Casino Black Hawk, COO & General Manager at Delaware Park Racetrack & Slots and Senior Director of Operations at Isle of Capri Lake Charles.

If you see Andrew out and about please give him one of the big smiles Little River employees are known for and show him how we "Win at Work".

## 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.



## Be Da Bin Receives Award

Be Da Bin Behavioral Health received notification of award of an Adult Mental Health Block Grant. This grant is awarded in two phases: Phase One April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$143,900.00.

Our project proposal for this grant is to plan, Establish, implement and integrate a new "Tele-Psychiatry" telemedicine addition to our existing healthcare system. This addition will provide clients with psychiatric services by way of conferencing

live on TV with a contracted Psychiatrist. Due to LRBOI being located in a rural area and our clients lacking the ability to travel long distance for appointments, telepsych will fulfill these gaps of service for Tribal members. This additional service will provide clients with additional professional services.

A Tribal "TelePsychiatric" initiative will greatly improve LRBOI's capacity to meet the multiple needs of our Tribal members.

A consumer representative will be part of our focus group team. If you would be interested in being a consumer representative for the focus group, please contact: Sujean Drake, LMSW, CAADC, Be Da Bin Behavioral Health Counselor 2313986734.

This project will develop a multidisciplinary team which will focus on holistic care for our clients. This team will be represented by Tribal and community professionals who are connected to each individual case.

Making psychiatric services available is a fundamental change, and one that will bring other fundamental changes in yet unknown ways. However, one such expected change is improved client outcomes and improved quality of life for our Tribal clients.

# Unofficial Results of the General Election | April 28, 2017

Office of Tribal Council Nine County	Vote by Mail Nine County	Hand Tally Nine-County	Total Votes	%	Rank
Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees-Bak-Tunse)	130	6	136	20.54%	2
Kathy (Koon) Gibson	105	3	108	16.31%	3
Teresa Johnson	92	2	94	14.20%	4
Steven Edward Kequom	84	2	86	12.99%	5
Sandy Mezeske	63	2	65	9.82%	6
Ronald J. Pete	170	3	173	26.13%	1

Office of Tribal Council Outlying	Vote by Mail Outlying	Hand Tally Outlying	Total Votes	%	Rank
Nitumigaabow "Ryan" Champagne	115	3	118	30.10%	1
Dave Corey	87	1	88	22.45%	3
Shannon Paul Crampton	101	3	104	26.53%	2
Bill Willis	79	3	82	20.92%	4

Office of Tribal Council At Large	Vote by Mail Nine County	Hand Tally Nine-County	Vote by Mail Outlying	Hand Tally Outlying	Total Votes	%	Rank
Michael J. Ceplina	62	4	53	1	120	20.44%	3
Jacob Kequom	102	3	67	0	172	29.30%	2
Diane A. Lonn	176	4	112	3	295	50.26%	1

Office of Tribal Court Appellate Judge	Vote by Mail Nine County	Hand Tally Nine-County	Vote by Mail Outlying	Hand Tally Outlying	Total Votes	%	Rank
Berni L. Carlson	183	6	83	1	273	47.15%	1
Cindy Pete Champagne	87	4	91	2	184	31.78%	2
Kimberly A. Crampton (Kequom)	66	1	55	0	122	21.07%	3

Office of Election Board	Vote by Mail Nine County	Hand Tally Nine-County	Vote by Mail Outlying	Hand Tally Outlying	Total Votes	%	Rank
Terri L. Burmeister	210	5	132	3	350	26.26%	2
Sharron Cogswell Detz	138	6	116	2	262	19.65%	4
Valerie Robinson-McDonnell	193	9	135	4	341	25.58%	3
Edward Tyler	230	7	138	5	380	28.51%	1

## Voter Participation

Total Ballots Cast by Mail	Total Ballots Cast In Person	Total Ballots Hand Counted	Total Ballots Counted	Eligible Voters	Voter Participation
569	12	17	598	1231	48.58%

We, the Election Officials of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the number of votes cast for the candidates shown herein for the Special Nine County Election held on February 9, 2017. We further affirm that the aforementioned election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Tribal Constitution and the Election Code.

# PRC/EHAP NEWS

So, if you haven't heard, Contract Health Services (CHS) has changed to Purchased and Referred Care (PRC). The program remains the same, Indian Health Services believes the name fits better with the services we provide. Hopefully the name change has been getting around. It does take some time to get used to for everyone.

We do have 2 Patient Benefit Coordinators, Roberta Davis and Teresa Koone, available to assist you with applying for Medicaid and any Marketplace insurance (ACA). Please call the Clinic's main line and you will be transferred to their office. The main line for Health Services is 231-723-8299 or toll free at 1-888-382-8299.

There have been some staffing changes in PRC/EHAP. Janina Sprague has accepted a position at

another Tribe, and Juli Duncil has been with PRC/EHAP since early December. Ronda Koon and Mark Plouhar are still here to assist you full-time, as well as our temporary employee, Connie Eno. The alphabet has been split a bit more with the open position, so please be sure to call the main line so you can be directed to the right person.

We ask that you ALWAYS call the main Health line and NOT direct dial PRC/EHAP staff. If your worker had an emergency and was not in the office, you would not know this and possibly not receive a call back in a timely fashion. So please help us to assist you better by NOT direct dialing your PRC/EHAP staff.

When you receive a scheduled date for your appointments, please call your PRC/EHAP staff right away.

DO NOT wait until 48 hours before the scheduled appointment. This does not leave a very big margin in case something goes wrong or we need additional information. Waiting until the last 48 hours could result in a delay of your approval. Thank you for your assistance getting your appointments logged in a timely manner.

If you call AFTER 4:30 PM, you will receive a call back on the NEXT business day. The PRC/EHAP staff need time to make sure all the prescription authorizations and purchase orders are faxed, and all the appointments are logged before we close at 5:00 PM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the main line at 231-723-8299 or toll free at 1-888-382-8299.

## Job Posting

**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.

#### 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](mailto:dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov) | Phone 231-398-6842.**

# Campground Closed

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

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



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.

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

## 2017 ANISHNAABE 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

**Saturday, July 29**  
 Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)  
 8am Breakfast  
 9am-12pm

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

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

**Sunday, July 30**  
 Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)  
 8am Breakfast  
 9am-12pm Presentations/Workshops  
 12pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- **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](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) or [www.anishnaabemdaa.com](http://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](mailto:kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov)  
**Wyatt Szpliet:** 231-398-6891 | [wyattszpliet@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:wyattszpliet@lrboi-nsn.gov)

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

**2596 LOON DRIVE, MANISTEE, MI**  
 CORNER OF US-31 & M-22, ACROSS FROM THE LRCR  
 [LRCR, 2700 ORCHARD HWY, MANISTEE, MI 49660]  
 Sponsored by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

**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**

**July 18**

**November 21**

**April 18**

**August 15**

**December 19**

**May 16**

**September 19**

**June 20**

**October 17**

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*

**22nd Annual Jiingtamok**

**LRBOI**

**July 1-2, 2017**

Grand Entry  
Saturday 12 & 7pm, Sunday 12  
2608 Government Center Dr.  
Manistee, MI

*Native American Drumming, Singing & Dancing - Food Vendors - Craft Vendors  
Fun for all - All Public Welcome - No Charge - No Dogs Allowed*

**Drum Contest  
Dance Contest  
Princess Contest**

**Head Dancers**  
Al Metzger – DeAnna Lewis  
Ron Wittenburg – Janine Sam  
Paul Syrette – Renee Diehman



**Judges** David Shananaquet, Lorraine Shananaquet, Walker Stonefish, MC: Phillip Memberto  
**Arena Director:** Gabriel Caluya-Memberto  
**Head Veterans:** George Martin & Frank Lewis

**Drum Competition**

**1st: \$2000**

**2nd: \$1000**

**3rd: \$500**

Host Drum:

Eagle Flight Singers

Co-Host Drum:

Urban Nation Singers

Invited: Red Cedar, War Party, Swirling Wind, Painted Rock, Wild Bear

First 5 Show-Up Drums to register ONSITE  
Will receive \$300 honorarium.

All Drums must have 6 registered singers,  
NO Drum Hopping.

No admission fee, Native Vendors only, No Alcohol, Drugs, or Pets | On-site camping, some electric hook-ups, bathrooms with Showers. Call ahead to reserve a room or spot at RV Park at the Little River Casino Resort - Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 located across the street from the Pow Wow Grounds. (Sorry, no Pow Wow rate available) For Drum information contact Phillip at 1-315-925-9545

**LRBOI Annual Medicine Wheel Planting**

Family Fun Event

**Wednesday, May 24, 4pm-5:30pm**

**Natural Resources Building at  
310 9th Street Manistee**

Grab your friends, family and shovels and join us in planting the community medicine wheel.

**Everyone welcome!**

**Light refreshments will be provided.**

For more information contact Theresa Davis at 231-398-2180  
Sponsored by the Natural Resources Department of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

**TIP OF THE MONTH**

Summer is here! Time for some natural Vitamin D. Vitamin D helps your body to absorb calcium. Sunlight converts cholesterol to vitamin D in your body. Get outside and enjoy some sunshine!

**Meals Served at Noon**

**Monday-Thursday**

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

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions

Phone: 231-398-6886

Email: [ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov)

**Regularly Scheduled Activities**

Mondays - Language Class

Wednesdays - Wii Bowling

**Other Activities**

Birthday of the Month, Prize Bingo, & Game Day!

Menu Subject to Change. without notice.

**Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal**

Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600-2000 Calorie Diet

# Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2017

**JUNE**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				BBQ Sandwich Cole Slaw Baked Potato & Dessert		Elder Committee Meeting At Noon
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Beef Stew Fresh Fruit Dessert  Language Class	Fish Fillet Rice Mixed Vegetables & Dessert	Angus Burger Mac & Cheese Veggies & Dessert  Wii Bowling	Lasagna Veggies Garlic Bread Sherbet		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Roast Beef Potato & Carrots Dessert  Language Class	Goulash Steamed Broccoli Dessert  GAME DAY!	Chicken Salad Sandwich Chips Fresh Fruit Salad  Flag Day	Chop Suey over Rice Vegetables & Dessert  BINGO	Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886 Lunch served at noon	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day	Sloppy Joes French Fries Vegetable & Dessert  Language Class	Ruben Sandwich Cole Slaw Mixed Veggie Dessert	All Beef Hot Dogs Baked Beans Pasta Salad  First Day of Summer Wii Bowling	Breakfast for Lunch		
25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
	BBQ Chicken Macaroni Salad Vegetable & Dessert	Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato Green Beans	Spaghetti Mixed Veggie Garlic Toast & Dessert	Taco Bar Fry Bread Veggie & 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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
4. 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.
5. In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
6. River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).
7. 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
8. No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.
9. 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.

Department	Location	Phone Number
Accounting	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
Commodities	Little River Casino Warehouse	231.398.6716
Education	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government center-lower level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	Interim Casino	231.723.7755
Grants Department	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	Government center -north end	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government center-lower level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	Justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th street offices Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Tribal Court	Justice center on M22	231.398.3406

**Upcoming Events**

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

**Elders Meal**  
Aki Community  
Center  
Mon-Thur 12pm

**Language Class**  
Every Friday  
10:30am

**22nd Annual**  
Jiingtamok  
July 1-2, 2017

**2017 Membership**  
Meeting  
October 7, 2017

**Notice of Court Proceeding:  
Case #17092GC**

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court:

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

v.

**STACY CONNER**

FILED: APRIL 17, 2017

COURT HEARING DATE: JUNE 5, 2017

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**May 2017 Court Docket**

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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

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

**Judge Bailey**

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Shaw	17075TM Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	Stone v. Council	17061GC Motion and Pretrial

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

**Judge Sherigan**

10:45 a.m.	LRB v. Hamilton	17088TM Bond Viol.
11:00 a.m.	LRB v. Hamilton	17088TM Pretrial
11:30 a.m.	Rivers v. Cudzilo	12180DP Show Cause

**Monday, May 8, 2017**

**Judge Bailey**

11:00 a.m.	Gregory v. Gregory	14218DM Motion Hrg.
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**Friday, May 12, 2017**

**Judge Bailey/Pros.**

09:30 a.m.	LRB v. McAlpine	17087TM Pretrial
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**Monday, May 22, 2017**

**Judge Bailey**

10:00 a.m.	Feaster	12016PF Show Cause
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**Thursday, May 25, 2017**

**Judge Sherigan**

11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	16247NA Closed Hrg.
01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	16040NA Closed Hrg.
03:30 p.m.	Juvenile Matter	16229JV Closed Hrg.

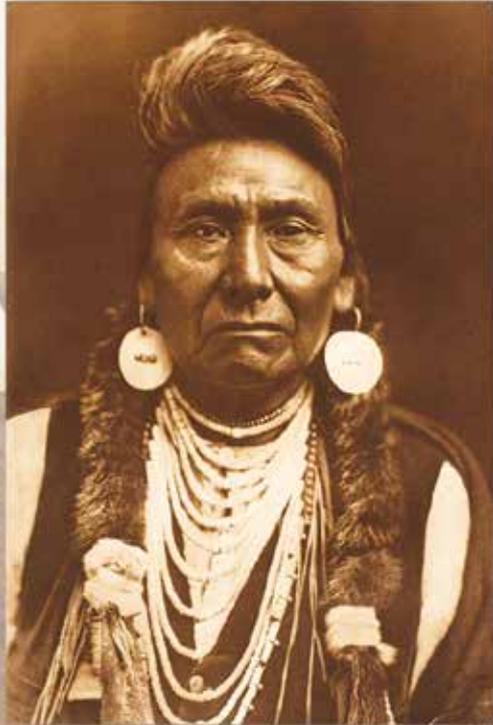
**Friday, May 26, 2017**

**Judge Sherigan**

10:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	16029NA Closed Hrg.
01:30 p.m.	Lonn v. Nelson	17039GC Trial

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