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Upcoming Events

**LRBOI 2019 Election**
February 15 | Ballots due and Primary Election Day
April 26 | Ballots due and Regular Election Day

**Mnamshkiki “Good Medicine” Round Dance**
Little River Casino Resort | 6P - 2:30A | Free Admission
Alcohol and drug free event

**Family Movie Night**
Aki Maadiziwin | 6P - 9P | Free
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Education Dept. 231.398.6724 or 231.398.6735

Reoccurring Events

**Elders Meal**
Aki Maadiziwin
Mon-Thu 12PM

**Language Class**
Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM
www.anishinaabemdaa.com
www.Aanii.org
Anishinaabemdaa

**Traditional Healer**
Government Center
Every 3rd Tuesday
by Appointment

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians - Phone Listings

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

Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)

- CMU Celebrating Life Pow Wow | Mar 23 - 24, 2019 | Mt. Pleasant, MI
- Gathering of Nations Pow Wow | Apr 25 - 27, 2019 | Albuquerque, NM
- Ho - Chunk Memorial Day Pow Wow | May 25 - 27, 2019 | Black Falls, WI
- LRBOI Jiingtamok | Jun 29 - 30, 2019 | Manistee, MI

On the web@ lrboi-nsn.gov
Can be found under the News & Media Tab:

Rapid River Online News: “Daily Posts - Members Only”

LRBOI Calendar:
- Events
- Government Center Activities/Meetings
Aanii:

We are off and running into 2019. The days seem to fly by now. I’m trying to remember what has happened since my last article.

With the Federal Government shutdown, a response to our latest Environmental hearing held in Fruitport, will most likely be delayed; I’ve learned patience. As I travel around, the support for our Muskegon project is very much alive. I’m believing the shutdown will be resolved by the time you read this paper.

I would like to extend a big “Thank You”, “Miigwetch” to everyone who attended the hearing, Tribal Members and community citizens alike! It went fantastically well and almost twice what was expected to attend. There were about 53 people who spoke, and at least 50 of them were in support. Thanks to everyone who spoke on behalf of our project!

Again, thanks go out to Fruitport Schools and School Superintendent, Bob Schmoniak for making the meeting room arrangements happen!

My wife Michele and I were able to attend the inauguration ceremonies for our new Governor, Gretchen Whitmer. The twelve Federally Recognized Tribes of Michigan were invited to present their tribal flags for the ceremony. I believe nine of the 12 Tribes participated. I was honored to carry the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians flag. I must say, temperatures were freezing as we sat for hours, but well worth the event.

In December, I was invited to attend a “thank you” party hosted by outgoing Senator Goeff Hansen. As I have explained previously, Senator Hansen has been supportive of our Tribe over the years.

I will also be attending a community outreach meeting held by Governor Whitmer within the next two weeks. I want to thank Governor Snyder for his work with our Tribe over the years and allowing our Muskegon project to go forward to the Department of Interior.

The new Elder’s Housing Complex is on schedule, as well as the new Odeno community homes we’re building in Fruitport, thanks to the unusually warm weather we’ve been experiencing. Until next month, I want to wish everyone the best for 2019!
## COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE

### Enrollment Commission
Meetings: 5:30PM 3rd Tuesday of the Month

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### Open Meetings - 5PM
Government Center
January 23
February 27
March 20

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Tribal Council Update for December 2018:

We accepted of contract funds from the DHHS- Family Violence Prevention and from the U.S. Department of Interior - BIA.

Council approved amendments to the Government Employee Relations Act. of 2005 Ordinance #05-600-01, changing the appeal to 10 business days, and corrected typos and formatting errors.

We approval of Little River Casino Resort 2019 Liquor License as well as a grant application for funding in support of the Food Distribution Program for a new building.

Council also approved a resolution acknowledging that Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is and has followed 24 CFR 1003.604. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking input from Tribal Members regarding the new proposed building; please forward comments to our website or call Director of Food Distribution Ken LaHaye.

Lastly we approved the Tribal Council Meetings for calendar year 2019.

Happy New Year from Tribal Council,

Sandra Lewis
Tribal Council Recorder

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V = Vacation | * = Business Related | P = Called In | B = Bereavement
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 05, 2018  10:00A - 11:54A

Reports due: September 2018

Reports Received

Operations Report  October 2018
Financial Report  None
Binojeek Commission  None
Enrollment Commission  None
Health Commission  None
Natural Resources Commission  None

September & October 2018

New Business

18-1205-360 ADOPITON OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 2005, ORDINANCE #15-600-01

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•ABSENT  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  RILEY•YES  WITTENBERG•YES

18-1205-361 APPROVAL OF RETAIL ON-SITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE AND RETAIL OFFSITE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•ABSENT  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  RILEY•YES  WITTENBERG•YES

18-1205-362 APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE HUNTING, TRAPPING AND GATHERING REGULATIONS FOR THE 1836 CEDED TERRITORY

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•ABSENT  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  RILEY•YES  WITTENBERG•YES

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

18-1205-363 SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

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

18-1205-364 RATIFICATION OF GOSLING CZUBAK ENGINEERING SCIENCES CONTRACT

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DI PIAZZA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•ABSENT  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  RILEY•YES  WITTENBERG•YES

18-1205-365 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH VAN DYKEN MECHANICAL, INC.

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

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

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2019

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

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

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

February 6  August 3 (AKI)
February 13  August 7
February 20  August 14
February 27  August 21
March 6  September 4
March 13  September 11
March 20  September 18
March 27  September 25
April 3  October 2
April 10  October 9
April 17  October 16
April 24  October 23
May 1  November 2 (LRCR)
May 8  November 6
May 15  November 13
May 22  November 20
June 5  December 4
June 12  December 11
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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2018 10:00A - 11:19A

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NEW BUSINESS

18-1212-368 TRIBAL COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS IS AND HAS FOLLOWED 24 CFR 1003.604 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AS A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT by Pete; supported by Corey

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18-1212-369 APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL TO PROVIDE 25% IN-KIND MATCH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE JANUARY 7, 2019 by Friedel; supported by Pete

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18-1212-371 CONTRACT APPROVAL REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 WITH STANDING STONE DESIGN, INC., FOR A SCHEMATIC DESIGN PACKAGE FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT by Pete; supported by Friedel

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18-1212-372 ADOPTING THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND AUTHORIZING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS by Pete; supported by Friedel

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*Tribal Council Meeting Videos are posted at

trboi-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/tribal-council/reports

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2018 10:00A - The meeting was not adjourned and the time was not noted.

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NEW BUSINESS

18-1219-373 ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 by Friedel; supported by Lewis

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18-1219-374 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO BINOJEUK COMMISSION BY-LAWS 2018-2019 by Friedel; supported by Lewis

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18-1219-376 APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRIBAL OGEMA by Lewis; supported by Friedel

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18-1219-377 RATIFICATION OF TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF THE MORNING STAR CONTRACT TERM 1/2/19-12/31/19 by Crampton; supported by Friedel

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18-1219-379 RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH AT YOUR SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE NEXT GENERATION LEARNING CENTER by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg

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18-1219-380 RATIFICATION OF TELE-RAD SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT by Friedel; supported by Crampton

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Election Calendar:
Date of Election: April 26, 2019

Offices to be Elected:
Office of Tribal Ogema – (one seat)
Tribal Council - Nine County District (two seats)
Tribal Council - Outlying (two seats)
Election Board - (two seats)
Associate Judge - (one seat)

Ballots due and Primary Election Day | February 15, 2019
Deadline for Primary Election recounts, disputes, challenges | February 22, 2019
Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Primary Election | March 1, 2019
Ballots mailed out for Regular Election | March 29, 2019
Ballots due and Regular Election Day | April 26, 2019
Deadline for Regular Election recounts, disputes, challenges | May 3, 2019
Deadline for Regular Election campaign financial report | May 3, 2019
Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Regular Election | May 3, 2019

Notice Regarding Unclaimed Per Capita Payments
As outlined in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2, Unclaimed Per Capita Payments, this is official notification that the individuals listed below have unclaimed per capita payments available. These individuals have until December 31, 2019, to claim these payments. Should any payments remain unclaimed after December 31, 2019, the funds will be reverted to the Tribe as specified in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2.

Robert A. Bontrager
Lisa L. Brown
Jordyn A. Ceplina
Chase M. Childrey
Jarrett E. Kelsey
Renee M. Diehlman
Martin Fleury
Trinity Ricker
Elisa L. Tippit
Jerry S. Tyler
Micheal L. Wabindato
Pauline Wabindato

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

Anishinaabemowin Winter Semester class schedule 2019
Classes on Fridays 10:30 till noon | February 1, 8, 15, 22 | March 1, 8
Classes are held in the conference Room downstairs in Government Center.

Come and join us. You will always learn something that you did not before you walked in.

Some topics are: food, weather terms, household, clothing, nature, time, buildings, colors, verbs, ailments and emotions, professions, family members, word opposites.

Other activities we participate in are: games, invited speakers, storytelling, immersion luncheons, and cultural teachings.

Instructor: Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant
kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov
231.398.6892

www.anishinaabemdaa.com
www.Aanii.org
Anishinaabemdaa
Current Job Postings: [lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/](http://lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/)

**Clinic**
- Director of Health Services
- Staff Physician - Full Time Contractual
- Be-Da-Bin Substance Use Case Manager - Full time

**Housing Department**
- Maintenance Technician

**Family Services**
- Outreach Specialist

**IT Department**
- IT Technician - Full Time
- Systems Administrator - Full Time

**Natural Resources Department**
- Seasonal Fisheries Technician - Temp
- Wildlife Biologist - Full Time

**Unified Legal**
- Legal Intern - Full/Part Time Temp

**Application Instructions:**
Obtain an application form and a copy of the position description on the Tribe’s website: Employment Opportunities or by contacting Human Resources.

**Contact Information:**
Phone: 1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859
Mail: LRBOI - Attn: HR Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

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Work Experience and Internships

"Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery." - Horace Mann

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Education and Workforce Development Programs can help you achieve your educational goals. As a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe in Michigan and by attending a public community college, college or university within the State of Michigan, you can apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver to cover tuition costs. In addition, you can sign up with the Education Department for a College Book Stipend and the Workforce Development Program will cover unmet college/university course fees up to $300.00 per Tribal Citizen per calendar year. For more information, contact the Education and Workforce Development Programs at LRBOI.

David Hawley
Workforce Development Specialist
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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E: dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

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Current Job Postings: [www.q.com/plan-your-journey/careers](http://www.q.com/plan-your-journey/careers)

- Cosmetologist Hair Stylist
- Players Club Rep.
- EVS Cleaner
- Porter
- EVS Supervisor
- Social Media Specialist
- EVS / Wardrobe Manager
- Table Games Supervisor
- Food and Beverage Server
- Housekeeping Attendant
- Massage Therapist

**Please submit an application and resume.**
Native American preference will apply in accordance with Tribal policies.

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

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

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

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**The EDC Board**

Ron Pete • Chair
Thad Taylor • Vice Chair
Frank Lewis, Jr. • Treasurer
E. James Nedeau • Secretary
Andrew Gentile
Tim Ervin

EDC Board Meetings are every 4th Wednesday of the month at 3PM at the Government Center: 2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI 49660

Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.

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Tom St. Dennis
Attorney
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On the web:

InTerra Nutraceuticals
interranutra.com

Advanced Protein Solutions
advancedproteins.com

Odeno Homes in Fruitport
odenohomes.com

EDC Companies:

Ayaa Ventures, LLC (InTerra and Advanced Protein Solutions )
Little River Capital Management, LLC
Little River Development, LLC
Little River Real Estate Management, LLC
Little River Government Contracting, LLC

Welcome our newest members of the Citizen Advisory Board are Chuck Fisher, Michael Burmeister, and Ron Spoerl. The next Citizen Advisory Board Meeting is March 25 at 3pm.

Please note the EDC Board meetings were moved to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm, except for months where that Wednesday falls on a holiday.

Are you looking to make a difference? Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the work of the EDC? The EDC is looking for Citizen Advisory Board Members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss current issues going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and to be a part of something important to the Tribe’s financial future. To show interest in becoming a member of the EDC Advisory Board, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman at crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov.

InTerra Nutraceuticals is a sponsor for the 2019 Polar Plunge to be held at the Little River Casino Resort in March to raise money for the Special Olympics.

**MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**POLAR PLUNGE®**

**FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN**

March 16, 2019 | Little River Casino Resort

The 2nd annual Manistee Polar Plunge will take place on March 16th at the Little River Casino Resort! Join us as we pull out all the stops to make this truly a destination plunge!

Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. in front of the River Rock Sports Bar & Grille with plungers experiencing the thrill of jumping into icy cold pool water at 1:00 p.m.

The After Splash Bash will begin immediately after the plunge where we will celebrate with awards, a silent auction and amazing food!

https://www.firstgiving.com/event/polarplunge/Manistee19
www.Facebook.com/PlungeMi/
Nectar Spa

Everyone needs a little relaxation and Little River Casino Resort’s Nectar Spa has something for everyone!

The full-service Nectar Spa & Salon was added to the Resort footprint in 2016. Construction on the project began in 2015 and the outlet opened Memorial Day weekend of 2016. There are 4 treatment rooms, including a Vichy Shower and Couple’s Room, as well as a salon that offers manicures, pedicures and hair styling.

Men and Women have separate locker areas, hot tub and steam room options. The view from either area is one of pine trees and nature, with all the privacy and serenity a secluded resort experience can provide. Adjacent to the spa is a shared pool, hot tub and exercise room.

Guests at the Nectar Spa & Salon can expect the “best massage hands in the business,” says Charmaine Stone, Director of Hotel Operations. In addition to the spa’s signature Nectar’s Nature Swedish massage, Deep Tissue, Hot Stone and Reflexology are offered. Massages aren’t the only offering; the Monarch body treatment utilizes products specifically formulated for the Nectar Spa and customized for each guest. Facials, skin treatments and make-up applications are available as well.

“The Nectar Spa & Salon offers serenity, quietness and peace,” says Stone. “It is the perfect place to unwind.”

Call now to reserve your moment of relaxation!

231.398.4037
E: nectarspa@lrcr.com

Monday - Thursday 9A - 7P | Friday & Saturday 8A - 8P | Sunday 8A - 4P

Check out our spa and salon menu here

Safety First

As the Risk Manager for Little River Casino Resort, Jim Henderson is tasked with ensuring the safety of every team member. “Their safety is my number one priority,” Henderson explains. “It is essential that LRCR provide continual and consistent safety training as one measure of protection.”

Safety has long been a priority of Henderson, who worked on the Manistee City Fire Department for seven years. During those years as an Engineer & Instructor Coordinator, Henderson utilized his EMS Instructor License to teach others the skills of paramedics and emergency technicians. He also made community connections within local businesses to extend and share various trainings.

One connection was with Morton Salt and their Safety Manager, Don Kuk. Kuk and Henderson combined resources to provide hands-on courses to both teams. Where Henderson had the expertise, he instructed Morton Salt team members with trainings like CPR and First Aid. Where Kuk had the expertise, he instructed team members in Arc Flash safety and Lock-Out / Tag-Out protocol.

Henderson’s career path led him to LRCR in 2018. Because community partnerships are a priority at LRCR, Henderson happily connected with Kuk and the duo recently traded trainings for Morton Salt and LRCR.

Two classes were held at Morton Salt and four classes were held at LRCR. “Each training requires special certification and combining resources just makes sense,” Henderson explained. His Michigan Paramedic License permits him to provide AED, CPR and Choking Response instruction. Kuk’s certifications allow the high voltage and other electrical classes. “Over 40 team members from both facilities received crucial training,” Henderson says. “This makes the entire community safer.” Henderson said that LRCR looks forward to further partnerships with Morton Salt and other community businesses. Because safety is so important, Henderson is always looking for training opportunities. “If I can’t provide the training myself, I will find someone who can.”

In February, LRCR is hosting an OSHA training provided by Indian Health Services. This 30-hour training covers key topics for industrial safety and LRCR extended the invitation to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government as well as several area Tribes. For questions about trainings and partnerships, contact Henderson at jhenderson@lrcr.com
Tax Department Notice

Since tax season is upon us, please note that the Tribe’s Tax Department does not prepare individual tax returns and cannot provide tax or financial advice. Unfortunately, the Tribe does not have any tax preparation services. Previously we did have a couple of employees prepare tax returns on a personal basis, but it was not tribally sponsored. There were hopes to become an IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) site, but there were not enough volunteers to make this possible.

Although the Tax Department has the word “tax” in it, the reference is to the Tribe/State Tax Agreement, the Tribe’s Tax Ordinance, and the Tribe’s Tax Regulations. The Tax Department’s primary function is to administer and enforce the aforementioned Agreement, Ordinance, and Regulations. The Department assists Tribal Members in obtaining tax exemptions and benefits as negotiated in the Tax Agreement and protects the Tribe from liability for non-compliance with State and Federal tax laws.

Do you need a copy of a 1099 showing your per capita amount?
Do you want to have taxes withheld from your per capita payments?
Please contact the Enrollment Department at 231.723.8288 or toll-free at 888.723.8288.

Do you need a specific tax form, instructions, or schedule?
Check your local post office and/or library; most locations provide these.
You can also visit www.irs.gov and click on “Forms & Instructions” to download a specific form.

Do you want to check on the status of your Federal tax refund?
Call the automated refund hotline at 800.829.1954 or download the official IRS2Go app.

Do you have a specific tax question?
For individual tax questions, please consult a professional tax accountant/preparer.

Why Pay When You Can Get Your Taxes Done for Free?

More than half of all taxpayers pay a tax preparer to file their tax return. Before using a commercial tax preparer, find out if there is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site nearby that can help you prepare your taxes for free.

- Commercial tax preparers charge an average of $100 to prepare a return claiming the Earned Income Credit (EIC). You may pay as much as $100 more if you get a Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL).

- Sometimes RALs are advertised as “fast cash” or a “quick tax refund.” RALs are loans with extremely high interest rates. If there is an error on the return and the IRS doesn’t send the refund, you will be stuck having to repay the loan.

- RALs are sometimes promoted through car dealerships, furniture outlets or jewelry stores that offer to prepare your taxes and try to convince you to use refund loans for in-store purchases.

- RALs provide a fast cash loan (1 to 2 days) on your tax refund, but having the IRS refund deposited directly into a bank account takes only about 7 to 12 days. Is it really worth paying $200 or more?

If you earn about $54,000 or less or persons with disabilities, you can get free tax filing help through the IRS-sponsored VITA program. Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax assistance for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age or older. Both programs can provide fast electronic tax filing. Community volunteers receive IRS-approved training to assist individuals with tax returns. Some VITA sites can help you open a bank account if you don’t have one.

To find your nearest VITA location:
Call 800.906.9887
Visit the website www.irs.gov/VITA
Download the free IRS2Go app

To find your nearest TCE location:
Call 888.227.7669
Visit the website www.irs.gov/TCE
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You can also visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov and click on “File Your Taxes for Free” to download free software and find free Federal and State return options electronically.
Guidelines for Choosing a Tax Preparer

If you can’t find a VITA/TCE site or choose to go to a commercial tax preparer, be sure to do the following:

Select a tax preparer that you can contact later in case the IRS has questions about your tax return.

Check out the tax preparer’s reputation with others in the community. You can also research the tax preparer with your local Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) to see if any complaints have been filed.

Ask about fees to have your taxes prepared before scheduling an appointment. Be sure to ask if there are any fees for additional schedules or forms, like the Schedule EIC, used to claim the Earned Income Credit.

Do not leave originals of documents with a tax preparer if he or she needs to work on your tax return when you are not present.

Avoid a tax preparer who suggests you lie or make up information. You will be held responsible for errors, NOT the preparer.

Do not sign a blank tax return or a return completed in pencil. Sign a tax return in pen, only after you’ve reviewed it. Check names, addresses, Social Security numbers and wage information. Ask questions to understand the reason for any refund you get or taxes that you owe.

Check that the tax preparer signs the tax return in pen. The preparer’s signature, address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security number are required on the tax return by federal law.

Request a copy of your completed tax return. Write down the preparer’s phone number to call if you have additional questions about your tax return later.

Tax Preparation Checklist

Getting Help to Prepare your Taxes — What to Take with You

When you go to a VITA/TCE site, or if you choose to go to a professional tax preparer, be ready. Take these items with you:

1. Valid picture ID
2. Copy of last tax return (if you have it)
3. Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for you, your spouse and any dependents. (If available, bring the Social Security cards or ITIN letters to ensure information is copied correctly onto the tax return.)
4. Income documentation including:
   - W-2 Forms from all jobs worked in 2018
   - A blank check for direct deposit of your refund (If you don’t have a checking account, bring your bank account name, savings account number and the 9-digit American Bankers Association (ABA) routing number. Contact your bank if you need assistance identifying the ABA number.)
   - All 1099 Forms showing other income received in 2018, including per capita payments (All RTM non-business income is exempt from Michigan Income taxes – This only applies to RTMs. Please be aware that a Michigan tax return must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section IX (A) of the Tax Agreement. If you have any questions regarding the filing of your MI-1040 or related forms, please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury Customer Contact Division at 517.636.4486.

If any of the following apply to you, take documentation with you:

- Child care expenses, including the provider’s address and federal ID #
- Mortgage company statements
- Adoption expenses
- Alimony paid or received
- Any notices received from the IRS or State tax office
- Property tax bills (Please note that the Tribe/State Tax Agreement does not exempt property taxes)
- College tuition and student loan interest statements
- Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit Form 4013 and Letter
- Additional forms of income such as:
  - Prizes and awards
  - Scholarships and fellowships
  - Lottery or gambling winnings
  - Inheritances
  - Rent, royalties, and capital gains

If you lost or do not have all of these items, you can still get your taxes prepared. Call the IRS helpline at 800.829.1040 to find out what you need to do and how to obtain replacement documents.
What is the Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit and Who is Eligible to Claim this Credit?

The Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit was designed to cover purchases of tangible personal property purchased and used within the Tribe’s Tax Agreement Area (portions of Manistee and Mason Counties), but not listed under the Tribal Certificate of Exemption form. Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption form are vehicles, mobile or modular homes, recreational vehicles and watercraft, affixation to real estate, and treaty fishing items. The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is based on a percentage of a Modified Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). The Sales Tax Credit is 0.9% (.009) of the Resident Tribal Member’s Modified AGI. This percentage is based on the amount the average household spends on the kinds of personal property not covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption (i.e. furniture, appliances, clothing, housewares). Modified AGI is capped at $80,000 per RTM (any leftover modified AGI below the cap from one RTM spouse cannot be carried over to the other RTM spouse). If your spouse is not a Tribal Member, his/her income is not counted in calculating the amount of the refund. The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit form (4013) must be filed with the MI 1040 Income tax return.

Tribal Members that qualify for the Annual Sales Tax Credit will be mailed the required form. In order to qualify and receive the required form, members must be a “Resident Tribal Member” (RTM) with the Enrollment and Tax Offices. To be a RTM, you must physically reside within the Tribe’s Tax Agreement Area, complete a Proof of Residency form, and provide the necessary documentation. The required form and a letter with the number of eligible months that the RTM can claim will be mailed to all registered RTMs. Please note that the Annual Sales Tax Credit is only available for that portion of the year that the Tribal Member had RTM status. If you are a registered RTM or were a registered RTM for a portion of 2018 and don’t receive this information by January 31st, please call the Tax Office at 231-398-6874.

Tax Season = Scam & Identity Theft Season
Don’t Be a Victim, Warning Signs, and How to Protect Yourself

Tax season has become a more prevalent time for identity thieves to try to steal personal information, identities, and even possibly your tax refund. The IRS does not contact taxpayers by email, telephone, text messages, and social media platforms. If you receive contact from someone claiming to be with the IRS, other than through a letter, it’s more than likely a scam. Never provide your personal or financial information to anyone if you receive a call, email, or text. The IRS also does not call taxpayers with threats of arrest, lawsuits, or by requesting you to pay using gift cards, bitcoins, or wire transfers.

Know the warning signs of possible tax-related identity theft if you are contacted by a tax professional/provider or by the IRS about:

- More than one tax return was filed using your Social Security Number
- You owe additional tax, refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a return
- IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work

You may also be a victim of identity theft if you receive:

- Bills for items you did not purchase or for services you did not receive
- Denials for loan or credit card applications
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open

If you are a victim of identity theft, it is recommended that you:

- Contact one of the three major credit bureaus to place a “fraud alert” on your credit records:
  - Equifax, www.Equifax.com or 800.525.6285
  - Experian, www.Experian.com or 888.397.3742
  - TransUnion, www.TransUnion.com or 800.680.7289
- Contact your financial institutions, and close any financial or credit accounts opened without your permission or tampered with by identity thieves.
- File a complaint with the FTC at www.identitytheft.gov or 877.438.4338
- Respond immediately to any official IRS notice; call the number provided in the letter
- Complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, if your e-filed return is rejected due to duplicate filings under your Social Security Number.
People born in February are known for their originality. They believe in doing things their own way rather than following others just for the sake of it. They learn from their mistakes and experiences. No matter the situation or the consequence, a February born is never scared to be honest. Although they don’t reveal much about themselves, it leaves the rest of us wondering who they really are. Their imagination runs wild and they have the ability to think outside of the box. It’s not surprising that a lot of people born in this month are scientists, writers, innovators, or work in a job that requires these skills. They prefer to be different and be known as an ‘individual’ rather than as a part of the group. This makes February borns never boring; they are unique, fun and have a great mind. February borns are the most selfless people in the world. They’re always out to make a difference and help the world. They believe in the change they want to see. People born in February do not like to rush things. They take it slow and one step at a time. It helps them to be more logical and gain more knowledge and also appreciate the things around them.

WHEN:
Saturday February 16, 2019
6 pm - 2:30 am

LOCATION:
LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT
Three Fires Conference Room

FREE ADMISSION·EVERYONE WELCOME

SPOT DANCES
VENDORS
LATE NIGHT SNACK

Vendors can register by contacting
Valerie Chandler 231.398.6874
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attn: The Public Affairs Office
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov or call 231.398.6841
Leo Leroy Petts
1938-2018

Leo Petts was born on October 11, 1938, the sixth of eleven children born to Christine (Thomas) Petts and George Meyer Petts in the Eagle River, Wisconsin area.

Leo passed away on February 27, 2018 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin at 79 years of age.

Leo enlisted in the U.S. army when he was seventeen. He served in Germany and France in the early 1960’s. Leo was a member of the Warriors Society of the LRBOI.

Leo is remembered by his family as a wood carver. He carved several totem poles which he sold. All his carving was done with hand tools.

He rarely saw a doctor during his life. He was kept comfortable until drawing his final breath. He never complained. Dignity to some people is simply that they had to manage on their own when they grew up, and therefore see it as their right not to become reliant on others when they were adults.

Life can change quickly and without warning. Although not everyone would agree with his lifestyle, he lived the life he wanted and his needs and wants were minimal. Leo was probably the only person I knew who ate to live and never lived to eat. He was the freest person his family knew. He never married and only had to answer to himself. He spent no time worrying and wondering what anyone thought about anything he did or didn’t do.

I have pictures of Leo, Stanley (his brother - my husband) and two other brothers, sitting on our roof, taking a break from roofing, nine years ago. Leo was the grounds person, picking up shingles and handing supplies to his brothers on the roof. The brothers stayed with us for a week and a half to finish the roof.

We also have a picture, hanging in our house of a one room classroom in northern Wisconsin. One teacher and 36 students, grades one to six. It was the Bohemian School, 1951. Leo and two of his brothers are in the class picture. Another photo is of four brothers at the Eagle River Fair.

In the end, it’s the pictures and the memories that keep these people close to us when they are gone from this world - and that is a good thing.

Leo is survived by brothers Robert and Stanley, sisters Celia Kohls, Gladys Romain and Helen Christman. Three sisters-in-law, Marjorie Petts, Nannette Petts and Mary Jayne Petts, Elizabeth (Jeanne) (Petts) Gilmore (passed away 4/7/18), 35 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Christine Petts, brothers George and John, sisters May Adkins, Francis Flannery, an infant sister Ruby, and nephew Robin.

Following Leo’s wishes, his ashes were scattered under a tree at the site of the house where he was born and at the same tree where the ashes of his deceased brothers are scattered. This was also the burial site of a stillborn brother.

Take only memories - leave nothing but footprints - Chief Seattle

Prepared and submitted by Marjorie Petts - Sister-in Law of Leo Petts and wife of Stanley Petts, Tribal Elder.

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Moon Bear Pottery

Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts is dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Native American art. I have been creating art for over 60 years. It has been my life long passion. I feel Blessed that I have been able to spend my life pursuing a career that fills me with joy as well as sharing this gift with others.

I work in many different mediums: Clay, painting, bronze, drawing, block prints, beading and dolls. I use Native American themes and Nature throughout my art creations. I like to include “stories” within my art. These stories are woven deep within the pieces and can be “re-told” to better explain the finished work. The stories also serve as a way to keep the “Oral Traditions” of storytelling alive.

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## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2019 Calendar

### February
- 2 | Elders Meeting
- 16 | Mnamshkiki Round Dance
- 22 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### March
- 2 | Elders Meeting
- 16 | Polar Plunge Manistee LRCR
- 28 | Treaty Recognition Day (Offices Closed)
- 29 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### April
- 4 | Regional Opioid Symposium
- 6 | Elders Meeting
- 12-13 | Spring Fire & Teachings
- 12 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle @ 4PM
- 12 | Ogema's Meet & Greet @ 7PM
- 13 | Spring Membership Meeting
- 26 | 2019 LRBOI Election
- 26 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### May
- 27 | Memorial Day (Offices Closed)
- 31 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### June
- 1 | Elders Meeting
- 21 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 29-30 | LRBOI Jiingtamok (Pow Wow)

### July
- 4 | Independence Day (Offices Closed)
- 19 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 26-28 | Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

### August
- 3 | Elders Picnic
- 23 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### September
- 7 | Elders Meeting
- 21 | Reaffirmation Day (Offices Closed 9.20.19)
- 27 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### October
- 5 | Elders Meeting
- 12-13 | Fall Fire & Teachings
- 12 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle @ 4PM
- 12 | Fall Membership Meeting
- 18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

### November
- 2-3 | Elders Conference
- 11 | Veterans Day (Offices Closed)
- 15 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 28-29 | Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)

### December
- 7 | Elders Christmas Party
- 8 | Kids Christmas Party
- 20 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 24 | Christmas Eve (Offices Close @ 12P)
- 25 | Christmas (Offices Closed)

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