



Little River Currents

Gaaching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

UPCOMING EVENTS

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AUG

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Cultural Group Meeting

Government Center Lodge | 5:30P
Discussing and initiating a volunteer group for the Tribe's cultural activities.

AUG

15 - 18

Indian Village Youth Camp

August 15-18 | Campers ages 14-17
Please contact: Yvonne Parsons 231.398.6735
Debra Davis 231.398.6724 | Santana Aker 231.398.6554

AUG

24

16th Annual NME' (sturgeon) Release

10A | New rearing facility tour & children's activities
11A | Nme' Release Ceremony & Release

LRBOI Giigaadoobii'aapkonhs (telephone) Listings

Aki Maadiziwin Kitchen	231.398.2813
Government Center	888.723.8288 231.723.8288
Little River Casino Resort	888.568.2244 231.723.1535
LRBOI Muskegon Office	231.398.6651
Natural Resources	231.723.1594
Next Generation Learning Center	231.398.6718
Public Safety	231.398.2225
Trading Post	231.398.2274
Tribal Court	231.398.3406
Purchased & Referred Care/ Clinic	231.723.8299
Mshikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	231.398.6853

REOCCURRING EVENTS

Elders Meal

Aki Maadiziwin
Mon-Thu 12PM

Language Class

Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM

Traditional Healer

Government Center
Every 3rd Tuesday
by Appointment

Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)

Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow	Aug 10 - 11	Harbor Springs, MI
Shakopee Pow Wow	Aug 16 - 18	Shakopee, WI
American Indian Council Traditional Fall Pow Wow	Aug 17 - 18	Lebanon, IN
Rendezvous at the Straits Pow Wow	Aug 23 - 25	St. Ignace, MI
Hart Pow Wow Honoring Our Elders Traditional Pow Wow	Aug 31 - Sep 1	Hart, MI
Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow	Aug 31 - Sep 1	Dowagiac, MI
Ho-Chunk Labor Day Pow Wow	Aug 31 - Sep 2	Black River Falls, WI



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- Government
- Executive Branch: Tribal Ogema
- Ogema Larry Romanelli

Ogema's Meet & Greet

October 11, 2019

7- 9P

LRCR Three Fires Conference
Room

Fall Membership Meeting

October 12, 2019

LRCR Event Center

Membership Meeting Videos are
posted on lrboi-nsn.gov on the
Ogema's Online Page

Aanii,

By the time you get this issue of the Currents, the questionnaire I talked about sending should be mailed to you. I would like to send a special thank you to Mary Thomas and Rebecca Groh for their work on getting the questionnaire printed and sent out to every member of the Tribe. The mailer turned out to be quite a job for several reasons we won't go into now. I also want to thank Mary Thomas, Rebecca Groh and Lee Iverson, for their assistance with getting the questionnaire put together and help with the questions.

I hope we've given enough opportunity for members to voice their thoughts. My only concern is that we will hear from members who want to voice displeasure, but if a member is well or pleased with our services or government, they won't respond. We are really trying to get the best idea of what the Tribe is doing wrong and right. I must say, it will be helpful to us if the response has a name to it, although it is not required.

As has been noted before, it is difficult to compare LRBOI with other Tribes that have 500 members while we have approximately 4,200 members and oftentimes half or one-quarter of the income of other Tribes. Overall, I think we do a good job, but there is always room for improvement.

The Spring and Summer are proving to be a very busy time for the Tribe. Our Economic Development Corporation is coming together along with our Citizen's Advisory Committee. Products marketed by the EDC are now being sold at Little River Casino Resort. We are very proud that the Resort is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year! There are many employees that have been with us since the start. Miigwetch to all.

Until next time...

**Ogema Larry Romanelli
& LRCR GM Andrew Gentile
at the Golf United Muskegon
Event.**



MAST**Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**

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

NCAI**National Congress of American Indians**

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

State Liaisons

Gary DiPiazza
 Ron Pete

Joint Units of Government • Gary DiPiazza & Diane Lonn

NIGC**National Indian Gaming Commission**

Ron Pete
 Ron Wittenberg
 Tom Guenthardt

NIGA**National Indian Gaming Association**

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

Federal Liaisons • Democrat

Sandra Lewis
 Shannon Crampton

US Chamber of Commerce

Ron Pete Delegate
 Shannon Crampton Delegate
 Gary DiPiazza Alternate

United Tribes of MI

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

Federal Liaisons • Republican

Gary DiPiazza
 Diane Lonn

ELECTION BOARD

Terri Burmeister Chair
 Tammy Burmeister Secretary
 Valerie McDonnell
 Karen Love
 Michael Ceplina

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<https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/>

Open Meetings - 5PM
Government Center

August 21
 September 25

COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE**Binojeeuk Commission**

Meetings: 1PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Family Services Department

Vacant •Chair
 Vacant •Commissioner
 Shawna Gonzalez •Commissioner
 Norma Hinkle •Commissioner
 Beverly Cole •Commissioner
 Diane Lonn •Liaison
 Cindy Champagne •Liaison
 Tom Guenthardt •Liaison

Enrollment Commission

Meetings: 5:00PM 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Enrollment Department

Charmaine Stone •Chair
 Diana O'Neal •Co-Chair
 Krystyne Medawis •Secretary
 Chuck Fisher •Commissioner
 Vacant •Commissioner
 Ron Wittenberg •Liaison
 Sandra Lewis •Liaison
 Diane Lonn •Liaison
 Cindy Champagne •Liaison

Gaming Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday

Gaming Commission Office

Bill Willis •Chair
 Alyce Giltz •Commissioner
 Mark Jespersen •Commissioner
 Deb Davis •Commissioner
 Steve Parsons •Commissioner
 Ron Pete •Liaison
 Dave Corey •Liaison

Health Commission

Meetings: 4:30PM 2nd Monday of the Month

Law Library

Pamela Johnson •Chair
 Al Patricio •Commissioner
 Vacant •Commissioner
 Sandra Lewis •Liaison
 Gary DiPiazza •Liaison

Housing Commission

Meetings: 10AM 1st and 3rd Thursday

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Judy Hardenburgh •Chair
 Julia Chapman •Commissioner
 Marcella Leusby •Secretary
 Teresa Callis •Commissioner
 Margaret Kowalkowski •Commissioner
 Sandra Lewis •Liaison
 Shannon Crampton •Liaison
 Ron Wittenberg •Liaison
 Tom Guenthardt •Liaison

Natural Resource Commission

Meetings: 5PM 2nd Monday of the Month

Natural Resource Office

Virgil Johnson •Chair
 Martha Howell •Secretary
 Connie Eno •Commissioner
 Boo Battice •Commissioner
 Richard Koon •Commissioner
 Gary DiPiazza •Liaison
 Tom Guenthardt •Liaison
 Dave Corey •Liaison

Elders Committee

Meetings: 12PM 1st Saturday of the Month at Aki Maadiziwin

Mary Thomas •Chair	Al Metzger •Trustee	Diane Lonn •Liaison
Darleen Martin •Co-Chair	Debra Kelsey •Trustee	Shannon Crampton •Liaison
Marcella Leusby •Secretary		

GIIGADOO NINI KWEWOK & GIIGADOO NINIWOK (TRIBAL COUNCIL)**Ron Pete • Speaker**

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Date	Work Session Title	Cindy Champagne	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Dave Corey	Tom Guenthardt	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
06/03/19	Round Table w/ Ogema		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
06/03/19	The Hartford		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
06/03/19	Trauma Contract		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
06/03/19	Agenda Review		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
06/03/19	Pow Wow Food		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
06/04/19	Custer Property	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	8
06/04/19	2019 Goals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
06/04/19	Elected Officials Ethics	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
06/04/19	Maintain Data Security	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
06/10/19	Round Table	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
06/10/19	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
06/10/19	Midwest Tribal Energy	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	8
06/11/19	Indian Housing Block	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	8
06/11/19	Children's Protect Code	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	8
06/11/19	Gaming Comm Chapter 11	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	7
06/11/19	Tribal Land	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
06/13/19	TC Meeting Procedures	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	8
06/13/19	Clinic Application	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	7
06/13/19	Victims Sexual Assault	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	7
06/13/19	Information Tech Comm.	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	7
06/14/19	Building Use Policy	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	7
06/14/19	Missing Men, Women, & Children	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	7
06/17/19	Round Table	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/17/19	Tribal Land Exclusion	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/17/19	Agenda Review	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/17/19	Enrollment Ordinance	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/18/19	Housing Regulations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/18/19	EHAP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/18/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	V	7
06/18/19	Well/Septic	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/21/19	Clinic Discussion	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	V	7
06/21/19	Indian Preference	X	X		X	X		X	X	V	6
06/24/19	Round Table	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/24/19	Housing Regulations	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/24/19	Invasive Species	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	V	7
06/24/19	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	8
06/24/19	IHS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/25/19	Strategic Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/25/19	Housing Information	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/25/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/25/19	Electronic Approval	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/25/19	2 Lakes Sewer Update	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V	8
06/27/19	Well and Septic	X	X		X	X	X	X		V	6
Total - 43		38	40	34	42	41	32	40	40	22	

V = Vacation | * = Business Related | P = Called In | B = Bereavement

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 5, 2019

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS ABSENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Reports due: May 2019

Reports due: May 2019	Reports Received
Financial Report - March - May 2019	None Submitted
Enrollment Commission	April 2019
Health Commission	April 2019
May 2019	None Submitted
Housing Commission	None Submitted
Natural Resource Commission	
January & May 2019	None Submitted

19-0605-138 APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2019-06-2ND QTR TO FUND GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKING LOT SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-139 ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION R400-04:GC-14 CHAPTER 14-HEARINGS

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO CONFIRM SPEAKER RON PETE ON 5/22/19

by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO CONFIRM RECORDER GARY DIPIAZZA FROM 5/22/19

VOTE by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-140 ACCEPTANCE OF TAX DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-141 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH COMMISSION

BY-LAWS by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-142 ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION R-400- 04:GC-15 CHAPTER 15-CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-143 AUTHORIZING PERMANENT ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CAMPING REGULATIONS R500-01:NRC-04

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL THESE NAMES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS LIAISONS TO COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, STATE & FEDERAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-144 APPOINTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI)

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-145 APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (NIGA) by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-146 APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION by Di Piazza; supported by Corey

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0605-147; APPOINTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE UNITED TRIBES OF MICHIGAN (UTOM)

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 5, 2019 (CONTINUED)**19-0605-148 APPOINTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES (MAST)**

by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-149 APPOINTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

by Di Piazza; supported by Corey

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-150 AMENDING THE MEMBERS TO THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TASK FORCE TO OVERSEE THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROCESSES FOR VARIOUS ONGOING PROJECTS

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonnn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-151 APPOINTMENT OF EDC BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE, JAMES LAPORTE

by Lonnn; supported by Guenthardt

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•NO
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•NO

19-0605-152 JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, MOLESTATIONS, AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

by Champagne; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•NO	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•NO	COREY•NO
PETE•NO	GUENTHARDT•NO	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-153 RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HARTFORD

by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-154 RATIFICATION OF REFLECTIVE SUPERVISION AND SECONDARY TRAUMA CONTRACT ADRIANA PERSENAIRE

by Di Piazza; supported by Lonnn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•NO	CHAMPAGNE•NO
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0605-155 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND VERIZON WIRELESS

by Lonnn; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS - CULTURAL GROUP

We are forming a **Cultural Group** to work on the Pow Wow, Snow Snake and other cultural events that will help bring back our Culture. The Leads on this Cultural Group are Gary DiPiazza, Sandy Lewis, Diane Lonnn and Ron Wittenberg. The initial meeting will be on **August 14, 2019 in the Lodge at 5:30P.** This is a **Volunteer group.** Let us make this a fun group.

**Call Diane Lonnn – 231.398.6834 or
Gary DiPiazza – 231.398.6825 to sign up.**

Please leave a message, we will call you back.



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 12, 2019 10A - 11:53A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE PRESENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Reports due: May 2019

Financial Report - March & April 2019

Reports Received

None Submitted

Housing Commission

April 2019
May 2019Natural Resource Commission
January 2019

None Submitted

MOTION TO POST HOUSING COMMISSION CHAPTER 2 REGULATION R700-01:HC-2-ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR LOW INCOME ELDER AND TRIBALLY OWNED HOMES FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

by Lonn; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOVE FOR THE POSTING OF HOUSING COMMISSION CHAPTER 6 REGULATION #R700-01:HC-6-PET AND ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATION FOR TRIBAL RENTAL UNITS FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

by Lewis; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0612-161 RATIFICATION OF MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MACHIN ENGINEERING TO ADMINISTER THE DESIGN WORK AND REPAIRS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION ENTRYWAY

by Lewis; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•NO
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0612-162 RATIFICATION OF JOSHUA WILSON CONTRACT

by Lonn; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•NO	CHAMPAGNE•NO
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•NO
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•NO

19-0612-163 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEA'S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR THE 2019 JIINGTAMOK

by Lewis; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•NO
PETE•YES	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 19, 2019 10A - 10:57A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Reports due: April 2019

Financial Report - March & April 2019

Reports Received

None Submitted

Natural Resource Commission

January 2019

19-0619-168 AMENDING THE SHORELINE TASK FORCE MEMBERS

by Guenthardt; supported by Corey

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

Drawing of Names for Elected Officials Ethics Board

Tribal Council approved the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance #14-100-01 creating the Ethics Board to hold hearings on allegations or unethical conduct by Elected Officials to develop and recommend further regulations deemed necessary to meet the purposes of this ordinance.

MOTION TO POST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILDREN'S PROTECTION CODE, ORDINANCE 98-900-01 FOR THE 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

by Corey; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0619-169 APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 FOR ANALYTICAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

by Corey; supported by Guenthardt

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•NO	CHAMPAGNE•NO
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 26, 2019 10A - 11:58A

DIPIAZZA PRESENT	CRAMPTON PRESENT	GUENTHARDT PRESENT	LEWIS PRESENT	LONN PRESENT	COREY PRESENT	PETE ABSENT	CHAMPAGNE PRESENT	WITTENBERG PRESENT
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Reports due: May 2019

Financial Report - March & May 2019

Reports Received

None Submitted

Enrollment Commission

None Submitted

Health Commission

None Submitted

19-0626-173 APPROVAL BY THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIDWEST TRIBAL ENERGY RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (MTERA) by Corey; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0626-174 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROCEDURES ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 06-100-02

by Corey; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0626-175 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR 2 LAKES SEWER AUTHORITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 17-0405-126 by Corey; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•NO	CHAMPAGNE•NO
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

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

19-0619-170 APPROVING THE FY 2019 RESORT REFORECAST BUDGETS

by Corey; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

19-0619-172 AUTHORIZING \$35,000 DONATION TO MUSKEGON BIKE TIME, LLC by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN	CHAMPAGNE•NO
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•NO

19-0626-176, APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BARTON ASSOCIATES

by Lewis; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•NO

19-0626-177 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH LISA J. VOGLER FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN MEMBERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•YES	COREY•YES
PETE•ABSENT	GUENTHARDT•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

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

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00A, unless otherwise stated below. Departmental Reports and Minutes of various entities of the Tribe will be accepted during the third meeting of each month.

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

August 7	September 4	October 2	November 2 (LR CR)	December 4
August 14	September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11
August 21	September 18	October 16	November 13	December 18
	September 25	October 23	November 20	

AUGUST 21, 2019 | PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING FOR NGLC GRANT APPLICATION

LRBOI is announcing to its membership and those who utilize the Next Generation Learning Center that a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program.

As a part of the application process, the public may have time to ask questions and provide comment on the application before it is submitted. This opportunity will be made available at the regular LRBOI Council Meeting during the request to submit for the grant. As a part of this notice, the full application will be available here online for review by Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5pm.

Where: Government Center Lodge | 10A



SAVE THE DATE!

August 6, 7, and 8 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Little River Casino Resort Event Center

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Be Da Bin Behavioral Health Department in collaboration with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center is pleased to invite you to:



LRBOI Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) Wellness and Healing for Our Nation

Free Lunch and Snacks will be provided

Discussion Topics

The GONA is a journey of healing and transformation. It is as much about healing the past as it is about building the future. This process involves examining skills, abilities, knowledge, resources, and desires that can be used in some way to help meet the community's overall vision and goals for prevention efforts.

Who Should Attend?

AI/AN families, tribal leaders, social service staff, health care providers, law enforcement, school personnel, AI/AN, youth and elders, traditional and faith-based organizations, and other prevention partners to attend the GONA.

Points of Contact

Jason Cross, MSW, Director, Be Da Bin Behavioral Health/LRBOI, jcross@lrboi-nsn.gov. 231-398-6736

Dottie Batchelder BS, CADC, CCS-M, CRC-R, CPRM Chemical Dependency Counselor, Be Da Bin Behavioral Health/LRBOI, dbatchelder@lrboi-nsn.gov. 231-398-6741

LRBOI employees who are not directly facilitating or hosting the event must use PTO to attend.



Special Election | Office of the Election Board | Candidate Biographies

Al Metzger

Boozho,

My name is Al Metzger, Tribal I.D. #890. Currently employed at LRCR, Member of the Elders Committee. Mukwa Dodem.

I'm seeking your support in the upcoming Special Election for a vacant seat on the Election Board. It would be such an Honor to sever the Members in this capacity.

Miigwech,

Al Metzger

Angela Martin-Wabindato



My name is Angela Martin-Wabindato. I would be honored to serve you in the office of the election board. I believe a fair election system is the key to everyone's voice being heard. I'm an honest, dependable, friendly, and educated anishinaabekwe. I am the mother of three beautiful, intelligent children. My oldest gave me a granddaughter last year, and my youngest just completed her freshman year at Northern Michigan University. I currently work in the gaming industry. In my career, I have held positions of: gaming dealer, table games floor supervisor, and table games shift manager. I am trusted as a key employee, and have held gaming licenses for the last 18 years. I have an array of interests, and have earned 181 college credits. I've studied criminal justice, business management, accounting, chemistry, and biology. I hold an Associate in Science from Ferris State University, and I'm a few semesters away from a Bachelor of Biology. I was the president of the Circle of Tribal Nations while attending Ferris. I would appreciate for you to give me this opportunity to have a role in the operation of our tribe. I would love your vote. Chi Miigwech

Kathryn (Koon) Gibson



Kathryn (Koon) Gibson, #0352

I am an active member of our Tribe and have been for over thirty years. On my 21st birthday, January 1986, I was appointed to serve on the Tribal Council as the secretary, a volunteer position. In July 1995 I was vote by the Tribal Council to be the Vice Chairperson, a volunteer position. I served on the Tribal Council until August 2001. 15 years of service on our Tribal Council. In November 2001, I became an employee of our Tribe and have been employed with our Tribe for 17 plus years. My participation goes back to 1993 when I served as a volunteer to work on the Constitution Committee to develop our Tribal Constitution. In June of 2000, I took trainings in Tribal Enrollment and Tribal Election through Falmouth Institute, Federal Indian Law & Revising Tribal Codes through National Indian Justice Center. I have an Associate degree in Art and Science and have continued my education by taken a Law and Ethics class in 2018. As you can see by the above I am a dedicated Tribal Citizen, and would be a great addition to our Election Board. Thank you for your support in striving to make our Tribe better for all citizens.

Election: August 23, 2019 | Ballots Mailed August 2, 2019

Kristi Fowler



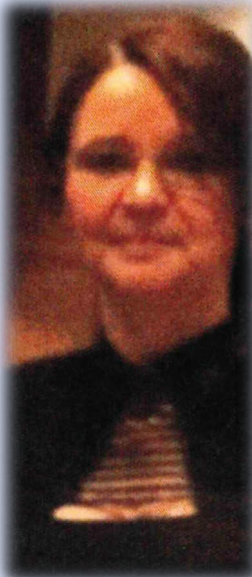
Election Board Biography

Boozhoo, My name is Kristi Fowler and this year I'm running for a seat on the election board. I graduated Muskegon High School and attended Muskegon Community College. I'm a mother of three daughters. My eldest, Katelyn (20 y.o.), is a senior at University of Michigan on a path to be an oncologist. My middle daughter, Kendra (18 y.o.), is a freshman at Michigan State University and a MSU track athlete on a path to be a surgeon. My youngest daughter, Kaycee (15 y.o.) is a junior at Fremont High School. I currently manage Lakes 23 country club. I'm hoping to transfer these honest, hardworking values to this role in the tribe.

I've decided to run because many political climates lack a sense of honesty, transparency, and accuracy. I believe our tribe and election board should be held to these standards. If elected, I vow to serve the tribe with these standards. I know I'm qualified for this highly coveted position due to my plethora of managing experience. I've always treated my peers and superiors with respect, dignity, and courtesy. I believe we need to bring back our tribal family values and become one again.

Remember to vote this upcoming election and thank you for your support!

Peggy Vriesman



Aanii,

My name is Peggy Vriesman. I am running for the open seat on the Election Board. I am a previous Election Board member and will bring a lifetime of experience to this position.

I currently work at Little River Casino Resort and I previously worked for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in the Natural Resources Department.

I am a graduate of Ferris State University with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration. I also have two Associate Degrees from Westshore Community College, one in Marketing Management and one in Accounting.

I have been married to my wonderful husband Roger for 25 years and we have 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

I would appreciate your support in my return to service of our tribe.

Miigwech

Shawwna Gonzalez



My name is Shawwna Gonzalez and I hope to represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on the Election Board. I was born and raised in Muskegon, Michigan. I have been married for 5 years to Aldo Gonzalez and currently have 4 fur children (dogs) and 1 cat. I went to Grand Valley State University where I obtained my bachelor's degree in Spanish and International Relations. Currently I am serving on the Binojueek Commission as a commissioner since January 2019. I have attended every meeting and have not been late once, which shows my dedication and my work ethics. I will continue to strive for these on the election board. For the past 12 years I have maintained a leader position at my current full time job at a restaurant in Muskegon, MI. My work history shows my great work ethics, honesty, and commitment. If you give me the honor of working for our tribe I will strive to represent our people and the election process in the best way possible! Thank YOU!

Government Center News



**16TH ANNUAL NMÉ (STURGEON)
RELEASE**

August 24th, 2019

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

**10:00 am: Sturgeon viewing, new rearing facility tour
& children's activities**

11:00 am: Sturgeon Release Ceremony

11:30 am: Fish Released

Please contact the LRBOI NRD for more details: (231)723-1594

Location:
Rainbow Bend USFS
Manistee River Access



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

Jordyn A. Ceplina

Trinity Ricker

Elisa L. Tippitt

Lisa L. Brown

Jarrett E. Kelsey

Allan Taylor

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.

MEMBERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL AUGUST 12, 2019.

The Attorney apologizes for any inconvenience. Legal assistance is still available as a temporary lawyer is on call.

Northern Michigan Legal Services 231.947.0771

Michigan Indian Legal Services 877.968.6877

Legal Aid of Western Michigan 616.774.0672

Michiganlegalhelp.org

Career Opportunities with LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort



Family Services

Parent Educator

Health Services

Staff Physicians - 2

IT Department

Network Engineer

Maintenance Department

Maintenance Technician

Natural Resources Department

Seasonal Wildlife Technician

Public Safety

Conservation Officer

Tax Department

Administrative Assistant

Unified Legal

Legal Intern

Bartender

Bus Person

Cook I

Cosmetologist/Hair Stylist

Customer Service Associate

EVS Cleaner

F&B Server

Food & Beverage Supervisor

Guest Service Agent

Guest Service Supervisor-BOH

High Lift/Floor Care Cleaner

House Person

Housekeeping Attendant

HR Representative

Lead Guest Service Agent

Massage Therapist

Pantry Cook

Player's Club Representative

Porter

Security Level II

Valet Service Attendant

1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859

jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/

1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530

Monday through Friday 7am-5pm

www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers

Join the Little River Casino Resort Team

Northwest Michigan is particularly beautiful when the temperatures rise. Eagles soar, waves crash, the forests grow green, and the marinas and campgrounds are filled to capacity. People from all over arrive in the sunny little lakefront town of Manistee to enjoy all that nature has to offer and hoping to try their luck at Little River Casino Resort (LRCR). Driving through town you will see colorful, eye-catching signs, one after another, all with the same goal in mind: hiring great people. LRCR is among those asking the community to join our team.

Choosing a career is one of the most significant decisions you will make in your life and we are excited to offer dozens of quality positions with competitive pay and benefits. LRCR is the largest employer in Manistee County, Michigan. Here are all the ways you can apply for a job with LRCR:

Apply in person in the Human Resources Department at LRCR

Apply through the LRCR website: www.lrcr.com

Apply through the links in the Little River Casino Resort Employment Facebook group: www.facebook.com/LRCRjobs/

Open jobs may also be viewed in the Manistee/Mason Job Postings Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/ManisteeMasonCountyJobs/

Apply on the Michigan Works! Website at: www.michiganworks.org

Career opportunities are included in the monthly Little River Currents (Newsletter) and posted at Tribal offices; though, you may not apply there. At Little River Casino Resort, we strive to be Michigan's foremost entertainment resort destination and employer of choice. To do this, we need great team members to assist us. If you are an enthusiastic and motivated individual, we want you.

Native American preference will apply in accordance with Tribal policies.

Human Resources office hours are Monday through Friday 7A-5P.

Recruiting Contact Information:

Little River Casino Resort | Attn: Recruiting

P.O. Box 417

Manistee, MI 49660

P: 888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530 | F: 231.723.1589

EDC | Economic Development Corporation

The EDC Board

Thad Taylor	•Chair
Frank Lewis, Jr.	•Vice Chair
E. James Nedeau	•Secretary/Treasurer
James LaPorte	•Treasurer
Ron Spoerl	

EDC Board Meeting

August 28 | 3PM

2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.

We are still looking for Citizen Advisory Board members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet quarterly to discuss current things going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas.

If you are interested in applying for a seat on the Citizen Advisory Board, please send a letter of interest, resume, and two references to Crystal Newman.

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On the web: lrhedc.com

InTerra Nutraceuticals

interranutra.com

Advanced Protein Solutions

Odeno Homes in Fruitport

odenohomes.com

EDC Companies:

Little River Health Technologies, LLC

(InTerra & Advanced Protein Solutions)

Little River Capital Management, LLC

Little River Development, LLC

Little River Real Estate Management, LLC

Little River Government Contracting, LLC

Have you checked out our new website yet? We will be posting general information on all of our subsidiaries and current activities so you can stay up-to-date on what our EDC is working on. Find us at lrhedc.com.

Make sure to check us out on Facebook as well! www.facebook.com/littleriverholdingsllc

Brief descriptions of our subsidiaries

Little River Health Technologies (formerly Ayaa Ventures)

Little River Health Technologies is the parent company for InTerra Nutraceuticals and Advanced Protein Solutions.

InTerra is our nutraceutical division, offering therapeutic lotions and serums made with our patented formulation that utilizes tart cherry concentrate, Omegas 3-6-9, and Emu oil. We currently offer three scents of hand lotion, our Head & Body Serum, best-selling Joint & Muscle Lotion, and our new product, Hi-Tech Hemp Nano-gel. July 2019 was the best month for sales of InTerra products to date. To continue improving the company's performance, InTerra contracted with Natural Products Consulting to conduct a sales boot camp. The consultant, Bob Burke, was named one of the 'Top 25 Business Builders of the Natural Products Industry for the last 25 years' by Natural Foods Merchandiser Magazine.

Advanced Protein Solutions, or APS, is our protein-enhancement division, offering the same patented formulation, but as an additive to meats. Some of our current customers include Spectrum Health and various school systems.

Little River Real Estate Management

This subsidiary is responsible for the management of rental properties throughout Manistee, with one property in Muskegon, Michigan. We field all of our own maintenance calls, issue leases, and receive rental payments from tenants. We manage both residential and commercial properties.

Little River Development

Our development subsidiary includes the Odeno subdivision in Fruitport, as well as a low-income housing project in Manistee and possibly a large commercial and housing development on the corner of US-31 and M-22, also in Manistee, MI. A Master Plan concept has been developed for the project. Little

River Holdings has submitted a request to rezone the properties necessary to carry out the proposed development. The project was strategically developed in a phased approach to create the most financially viable outlay of capital.

Little River Government Contracting

This is our newly-formed (late 2018) government contracting entity. This company has applied to the Small Business Association for 8(a) Certification, and once approved, will bid on government contracts.

Little River Capital Management, LLC

Continues to operate to enhance yield on the Odeno project.



Miss Little River 2019-2020 Contest

On June 29, after second Grand Entry, a new Miss Little River was crowned. Throughout the day, the contestants competed in several portions of the contest to earn the title of Miss Little River. There were two young women who competed this year, Kateri Ceplina and Angelica Hinmon Sanchez, who are both Tribal Members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. These two young women were very eager to compete and, although neither had before, they showed the utmost respect and qualities a princess should carry to represent the Tribe. The first portion they had to do was the essay. They wrote a short biography and one page paper on why they wanted to be Miss Little River and what they hoped to accomplish during their reign.

Kateri Ceplina said, "I want to be Miss Little River because it is a lifelong dream. I have always looked up to our princesses and wanted to be them. As I grew older I realized what a good role model and what good examples these young ladies had on me. I know that becoming princess would also make my friends and family proud and that is always a good feeling and becoming princess I would do that."



When **Angelica Hinmon Sanchez** was asked why she wanted to be princess and what she hoped to accomplish, she said, **"I hope to become the next Miss Little River to represent my Tribe and show how strong our people and culture are, I hope that I can be as good and honorable as the previous princesses have been. I look forward to the opportunity to meet other princesses and learn more of my culture. If I win, I hope that I can represent in the best way for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in the upcoming year."** The essay was sent in with their application.

When they arrived at the powwow and Grand Entry was over, they participated in the public speaking portion of the contest, where they introduced themselves in front of all present at the powwow. Immediately following the introduction portion of the princess contest, they competed in the dance portion. Finally, they were interviewed and asked questions to determine their knowledge and ability to relay their tribal traditions. In the end, with all the judges scores combined, the 2019-2020 Miss Little River was Angelica Hinmon Sanchez. Please congratulate both of these inspiring young Tribal Members on all their hard work in preparation. They both represented many of our Seven Grandfather teachings as they competed, including being brave enough to compete and humble enough to know that as much as they have prepared they, as with us all, can always learn more.

As a tribal community it is our responsibility to provide opportunities for their cultural knowledge to develop and to support all our youth in these types of endeavors. Now is the time to start thinking about running for Miss Little River 2020-2021. If you have any questions and or would like to be added to a contact list for upcoming events and have questions about helping your future Miss Little River contestant prepare you can email the head princess judge at lrbprincesscontest@gmail.com.

We would like to introduce you to the current Miss Little River Angelica Hinmon Sanchez by sharing her biography below.

"Hello my name is Angelica Hinmon Sanchez. I live in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with my parents, Kim Hinmon and Miguel Sanchez my two brothers, Benjamin and Nijiji, and grandparents, Vera and Bruce. I am 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Shepherd Middle School. Growing up, I learned stories about how many of our traditional ways came to be. I enjoy learning about my culture, and will continue to learn more. In my spare time, I like to read, draw, sing, and bead. Basically, I like to do things that keep me busy. I play soccer and softball. I am active in girl scouts, scouts BSA and project venture. I also participate in a mentoring program called Zaagatee. I'm not the best in school but I study hard and try to keep my grades up. My favorite classes are choir and reading."

Family Services Director, Jason Cross, is Recognized as a Champion for Children

Advocating for children and families has intrinsic motivation; for example, the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of families. Though advocacy has its inherent rewards, it is often emotionally draining work. It takes a special person to push through the stress that accompanies social work; a special person like the Director of Family Services, Jason Cross.

Jason was nominated for the Children's Advocacy Centers of Michigan (CACMI) Champion of Advocacy award. This award recognizes an individual or an organization that has been an exemplary partner to a Children's Advocacy Center by demonstrating extraordinary leadership and dedication in the role of serving children and families impacted by abuse. This champion is a person or an organization that has helped make connections where there were few; creating empowerment and access to services for survivors and their allies.

In his role of LRBOI's Family Services Director, Jason oversees five departments; the Next Generation Learning Center (NGLC), Member's Assistance, the Victim Services Program (VSP), Family Services, and Be Da Bin Behavioral Health.

During his time in service to the Tribe, Jason was instrumental in moving the NGLC from a dream to reality. Recently incorporated into the NGLC is the Great Start Readiness Program and Head Start which both extend opportunities to area children, some of whom come from abusive homes. In addition to his involvement with NGLC, Jason works closely with families who are impacted by neglect or abuse. Jason is careful to assure that the families served by LRBOI's Family Services Department have access to essential resources like housing, food, therapy and other needed services.

Jason's nomination boasted about his activities outside of his position as the Director of Family Services. He serves as the co-chair of the MDHHS Tribal State Partnership, and he is a member of the Tribal Court Relations Committee for the Court Improvement Program Statewide Task Force. Additionally, Jason is a qualified expert witness for Indian child welfare, having testified in over 100 cases to advocate for the best interest of LRBOI children. He also testified at a state level regarding best practices in the state child welfare arena. Lastly, always the children's champion, thanks to Jason's advocacy, the Manistee County Child Advocacy Center, located next to the NGLC, is in a better position to provide services they might not otherwise be able to provide.

On June 28th, Jason attended CACMI's inaugural Champion for Children event in Grand Rapids where he was presented with the Champion for Advocacy award for which he was nominated. Michael Christy, the Executive Director of CACMI, expressed to Jason, "CACMI submitted nominations to an external committee not affiliated with CACMI. The committee selected your nomination as best representing the award category. We wholeheartedly agree with their selection."

LRBOI is fortunate to have a children's champion like Jason at the helm of the Family Services Department.

If you, or a family you know needs help, please call 1.888.723.8288 and your concern will be directed to the appropriate department.



FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Department Overview

To provide an accessible, effective and diversified Social Services Program that will enhance and maximize individual Tribal Citizen's capabilities for greater self-sufficiency and wellbeing. In addition, it is our focus to maintain the preservation and reunification of Indian families by providing direct service, referral and case management of services for Indian children and families in compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act.

Our Goals

To target demonstrated needs to Tribal Citizens to fill gaps in services provided by Federal, State, and local agencies. To maintain the preservation of Native American families and communities by providing direct services, referral, and case management services to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Citizens and their families.

Services:

Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification

Intervention in State court proceedings as per the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). Foster Care monitoring, adoption and Case Management services. Service Plan development to accomplish specific goals. The department works in conjunction with the Binojeeuk Commission (Child Welfare Commission) who make independent recommendations on a case by case basis. The Department also provides Expert Witness testimony as required by the ICWA and MIFPA. Eligibility is limited to children under 18 years of age, who are verified Tribal citizens or are eligible for enrollment who are currently involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) in either a Tribal or State court case.

Victim Services

Victim Services program serves to provide support and education services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Specific services may include: cultural advocacy, emergency shelter, and outreach services. Eligibility requires verification of Tribal enrollment in a Federally Recognized Tribe and a residence within the nine county service area.

Zoongaadiziwin Self-Sufficiency Program

A holistic program that builds on the strengths of an individual to create independence and accomplish future goals. Through case management and system navigation, individuals will be able to access Tribal and non-Tribal programs that will assist their journey to self-sufficiency. Eligibility requires verification of Tribal enrollment and residency in the nine county service area. Financial assistance may require proof of income level.

Elder Support Services

Providing assistance with Tribal and non-Tribal programs including case management services, advocacy, and referrals. Utilizing the Elder's Circle of Care these services give individuals the ability to live in their own home or community safely, independently, and comfortably regardless of age, income, or ability level as long as possible. Family Services also collaborates with Adult Protective Services (APS) to protect Elders in abusive situations. We also assist Elders with questions and concerns when accessing programs on Federal and State levels. Eligibility requires verification of Tribal enrollment.

Family & Individual Counseling

Counseling assistance to individuals and families directed at basic problem solving, intra-family relationships, and child parenting issues. Eligibility requires verification of Tribal enrollment.

Family Services Staff:

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231.398.6736

Stephanie Persenaire, BSW

Case Manager
231.398.6812

Shanaviah Canales, MS

Victim Advocate Coordinator
231.398.6719

Michol Tanner, BS

Outreach Specialist
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Sandra DeVerney, LLMSW

Social Worker-Licensing
Agent 231.398.6737

Cecilia Smith, BSW

ROSS Service Coordinator
231.398.6705

Amber Shepard, BS

Victim Advocate
231.398.6826

Shawnee Damm-Hajdu

Administrative Assistant
231.398.6651

Amanda McQueen, BS

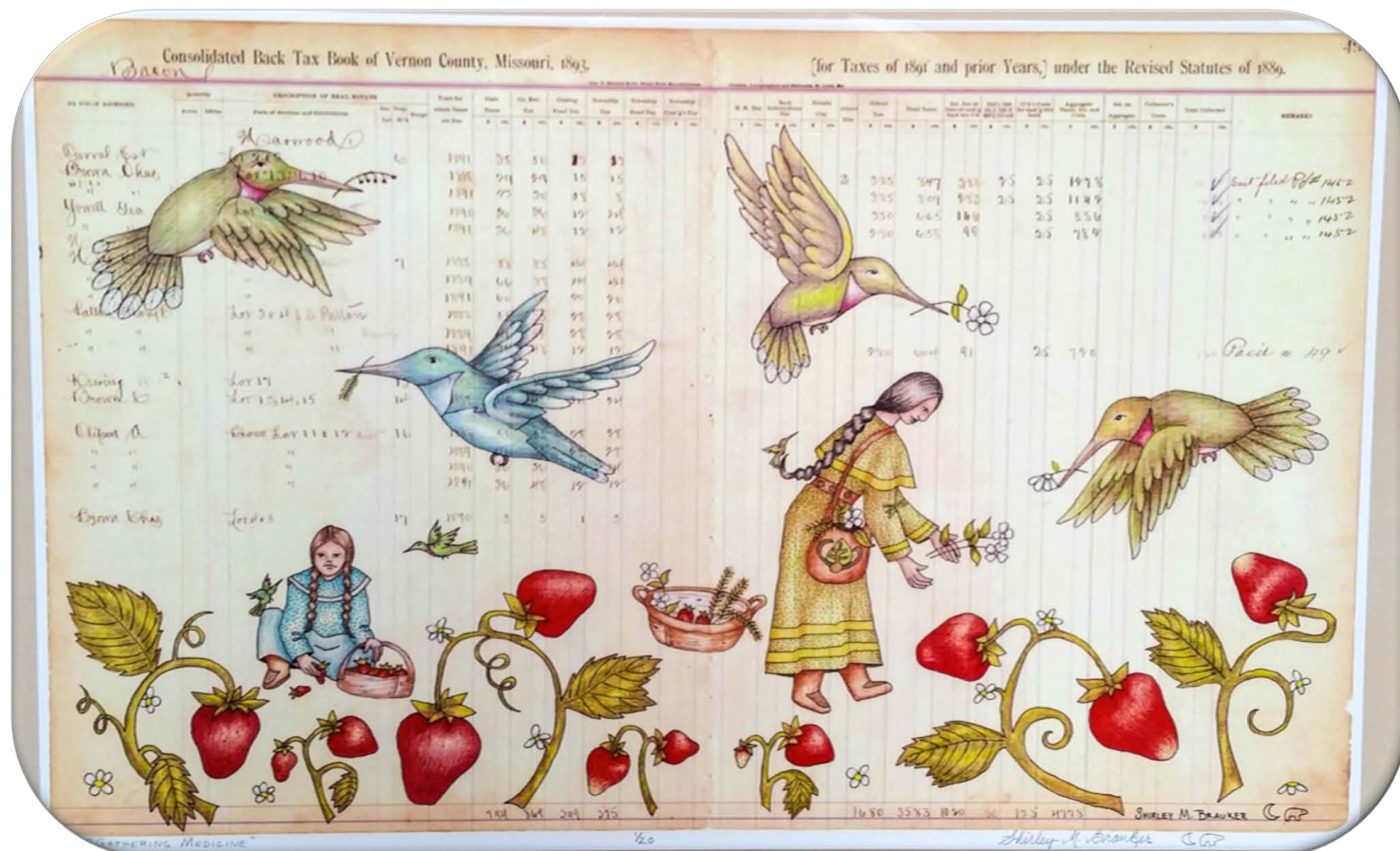
Case Manager
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Shelly Kequam

ICWA Case Aid
231.398.6707

Brandy Jacobs, BS

Victim Advocate
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I have drawn a picture on an original 1889 ledger page from a Missouri court house. The drawing tells the story of Hummingbird helping Women gather Medicines.

The story goes that when the Creator was giving characteristics and features to all the animals, he asked them what they wanted most. The Owl said he wanted to see at night, so the Creator gave him eyes that could see in the dark. The Mountain Lion wanted long claws so he could catch his prey. The Bear wanted strength, the Peacock wanted colorful feathers and the Beaver wanted strong teeth to chew on poplar trees. Each of these animals received their gifts from a large pile of parts that lay next to the Creator. As the day became night, the last little bird came to the Creator. He was very shy, and said the only thing he wanted was to help the People. He didn't want anything for himself. He wanted to serve the Anishinaabe People. The Creator looked down at the pile that had dwindled and saw that all that was left was a long bird beak and tiny wings that could fly backwards. He quickly and skillfully put these on the tiny Hummingbird. The little bird was very thankful and asked once again for a job or purpose to help the Anishinaabe People. The Creator thought long on this request, and wondered who such a small bird could help. Then he remembered the Women Medicine Gatherers talking about how tired they became while hunting and gathering Herbs. He told the Hummingbird to ride on the braid of the Women and help collect the Plants to Heal the People. This pleased the Hummingbird and that is why he is so important to the Healers.

I donated this ledger, "Gathering Medicine" to the Little River Clinic. You can view it there. The Clinic has always been very helpful to me, and I wanted to give something back to them for their service. I designed this piece especially for the Clinic. - **Shirley Brauker**

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Aug 1 Spider-Man Day
 Aug 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
 Aug 3 National Watermelon Day
 Aug 4 National Friendship Day
 Aug 5 Work Like a Dog Day
 Aug 6 National Root Beer Float Day
 Aug 7 National Lighthouse Day
 Aug 8 World Cat Day
 Aug 9 National Women's Day
 Aug 10 National Lazy Day
 Aug 11 National Son and Daughter Day
 Aug 12 International Youth Day
 Aug 13 International Left-handers Day
 Aug 14 National Financial Awareness Day
 Aug 15 National Relaxation Day

Aug 16 National Tell A Joke Day
 Aug 17 National Black Cat Appreciation Day
 Aug 18 National Fajita Day
 Aug 19 National Aviation Day
 Aug 20 National Lemonade Day
 Aug 21 National Senior Citizens Day
 Aug 22 National Tooth Fairy Day
 Aug 23 Cheap Flight Day
 Aug 24 National Waffle Day
 Aug 25 National Banana Split Day
 Aug 26 National Dog Day
 Aug 27 National Just Because Day
 Aug 28 National Cherry Turnovers Day
 Aug 29 National Lemon Juice Day
 Aug 30 National Beach Day



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August

6 - 8 | SAMSHA Gathering of Native Americans
14 | Cultural Group Meeting
15-18 | Indian Village Youth Camp
23 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
23 | Midwest Advance Peacemaking Training
23 | Election - Election Board Seat
24 | 16th Annual Sturgeon Release

September

7 | Elders Meeting
21 | Reaffirmation Day (Offices Closed 9.20)
27 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin

October

5 | Elders Meeting
11 | Tribal Council's Talking Circle
11 | Ogema's Meet & Greet
12 | Fall Membership Meeting
18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
31 | LRBOI Campground Closes

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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