UPCOMING EVENTS

**Hunter Safety Class**
3031 Domres Rd. Manistee, MI 49660
See page 9

**LRBOI Government Office - Muskegon**
8:30A - 4P | 1111 W Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441
Additional LRBOI Government Departments and services will be available. See page 10

**Reaffirmation Day**
Government Center/ Clinic & Pharmacy will be closed on Friday, Sept. 20 in observation.

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)**

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Aanii,

Good things continue to happen within our Tribe. Most recently, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians received a grant for $700,000 for our Commodities Department thanks to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) along with the work of Commodities Department Director, Ken LaHaye and Grants Department, Lyle Dorr. HUD staff came to Manistee to deliver the news. I really want to say “Miigwetch”, thank you to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the very generous award to fund the construction of a new food distribution center and warehouse. We, as a Tribe, have operated a USDA Food Commodity and Distribution program for over two decades and now with the support of this grant we can expand our services to a broader area of 14 counties and a larger population. I want to give kudos to former Director Yvonne Theodore for her work over the years in Commodities. Often times, Native Americans as a group, do not get the recognition they need and this award and effort ensures Native Americans do have a “seat at the table”. Again, thank you. This grant will not only help the various Tribes that have members in the area but will assist the West Michigan area as a whole.

We are preparing for the dedication of the memorial tree “garden”, Which is located behind the Tribal Government Center. We will hopefully have the dedication on Saturday after the Fall Membership Meeting. One tree was planted for each year since our Federal Reaffirmation, which lists the Tribal Members who walked on during that year. Plaques have been ordered, and received and should be placed at each tree.

I continue to receive the questionnaires back from members and am very pleased with the amount of responses. I want to thank everyone for taking the time to write down their thoughts and ideas. I will have a report at the next Membership Meeting. Until next time…

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**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

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**Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting of the new Elders Apartment Complex at Aki Maadiziwin.**

Pictured cutting the ribbon are Housing Commissioners (L-R): Margaret Kowalkowski, Julia Chapman, Judy Hardenburgh, Marcella Leusby, and Teresa Callis.

Prayers and an Open House took place in the lobby of the new Elders Apartment Complex.
MAST
Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes
Larry Romanelli  Delegate
Shannon Crampton  Alternate
Sandra Lewis  Alternate
Ron Wittenberg  Alternate
Cindy Champagne  Alternate

NIGC
National Indian Gaming Commission
Ron Pete  Delegate
Ron Wittenberg  Alternate
Tom Guenthardt

US Chamber of Commerce
Ron Pete  Delegate
Shannon Crampton  Alternate
Gary DiPiazza

NCAI
National Congress of American Indians
Larry Romanelli  Delegate
Sandra Lewis  Alternate
Shannon Crampton  Alternate
Cindy Champagne  Alternate

State Liaisons
Gary DiPiazza
Ron Pete

Federal Liaisons • Democrat
Sandra Lewis
Shannon Crampton

Federal Liaisons • Republican
Gary DiPiazza
Diane Lonn

Joint Units of Government • Gary DiPiazza & Diane Lonn

ELECTION BOARD

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

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Manistee, MI 49660
231.398.6709
election@lrboi-nsn.gov
https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/

COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE

Binojeek Commission
Meetings: 1PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Family Services Department
Vacant  • Chair
Vacant  • Commissioner
Shawnna 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
Tom Guenthardt  • 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
Tom Guenthardt  • 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
Diane Lonn  • Liaison

Elders Committee
Meetings: 12PM 1st Saturday of the Month at Aki Maadiziwin
Mary Thomas  • Chair
Darleen Martin  • Co-Chair
Marcella Leusby  • Secretary
Al Metzger  • Trustee
Detra Kelsey  • Trustee
Shannon Crampton  • Liaison
Diane Lonn  • Liaison
## TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | JULY

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 10, 2019 10A - 12:48P

Reports due: May 2019  Reports Received
Financial Report - March - May 2019  None Submitted
Enrollment Commission  None Submitted
Health Commission  None Submitted

Drawing of Names for Elected Officials Ethics Complaint
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. Recorder Di Piazza drew the names and the alternates for the Ethics Board. Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

19-0710-181 APPROVAL TO RENEW INSURANCE POLICIES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, BUSINESS AUTO, COMMERCIAL CRIME AND WORKERS COMPENSATION WITH TRIBAL FIRST THROUGH AGENT STEPHEN MADIGAN, LLC TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC, AND MUSKEGON GAMING DEVELOPMENT
by Lonn; supported by Corey
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•NO  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-182 ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION R400-04;GC-11 CHAPTER 11-CLASS III MINIMUM INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS FOR GAMING ENTERPRISES OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
by Corey; supported by Lonn
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•YES  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-183 AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE APPROVAL FOR SECURE PROCESSES
by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•YES  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 17, 2019 QUORUM NOT ESTABLISHED

MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM AND INCLUDE THE OGEMA, THE LAWYERS, ROBERT MEDACCO by Lonn; supported by Crampton
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•NO  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-184 EMERGENCY ADOPTION IN ESTABLISHING THE CRITERION AND PROCEDURES FOR EXCLUDING OF PERSONS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TO BE ON THE LANDS OF THE TRIBE AND DEFINING WHO IS NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BE ON THE LANDS OF THE TRIBE AND ARE TO BE EXCLUDED AND REMOVED by Di Piazza; supported by Crampton  Motion Failed
DIPAZIA•NO  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•NO  LONN•NO  COREY•NO
PETE•NO  GUENTHARDT•NO  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-185 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY
by Guenthardt; supported by Corey
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•YES  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-186 RATIFICATION OF RESERVATION CONTRACT
by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•YES  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-187 RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH SABA SOFTWARE, INC
by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•YES  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

19-0710-188 RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE AND RATIFICATION OF LRBOI INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT-2019-02
by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn
DIPAZIA•YES  CRAMPTON•YES  CHAMPAGNE•YES
LEWIS•YES  LONN•YES  COREY•YES
PETE•YES  GUENTHARDT•YES  WITTENBERG•ABSENT

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 17, 2019 QUORUM NOT ESTABLISHED

DIPAZIA PRESENT  CRAMPTON ABSENT  GUENTHARDT PRESENT  LEWIS ABSENT  LONN ABSENT  COREY PRESENT  PETE ABSENT  CHAMPAGNE PRESENT  WITTENBERG ABSENT

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said four present and five absent.

Guenthardt said quorum is not established.

Acting Speaker DiPiazza thanked everyone that came in. DiPiazza said have a nice day.
The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.

19-0724-195 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND GARY ALLAN FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES
by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0724-196 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND JGL TOURING, INC. FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES OF JONNY LANG
by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0724-197 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND WEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY FOR ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES
by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0724-198 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND REVENUE OPTIMIZATION, LLP FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg

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

19-0724-199 APPROVING 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF A MULTI-JET AERATOR FOR USE AT BEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE
by Guenthardt; supported by Di Piazza

DIPAZZA • YES CRAMPTON • ABSENT CHAMPAGNE • ABSENT
LEWIS • YES LONN • YES COREY • ABSENT
PETE • YES GUENTHARDT • YES WITTENBERG • YES
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Reports due: June 2019

Financial Report - March & April 2019
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19-0731-214 MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, RESOLUTION 19-0731-215 AND 216; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL

19-0724-215 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEA’s EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FORM WITH INTER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA, INC.

19-0724-216 RATIFICATION OF SUMMIT COMPANIES CONTRACT FOR ELDER CENTER FIRE ALARM MONITORING

**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**

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**2019 ELDERS COMMITTEE ELECTION | NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

*Three Seats are up for election for the Elders Committee: Vice-Chair, Secretary and Trustee.*

*Seats will be voted on at the November 2, 2019 at the Elders Conference*

**Candidates:**

Chuck Fisher  
Bonnie Kenny  
Marcella Leusby  
Jessica Steinberg  
Sally Russo  
Phillip Memberto

Rooms are available now for the Elders Conference. Please contact the Little River Casino Resort for a reservation; be sure to mention the room is for the Elders Conference.
September 2019

Government Center News

Positive Indian Parenting - Honoring Our Children by Honoring Our Traditions
Positive Indian Parenting is a research-based curriculum designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for those who are raising Native American Children.

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Every Wednesday | September 25 - November 13 | 5:30 - 7:30P | Aki Maadiziwin
We welcome anyone who is a parent or caregiver of Indian Children (Grandparents, single parents, non-custodial parents, teen parents, foster parents, couples, step-parents, expecting parents)
A light meal will be provided and there will be weekly giveaways.
To register call or email Shelly Kequam: 231.398.6707 | skequam@lrboi-nsn.gov

PUBLIC SAFETY

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS
WHEN: September 6, 2019 from 6:00P TILL 9:00P & September 7, 2019 from 8:00A TILL 4:00P
WHERE: 3031 Domres Rd. Manistee MI 49660
Please call and sign up for the class; space is limited (30). All materials and equipment provided. Parts of the class will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Class sponsored by LRBOI Conservation Enforcement.
To register call or email: Robert Robles 231.398.3413 | rrobles@lrboi-nsn.gov

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Are you an Elder and looking to relocate or would you like to move to Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee?
The Little River Band Housing Department is now taking applications for our new Elder Apartment Complex. For an application please contact:

For an application please contact: Chad Gehrke 231.398.6878
or go on line at https://lrboi-nsn.gov (under Government / Housing tab)

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is accepting proposals for snow plowing and de-icing services for the 2019-2020 winter season for Tribal Offices located in Manistee, MI.
Proposals are due September 9, 2019 by 5P

For bid packets or inquiries, please contact Michelle Lucas: 231.398.6804 | purchasing@lrboi-nsn.gov

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 LRBOI Enrollment Department at 888.723.8288, if you can claim outstanding payments, provide assistance in settling payment(s) or have any questions.
The following LRBOI Departments will be at the Muskegon Office on September 13, 2019
Muskegon Tribal Office | 1111 West Hackley, Muskegon, MI 49441 | 231.398.6651

Listed below are the Departments that will be available and the services that they will be providing:

**Enrollment Department**
- Address Changes
- Phone Number Updates
- E-mail Updates
- Direct Deposits
- Per Cap - proof of income
- Cancellation of Direct Deposits
- Per Cap Check Cancellation & Reissues
- Per Cap Federal Tax Withholdings
- Bereavement Benefit
- Tribal Directory
- Applications for enrolling in the Tribe
- Tribal ID's
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
- Descendant/Spouse Certifications
- Eagle Feather Permit Certification
- Tuition Waiver Certification

**Education Department**
- College Applications
- Vocational Programs
- Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW)

**Food Distribution**
Applications will be available. If interested in applying please make sure to bring proof of income.

**Health Department**
- Purchased Referred Care | Extend Health Assistance
- Patient Benefits
- Community Health Representatives
- Pharmacy Representative Program
- The Health Services Department will be present to take blood pressures, blood glucose levels and vitals.
- A Pharmacist will be present to discuss how the Muskegon Pharmacy Distribution Center functions and who is eligible.
- Purchase Referred Care Specialist will be present to discuss patient benefits and qualifications in greater detail.

**Housing Department**
- Lease Program Information
- Leasehold Mortgage Program
- Homeownership Initiative Program
- Information & Applications

**Member's Assistance**

**Elder Chore Assistance Program**
This program is intended to offer temporary assistance to elder citizens who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores.

**Emergency Transportation**
This program provides short-term assistance to members experiencing a transportation crisis.

**Food Assistance Program**
This program provides short-term assistance to members experiencing a food crisis.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**
This is a H.H.S. grant funded program available to assist Tribal citizens experiencing a heating and energy crisis.

**Low Income Energy Assistance**
This program is to provide short-term assistance to Tribal citizens who are experiencing an energy crisis.

**Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**
This program provides short-term assistance to Tribal citizens who are experiencing a housing crisis.

**Well and Septic Program**
The Well and Septic program is funded by the Indian Health Services. This program provides new or renovation sanitation facilities (Well and Septic) for Tribal home owners.
Career Opportunities with LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort

More Than Just Courtesy

Writing a thank-you letter after an interview does not just showcase a candidate’s manners—it can also make or break someone’s chances of landing a job. Nearly 15 percent of hiring managers say they would not hire someone who failed to send a thank-you letter after the interview. Thirty-two percent say they would still consider the candidate but would think less of him or her, according to the CareerBuilder.com “How to Get in the Front Door” survey. For any questions, contact Workforce Development.
The EDC Board
Frank Lewis, Jr. • Vice Chair
E. James Nedeau • Secretary/Treasurer
James LaPorte • Treasurer
Ron Spoerl

EDC Board Meeting
September 25 | 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 issues 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.

Administration:

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InTerra Nutraceuticals
interranutra.com
Advanced Protein Solutions
advancedproteins.com
Odeno Homes in Fruitport
odenohomes.com

EDC Companies:
Little River Health Technologies, LLC
Little River Development, LLC
(InTerra & Advanced Protein Solutions)
Little River Real Estate Management, LLC
Little River Capital Management, LLC
Little River Government Contracting, LLC

Please join us in welcoming the newest addition to our team, Jennifer! Her first day as our new Administrative Assistant was Monday, August 5. We had many qualified applicants and held several interviews before choosing Jennifer to join our ranks. We hope she enjoys working for Little River Holdings as much as we do!

Subsidiary Updates

Little River Health Technologies (formerly Ayaa Ventures)

InTerra: We have completed our first month of our online advertising campaign with a Seminole-owned marketing company. You can find our products for sale on our InTerra website, Amazon, or at the Little River Casino Resort.

Advanced Protein Solutions (APS): We are in preliminary discussions with a couple of National accounts to move our APS offerings forward.

Little River Real Estate Management

All of our rental units are currently filled. We executed a land contract with a Tribal Member on one of the in-town properties that have been listed for sale to the membership since May, and are in the process of negotiating contracts with the other two listed properties.

Little River Development

Sales are continuing at our Odeno subdivision in Fruitport. We have sold all standing models and specs except one, and are gearing up for our 2020 sales season now, when we expect to be more than half sold out for our Phase 1 development.

We have met with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to move to the next stage of development of the US-31/M-22 corner, and have applied to the Township for rezoning to facilitate the next steps in this initiative.

Little River Government Contracting

The SBA 8(a) Business Development Program is a nine (9) year program which assists socially and economically disadvantaged companies to develop and sustain an economic engine. Acceptance into the program will provide Little River Government Contracting the ability to receive sole/direct source contract awards from the Federal government. The 8(a) designation will also allow LRGC to form joint ventures with larger prime contractors to enhance our past performance and provide new services to the government, thus enhancing our growth in the market.

This is an exciting time for Little River Government Contracting. Once we have the 8(a) designation in hand, we will be able to begin growing a seven generations business for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. We will be able to follow the model set by the Alaskan Native Companies who have been in the program for over 30 years. This new business will develop steady and stable income for the Tribe and Tribal Citizens.

EDC board meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm, except for months where that Wednesday falls on or close to a holiday. **Open session/public comment starts promptly at 3pm.** And Tribal Members are welcome to attend that portion of the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is September 25, 2019.
Tax Department Introduction

Overview:
The Tax Department assists in exercising the Tribe’s sovereign right to tax business activity within our territorial jurisdiction. We assist Resident Tribal Citizens in obtaining exemption from State taxes as negotiated in the Tax Agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan. The department is responsible for protecting the Tribe from liability for non-compliance with State and Federal tax laws while maximizing benefits available to the Tribe and our Citizens. The administration and enforcement of the Tax Agreement, Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance, and all Tax Regulations are the responsibility of the Tax Department as well.

Services:

Motor Fuel Tax-Exemption Program: All Tribal Members that would like to purchase tax exempt motor fuel at the Little River Trading Post must register their vehicle(s) and license plate(s) with the Tax Department. Every time a Member gets a new vehicle or license plate, the Member must update their information with the Tax Department. The registration is a requirement of the Tribe/State Tax Agreement.

Community Center Reservations: Any Tribal Member that would like to reserve the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center must contact the Tax Department to complete a Building Use Request, Rental Agreement, and deposit.

Temporary Tribal Business Tax Licenses: Any individual selling merchandise on Tribal or Trust Lands must obtain a Temporary Tribal Business Tax License whether the sale period is less than a day or planned for a year or longer (including fundraisers).

Tax Agreement Benefits: Resident Tribal Members only are eligible for State sales tax exemption on utilities, Certificates of Exemption for enumerated purchases per the Tax Agreement, Annual Sales Tax Credit, and Michigan Income Tax Exemption. These benefits require the Tax Department to issue Certificates and Letters of Verification to the Resident Tribal Member prior to any claims.

Proofs of Residency: Tribal Members must complete a Proof of Residency each time they move into or to another location within the Tax Agreement Area in order to obtain Resident Tribal Member status.

Staff:

Valerie Chandler  Administrative Assistant
Tax Officer  (In the process of interviews, but will be introduced in the next issue of Currents)
231.398.6874  vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov

TOBACCO PRODUCTS NOTICE:
Beginning Monday, September 2, 2019, all Tribal Citizens will be able to purchase “other tobacco products” (OTP) exempt from Michigan Tobacco Products Tax. The tobacco products include chewing tobacco, snuff, cigars, cigarillos, and loose tobacco. The “discount” is not allowed on cigarette papers or tubes, vaping products, and promotional tobacco products. Purchases can only be made at the Little River Trading Post.

For these purchases, Tribal Citizens must show the cashier their Tribal ID card and complete the “Other Tobacco Products” log (current process for fuel and cigarettes). Resident Tribal Members (living within the Tax Agreement Area and registered with the Tax Department) will continue to be tax exempt on these purchases.

For any questions, please contact Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer at 231.398.6874 or vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov.
16 Signs of Emotional Abuse in a Relationship

No one expects to find themselves in an abusive relationship. Most relationships begin in a good way with kind words and compliments, but they can turn harmful and emotionally abusive at any time.

Emotional abuse is a type of domestic violence that often flies under the radar, but it should always be taken seriously as a form of abuse. When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, a partner will criticize, threaten or isolate their partner as a way to manipulate and control them. Emotional abuse can be degrading, humiliating and terrifying, often leaving long-lasting scars on one’s spirit and self-esteem.

So, how do you know if you’re in an abusive relationship? What can you do when a loved one is being emotionally abused? Let’s start with recognizing the tactics of emotional abuse.

SIGNOS OF EMOTIONAL ABUSE
In an intimate relationship, emotional abuse can look like when a partner:

- Constantly calls you hurtful or degrading names, insults or criticizes you
- Acts extremely jealous or possessive of you
- Humiliates you in any way, or shames you
- Isolates you from your family, friends or community
- Blocks you from making new friends or joining social groups
- Ignores your presence for several hours, days or weeks
- Refuses to listen, speak or respond to you (ex. silent treatment)
- Explodes in anger toward you or is constantly angry at everything you do
- Pressures you to commit and becomes angry or sulks when you don’t commit
- Threatens to hurt you or themselves, or uses weapons to scare you
- Threatens to hurt your children, family members or pets
- Threatens to take your children away from you or call child protective services (CPS) on you
- Repeatedly lies about where they are, what they’re doing or who they’re with
- Calls you “crazy,” “too sensitive,” or denies abuse is happening when confronted (ex. gaslighting)
- Cheats on you or flirts with other people to intentionally hurt you
- Accuses you of cheating in the relationship

When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, you may feel off-balance, like you’re walking on eggshells, or question your judgment more than usual. This is because an abusive partner uses harmful behaviors like the tactics above to manipulate and control their partner so they feel powerless. That’s why it is so important to trust your instincts when your partner does or says something that doesn’t feel right to you.

Emotional abuse is extremely dangerous and detrimental to a person’s wellbeing and often has lifelong psychological effects. An abusive partner’s behavior is likely to escalate as time goes on, and they will often use emotional abuse in combination with other abuse types and tactics to obtain and maintain power in the relationship.

People in abusive relationships tend to blame themselves for the abuse or believe they must have done something to deserve the criticism or attacks. No one ever deserves to be abused and no matter the abusive partner’s reasoning for the abuse, domestic violence goes against our traditional ways as Native people. It is never acceptable to hurt a partner or spouse in any way.

IS ARGUING ABUSIVE?
In every relationship, partners can expect to disagree from time to time. Arguments are a normal part of any relationship, but abusive behavior is not.

In a healthy relationship, each partner must commit to being honest, communicating, and trusting the other person. Each partner must work to maintain healthy communication and avoid hurting the other person emotionally, spiritually and physically. Above all, each partner must show respect in the relationship, especially when disagreements arise.

In an abusive relationship, any disagreement can escalate into emotionally or physically abusive behavior. Remember, there is never an excuse for abuse.
GETTING HELP
Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse is the first step to getting help. If you or someone you know is being hurt in a relationship, know that you are not alone. There are people who want to support you, including advocates at the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

By calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483), you can connect anonymously with a Native advocate who can offer a listening ear and support with whatever is happening in your relationship. You can share as much as you feel comfortable, and our advocates will listen without judgment or blame.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST. Advocates also offer crisis intervention, assistance with finding ways to stay safe, and a connection to Tribal and Native domestic violence resources, if needed. We can also assist concerned friends or family members with ways to help a loved one who is being abused, as well as people who are worried they might be abusing their partner.

It can also be incredibly helpful to lean on family members and your cultural roots for support. Never forget that you have the strength and courage of your ancestors, too, who dreamed of a world where every one of their relatives would live in safety, happiness and in harmony. You deserve to feel safe in your relationship, no matter what.

In an intimate relationship, emotional abuse can look like:
- ACTING EXTREMELY JEALOUS OR POSSESSIVE
- HUMILIATING OR SHAMING YOU
- THREATENING TO HURT YOU OR THEMSELVES
- REPEATEDLY LYING TO YOU OR DECEIVING YOU
- CHEATING ON YOU TO INTENTIONALLY HURT YOU
National Days for the Month of September

- Sep 1: American Chess Day
- Sep 2: World Coconut Day
- Sep 3: Telephone Tuesday
- Sep 4: National Wildlife Day
- Sep 5: National Cheese Pizza Day
- Sep 6: National Read a Book Day
- Sep 7: National Grandparents Day
- Sep 8: International Sudoku Day
- Sep 9: World Suicide Prevention Day
- Sep 10: National Make Your Bed Day
- Sep 11: National Video Games Day
- Sep 12: National Peanut Day
- Sep 13: National Coloring Day
- Sep 14: Batman Day
- Sep 15: National Guacamole Day
- Sep 16: National Queso Day
- Sep 17: Constitution Day
- Sep 18: National Cheeseburger Day
- Sep 19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Sep 20: National Queso Day
- Sep 21: National Dance Day
- Sep 22: National Ice Cream Cone Day
- Sep 23: National Dogs in Politics Day
- Sep 24: National Cherries Jubilee Day
- Sep 25: National Cooking Day
- Sep 26: National Pancake Day
- Sep 27: World Tourism Day
- Sep 28: National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Sep 29: National Coffee Day
- Sep 30: National Love People Day
- Sep 1–30: National Suicide Prevention Month

Happy Birthday Tribal Elders 65 and Older!

- Wanita Ancel
- Gaylord Boyer
- Bernadene Crampton
- William Langner
- Martin Shalifoe
- Linda Andre
- Judith Bridges
- Michael Duarte
- Bruce Lenartowicz
- David Somerville
- Fred Bean
- Ronald Bush
- Robert Hewitt
- Melvin Lewis
- Charles Stone
- Millicent Biers
- Alfred Chabot
- Geraldine Howen
- Ada Mills
- Dawn Stutz
- Carol Bingham
- Julia Chapman
- Linda Johnson
- Walter Pamame
- Susan Thull
- Denise Birnbaum
- David Cram
- James Kinney
- Tonyah Pammill
- Charles Warren
- Sharon Boucher
- Emogene Crampton
- Rae Klemp
- Jennifer Rabuck
- Marie Wellman
Ambrose Antoine, retired self employed welder, born on March 31, 1940 in Concho Oklahoma, passed away Tuesday July 30th, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents Ambrose and Mary (Thompson) Antoine and brother George Antoine. He is survived by his wife Joetta (Victory) Antoine, daughter Amber Antoine, son Aaron Antoine, four sisters Ione, Mavis, Mary and Eilene, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Celebration of life will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at the Park City Community Building at McLain Park, 6801 N. Hydraulic, Park City, KS. Condolences may be left for the family at www.bakerfhvc.com

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Ambrose Antoine | DOB 1845

Great Grandmother:
Me Non Quay | Minnie Bananas | DOB 1853

Grandfather:
Isaac Antoine | Grand River Ottawa | DOB 1885 | Manistee, MI

Grandmother:
MeTawkoo | Marry Keyway Quam

Representatives from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians participated in the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation that took place in New Buffalo, MI recently.

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Tribal Health Center Development Projects

Completion and Submission of Muskegon Clinic/Pharmacy Project & Manistee Dental Project Applications. Notification in Fall 2019 if awarded funds of $2 Million.

Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council, and Indian Health Services all signed approval of project application.

**Summer 2019**

New Tribal Health Center sign with specialist constructed by Clinic entrance

New Tribal Health Center Sign with Specialists constructed on main road

Tribal Health Clinic Commercial setup and start filming to market Resort and public

New TV monitors with local news/weather airing throughout Tribal Health Clinic

New digital security locking system installed throughout entire Health Services rooms/hallways

Pharmacy Distribution Center on Fridays at Muskegon Office

Director of Health Services and Foot and Ankle Specialist Dr. Daryl B. Wever will be at Muskegon Office Thursday afternoons for assessments/referrals/meet and greet.

**August 2019 | Monday, Tuesday through and Thursday Mornings**

Foot and Ankle Specialist Dr. Daryl B. Wever will be seeing patients at the Tribal Health Clinic

Digital Foot and Ankle X-Ray machinery will be implemented at the Tribal Health Clinic

**September 2019**

New cameras installed throughout the Tribal Health Center and back parking lot

**Fall | Winter 2019/2020**

Evening Hours for Tribal Health Clinic and Pharmacy: one day a week

Department of Veterans Affairs will be utilizing facility and Joint Venture Program

Telemedicine Technology/Device will be implemented

Additional Physicians (1-2) joining the Tribal Health Center

Possible Urgent Care Center/Physician on site with evening hours

**Winter 2020**

Lab Technician and In-House Laboratory Services at Tribal Health Clinic
## 2019 Tribal Member Services provided by LRBOI Government

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2019 Calendar

September  
6 & 7 | Hunters Safety Class  
7 | Elders Meeting  
13 | Muskegon Office LRBOI Services  
21 | Reaffirmation Day (Offices Closed 9.20)  
25 | EDC Meeting  
25 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
27 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin  

October  
2 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
5 | Elders Meeting  
9 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
11 | Tribal Council’s Talking Circle  
11 | Ogema’s Meet & Greet  
12 | Fall Membership Meeting  
16 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin  
23 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
30 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
31 | LRBOI Campground Closes

November  
2-3 | Elders Conference  
6 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
11 | Veterans Day (Offices Closed)  
13 | Positive Indian Parenting Class  
15 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin  
28-29 | Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)

December  
7 | Elders Christmas Party  
8 | Kids Christmas Party  
20 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin  
Dec 26 - Jan 1 | Holiday Break  
Government Offices/ Clinic Closed

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