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# 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
Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	231.398.6853

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# OCT 8

# Free Showing of "Private Violence"

Vogue Theatre | 7 - 9P LRBOI Victim Services Program is hosting a number of events during October, National Domestic Violence Awareness month. Please see pg 14



# **LRBOI Fall Membership Meeting**

Ogema Meet and Greet | Oct 12 7 - 9P Little River Casino Resort | Agenda on Pg 2



# **Positive Indian Parenting Class**

Every Wednesday | Sep 25 - Nov 13 | 5:30 - 7:30P Aki Maadiziwin | Contact: Shelly Kequam: 231.398.6707

# 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



Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00A - 4:00P
OR BY APPOINTMENT
\*Hours subject to change
Natural Resources Offices
310 Ninth Street | Manistee, MI 49660

Please contact 231.723.1594 for more information

LRBOI DEER CHECK STATION

In an effort to address and monitor Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the 1836 Ceded Territory, LRBOI will be collecting biological data from harvested deer during the 2019 deer season. We will be collecting and sending in deer heads to be tested for CWD as part of a large effort to detect and stop the spread of CWD in Michigan.



# OGEMA LARRY ROMANELLI

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# Ogema's Online page can be found@ <u>Lrboi-nsn.gov</u>

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

### Aanii:

As an update, we received about 265 responses back from our mailer to Tribal Members. I am not exactly sure what that says about the Tribe overall, but I believe we will be able to extract a great deal of information, suggestions and ideas from the returned surveys.

I do want to thank those members who took the time to write down their thoughts; it is very much appreciated. We will be reviewing them in order to give a report at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 12th. Every one of the responses will be read and evaluated.

Our Odeno housing community has increased sales over the summer and a report will be given on its progress. Driving through the property, the houses are filling up and many lots showing "for sale" signs. It is a very nice looking community.

I want to congratulate Kathy Gibson on her election to the open Election Board seat. I would also like to thank the other candidates for putting their names in to run for the position.

Our Muskegon Casino project is winding down to a couple final steps; not easy steps but very important ones. After a decade, our packet should be on its way to the Department of Interior for review and hopefully approval. I greatly appreciate those who have been involved in this effort and everyone for their patience. I do see the light at the end of the tunnel but we still have some hoops. We just have to keep pushing.

Until next month...

# Friday, October 11, 2019 Ogema's Meet & Greet

7 - 9P

Little River Casino Resort
Three Fires Conference Room

# Fall Membership Meeting Saturday, October 12, 2019 | Little River Casino Resort - Event Center

8am Registration Begins Event Center
9A to 12P Informational Booths Hallway - Three Fires Conference

Event Center:	
10:00A	Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations
10:15A	Ogema Larry Romanelli
10:30A	Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
11:00A	Tribal Clinic
11:30A	Ogema Larry Romanelli
11:45A	Little River Casino Resort
12:00P	Lunch
1:00P	Quorum Call
1:15P	Financial Report
1:30P	Ogema Larry Romanelli
	Question & Answer Period

Information booths close at 12P

Lunch served in the Event Center at 12P

We will have giveaways for members throughout the day.

Note: Agenda subject to change at **Ogema's discretion and if quorum in** Membership is reached.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the event center.

October 2019 Bnaakwii Giizis | Falling Leaves Moon NIGC **US Chamber of Commerce MAST** Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes National Indian Gaming Commission Ron Pete Delegate Ron Pete Larry Romanelli Delegate Shannon Crampton Delegate Gary DiPiazza Alternate Shannon Crampton Alternate Ron Wittenberg Tom Guenthardt Sandra Lewis Alternate Ron Wittenberg Alternate Alternate Cindy Champagne **NCAI** NIGA United Tribes of MI National Congress of American Indians National Indian Gaming Association Larry Romanelli Delegate Larry Romanelli Delegate Larry Romanelli Delegate Ron Wittenberg Alternate Alternate Ron Pete Alternate Gary DiPiazza Alternate Sandra Lewis Shannon Crampton Alternate Sandra Lewis Alternate Diane Lonn Alternate Cindy Champagne Alternate Tom Guenthardt Alternate State Liaisons Federal Liaisons • Democrat Federal Liaisons • Republican Gary DiPiazza Sandra Lewis Gary DiPiazza Ron Pete **Shannon Crampton** Diane Lonn Joint Units of Government • Gary DiPiazza & Diane Lonn

**ELECTION BOARD** 

Valerie McDonnell Chair Michael Ceplina Open Meetings: Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17 at 5P | Government Center

2608 Government Center Drive | Manistee, MI 49660 | 231.398.6709 Terri Burmeister Kathy Gibson Secretary

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Karen Love https://lrboi-nsn.gov/government/election-board/

**COMMISSIONS & ELDERS COMMITTEE** 

Binojeeuk Commission **Enrollment Commission** Gaming Commission Meetings: 1P 1st & 3rd Thursdays Meetings: 5:00P 3rd Tuesday of the Month Meetings: 5:30P Every Tuesday Family Services Department **Enrollment Department** Gaming Commission Office Chair Charmaine Stone Bill Willis Vacant Chair Chair Commissioner Diana O'Neal •Co-Chair Vacant Alyce Giltz

 Commissioner Krystyne Medawis Secretary Shawnna Gonzalez • Commissioner Mark Jespersen Commissioner Chuck Fisher Commissioner Norma Hinkle Commissioner Deb Davis Commissioner Vacant Commissioner Commissioner Beverly Cole Steve Parsons Commissioner Ron Wittenberg Liaison Liaison Ron Pete Diane Lonn Liaison

Sandra Lewis Liaison Cindy Champagne • Liaison Dave Corey • Liaison Diane Lonn Liaison Tom Guenthardt Liaison Tom Guenthardt Liaison Cindy Champagne Liaison

**Health Commission** Housing Commission

Meetings: 10A 1st and 3rd Thursday Meetings: 4:30P 2nd Monday of the Month Meetings: 5P 2nd Monday of the Month Law Library Aki Maadiziwin Community Center Natural Resource Office

Pamela Johnson Chair Judy Hardenburgh Chair Virgil Johnson Chair Al Patricio Commissioner Julia Chapman Commissioner Martha Howell

Vacant Commissioner Marcella Leusby Secretary Connie Eno Commissioner Sandra Lewis Liaison **Boo Battice** Teresa Callis Commissioner Commissioner Gary DiPiazza Liaison Margaret Kowalkowski Commissioner Richard Koon Commissioner

Sandra Lewis Liaison Gary DiPiazza Liaison **Shannon Crampton** Liaison Tom Guenthardt Liaison Ron Wittenberg Liaison Dave Corey Liaison

Liaison

**Elders Committee** 

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

Mary Thomas Al Metzger Chair Trustee Diane Lonn • Liaison Darleen Martin •Co-Chair Detra Kelsey •Trustee **Shannon Crampton** • Liaison

Tom Guenthardt

Marcella Leusby •Secretary

Secretary

Natural Resource Commission

# GIIGADOO NINI KWEWOK & GIIGADOO NINIWOK (TRIBAL COUNCIL)

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	Work	Cindy	Ron	Shannon	Gary	Diane	Dave	Tom	Sandra	Ron	
Date	Session Title	Champagne	Wittenberg	Crampton	DiPiazza	Lonn	Corey	Guenthardt	Lewis	Pete	Tota
08/01/19	Housing Commission		Χ			Χ		Х		Χ	4
08/05/19	Round Table		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	8
08/05/19	Agenda Review	Р	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	8
08/06/19	MAST		Χ		X	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	7
08/06/19	Government Financials		Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	7
08/06/19	Round Table w/ Ogema		Х		X	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	7
08/06/19	2019 Goals		X		X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
08/06/19	Children's Protect Code		Х		X	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	7
08/12/19	Constitution Changes		X		X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
08/12/19	Agenda Review		Х		X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
08/13/19	Maintenance Dept		Χ		Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
08/13/19	Government Financials		Χ		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
08/13/19	Round Table w/ Ogema		Χ		Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	7
08/19/19	Round Table	Χ		X	Х	Х		Х		Х	6
08/19/19	Agenda Review	Χ	X	Х	X	Х		Х	Χ	Х	8
08/27/19	Bonding Employees	Χ	Х			Х	Х	Х	V	Х	6
08/27/19	Round Table w/ Ogema	Χ	Х			Х	Х		V	Х	5
08/27/19	Utilities 2020 Budget	Χ	Х			Х	Х		V	Х	5
08/28/19	Linking Documents	Χ	V			Х	Х	V	V	Х	4
08/28/19	Commerce 2020 Budget		V			Х	Х	V	V	Х	3
08/28/19	IT 2020 Budget		V			Х	Х	V	V	Х	3
08/28/19	Maintenance 2020 Budget		V			Х	Х	V	V	Х	3
08/28/19	NR and GL Assess 2020 Budget		V			Х	Х	V	V	Х	3
08/29/19	Finance 2020 Budget		V	X		Х	Х	V	Х	Х	5
08/29/19	Wells Fargo		V			Χ		V	Х	Х	3
08/29/19	Ethics Ordinance		V			Х		V	Х	Х	3
08/29/19	Election Board 2020 Budget		V			Х		V	Х	Х	3
	Total - 27	6	17	5	14	27	21	16	17	27	

# TRIBAL COUNCIL AUGUST REPORT

Aanii Tribal Citizens,

The Tribal Council now has the capability for Tribal members to call in or video conference into open work sessions. It is recommended that you contact Kathleen Bowers, Executive Assistant, at least three days ahead of time if you plan on phoning in. Kathleen Bowers can be reached at 231.398.6845.

Council continually meets on updating ordinances and laws for the Tribe which is their legislative power. In the last few months Council has met to discuss the Gaming Commission Regulations, Tribal Council Meeting Procedures, Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, Indian Preference Ordinance, Housing Regulations, Children's Protection Code and Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance to address any issues that may have been encountered with the laws since they were last adopted.

The Tribal Council meets quarterly with directors to review the Tribe's Strategic Plan. This plan is in the process of being updated and adopted.

It is 2020 budget time! The Tribal Council has been meeting with each department to discuss their proposed budgets for 2020. This way the Council gets to meet with each director to discuss what is being proposed for next year. This has been a very beneficial exercise.

There have also been a lot of appointments and re-appointments to the various Commissions within the Tribe. If you are interested in becoming active on a Commission, please contact the Ogema's office. A letter of interest will need to be sent to the Ogema and then he will bring names forward that he is recommending and the Tribal Council votes on confirming that appointment. It is a great way to become more involved in the community.

Sincerely,

Gary DiPiazza
Tribal Council Recorder

### 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

October 2	November 2 (LRCR)	December 4
October 9	November 6	December 11
October 16	November 13	December 18
October 23	November 20	

# 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 Elders Conference

Candidates:

Chuck Fisher Jessica Steinberg Valerie McDonnell

Bonnie Kenny Sally Russo

Marcella Leusby 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.

MERCHANT RETAIL LICENSE FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE

CRAMPTON • YES

LONN•YES

GUENTHARDT • YES

by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA • YES

LEWIS • YES

PETE • ABSENT

LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT TO BE USED IN THE LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST

CHAMPAGNE • YES

COREY•YES

WITTENBERG • YES

WITTENBERG • YES

CHAMPAGNE•NO

COREY•NO

19-0821-231 RATIFICATION OF LITTLE VALLEY MODULAR HOMES NEW HOME

PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND SITE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE

CRAMPTON • YES

LONN•YES

**GUENTHARDT•YES** 

PURCHASE OF TWO NEW CUSTOM HOMES IN AKI MAADIZIWIN

by Lewis; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES

LFWIS•YFS

PETE • ABSENT

# LRBOI Represented at the

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation

On August 21-22, 2019, in New Buffalo, MI, representatives from various Tribal communities met with Federal government officials at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation.

Tribal consultation provides an opportunity for government-to-government dialogue about the barriers to protecting American Indian and Alaska Natives persons, as well as provide an opportunity to discuss possible solutions. Consultation also provides Tribes an opportunity to provide feedback about the best use of Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) funds as well as raise awareness on related issues in Indian Country.

With the growing epidemic of missing and murdered Native women, it is vital for Tribes to provide guidance to the DOJ OVW representatives regarding how federal funds should be allocated to have the greatest impact in Indian Country. Recommendations were sought from Tribal Leaders on the following topic areas:

Office on Violence Against Women

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRIBAL CONSULTATION

Silver Creek Event Center

- Administering tribal funds and programs;
- Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the federal response to such violent crimes



In attendance on behalf of LRBOI was Ogema Larry Romanelli, Tribal Council Speaker, Ron Pete as well as Tribal Prosecutor, Shayne Machen and Victim Services Program Manager, Shanaviah Canales. Tribal Council Speaker Ron Pete, testified on behalf of LRBOI sharing information about the Tribe and the impact OVW funds have on our people. Below are two of the most impactful statements that Council Speaker Pete made to Federal officials:

[Regarding Tribes' limitation to prosecute non-Native offenders] "It is unfortunate that I, a Tribal leader, have to ask you, the Federal government, for permission to protect my people from non-native offenders. Certainly, inherent sovereignty and American notions of justice would suggest Tribes should have the authority and jurisdiction to protect their people," and "We cannot solve this problem on our own. We need each other to solve it, and that is my final request today. Work with us, not against us, mot for us, with us. We live in our communities, we love in our communities,

and we know what is best for our communities. Work with us as we strive to achieve the peace and harmony so deeply valued by our ancestors."

It cannot be said enough, violence is not a Native tradition!

# OF OTTAWA INDIANS SPECIAL ELECTION AUGUST 23, 2019



# **OFFICIAL**

# VOTE FOR (1)

OFFICE OF ELECTION BOARD	NINE- COUNTY	NINE COUNTY HAND TALLYS	OUTLYING	OUTLYING HAND TALLYS	TOTALS	%	RANK
KRISTI FOWLER	19	0	22	0	41	6.25%	6
PEGGY J. VRIESMAN	27	2	22	0	51	7.77%	5
SHAWNNA GONZALES	30	0	26	0	56	8.54%	4
KATHY (KOON) GIBSON	107	0	99	0	206	31.40%	1
AL METZGER	68	0	112	0	180	27.44%	2
ANGELA MARTIN-WABINDATO	57	1	64	0	122	18.60%	3

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY MAIL 9 COUNTY	308
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST BY MAIL OUTLYING	345
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN PERSON 9 COUNTY	0
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN PERSON OUTLYING	0
TOTAL BALLOTS HAND COUNTED 9 COUNTY	3
TOTAL BALLOTS HAND COUNTED OUTLYING	0

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	
656	VOTER PARTICIPATION%
	44.63%
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	
1470	

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the number of votes cast for the candidates shown herein for the Special Election held on August 23, 2019 We further affirm that the aforementioned election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Tribal Constitution and the Election Code.

**ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS** 

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Judge Daniel Bailey swearing in Election Board Official Kathy Gibson







Congratulations Kathy Gibson, your family is proud! Photos taken by Roxy Gibson

# Government Center News

# Recognizing one of our own Surveillance Lead/Dual Rate Operator, Jeremy Paschka.

On Sunday, September 29, 2019, Jeremy Paschka identified that one of his co-workers was choking and performed life-saving measures (Heimlich maneuver). Jeremy's prompt and alert action resulted in the successful saving of a human life. Our Surveillance Manager Connie Lyndsay and Executive Director Kelly Maser of LRBOI Gaming Commission presented Jeremy with a \$50 gift card as recognition of his heroism.



# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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.

Traditional Parenting Lessons of the Cradleboard Traditional Behavioral Management Praise in Traditional Parenting
Lessons of the Storyteller Harmony in Childrearing Lessons of Mother Nature Choices in Parenting

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

# TAX DEPARTMENT

# TOBACCO PRODUCTS NOTICE:

On, September 2, 2019, all Tribal Citizens have been 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 <u>must show the cashier their Tribal ID card</u> and complete the "Other Tobacco Products" log (current process for fuel and cigarettes). <u>Resident Tribal Members (living within the Tax Agreement Area and registered with the Tax Department) will continue to be tax exempt on these purchases.</u>

For any questions, please contact:

Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer at 231.398.6874 or email vchandler@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.

# Career Opportunities with LRBOI Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort



Family Services

Teacher's Aide

**Health Services** 

Staff Physicians - 2

**Housing Department** 

**Housing Director** 

**Human Resources** 

Government Center Temp Pool

Next Generation Learning Center

Maintenance / EVS

Public Safety Department

Conservation Officer

Unified Legal

Legal Intern

1.888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859 jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov

<u>Irboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/</u>



Accounting Specialist Busperson Cook I **EVS Cleaner** Food & Beverage Server **Food Cashier Guest Service Supervisor** High Lift Floor Care Cleaner Hotel Bellman Massage Therapist Pantry Cook Porter Seamstress Security Level II Steward Supervisor Wardrobe Clerk

1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530 Monday through Friday 7A-5P

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



# Renovation Furniture Sale

Three Fires Conference Center | Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 9:00A to 3:00P

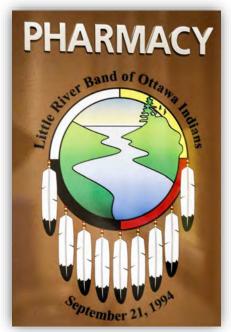
# Open to the Public

All sale items must be picked up the day of sale.

# Used Items include:

Chairs, Mirrors, Headboards Night Stands, Lamps, Televisions Misc. Furniture, Coffee Pots

# **LRBOI Pharmacy Update**



October marks the end of the second year since the first prescription was dispensed from the LRBOI pharmacy. Pharmacy operations have steadily grown to the point where several hundred patients have been served, 22,000 prescriptions have been dispensed, and revenue to date has exceeded \$1.7 million. In addition, many medications previously unavailable due to cost are now obtainable by patients of LRBOI Health Services.

The LRBOI pharmacy is located in the Health Clinic side of the LRBOI Government Center building at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee. The pharmacy is open to anybody, not just LRBOI Health Services patients. Current pharmacy hours are from 8:00A to 5:00P on weekdays; however, the pharmacy is closed on weekends and holidays including LRBOI Treaty Recognition Day and Reaffirmation Day. The pharmacy is staffed by pharmacists Keith Jacque and Pete Dobrzelewski, and technician Ashley Newcomb.

The pharmacy phone number is 231.398.6853 and fax number is 231.723.1523.

In addition to on-site medication pickup, the pharmacy offers a prescription mailing program and weekly delivery to Muskegon.

To date, over 100 patients are enrolled in the prescription mailing option. The mailing program is open to LRBOI Tribal members who are active patients at the LRBOI clinic and who live over 50 miles travel distance from the pharmacy. An active patient is one that has had a LRBOI clinic visit within the previous six months. Some medications such as controlled substances and those that require temperature control (e.g., insulin) cannot be mailed. Patients may enroll in the mailing program by completing a mailing agreement form available from the pharmacy.

The pharmacy initiated prescription delivery to the LRBOI Muskegon office at 1101 West Hackley Avenue this past July. Anybody that has prescriptions filled at the LRBOI pharmacy is eligible for delivery to the Muskegon office. Any type of prescription is eligible for delivery including controlled substances and medications requiring temperature

control. Prescriptions are delivered one time each week on Fridays. Patients must arrange for delivery by contacting the pharmacy by the Wednesday prior to the desired Friday delivery. Patients are responsible to insure their prescriptions are current and can be refilled. Prescriptions that are not picked up will be returned to the LRBOI pharmacy and patients will have to coordinate a new delivery date.

The pharmacy recently acquired a MedSafe drug collection unit. It is located in the pharmacy. MedSafe offers an additional method for the disposal of drugs that are no longer being used or that have expired to include controlled substances. Up to 4 ounces of liquids are acceptable. Medications can be deposited in their original containers with the assurance that all medications will be kept confidential. Items that cannot be disposed in MedSafe include needles and aerosol cans.



# **Enrollment Department**

The Enrollment Department would like to remind Tribal Members that Direct Deposit is available for PerCap payments. Signing up for direct deposit ensures the funds will be deposited into your account on the day of the payment. For a direct deposit form to be valid, your address must be up to date with the Enrollment Department. Please make sure your routing/account numbers are correct with your financial institution before submitting the form. Remember, this form has to be notarized and must be submitted 30 days before the payment date. If you do not maintain a current mailing and physical address with the Enrollment Department the direct deposit will be cancelled.

Every Tribal Member should make sure their Bereavement Beneficiary forms and PerCap Beneficiary forms are up to date. If you have been recently married or divorced, don't forget to update your beneficiary forms. Please call the Enrollment Department if you would like to check who you have listed as your beneficiaries. The forms designate who should receive your Bereavement Benefit and last PerCap payment. Both of these forms have to be notarized. The Bereavement Benefit is always paid to the funeral home first and any remaining balance would then be paid to the Primary Beneficiary. If there is no form on file the distribution of funds will be determined by the Tribal Court.

The Enrollment Department would also like to remind Tribal Members that the qualifying period to sign up or cancel the Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withholding from your PerCap payments is October 1st through December 31st. If a member decides to sign up 15% Federal Income Tax will be withheld from each payment. Once a Member volunteers to the withholding or cancels the withholding, it shall be permanent until April of the following year.

The 2019 Tribal Directory is now available. The Tribal Directory can be viewed on the Tribal Website, picked up at the Enrollment Department or can be mailed to the Tribal Member's address. If a Tribal Member would like the Tribal Directory mailed to them, they would need to send in a written request along with \$5.00 for a mailing fee.

We have several Tribal Members who do not have a current address on file; listed below are Tribal Members who have undeliverable addresses. Please contact the Enrollment Department to update your address or if you know where one of the Tribal Members listed below are currently living. Remember the address change forms must be notarized.

Cheri Arnold	D'Miahlyn DeVerney	Benjamin Hamilton	Raven Lewis	Sierra Peone	Christopher Stevens
Beau Bailey	Douglas DeVerney Jr	Sondra Heiman	Wayne Lones	Heather Perry	Kurt Stevens
Mariah Baker	Michelle DeVerney	Paul Heine	Jeffrey Magnuson	Mark Peshaba	Shea Stevens
Robert Battice	Precious DeVerney	Melanie Heslinga	Robert Mandeville	Kaylin Petzak	Wyatt Szpliet
Shawnee Reese	Shasta DeVerney	Wesley Hewitt	Edward Manning	Lindsay Postema	Allan Taylor
Robert Bontrager	Takayla DeVerney	William Hickerson II	Camden McCluskey	Alan Redner Jr	Elisa Tippitt
Derek Boyer	Donald Dove	Jesse Houston	Cole McCluskey	Christopher Reffitt	Dylan Verdi
Mary Burr	Kimberly Dugan	Jenayah Hubbeling	Michael Medacco	Trinity Ricker	Anthony Wabindato
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Sheeba Castaneda	Troy Fleury	David Johnson	Richard Mitchell	Danielle Rivers	Pauline Wabindato
Adam Clements	Sean Foreman	Thomas Johnson	Randall Moore	Matthew Rivers	Jeremy Wilson
Alex Cogswell II	Larry Fox	Jarrett Kelsey	Sean Moore	Elita Robinson	William Wilson
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Shawn Crampton	Jean Gibson	Hope Kibert	Kimberley Ogden	Emily Schmidt	
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James Dean	Matthew Green	Terry Langner	Collin Paynter	Jason Sinkpiel	
Cheveyo DeVerney	Robert Greer	Samantha Leahy	Jeffrey Pego	Robert Smith III	

Quite a few Tribal Members have disconnected their landline and have gone to only using cell phones. If you have recently obtained a new phone number, please contact our department so we can update your records. We also maintain e-mail addresses, so if you would like us to have your current e-mail address, please let us know. All of our forms are on the LRBOI Website <a href="https://lrbo i-nsn.gov/">https://lrbo i-nsn.gov/</a>. In order to find us on the website you would need to click on the Government tab and then click on the Enrollment Department. We can also mail, e-mail or fax any of the forms to you.

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# October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Victim Services Program works year round to bring awareness about the domestic violence and sexual assault epidemic, but during national event months, extra emphasis is placed on these growing problems.

This month the VSP team has some special events scheduled for members to participate in at both the Government Center and at the satellite office. One of these activities is the Clothesline Project.

The highlight of Domestic Violence Month is a FREE showing of the film, Private Violence, followed by a discussion panel with community professionals. Private Violence is a feature-length documentary film and audience engagement campaign that explores a simple, but deeply disturbing fact of American life: the most dangerous place for a woman in America is her own home. Every day in the U.S., at least four women\*\* are murdered by abusive (and often, ex) partners. The knee-jerk response is to ask: "Why doesn't she just leave?" Private Violence shatters the brutality of this logic.

The reasons victims stay is complicated. Please join us on Tuesday, October 8, at the Vogue Theatre on River Street in Manistee from 7-9p to learn about the barriers that keep women in abusive relationships. Resource tables and an opportunity to view t-shirts from the Clothesline Project will be available beginning at 6:30P, so come early!



# **Activities For October's**

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month** 

Clothesline Project T-shirts on display Manistee Gov. Center & Muskegon office conference room 10/1 - 10/31

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Clothesline Project: T-shirt making Manistee Government Center cafeteria

# 11A - 2P

# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

# Free Showing of PRIVATE VIOLENCE

followed by a **PANEL DISCUSSION** with local community professionals

When: Tuesday, 10/8/19 Where: Vogue Theatre

383 River St.

Time: 7-9 pm

FREE small popcorn and fountain drink for all attendees!

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Arrive early (6:30 pm) to check out the:

- Various Resource Tables
- Clothesline Project



National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE



**Event Sponsored By:** 





All attendees will receive a FREE small popcorn and 7 a small fountain drink!

If we hope to build a future without domestic violence. it is going to take everyone doing something to stop this growing epidemic. Together, we can get back to our roots: violence is not a Native tradition!

\*\*While men can also be victims of domestic violence, statistics show that the majority of the abused are female.

Clothesline Project: T-shirt making Muskegon Office 9A - 4P (open to all)

Private Violence film/discussion Manistee Voque Theatre 7 - 9P

Muskegon Elder's Lunch: Cultural craft DV awareness 12 - 2p

LRBOI Membership Meeting 12 Little River Casino Resort

> Manistee Elder's Lunch: Cultural craft & T-shirt activity DV awareness Aki Maadiziwin 12 - 2P

National Wear Purple Day for Domestic Violence Awareness

Manistee: Cultural craft DV awareness Aki Maadiziwin 6 - 7P

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# THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

The Clothesline Project is a visual display dedicated to raising awareness about the reality of violence in our society. It is composed of t-shirts created by survivors of violence, or in honor of someone who has experienced violence. This project is not just for individuals who have been affected by violence; the project aims to serve as a healing outlet for the survivors and loved ones to express emotion surrounding the abuse. After the shirts have



been decorated, they are hung on a clothesline display. As a way to honor survivors and in memory for victims. The clothesline display is also used to educate society and promote awareness, as well as to document violent crimes against women.

Each t-shirt color reflects the personal experience of its creator and may occasionally have some graphic material on



them. This may include swear words, explicit violent or sexual descriptions of the attack, or other statements that reflect the emotions and reality the individual experienced. Because our goal is to Break the Silence of Violence, we do not censor the t-shirts. We exist to support and encourage survivors in their healing process and their efforts to help others understand the horrors of violence. While the t-shirts can be disturbing, we ask our viewers to imagine how much more difficult it is to live the reality they represent.

Both Victim Services Program offices will have opportunities for survivors and loved ones to express themselves on t-shirts. T-shirts will be available (while supplies last) according to the schedule on the VSP activity calendar.

# Aanii,

We trek forward into these cooler seasons, with harvest, with holidays, with family and friends; for us here in the Muskegon office, always with advocacy on our minds.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we are well underway with our mission to educate our communities, both tribal and beyond about the crisis of domestic violence. According to CDC data (<a href="www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/">www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/</a> intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html), 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men are victims of domestic violence in this country. In our Native communities, the number of victims is even higher, and while the general formula of contributing factors and means of overcoming domestic violence has been taught for years, only recently has another, more Native-specific component been given serious consideration; that is, historical trauma.

As more Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, and Indigenous Peoples from Canada recount their experiences, and the experiences of the generations before them, it becomes harder to deny historical trauma – and more specifically, loss of ethnic identity; plays a major part in domestic violence. Also, indigenous peoples of the Americas are not the only groups to be affected by historical trauma.

So this year, we would like to recognize some of our ethnic identity. During our awareness campaign, we have planned a couple of special cultural activities that will take place during Elder's meals on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> These crafts go along with all of the other planned activities to spread the word to stop domestic violence.

We look forward to engaging with you all!

~Muskegon Office VSP Staff





Great Blue Heron (wall hanging)

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Match the word from Anishinaabemdaa videos w/Kenny Pheasant.

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Kevin Ray Wojtanowski(59) passed away August, 2019

Preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Rita (Reyes) Wojtanowski and brother, Michael

He is survived by niece Jennifer (Ragnar) Korthase and nephew, Christopher (Melissa)
Wojtanowski; four great nephews and nieces; Sebastian Ethan, Landon, Isabella; five cousins; Bunny, Karen, Linda, Dianna, and Susan.

Great Grandfather, Moses Medacco, Great Grandmother, Julia (Trombly) Medacco.

Grandfather, Roy Cannon, and Grandmother, Eva (Medacco) Skroch.

If you would like to submit a special announcement, story, traditional \family recipes, birth, or obituary announcement please submit it to:

LRBOI | Attn: Public Affairs | 2608 Government Center Drive,

Manistee, MI 49660

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Attention Tribal Members, if you are an artist or crafter of Native American items, traditional recipes or stories, please feel free to send pictures and contact information to the Public Affairs Office.

### NATIONAL DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER International Coffee Day Oct 16 National Boss's Day Oct 2 National Custodian Day Oct 17 National Pay Back a Friend Day Oct 3 National Poetry Day Oct 18 National No Beard Day Oct 4 National Taco Day October 31st Oct 19 National New Friends Day Oct 5 National Be Nice Day Oct 20 National Writing Day Oct 6 National Noodle Day Oct 21 National Apple Day **National** Oct 7 National Frappe Day Oct 22 National Nut Day Oct 8 National Pierogi Day Oct 23 National Medical Assistants Day **Caramel Apple** National Pet Obesity Day Oct 24 **United Nations Day** Oct 9 Oct 10 World Mental Health Day Oct 25 National Art Day Oct 11 National Sausage Pizza Day Oct 26 National Pumpkin Day National Farmers Day Oct 27 National Pit Bull Awareness Day Oct 12 Oct 13 National M&M Day Oct 28 National First Responders Day National Dessert Day Oct 29 Oct 14 National Internet Day Oct 15 National Pharmacy Technician Day Oct 30 National Checklist Day



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRIBAL ELDERS 65 AND OLDER!

	Susan Davis	Madeleine Kunnen	Paul Pego	
Sandra Alford	Amos Day	Ethelynne Kunnen	Russell Peters	Linda Thiel
Gary Andres	Sharron Detz	Robert Lamorandier	Sally Peters	Edward Tyler
Rick Andres	Mary Drake	Rosalynn LeClair	BONNY Prentice	Gary Tyler
William Bean	Eleanore Flowers	Marie Leyton	Sharon Reed	Lawrence VanCamp
Jerry Bellmore	Carol Gibner	Robert Lones	Lance Russ	Jacob Wabindato
Emil Boucher	Georgette Greet	Diane Lonn	James Russ	Jeffery Wabindato
LaVonne Brooks	Albert Hardenburgh	Tonja Martin	Mark Rutherford	Neal Wellman
Veronica Burrows	Joyce Harrington	Mary McCowin	Kathy Sam	Lawrence Wesaw
Mary Bush	Delores Jenkins	Suzanne Moby	Wanda Sather	Robert Wiegand
Steven Compeau	Teresa Johnson	Darla Morgan	Edward Shalifoe	Roger Wilson
Marsha Сомреаи	Nancy Kiogima	DONNA Ostergaard	Maurice Shalifoe	Sandra Witkop
	Mary Korhorn	Joann Pannill	Barbara Spedowski	

# EDC | Economic Development Corporation

# The EDC Board

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# EDC Board Meeting October 23 | 3PM

2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI 49660 Public Comments are held at the beginning of each meeting.

We are still looking for qualified 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.

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# **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

### Little River Health Technologies

InTerra: We are running a strong online advertising campaign with a Seminole-owned marketing company. Our revenue growth percentage since last year has increased due to this strategy. You can find our products for sale on our InTerra website, Amazon, or at the Little River Casino Resort.

Advanced Protein Solutions (APS): We met with a major retailer recently to propose a plant based alternative solution that will advance the retailer's already strong private label natural brands.

## Little River Real Estate Management

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

### <u>Little River Development</u>

Sales are continuing at our Odeno subdivision in Fruitport. Plans are already in the works for our next phase since Phase 1 is almost half sold out. We have been continuously working on

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the next stage of the US-31/M-22 development and everything is moving along nicely.

# Little River Government Contracting

This is an exciting time for Little River Government Contracting. Once we have our 8(a) designation in hand, we will be able to begin growing a seven generations business for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This new business will develop steady and stable income for the Tribe and Tribal Citizens.

### **Board Meetings**

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. <u>Open session/public comment starts promptly at 3pm</u>, and Tribal Members are welcome to attend that portion of the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is October 23, 2019.

# 2019 Tribal Member Services provided by LRBOI Government

LRBOI Services	Tribal Members	Descendants	Spouse	Elders	9 County	Out of Area Members	Public	LRBOI & LRCI Employees
Be Da Bin Behavioral Health								
Tele Psych Program	Х			Х	Х			
Substance Use Services	X			Χ	Χ			
Counseling Services	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ			
Education								
Computer Access	Х			Χ	Х	Χ		
Enrollment								
	X			Χ	Х	Χ		
Health Services Center								
Pharmacy	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Foot and Ankle Specialist	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ		Χ
Family Medicine Physicians	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ		Χ
nternal Medicine Physicians	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ		Χ
Telemedicine	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ		Χ
Radiographs	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ		Χ
Labs	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ
PRC (CHS)/EHAP	Χ	X		Χ	Χ	Χ		
Fitness Center	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ
Medical Transports	X			Χ	Χ			
Community Health Rep				Χ	Χ			
Housing								
Down Payment Assistance	Χ			Χ	Χ	Χ		
Members Assistance								
Food Assistance	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Low Income Energy Assistance	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Well & Septic	X		Χ	Χ	Χ			
Emergency Transportation	X		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		
LIHEAP	X		Χ		Χ			
Rental & Mortgage Assistance	X		Χ	Х	X	Χ		
Elder Chore Assistance	Χ		X		Χ	Χ		
Home Repair	X		, ,		X	X		
Members Attorney	,,				, ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Legal Assistance	Χ			Х	Χ	Χ		
Tax Office	,,					• •		
	Χ			Х	Χ	X		
Workforce Development	,,			, ·	, ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Internship	X	Χ		Х				
Career Assistance Voucher	X	^		X				
Training Assistance	X			X				



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# Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2019 Calendar

### October

- 2 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 5 | Elders Meeting
- 8 | Free Screening of Private Violence
- 9 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 11 | Ogema's Meet & Greet
- 12 | Fall Membership Meeting
- 16 | LRCR Renovation Sale
- 16 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 18 | Movie Night @ Aki Maadiziwin
- 23 | Positive Indian Parenting Class
- 23 | EDC Board Meeting
- 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
- 24 | Christmas Eve (Offices Close @12P)

Dec 25 - Jan 1 | Holiday Break



# Little River Currents Newspaper

Submissions due by the 15th of month.

Irboi-nsn.gov/newsmedia/little-rivercurrents/

# Rapid River Online News

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