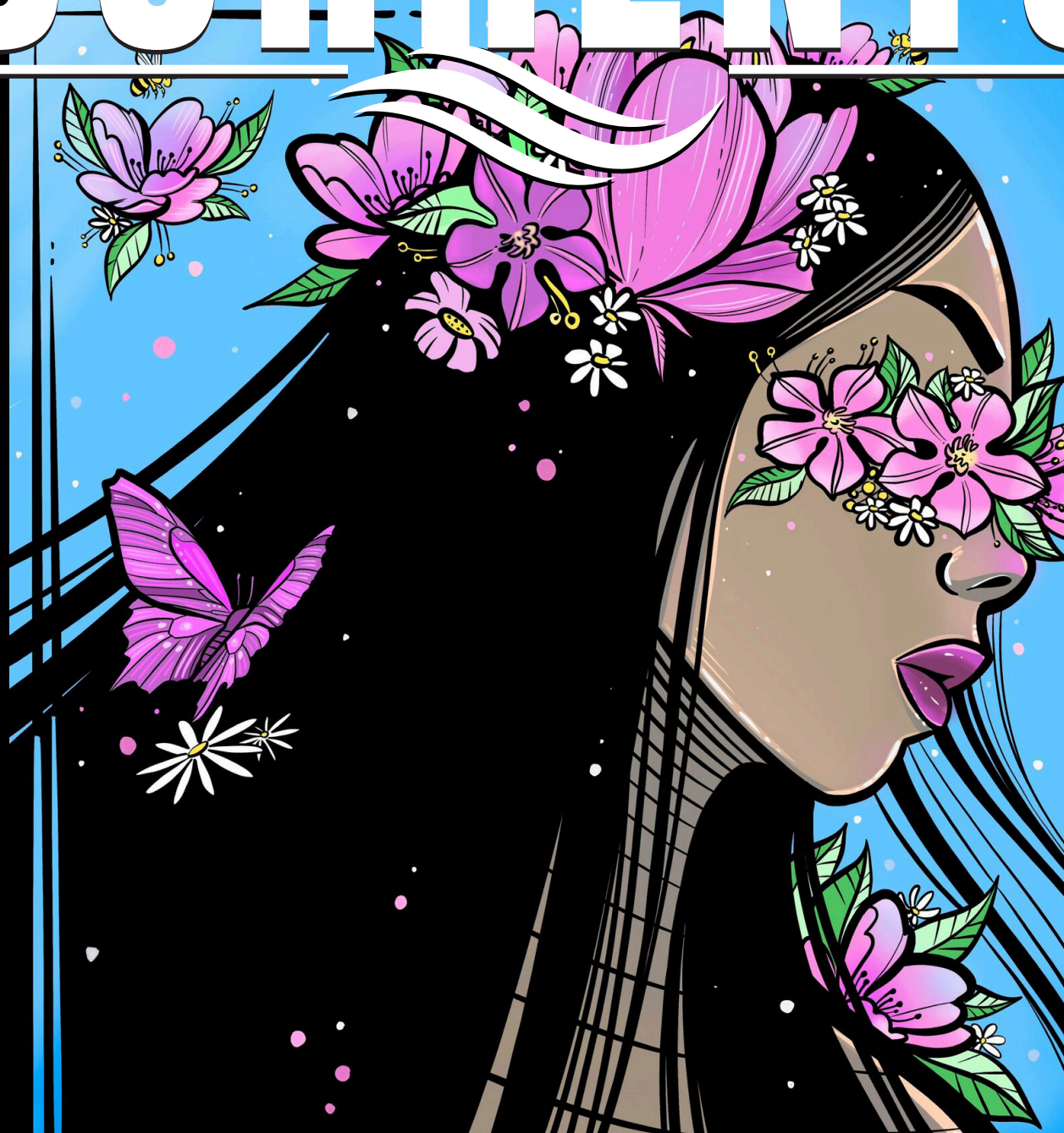


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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

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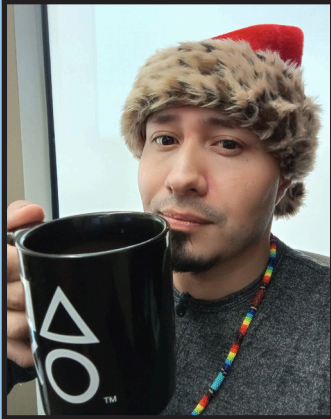
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# WELCOME



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## Submission Deadline

Submissions are due the 15th of each month to be included in the following months Currents.

The month of December brings many holidays, feasts and events. It is a time to celebrate family and friends.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy Holiday season.

It is important to remember that many people experience suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need during the holiday season.

The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number is 988.

You can call or text 988.

The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

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## Tribal Government offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday

Thursday, Dec 15th, Office will be closed from 8am-Noon

Friday, (Office closes at noon) Dec 23rd - Monday, January 2nd, 2023.

Normal office hours resumes Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023



# WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US



**Today is a good day to sign up and start your journey towards becoming a peacemaker**

**We are renewing our efforts to recruit a new generation of peacemakers**

**NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

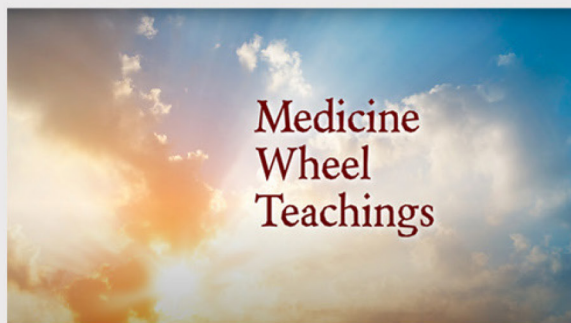
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*Well, here it is folks - the long awaited, updated website!*



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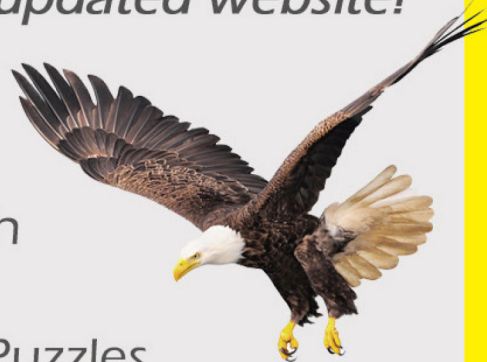
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# DECEMBER

## Manidoo Giizisoonh

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Translations provided by Kenny Pheasant (231) 398-6892 or kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov		Word of the day December's theme is family. (S) means you/your is singular	
<b>4</b> (S) Your mother Gashi	<b>5</b> My grandfather Nmishoomis	<b>6</b> (S)Your grandfather Gmishoomis	<b>7</b> My grandfather Nookmishoomis
<b>11</b> My children Niijaanisak	<b>12</b> (S) Your children Gniijaanisak	<b>13</b> My son Ngwis	<b>14</b> My son Ngwis
<b>18</b> (S) Your daughters Gdaanisak	<b>19</b> My relative Ndanwendaagan	<b>20</b> My relatives Ndanwendaaganak	<b>21</b> (S)Your relatives Gdanwendaaganak
<b>25</b> My uncle Nzhishenh	<b>26</b> My uncles Nzhishenhak	<b>27</b> (S) Your uncles Gzhishenhak	<b>28</b> My aunts Nzigweshak



# MBER

s (Little Spirit Moon)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
My titles angular	<b>1</b> My father Noos	<b>2</b> (S) Your father Goos	<b>3</b> My mother Ngashi
Grandmother s	<b>8</b> (S) Your grandmother Gookmis	<b>9</b> My child Niijaanis	<b>10</b> (S) Your child Gniijaanis
Sons sak	<b>15</b> (S) Your sons Gwisak	<b>16</b> My daughter Ndaanis	<b>17</b> My daughters Ndaanisak
relatives daaganak	<b>22</b> My parent Ngitziim	<b>23</b> My parents Ngitziimak	<b>24</b> (S) Your parents Gitziimak
unt wazis	<b>29</b> My aunts Nzigwazisak	<b>30</b> (S) Your aunts Gzigwazisak	<b>31</b> My grandchild Nooshenh



# Elders Corner

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## 2022 Tribal Elders Conference

The 2022 Tribal Elders Conference was preceded by a Ghost Supper the Friday evening before the Conference began: this event was surprisingly well attended (due to the short notice). A drum was present throughout. A list of tribal members who had passed on during the Covid-era was read aloud and closed this traditional event. That list included 248 tribal members – and the names of other deceased tribal Elders and members were noted by those who attended the Ghost Supper.

The Ghost Supper volunteers certainly deserve a round of applause – and so do all the casino staff and volunteers who so generously and tirelessly supported the Conference in many ways, large and small.

The 2022 Annual Elders Conference was very well attended. Nearly 150 hotel rooms were reserved for, and occupied by, tribal Elders who reside more than 50 miles from the Little River Casino Resort, i.e., the Conference site. To the best of my knowledge, the total number of tribal Elder attendees was 181.

After the drum, flag ceremony and the opening prayer (offered by Gary DiPiazza), Larry Romanelli, our Ogema, welcomed the attendees to Little Band of Ottawa Indians' first Annual Elders Conference since the beginning of Covid (2019). In his welcome, the Ogema shared highlights regarding the current status of the tribe, as well as its prospects for the immediate and more distant future. He also indicated that he would be present throughout the day and would be available for the "Question and Answer" period that was scheduled at the end of the day.

The October meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) was briefly discussed – the October MIEA meeting was also that organization's first meeting since 2019. Participants noted that it was much like starting all over again. A new President, Roger LaBine was elected over the course of the meeting. Efforts were made to secure and share the contact information of all MIEA delegates. The auction brought in nearly \$10,000.00 which will be used for student scholarships.

One of the top priorities of the Conference was to elect volunteers to fill the three vacancies on the Elders Commitment. The October election of a temporary volunteer committee member (to establish a quorum) was mentioned as were many of the election and committee details as expressed in the Elders Committee Work Plan and its related Resolution (#17-0404-119). These documents were distributed on a limited basis and available to anyone who had a deeper interest. Elders were given the opportunity to put forth their names for the election of the three committee vacancies. The names of interested Elders were provided to the audience on screen. Complete paper ballots were later collected and there were several attempts made to make sure all of the ballots were collected.

The election was carried out in accordance with the Elders Committee Work Plan (which specifies a successfully negotiated paper ballot process) – the entire election proceedings were monitored by one of the Tribal Council Liaisons to the Elders Committee. At the time of the election, it was determined that the committee opening for the second MIEA representative would be addressed in our February meeting. Two Elder volunteers doubled-counted and tallied the completed ballots while they were on stage and in the open, and under the supervision of a Tribal Council Liaison to the Elders Committee (who also helped count). About ten Elder volunteered to serve on the committee. After the ballots were collected and tallied, which occurred later in the meeting, the newly elected committee members were announced and included: Jessica Steinberg, Sandy Mezeske, and Tammy Bermeister.

Over the course of the Conference, a number of speakers were scheduled. The Conference managed to present the speakers in close approximation to the overall Conference Agenda plans – in the morning.

Robert Madacco, Director of Public Safety, spoke about scams, emphasizing ways to protect one's self.

Al Metzger spoke on behalf of the Cultural Committee, sharing some insights as well as soliciting more Cultural Committee participation.

In the afternoon, the speakers included:

Linda Hook, Benefits Consultant from 44 North -which is the Little Band of Ottawa Indians' Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan (our tribally sponsored Elders insurance coverage provider). Additionally, Linda also made herself available outside the conference area and invited individual consultations.

Eugene Magnuson, representing the Economic Development Corporation also provided a thorough update of all of the activities of the EDC - past, present and future.

The Ogema, Larry Romanelli, presided over the "Question and Answer" period at the end of the day – this was informative and was conducted in an orderly manner – this part of the meeting continued until there were no more questions from those in attendance.

Interspersed between speakers, election activities, questions and answers, and other Conference activities, there were morning and afternoon breaks, not to mention lunch and dinner. Tribal Elder attendees were provided a slip of paper at registration to write their name for the drawings throughout the day. A large number of names were drawn and prizes were plentiful, primarily donated by the Little River Casino-Resort but bolstered by tribal and Elder committee sponsored gas cards. On behalf of the Elders Committee, again a "chi megwetch" goes out to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2022 Annual Elders Conference.

On Sunday, the committee held its regular monthly meeting. It was personally surprising how many Elders attended. The two main agenda items were established as follows: 1) election of officers, and 2) the 2023 Elders Committee budget.

The outcomes of the election of Elders Committee election of officers are as follows:

- Jessica Steinberg was confirmed as the new Chair of the Elders Committee.
- Sandy Mezeske was confirmed as the new Vice-Chair of the Elders Committee.
- Tammy Bermeister was confirmed as the new Secretary of the Elders Committee.

A written preliminary 2023 budget (Draft) for the Elders Committee was provided to all committee members and its substance was verbally shared with the numerous Elders present for this meeting of the committee. The budget discussion was a very lively discussion that included a great deal of participation on the part of tribal Elders. The positivity that was generated in this part of the meeting was very encouraging. The Committee will have to work on sorting out the comments/suggestions so as to include these considerations in the formulation of the 2023 Elders Committee budget.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in conjunction with the Elders Christmas Party which will be held December 3, 2022 at the Casino Resort, from noon to 4 p.m., in one of the conference rooms. Bring a gift to get a gift (\$15 limit). There will be an ugly sweater contest as well. We look forward to seeing as many Elders as can attend.



# HOLIDAY GOVERNMENT/CLINIC CLOSURE

**THE MANISTEE & MUSKEGON OFFICES WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022 AND REOPEN AT 8:00 AM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023.**

Government Offices will be closed, as granted by the Ogema's Office, during the time of the Christmas Holiday. The Health Clinic and PRC/EHAP Offices will be closed during that time.

Health Operations is asking all of our clients/patients to plan ahead; we encourage you to check your prescription bottles for refills now, to see if the anticipated refill dates of the medications you may need falls during the closure. If you will need a refill during the closure, please notify the PHARMACY BEFORE DECEMBER 9TH.

If you will **NEED A PHYSICIAN TO WRITE A SCRIPT TO REFILL A MEDICATION** (30 day supply only medications for example) please contact the Health Clinic no later than DECEMBER 9TH so your request for refills can be processed **BEFORE** the holiday closure. Do not wait until the last minute to call. This will prevent you from running out of your medications during the holiday closure.

If you will **NEED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ONGOING MAINTENANCE MEDICATION REFILL** please notify PRC/EHAP BEFORE DECEMBER 21ST by 5:00 pm so your medication purchase orders can be sent to your pharmacy **BEFORE** the holiday closure. The purchase orders will be dated for the due date of the medication, not the date it is sent. In other words, the prescriptions will be authorized to be filled when they are **DUE**, not earlier than that time.

If you will **NEED A SPECIALTY MEDICAL VISIT OR PROCEDURE APPROVED WITH PROPER PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN (CLINIC) COORDINATION AND REFERRAL**, please contact the CHS/EHAP offices no later than DECEMBER 21ST at 5:00 pm; the purchase order will be sent to the provider for the date of anticipated service visit.

There will be **NO** staff available in Health Services beginning at Noon on December 23 and through January 2. We will return to the office on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8:00 am.

If you have a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY** during the office closure; go to your nearest Emergency Room or call 911.

If you need **EMERGENT/URGENT MEDICAL CARE FOR ILLNESS** during the office closure; go to your nearest Emergency Room or Urgent Care Clinic.



## **PHARMACY REDUCED HOURS DURING THE 2022 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSURE:**

PHARMACY PHONE: 231-398-6853 Manistee

PHARMACY HOURS: (Manistee and Muskegon)

DECEMBER 23	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
DECEMBER 24 – 26	CLOSED
DECEMBER 27	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
DECEMBER 28	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
DECEMBER 29	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 2	CLOSED

**THERE WILL BE NO MAILING OF PRESCRIPTIONS AFTER DECEMBER 22 UNTIL JANUARY 3.**

**PHARMACY WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 AT 8:00 AM.**



# TRIBAL COUNCIL

## **GIIGADOO NINII KWEK & GIIGADOO NINIWOK ( TRIBAL COUNCIL )**

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**Sandra Lewis (9 Counties)**  
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**Regular Tribal Council Meetings are  
Wednesdays at 10:00AM via Zoom**

**All Tribal Council work sessions and Tribal Council  
meetings are now in person and on zoom**

## **Tribal Council's Meeting Room**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/99705796129?pwd=OWY5SVVnUis4Y0d1aGdqMXBjRjdxZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 997 0579 6129

**Passcode:** 1836

# PER CAPITA

## 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, 2022, to claim these payments. **Should any payments remain unclaimed after December 31, 2022, the funds will be reverted to the Tribe as specified in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2.**

Shawn M. Birdsall  
Steven Compeau  
Robyn L. DiSilvestro  
Jolene J. Frankey  
Moses S. Hamilton  
Kelsey E. Keebler  
Joseph L. Medacco  
Joseph Oscar  
Cory S. Ramberg  
Ronald R. Spoerl  
Anthony J. Switala  
Anthony G. Vanderzanden  
Pauline Wabindato  
Melanie R. Wood

Travis Blaszczyk  
Stacy L. Conner  
Sierra L. Estep  
Mercedes J. Gabourie  
Jacob D. Holub  
Justin L. Kelsey  
Gary D. Mersman Jr.  
Kendra J. Patton  
Andrew W. Reid  
Steven Stewart  
Elisa L. Tippitt  
LaTara N. Verdi  
Timothy J. Willard

Daniel R. Boyer  
Dustin D. DeVerney-Hubbeling  
Sandra R. Fleury  
Joseph Green  
Malia R. Huffman  
Heather Krick  
Gary A. Nickleson  
Damian A. Pete  
Jazmine C. Sam  
Grege W. Stroh  
Casey N. Underwood  
Madison E. Wabindato  
Roger Wilson Jr.

Please take the time to review the above 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 (231)398-6713, if you can claim outstanding payments, provide assistance in settling payment(s) or have any questions.



# PRIMARY ELECTION

## CERTIFIED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023 ELECTION

The Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed on December, 16 2022. The Primary Election will take place on January 27, 2023. The top two candidates for the Ogema seat will be placed on the Regular Election Ballot that will be held on April 28, 2023.

## OFFICE OF THE OGEMA ( 1 Vacant seat )

Michael J. Ceplina

Shannon Paul Crampton

Gary Paul DiPiazza/Sees Bak Tunse

Raymond Hugo

Larry "Mahiingun Makwa" Olson

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli

Jessica Steinberg



**YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

# REGULAR ELECTION

Along with the top two candidates for the Ogema seat, the below candidates will also be placed on the Regular Election Ballot that will be mailed on March 20, 2013

## **Office of Tribal Council - 9 County ( 2 vacant seats )**

Tammy Burmeister  
Debra Davis  
Sandra "peanut" Lewis  
Misty L. Silvis  
Susan Thull

## **Office of Tribal Council - Outlying ( 2 vacant seats )**

Joanne "Jo Jo" Green  
Virgil Johnson  
Valerie Robinson McDonnell  
Al Metzger  
Ron Wittenberg

## **Office of the Election Board ( 2 vacant seats )**

Chelsea Densmore  
Kathy Gibson  
Shawnna Sue Gonzalez  
Lee A. ivinson

## **Office of Appellate Judge ( 1 vacant seat )**

Berni L. Darrow (Carlson)



# CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

## Michael J. Ceplina



BooZhoo,

My name is Michael Ceplina and I am running to be your Ogema. My work history includes working for a Fortune 500 company before moving to Manistee in 2002 to work for the tribe. Positions I have held within the tribe include: security officer, utility operator, surveillance operator, natural resource commissioner, tribal councilor and election board member. I believe my work experience and knowledge gained will be an asset to the position of Ogema. I also believe we need to bring unity back into the tribe. I WILL work with tribal council. I WILL provide transparency to the membership with such things as letting the tribal members see the budget, EDC projects, casino and on-line gaming revenue numbers. Other things I would like to see changed and work towards are term limits for Ogema/elected officials and getting our reservation lands back from the federal government as other tribes have done. I would also like to see affordable housing for members expanded beyond one location. We have to look at the seven generations and that includes bringing back cultural activities. Knowing our culture is vital for our children and the future. I believe it is time for a change. I believe it is time for new leadership. I appreciate your vote.

Miigwetch,

Michael J. Ceplina

## Shannon Paul Crampton



No Bio Submitted



# OFFICE OF OGEMA CANDIDATES

## Gary Paul DiPiazza/ Sees Bak Tunse



Aanii

I'm Sees-Bak-Tunse (Real Sweet Sugar) Gary Paul DiPiazza.

I have been happily married for 40 years, together we have two lovely daughters and four grandchildren.

I have been your dedicated servant on Tribal Council for the past 9 years.

I'm a traditional Pipe Carrier and Firekeeper. I have supported and attended our Tribal Language Camp, powwow and community (Great Lakes Area) cultural events for decades.

I sponsored and brought forward: the Cares Act legislation releasing \$1000.00 to Every Tribal Citizen.

Creation of our Manistee and Muskegon Pharmacy and Health Clinic.

I currently serve on CORA working on our 2020 Consent Decree looking after our 1836 Treaty Rights.

I have increased your Deer Harvest from 5 Deer to 10 Deer this year to help you feed your family.

I implemented interactive Live Council Meetings for my Citizens.

Engineered the next step in Electrical Power FREE TO ALL.

FREE Renewable Energy to run our Casino, AKI, Government Center and EVERY CITIZEN'S HOME.

Keep Moving Forward towards completion of our Muskegon Project.

I will continue serving with honor and integrity.

I believe I have shown my worth and I'm not afraid to stand alone.

I have the ingenuity and courage to get things done.

I stand for the best interests of ALL my citizens.

I am open to your thoughts and concerns so I can take them with me on this path.

Miigwetch for letting me speak with you.

Facebook @ Vote Gary Paul DiPiazza for Your Next Ogema

1-616-450-3928 or 1-231-299-1298

## Raymond Hugo



Boozhoo,

My name is Raymond Hugo. I am a member of the Nine-County area of Mason County. I was raised and spent most of my life in this area. In my upbringing, I was able to experience the different school districts throughout the area. Also, I even had the chance to attend Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. Then, I continued my education into college at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City where I obtained a degree in business.

As a kid, I participated in several cultural gatherings in the outlying areas, Also I enjoyed being a member of the Great Lakes Native American Dance Troupe. We helped bring out culture to the forefront by letting the average citizen become aware that the Native American/Anishinaabek people are still here today in modern society. For more information about this, see the Tribes book "Our People, Our Journey" by James McClurken.

Still to this day, I honor my culture and heritage. I have had the opportunity to work at the casino in Human Resources and with the Tribe by helping with the development of Indian Village. Also, I am looking forward to furthering my service with the Tribe as Tribal Ogema. For more information feel free to follow me on Facebook. Chi Miigwetch.

# CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

**Larry “Mahiingun Makwa” Olson**



Boozhoo, niij-anishinaabedog (Hello my fellow Anishinaabes).

My name is Larry Olson and i am running to replace Larry Romanelli As Oge-ma. After 16 year of bad leadership, abuse of power, mismanagement and wasteful spending at the tune of \$ 50 million plus. it's time for a change in leadership and a new beginning, We need to rewrite the constitution, so it serves all tribal citizens equally and not just a selected few in the nine coun-ties.

If elected i will be a servant to the tribal citizens and not a ruler over the peo-ple. In my first year i will reach out to all tribal citizens and listen to all of your concerns and suggestions on how we can work together to secure a better future for all tribal citizens and the next seven generations.

We need to train and hire any tribal citizen who wants to work for the tribe, no matter where you live. With todays technology we can can hire tribal citi-zens for remote jobs no matter where you live on Turtle Island. Some of our best talent and the majority of our tribal citizens live outside of Michigan.

We can never succeed unless we lift each and every tribal citizen and give them the tools they need to succeed.

if you would like to talk to me, you can email at mahiingunmakwa@hotmail.com or call me at 248-217-7848

**Jessica Steinberg**



Boozhoo My Relatives,

I am humbly seeking your support and vote for the office of **Ogema(kwe)**.

I am not going to make promises that I can't deliver. **My focus is to use my life's experience, integrity and hard work on behalf of OUR people.**

**It is time for change in our Tribe; away from infighting, away from the divisions that weaken our nation. It is time to mend fences and build relationships within our sister tribes because there is strength in unity.**

**It is time for the Little River Band 4000+ to be the priority of leadership.**

What I will work with you to accomplish:

- IMPLEMENTING QUARTERLY 'townhall' meetings to hear THE PRIORITIES OF OUR CITIZENS directly. ***It's time to use technology to increase the flow of information and improve communication with all our citizens.***
- TRANSPARENCY! ***Its time for clear and direct answers to the questions, suggestions and concerns, of our people, including accurate, timely, financial information.***
- CITIZENS FIRST within our government and enterprises. ***Its time Tribal Member Preference is the rule, not the exception, and that we invest in our people.***
- COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION! ***Its time to stop the drain of our resources paying attorney fees and court costs—We all want the same thing—for the lives of our people to be better!***

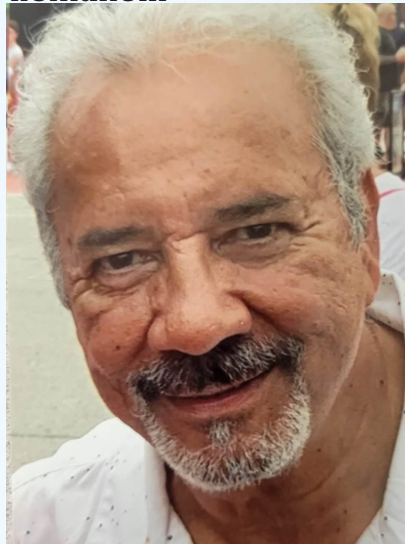
**My contact info: [jsteinberg1125@gmail.com](mailto:jsteinberg1125@gmail.com) or (231) 510-4864 – I'd like to meet and discuss your priorities, which will be my priorities as Ogema(kwe).**

I hope you will support me, even if you don't – PLEASE VOTE!



# OFFICE OF OGEMA CANDIDATES

## Larry “Little Thunder” Romanelli



Aanii,

Most of you know me. Who you should vote for? Many have said, "why is there continual fighting between Ogema and council?" "Change the Ogema or certain council members, or just change everyone? I leave that for you to decide, but suggest two documents to review so you can make informed decisions. Documents to review are; LRBOI COURT CASE #20-051-AP and HARVARD LAW REVIEW- Tribal Executive Branches: A Path to Tribal Constitutional Reform; located on our tribal website. The last four years have been difficult.

The first issue was the above court battle, started in August 2016 ending in May 2021. Court dealt with "separation of powers" which has been a focus of conflict between every Ogema and council over the years. The good news is clear lines have been drawn for branches to follow, moving us in the right direction going forward.

The second issue, the Muskegon casino project; a 12+ year project, cleared by the Department of Interior in 2020 moving forward to Governor Whitmer's desk for signature. She declined to sign based on GRB's attempt at getting federally recognized. At this writing, our opportunity for a casino is still in limbo.

The third issue was world-wide, COVID. It affected all families, income, and businesses. Many businesses were shut down, some permanently. Our casino shut down two times. The good news? We are back up and running almost at full-force. Our numbers continue to return. I wish you the best in your candidate selection. Miigwetch

# Community Flyers

**Products and services advertised the Currents Newsletter are not endorsed by LRBOI tribal government but are presented as a service to our readers.**

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Aanii/BooZhoo/Greetings LRBOI Tribal members!

We are Dawn Moneyhan, S.C. & Dr Delia Ross, fellow LRBOI tribal members and leaders at The KICC. Many of you have probably seen us around facebook by now but let us please introduce ourselves. We are both teachers. Delia specializes in special education while I specialize in Native American history & culture, and aquatic medicine.

A little over 2 years ago I stepped down from the tribe's cultural committee to seek a better, more effective, helpful, and well rounded way to reach our entire membership, minus the drama and constant struggles of the committee. Following the loss of my 120 yr old prayer tree due to a city government that openly admitted they know nothing of my culture, so did not care, I vowed "to stuff so much of my culture down their throats they'd choke on it". Yes, I know, this isn't a nice thing to say or think or feel, but when I sat down and realized the great need for the teachings that Delia & I are now happy and proud to bring to you, it was hard to think otherwise.

This began the journey of The Kwewag Indigenous Culture Church. Please, don't stop reading because of the word "church". We are not here to convert anyone, I promise!! If we can ask for just a bit of your time I will explain it all in our youtube video, "Church: A Native American Concept". You can find it here: <https://youtu.be/KLbtQShQa6g>

Our current focus is not on our website yet so I bring that to you today. We are on a mission to feed our people. Times are hard, we are all suffering in some way and we are doing so needlessly. We have each other. We have our culture and the lifeways of our ancestors to teach us how to thrive while the world AROUND us works to figure it out. We don't have to be together in person to be a community and social media already has proven that.

We have spent the past year putting together this new church of ours with the goal of building a teaching camp, however, this economy and volatile politics, along with racism and a whole lot of stuff that makes no sense, have really slowed us down. We are currently entering our fundraising stage so we can purchase the land needed to raise bison and elk to feed ALL OF YOU!! Yes, you read that correctly. We seek to offer FREE FOOD to ALL of our fellow tribal members as soon as possible! We desire to bring back our traditional, healthy foods while caring for our tribal community in ways that are helpful, meaningful, and will contribute to the survival of the next 7 generations. We wish to offer all of you a safe place to learn about where we came from so we can all gain a clearer vision, together, of where we are going... a way to reconnect our families through our culture and bond with Mother Aki <AH key> (Earth).

There are many troubles and struggles in indian country today. Troubles & struggles have been the way for all of our Native peoples for the past 500+ years and we intend to change that, starting with a healthy diet and well fed families who are eager to learn to thrive during hard times. We teach online and off so no matter where you are, if you can get to us in one of those ways, we are here to help you however we can.



I will leave you with this thought: We are our culture, our culture is us. If our culture dies, we die. If we die, our culture dies. This is called a symbiotic relationship and we must hold up our end for all to not just survive, but to thrive. We CAN do this. Delia & I are proving that and we invite ALL of our fellow LRBOI tribal members to join us.

We are seeking to add a 2nd Zoom Roundtable to our schedule to begin the winter storytelling season. If timing is the only reason you can't currently attend we encourage you to reach out to us at [thekicc3@gmail.com](mailto:thekicc3@gmail.com) or via our website at <http://thekicc.org> to tell us when you can attend. We will do our best to accommodate as many as possible! We are available to everyone, LRBOI and beyond but for our programs we do practice tribal preferences.

LRBOI has the ability to help us move forward to in our current goal of feeding our people without spending any money. We ask our fellow tribal members to please reach out to our tribal council and ask them about federally funded grants that are available specifically for what we are doing, meant for the tribes to pass down to people like us, to help in our mission. We have done all the work and spent all the money (this was not cheap!) so the tribe can legally help us. Now we ask help from our tribal members to help yourselves. Help us to ask our tribe for this help so we can ALL eat and reconnect to our ancestors in the right ways.

Chi Miigwetch and Blessings from  
The KICC Team

## The PUZZLE GAMES are back!!

Visit our website at

# THEKICC.ORG

to enjoy Native American stories, cultural teachings, history, Anishinaabemowin vocabulary, and more!

Due to special request we have brought back the PUZZLE GAMES once featured in the LRBOI Currents!

Play directly on our website or  
print to enjoy offline with friends and family!

Coming Soon - The KICC Language Program

The KICC team is already hard at work creating a learning community where we can all gather to learn the beautiful Ojibwe language together!

Join us every Thursday evening at 7PM Central Time -The KICC Roundtable

Open discussion about all things Native American

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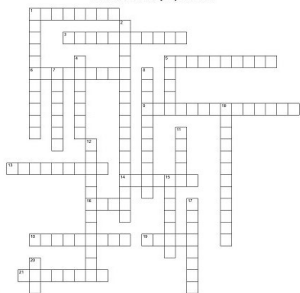
The KICC 7 Fires Prophecy Vocabulary Word Match

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. A sickness, Disease   | A. Innumerable |
| 2. All, Every            | B. Baboonadeci |
| 3. A state               | C. Moshiki     |
| 4. Travels in a group    | D. Giamwid     |
| 5. One                   | E. Mikana      |
| 6. Rope                  | F. Akana       |
| 7. Life                  |                |
| 8. Fish                  |                |
| 9. Us, We                |                |
| 10. Teaching, a lesson   |                |
| 11. Ancestors, Wad       |                |
| 12. Relative             |                |
| 13. Fire                 |                |
| 14. Medicine             |                |
| 15. Food                 |                |
| 16. Roads                |                |
| 17. Painted turtle       |                |
| 18. Sleeps in ash        |                |
| 19. Water                |                |
| 20. Two                  |                |
| 21. Eight                |                |
| 22. My grandfather, Selo |                |

The KICC 7 Fires Prophecy Word Search

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K O Y W E V E G G W I V U O P W P N E O B Y V A P T U J  
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The KICC 7 Fires Prophecy Crossword



- A sickness,
- A stone
- All, Every
- Ancestors, W
- Grandfather, Se

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| Across:                  | Down:                 |
| 1. Medicine              | 1. Painted turtle     |
| 2. Baboonadeci           | 2. Teaching, a lesson |
| 3. Akana                 | 3. Fish               |
| 4. Fire                  | 4. One                |
| 5. Food                  | 5. Sleeps in ash      |
| 6. Roads                 | 6. Two                |
| 7. Life                  | 7. Water              |
| 8. Relative              | 8. Us, We             |
| 9. Fish                  | 9. Grandfather, Selo  |
| 10. Teaching, a lesson   | 10. Ancestors, Wad    |
| 11. All, Every           | 11. Relative          |
| 12. Relative             | 12. Fire              |
| 13. Fire                 | 13. Food              |
| 14. Medicine             | 14. Painted turtle    |
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| 16. Roads                | 16. Two               |
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# **TACTICAL TREATS**

**USCCA Accredited  
CPL Instruction**

## **Weekly Classes**

### **1. Basic Hand Gun knowledge & Cleaning**

This class will show the student the differences in Hand Gun calibers, their uses & effectiveness. There will be no live ammunition in class! (snap caps only) Basic mechanics of how most hand guns function.

We will also be covering types of Holsters, Hand Gun cleaning & effective Storage,

### **2. Dry Fire Laser Training**

This class will help improve Handgun accuracy & Trigger control using Snap caps, Striker caps & Lasers in conjunction with an elite shooting performance system designed to increase consistency by recording shot by shot analysis. The student will see in real time their subtle hand movements & learn " Proper Grip" "Avoiding Recoil Anticipation" "Trigger Press Movement" "Follow Through" Just to name a few.

### **3. CPL Certification Class**

Successful completion of this class will allow you to apply for a Concealed Carry Permit (CCW). See MI state laws.

### **4. CPL RENEWAL Certification Class**

Successful completion of this 4 hr.class will allow you to re-apply for a Concealed Carry Permit (CCW). See MI state laws.

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**OR CHECK OUT MY WEBSITE [TacticalTreats.COM](http://TacticalTreats.COM)  
**OR FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL, (231)220-5207******



# CALLING ALL INDIGENOUS DETROITERS

TO HELP OUR YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR FUTURES



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Contact List"

## Bozhoo!

We are forming a funded initiative for high school age Indigenous youth in Metro Detroit focused on culture, healthy core activities, critical knowledge and experience, and mentorship to empower youth to live their best futures. BUT WE NEED YOU! YOU the students, families and community! If you are a parent or youth living in Greater Detroit with any Indigenous or Tribal affiliation sign up for our contact list. Get updates and invites to a round of dinner gatherings next spring to form community partnership around the needs of our youth. If you aren't "in the D", you know somebody who is, so share this flyer!

About me: My Name is Seth Allard, "Man Who Walks the Red Road" (Ojibwa Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). I am a USMC Veteran and PhD student with 15 years experience working in mental health, public health, and research. I believe our Indigenous Youth are a force to be reckoned with, not a statistic or a risk to be predicted and managed. Chi Miigwetch! (thank you!)

