

# LITTLE RIVER CURRENTS



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

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TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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-Bear Moon-

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# WELCOME



**Sky Gonzalez**

Communications Officer

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## HAPPY FEBRUARY

I hope everyone is having a good new year so far...but I have some bad news for us, It seem Punxsutawney Phil (The most famous and therefore most trustworthy weather predicting groundhog) woke up and saw his shadow so that means another six more weeks of winter.



While I'm certainly not questioning his weather divining powers it should be noted Punxsutawney Phil does not hold any kind of meteorology degree.

### Submission Deadline

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

## 2023 JIINGTAMOK

On a more serious note Tribal Council is happy to announce the save the date for the 2023 LRBOI JIINGTAMOK.

Tribal Council is also looking for volunteers for the 25th Annual Jiingtamok committee to help plan and coordinate the event.





**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JULY 15TH, 16TH**  
**2023**





# EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR

\*\*\*Funds are limited and applications will be accepted on first come, first serve basis up to \$15000 per home  
Once funds are expended the program will be discontinued\*\*\*

**IS YOUR HOME IN NEED OF EMERGENCY REPAIR?**

**PLEASE CONTACT KRYSTAL IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT  
231-398-6878, EMAIL [LRBOIHOUSING@LRBOI-NSN.GOV](mailto:LRBOIHOUSING@LRBOI-NSN.GOV) OR VIEW  
THE APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE [WWW.LRBOI-NSN.GOV](http://WWW.LRBOI-NSN.GOV)**



NO INCOME LIMITS  
NO GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS  
MUST BE AT LEAST 21 OR OLDER  
MUST BE OWNER OF RECORD  
MUST BE LRBOI MEMBER OR GUARDIAN



# 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**

**Contact: Pat Wilson  
Peacemaking/Probation Department  
Phone: (231) 398-2239 Fax: (231) 398-3404  
Email: [patrickwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:patrickwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov)**



# Accepting volunteers for the

## ELDER'S MEAL



Contact Victoria Wells at (231)398-6886  
or visit her at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

### REMINDER FOR ELDERS

Aki open from 10AM - 12noon for social hours

Come watch TV, play the Wii, play games or do puzzles  
Coffee and snacks available



Bedabin Behavioral Health

# Round Dance

**SAVE THE DATE - February 25, 2023**



**Dance Social | 7PM**  
**Little River Casino Events Center**  
**Feast and Pipe Ceremony at 6PM**  
**Aki Community Center**  
**2953 Shaw BE Quo-Ung Manistee, MI 49660**

Vendors contact: [KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov) or call (231) 655-3651





## **PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH**

**COST: FREE**

**Must be a resident of  
Crawford, Kalkaska  
Manistee, Mecosta,  
Missaukee or Wexford  
Counties and be 18  
years of age.**

**CONTACT:**

**Anna Kahmark  
231-335-7640  
kahmark1@msu.edu**

**\*Vouchers redeemable at  
any Michigan Family Fare  
location**



**Attend an In Person or Online Session and  
Earn Up To \$100 in Fruits and Vegetables!\***

*\*You must complete the pre and post surveys.*

*\*Participants are unable to earn vouchers more than once.*

### **My Way to Wellness (self-paced, online)**

A new online nutrition program reviews how to make healthy food choices that work for you, physical activity, goal setting, food safety, reading a food label, and more!

**Starts February 6th, ends March 17th**

### **Cooking for One**

Whether you're living on your own for the first time, a single college student, a hard-working adult, or a senior on your own, cooking for one can be fun! Class will include a cooking demonstration.

**February 1st to March 22nd 5:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Location: Cadillac Wexford Public Library**

**Register here:**

**[https://events.anr.msu.edu/  
Rx4HealthMunsonDHD10/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Rx4HealthMunsonDHD10/)**





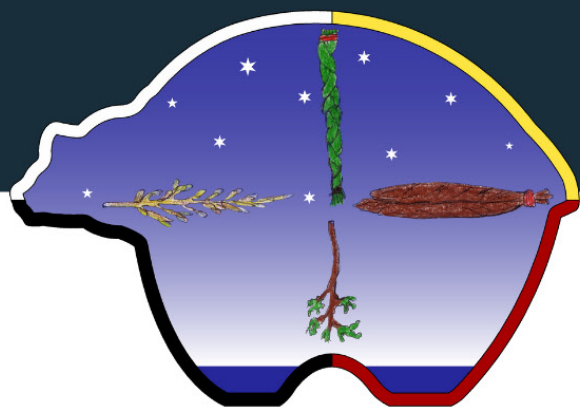
# Learn to make a Beaded Lanyard

You will need to bring:

- Beads in any color you would like to use
- a Snack to pass

Provided: Beading Needles, Thread, Beeswax,  
Rope/cord, Keychain hardware

Youth are encouraged to attend, but must  
have an adult helper with them.



## MANISTEE

FEBRUARY 7, 6:00-8:00 PM  
AKI COMMUNITY CENTER  
2953 SHAW BE QUO-UNG

## MUSKEGON

FEBRUARY 8, 6:00-8:00 PM  
LITTLE RIVER HEALTH CENTER  
1478 E. ELLIS RD

Space is limited! Email or call to register!  
KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov (231) 655-3651



# POSSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

**Wednesdays: February 22 – April 26, 2023 6–8PM**  
***Please bring a dish to pass.***

## **Topics :**

- Traditional Parenting
- Lessons of the Storyteller
- Lessons of the Cradleboard
- Harmony in Child Rearing
- Traditional Behavior Management
- Lessons of Mother Nature
- Praise in Traditional Parenting
- Choices in Parenting



**Please Register:**

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[KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov)

Little River Health Center

1478 E. Ellis Road Muskegon, MI



**NICWA**  
National Indian Child Welfare Association  
Protecting Our Children • Preserving Our Culture





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Translations provided by Kenny Pheasant

Contact kenny at [kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov)



# TRIBAL COUNCIL

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

**Shannon Crampton - Speaker (Outlying)**  
231-398-6885  
ShannonCrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Shirley Wever (9 Counties)**  
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**Ron Wittenberg - Recorder (Outlying)**  
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**Tom Guenthardt (9 Counties)**  
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**Pam Johnson (Outlying)**  
231-398-6836  
PamJohnson@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Julie Wolfe (At Large)**  
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JulieWolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Gary DiPiazza (9 Counties)**  
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**Cindy Champagne (Outlying)**  
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**Sandra Lewis (9 Counties)**  
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SandraLewis@lrboi-nsn.gov

**Regular Tribal Council Meetings are  
Wednesdays at 10:00AM via Zoom**

## **25th Annual Jiingtamok Committee**

**The tribal council is looking for volunteers to be a part of the 25th Annual Jiingtamok committee.**

The Jiingtamok Committee will be the ones who do the planning and helping with the various jobs or activities that need to be carried out prior to, during, and after the pow wow.  
Tentative date for 2023 Jiingtamok (July 15&16).

Monthly zoom meetings starting in January.

Please submit letter of interest to [juliewolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:juliewolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov).



# **ZOOM INFORMATION**

**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

#### **Or by phone**

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) Code 1836#
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- +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Code 1836#
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Code 1836#
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Code 1836#
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) Code 1836#

**Commissions and Committees are now in person and on zoom**

## **LRBOI Tribal Commission's Personal Meeting Room**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5678318925?pwd=UkVzdVNMSF1xbIB6Y1M4Tm9oM3RPQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 567 831 8925

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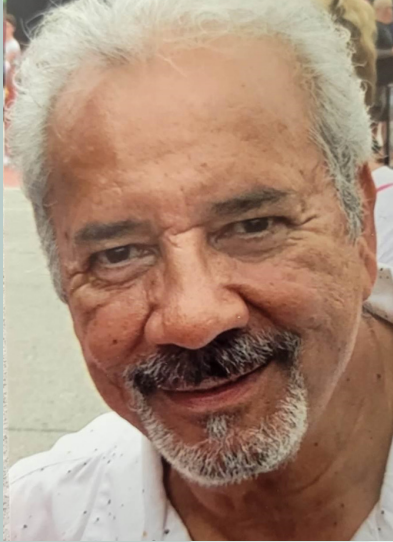
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# Office Of Ogema Candidates | 2023 REGULAR ELECTION

**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 2001. 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

**Shannon Paul Crampton**

**No Photo Submitted**

**No Bio Submitted**



# Office of Tribal Council (9 County) Candidates

## Tammy Burmeister



My name is Tammy Burmeister. I am the daughter of John Koon and the late Theresa (Rybicki) Koon and the granddaughter of the late James & Beatrice Koon. I am a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central and West Shore Community College. I am married to Michael Burmeister and we have four children Donald, Rosemary, Angela and Autumn. We also have four beautiful grandchildren who are "my little loves" as I refer to them as and their names are Audi, Harper, Hudson and Cruz.

I had worked for the Little River Band Tribal Government for 27 years in various positions but ended my career in July 2022 as the Grants Management Administrator which I worked 22 years at. When I worked for the Tribe, I also served for six years in the role of a Lead which oversaw the Health and Human Services Departments. Over the past 27 years, I have served on the Enrollment Commission, Education Committee, Pow Wow Committee and Election Board.

Working for the Tribe has helped me grow and mature as an individual, meet new people, develop friendships, make a better life for my family and become knowledgeable in many areas of Tribal Government (grants, budgets, department functions). My character has shown that I am dependable, open minded, reasonable, a problem solver, factual, hardworking and dedicated to serving our Tribal Citizens. I am an Elder of the Tribe and take that responsibility seriously when making decisions and providing guidance. I believe in transparency, have no hidden agenda nor will promise anything as an individual as I believe that if I'm elected for the Tribal Council 9-county seat I will be working as a team with fellow councilors for the betterment of all.

## Debrah Davis



Hello, my name is Debra Davis, and I am seeking your vote for 9-county representative. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and a great-grandmother. I have worked with the tribe as Education Assistant for 18 yrs, where I have passed our teachings to many of tribal members and their children. I also set on the Little River Casino Gaming Commission as Secretary for 9 yrs., where I have helped make important decisions to help keep our tribal members employed and educated. I have dedicated my life to working with the membership. As a Little River Band Member, I have worked on and off the clock making sure all can have access to the knowledge I have and willing to share with all members of Little River. As an Elected Official, I will continue to work with the membership by making decisions that are in the best interests of our Tribal citizens. I will continue to follow the Seven Grand Father Teachings as I have all my life.

This is a few of events and programs that I created and participated in. I will continue to be dedicated to sharing with Tribal Citizens some of the knowledge and culture of our ancestors.

- LRBOI Tribal Princess Coordinator/ Kwewok Circle Co-organizer
- Education Summer Camps
- Monarch Butterfly Rearing Project
- Tribal Community fishing
- Regalia Making Classes
- Earth Day Activities
- Nokomis Reading Hour
- Elders Christmas Show

Making Sure our children have access to this knowledge.



# Office of Tribal Council (9 County) Candidates

## Sandra "Peanut" Lewis



Aanii, my name is Sandra Lewis. I am in my second term as an elected official and I am requesting your vote for a third term of the 9 County Tribal Council Seat.

Before being seated in office I worked at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Health Clinic for sixteen years and enjoyed being a part of the path to the good health and wellness of our people.

During my terms in office I have been honored to be a Federal Liaison, giving several testimonials before the United States House of Representatives as well as an internal liaison for various commissions and committees. I am honored to be a part of our healing process.

As we walk together through challenging times in the world, my past votes reflect the fact that I am here for the people. Being a leader means putting the people before myself.

I feel I am an asset to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as I will continue to hold high standards for myself in regards to communication and professionalism. The biggest issues we are facing are housing, health, education, and culture/language. One of my goals is to create more programs for the elders and the youth. Together, we can continue to work towards solutions for prosperous days ahead for our people.

Miigwetch,  
Sandra Lewis  
231-510-5360

## Misty L. Silvis



Boozhoo,

My name is Misty Silvis, and I am running for 9 County Council seat. I was born 12-12-1969 in Oceana County where I currently reside. I am a very honest, and respectful citizen, I am driven and a hard worker. I've been married to my husband who is a war veteran for 30 years. I've owned and ran two successful construction companies that I retired from in 2011. I home schooled my son, then we both entered college at the same time, and at the age of 48 I received an associates degree in art and science. I currently have Misty Acres farm market underway, featuring U-pick raspberries, sunflowers, and pumpkins along with a sugar bush operation.

I enjoy spending time with my family and Labradors. I am a wildlife photographer and I spend a lot of my time in nature. I gather, hunt and fish.

Abiding by our Constitution I hold with utmost value. I do not choose anyone's side. I am a leader not a follower. I favor resolving issues and progression for the tribe and its citizens. I will listen to our citizens needs and put them first.

I have attended cultural classes and events most of my life. Saving and preserving our culture means a lot to me. Our footprints leave the path for our future generations to learn from and to keep our culture alive.

Vote for me, I would be honored to serve you.

Miigwech

# Office of Tribal Council (9 County) Candidates

## Susan Thull

We have been traveling down the wrong path for years and it is time to change course, this election can do that. We need a new Ogema and Council that are willing to work for the membership. I believe that under the present Ogema's tenure we have lost millions. We need to stop the constant drain on our resources now. Up until two years ago, we had a majority on council that supported the Ogema in his mismanagement and were keeping the membership in the dark and uninformed. These actions created a hostile workplace and an insurmountable division within the government and the tribe as a whole. This atmosphere has to change, the Council and Ogema have to work together and be open with the membership. **I will work to bring cooperation and transparency to the forefront.**

With online gaming revenue now flowing through the casino and council raising the distribution from 40% to 50%, members are wondering why their per cap checks are not reflecting an increase. The budget process broke down last year and this put additional strain on employees and members. This process broke down due to a lack of cooperation, the casino budget, executive vetoes, and court interference. **I will work to make laws more effective and to have consequences if not followed.**

**I am asking for your vote for council. I will work tirelessly to insure the future of the next Seven Generations.**

[Susan.thull@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.thull@gmail.com) or text 616-217-1142.

## Timeline for the 2023 Regular Election

Ballots mailed out for Regular Election	March 20, 2023
Deadline to request Replacement Ballots	April 7, 2023
Deadline for Election Disputes	April 14, 2023
Regular Election Day	April 28, 2023
Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Regular Election (2 days after election)	May 2, 2023
Deadline for Regular Election recounts, challenges	May 5, 2023
Deadline for Regular Election campaign financial report	May 5, 2023



# Office of Tribal Council (Outlying) Candidates

## Virgil Johnson



### Aanli Tribal Citizens of LRBOI

My name is Virgil Johnson Zoongede Mshekenh (Courageous Turtle), grandson of the late James & Beatrice Koon and a member of the Turtle Clan. I want to thank all of you for the support I have received in the as your Councilor for 8 years. Five years ago I retired from Council with the expectations of spending more time with my family. However, since watching our Legislative branch of government in the last 8 months "It's time to put my name forward."

Why should you vote for Virgil Johnson "Outlying Councilor"? Please remember in the 8 years I've voted on resolutions that open employment for our people at the resort and LRBOI Government. Voted to protect our people for future employment by upgrading the Preference Ordinance and eliminating "loop holes". Most of you know who I am and have witnessed my integrity and work ethics as your Councilor before retiring.

### Personal

1963-1966 Manistee High School  
1966-1967 Muskegon Area Vocational Training Center  
1970-1973 Ferris State University (Bachelor of Arts Education)  
1973-1975 Michigan Apprenticeship Program (Tool and Die Maker)

### Work Experience

1967-1970 Excello Corporation  
1968-1970 US Army  
1973-2001 Dow Corning Corporation.....Retired as a Senior Engineering Consultant  
2001-2009 Ran a consulting service for injection molding silicone rubber.  
2003-2009 Worked on the following Tribal Commissions/Committees:

- Binojeeuk Commission (Secretary and the only Man to serve on this Commission)
- Natural Resource Commission (Chairman/ Secretary )
- Commerce Commission (Secretary)
- Warrior Society (Secretary)

### Chi Miigwetch

Virgil Johnson - Zoongede Mshekenh

## Valerie Robinson McDonnell



### Bozhoo

I, Valerie McDonnell, am announcing my candidacy for Outlying Tribal Council representative. I am the daughter of the Late Wallace Franklin Robinson. My maternal Grandmother is Betty (Bessie) Robinson McNew.

I worked on the Election Board for six years; I was also able to serve as the Chair. Before that, I worked at a Law Office in Muskegon County. I am very passionate about my job. I consider myself a workaholic, I will stay late or work on the weekends, if needed. I will also attend the Membership meetings.

My focus will be on creating legislation that meets the needs of all of us, from the children to the elders. I will work hard to increase the communication and transparency between all branches of our government and Tribal Members. I will educate myself on the issues that come before the council while voting based on information and reviewing what the impact will be on our people.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election as one of your Outlying Representative. I looking forwarding to listening to your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. I believe it is time for change.

Miigwetch,

Valerie McDonnell #4340

# Office of Tribal Council (Outlying) Candidates

## Al Metzger



Anii Boozhoo,

Hello, my name is Allen Metzger Tribal member #0890. You can call me Al. Once again it's election time and once again I'm seeking your support as YOUR Outlying Representative on LRBOI Tribal Council.

I was born in Milwaukee Wisconsin, raised in Hannahville Michigan and been living in Manistee for the last 14 years because this is where the action is.

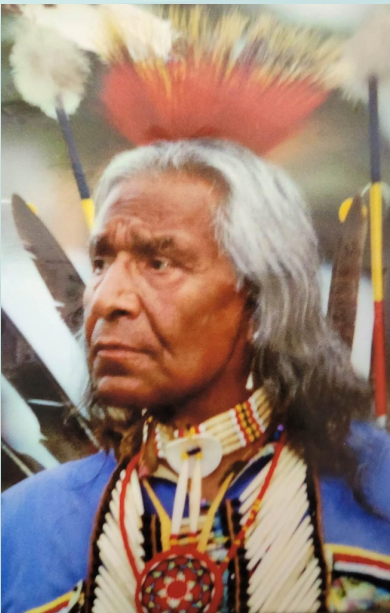
I have 1 year of Business Management/Accounting. Project Management training and other leadership training through out my life time. For the last 12 years been employed at LRCR in the maintenance department.

OUR CONSTITUTION give specific duty to ALL 3 Branches of Government. I will follow the Constitution and hold everyone else accountable as I want to be held accountable for my actions. I will follow and share, not through voice but by action, the Teachings that were handed down to me.

At one time in history the Odawa was a Great Nation, that succeed by putting it PEOPLE first, making strong business dealings, I want to help bring that Greatness back. In order for that to happen I need your vote.

I'm looking forward to serve my People, my Tribe as YOUR Outlying Representative. My email is [outlyingrep@gmail.com](mailto:outlyingrep@gmail.com) Miigwetch for your support, Allen Metzger.

## Ron Wittenberg



Boozhoo, Aanii,

I am Ron Wittenberg, I am running for the Outlying Tribal Council Seat and am asking for your vote.

My focus is on health, housing issues also Opioid Epidemic and being part of the solution. We need to help each other, not shame each other.

I strongly support Education for our future of all ages, and our Senior Citizens to have accessible transportation for Doctors Appointments.

I also attended visits to the U.S. Congress in Washington D.C. along with other Tribal Leaders to pass resolutions to have our voice be heard. I am currently a Tribal Council Liaison to the Housing and Enrollment Commissions.

I am a Traditional Dancer at numerous pow wows and active in ceremonies sharing traditional ways and values, observing growth and understanding of our people.

I use the Seven Grandfather Teachings in our meetings to help make decisions and to help others.

I feel I have a lot more to offer our Membership and it would be an honor to continue to represent and to serve you always Miigwetch, Miigwetch, Miigwetch, Miigwetch!

**Vote Ron Wittenberg for outlying Tribal Council**

**# 231 233-4280**



# Office of Appellate Judge Candidates

**Berni L. Darrow**



Aanii,

My name is Berni Darrow. I have had the Honor of serving The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as one of your Appellate Court Justices. I am remarried, sharing 8 children with my husband, and a Grandmother of 7 littles. I have been a nurse, in a management role for 20yrs. I have served the VFW Post 7729 as Secretary, Band Booster President for Oakridge Public Schools, and managed my own Business for 22 years.

I am running for re-election to the office of Appellate Court Judge. My education from the National Judicial College of Reno, Nevada, my 12 years experience on the Bench of the Appellate Court and my experience in my Professional Nursing Career, are qualities I bring to Serve the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. I will continue to uphold our Constitution as the decisions made, not only affect this Tribe, but EVERY tribe of this Nation. I will continue to be fair and treat our members with the dignity and respect they deserve.

I humbly ask for your Support and Vote. I would be most honored to be re-elected as your Appellate Court Justice.  
Miigwetch.

# Office of the Election Board Candidates

## Kathy (Koon) Gibson



Kathy (Koon) Gibson

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. My father is John L Koon, his father is the late James Koon. I have three sons, that I am blessed to be called their mom and a granddaughter that I am blessed to be called grandma.

I currently sit on the Election Board and previously sat on Tribal Council being appointed when I was 21 and no payment or stipends were such a thing. I started attending meetings of the Tribal Council to see who I was and where I came from. Upon continuing to attend meetings I was appointed to the council. I sat on the council for 15 years. I have also serviced on the Health Committee. I have been involved in our tribe wanting to help anyway possible. I worked for our Tribe for 17 years, until my position was written out of the budget. I have an Associate in Art and Science.

I will continue to work for our tribe as an Election Official doing due diligence to make sure we are headed in the correct direction. I believe in following our 7 Grandfather teachings.

## Shawwna Sue Gonzalez



Boozhoo,

My name is Shawwna Sue Gonzalez. I am a new resident of Montague, MI but I was born and raised in Muskegon. After graduating high school, I studied at Muskegon Community College where I graduated with an Associates degree. I transferred to Grand Valley State University where I was able to acquire my bachelor's degree. From there I started looking for things to do within the tribe and our government. I've always worked full time in restaurants but my heart wanted something more. I was able to get an internship through the tribe and years later I was able to get on a commission.

I have been on the Binojeeuk Commission for almost 5 years and I love it! Through my experiences, I have learned how to run the meeting as the chairperson (my current role), as the secretary, and I was able to navigate the commission's meetings and duties by myself during Covid. Most importantly, I have learned so much about our tribe and am proud to say I've been able to help the families struggling in our tribe.

I am a person with integrity; dependability and I have a strong urge to be more involved in our tribe. Because of my work ethic, my opportunities within the tribe, my education and my character I believe I would be a great fit for the election board. I truly hope to get the opportunity to serve the tribe. Miigwetch for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Shawwna Gonzalez

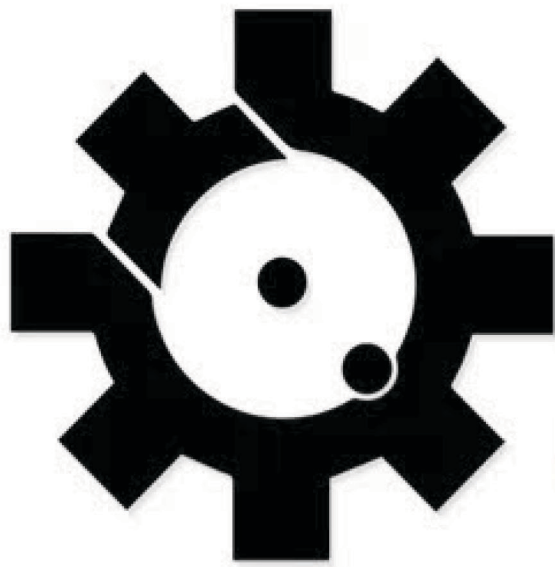


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#### **1. Basic Hand Gun knowledge & Cleaning**

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.

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