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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

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TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**“Every moment is a fresh beginning.”
~T.S. Eliot**

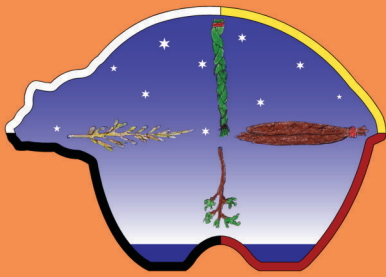
It’s a new year, that means new we have new adventures to take and new memories to make. It’s a new chapter of possibilities and opportunities.

Whether you’re looking forward to world travels, a new job, or simply becoming the best version of yourself in 2023 now is the time to make that happen.

Submission Deadline

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





BEDABIN
BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH



SAVE THE DATE

CULTURAL CRAFT CLASSES

MANISTEE:

Please join us from 6:00 - 8:00PM at Aki Maadziwin Community Center for cultural craft classes. Aki is located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-ung road in Manistee. Please bring a snack to pass. Youth are encouraged to attend and need to be accompanied by an adult helper.

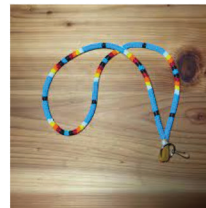
MUSKEGON:

Please join us from 6:00 - 8:00PM at Little River Health Center for cultural craft classes. The Health Center is located at 1478 East Ellis Road in Muskegon. Please bring a snack to pass. Youth are encouraged to attend and need to be accompanied by an adult helper.



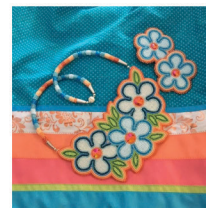
RIBBON SKIRT
JANUARY 17/18

Please bring 1 1/2 to 2 yards of fabric. Quilting cotton works best for this.



BEADED LANYARD
FEBRUARY 7/8

Beading supplies will be provided, but there will be very limited beads available. Please bring your own.



**TO BE
DETERMINED**
MARCH 7/8



REGISTER THRU PHONE OR EMAIL.:



KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov



231-655-3651

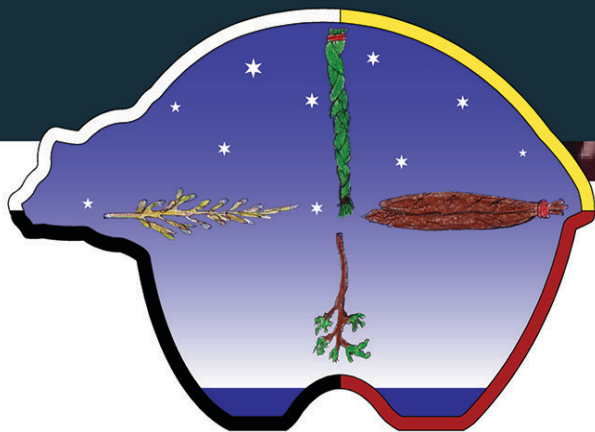
Learn to make a Ribbon Skirt

You will need to bring:

- 1.5 - 2 Yards of Fabric, Quilting Cotton works best.
- a Snack to pass

Provided: Sewing Machines, Ribbon, Thread, and Elastic.

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



MANISTEE

JANUARY 17 6:00-8:00 PM
AKI COMMUNITY CENTER
2953 SHAW BE QUO-UNG

MUSKEGON

JANUARY 18 6:00-8:00 PM
LITTLE RIVER HEALTH CENTER
1478 E. ELLIS RD



Space is limited! Email or call to register!
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PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH

COST: FREE

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

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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 22rd 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 XC SKI

with us



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

LEARN TO XC SKI PROGRAM

This winter, LRBOI kids grades 4-12 can join us for **FREE** intro to Cross Country Skiing clinics offered by Crystal Community Ski Club (CCSC)!



FREE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Four (4) 90-minute sessions Saturdays, 2-3:30 pm
1/14, 1/28, 2/4, 2/18
- Transportation to and from Crystal Mountain
- Ski equipment and trail pass
- Professional instruction
- Hot chocolate and snacks



GRADES 4-12

No experience necessary - beginners welcome!



REGISTER NOW!

Registration is **FREE!** Limited to 15 participants. Registration deadline is January 14.

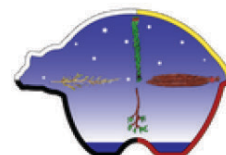
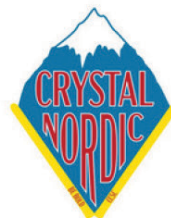
Email Kim Hinmon to register!

KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov

QUESTIONS?

Beth Major, Coach
Crystal Nordic

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734-678-7457



Behind in paying your mortgage, property charges, or utilities because of covid-19?

The Homeowners Assistance Fund may be able to assist.



What is Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF)?

The HAF program provides assistance to eligible residents who are past due in paying their home mortgage, property taxes, home insurance, association fees, or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Have you experienced a COVID-related reduction in income
- ✓ Have you experienced an increase in household expenses
- ✓ Own or occupy the property as your primary home
- ✓ Have income less than 150% of Area Median Income

Eligibility

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Have at least one household member enrolled in LRBOI
- Must be owner of record
- Must be homeowner's primary residence
- No geographical limitations



CONTACT US

Little River Band of
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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 or call (231) 655-3651

JANU

Manidoo Giizis

SUN

MON

TUE

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1 (Baby) Binojiinhs	2 (Child) Binojiinh	3 (Boy) Gwiizenhs	4 (Girl) Kwez
8 (Woman) Kwe	9 (Elder man) Kiweziinh	10 (Elder woman) Mdimowenh	11 (Sugar) Ziisibaaka (Apr
15 (Rice moon) Minoomni giizis August	16 (Changing leaves moon) Waabagaa giizis September	17 (Falling leaves moon) Bnaakwii giizis October	18 (Freezing) Baashkaak Nove
22 (Snow crust moon) Naabidin giizis March	23 (Broken snowshoe moon) Bopogaame giizis March/April	24 (Tobacco) Sema	25 (Cedar) Kiis
29 (South) Zhaawanong	30 (West) Epangishmok	31 (North) Kiiwedinong	Tran

JANUARY

(Spirit Moon)

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>(April)</p> <p>Shkinwehs</p>	<p>5 (Young man)</p> <p>Shkinwe</p>	<p>6 (Young woman)</p> <p>Shkiniikwe</p>	<p>7 (Man)</p> <p>Nini</p>
<p>(Sucker moon)</p> <p>Wabake giizis</p> <p>(April)</p>	<p>12 (Sucker moon)</p> <p>Nmebine giizis</p> <p>May</p>	<p>13 (Blossom moon)</p> <p>Waabgonii giizis</p> <p>June</p>	<p>14 (Berry moon)</p> <p>Miin giizis</p> <p>July</p>
<p>(Little spirit moon)</p> <p>Manidoo giizis</p> <p>(November)</p>	<p>19 (Little spirit moon)</p> <p>Manidoo giizisoonhs</p> <p>December</p>	<p>20 (Spirit moon)</p> <p>Manidoo giizis</p> <p>January</p>	<p>21 (Bear moon)</p> <p>Makwa giizis</p> <p>February</p>
<p>(Sage)</p> <p>Wabig</p>	<p>26 (Sage)</p> <p>Mskwaadewashk</p>	<p>27 (Sweetgrass)</p> <p>Wiingash</p>	<p>28 (East)</p> <p>Waabinong</p>

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

Essential Services (5.02d)

The Tribal Council Speaker has prepared an essential services list of service provided by Legislative branch. In case of budget shortfall, this list will be maintained in priority order.

1. Tribal Council Weekly Meetings
2. Tribal Council Work Sessions
3. Ensure communications to membership via LRBOI Website and tribal newspaper "Currents".
4. Annual External Audit of LRBOI financial activities.
5. Ensure Tribal Activities provide benefit/experience to membership, Pow Wow, Youth and Round Dance, ect.

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

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- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Code 1836#
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Code 1836#
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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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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 Photo 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,

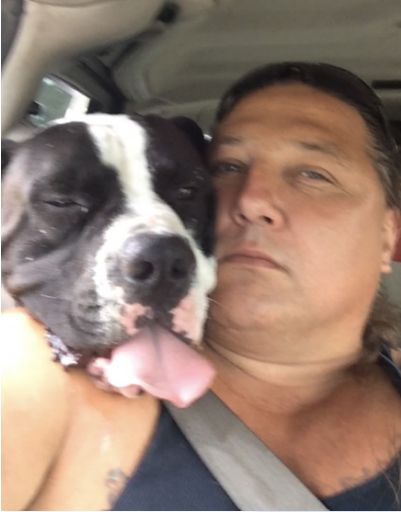
My name is Raymond Hugo. I am a member of the Nine-County area of Mason County. I was raised and spent most of my life in this area. In my upbringing, I was able to experience the different school districts throughout the area. Also, I even had the chance to attend Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. 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 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:

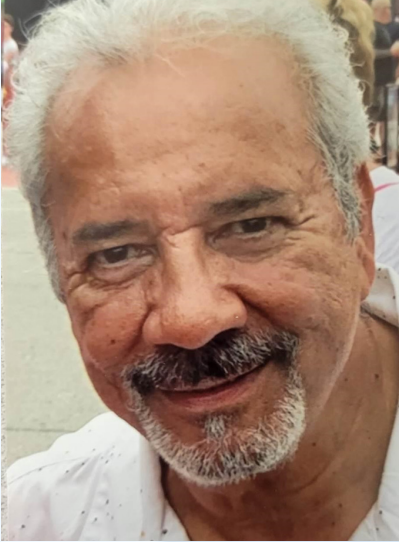
- IMPLEMENTING QUARTERLY ‘townhall’ meetings to hear THE PRIORITIES OF OUR CITIZENS directly. ***It’s time to use technology to increase the flow of information and improve communication with all our citizens.***
- TRANSPARENCY! ***Its time for clear and direct answers to the questions, suggestions and 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 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 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

Don't Forget to Vote!

The Ballots for the Primary Election were 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.

Children's Christmas party photos



Community Flyers

If you would like your business or flyer in The Little River Currents contacts us at newsletter@lrboi-nsn.gov

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

Happy New Year from The KICC **NEW FOR 2023**

For LRBOI members only

LRBOI CONTEST PORTAL

Beginning January 2023 visit the KICC website at

<http://thekicc.org>

For monthly contest rules and details

10 winners and new prizes each month!

Previous month's winners will be announced in the KICC ad in the next issue of the LRBOI Currents

May you all have a safe and blessed new year!

Dawn & Delia



The KICC is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit Native American cultural teaching organization

ATTENTION!!!

The KICC has made some changes to our peaceful protest plans through the winter. Our in-person peaceful protest plans will resume for Spring Break 2023!

Calling ALL NATIVE AMERICANS!!!

We invite you to come to these meetings to tell your personal family stories during the public comment portion of each meeting!

These meetings are public record and the KICC will be requesting copies of these meeting recordings/minutes to submit as evidence when we get to court.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY BOARDING SCHOOL STORY HEARD IN FEDERAL COURT, from the comfort of your own home!!!!

We may never get this opportunity again so please everyone... Come help us make this count!! Have a safe and blessed holiday season!

The KICC Team

Come 1 Come ALL!

Due to winter safety concerns the KICC is moving our peaceful protest against the

MANITOWOC PUBLIC LIBRARY

ONLINE to their MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS!

The KICC INVITES YOU
the general public - to participate!

The KICC invites you to come voice your opinion or just sit in solidarity at the PUBLIC COMMENTS portion of the Manitowoc Public Library monthly board meeting alongside Dawn & Delia As we seek answers and justice for our families and Native Americans EVERYWHERE!

Monthly Meetings
ALL meetings are @
5pm - 6pm
Central Standard Time
December 19, 2022
January 23, 2023
February 27, 2023

MEETING LOGIN DETAILS WIL BE POSTED AT
THEKICC.ORG

AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE



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.

**TO SIGN UP FOR A CLASS GO TO: [USCCATRaining.COM](https://usccatraining.com)
OR CHECK OUT MY WEBSITE [TACTICALTREATS.COM](https://tacticaltreats.com)
OR FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL, (231)220-5207**