

LITTLE RIVER CURRENTS



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

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TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME



GOING DIGITAL

After this October 2022 Newsletter, the LRBOI Currents will transition into a solely digital format and will be accessible on the LRBOI Website (lrboi-nsn.gov).

With printing costs and postage rates continuing to rise it is in the best interest of the Tribe to make the switch to digital news. This will allow for more timely news, the ability to cover more content. With this transition, the majority of the tribal membership will have the opportunity to stay up to date with important announcements, news, activities and events in the most effective manner. The Little River Band Communications Department will be collaborating with tribal entities, departments and programs to ensure the most accurate and timely information is being distributed. Although change can be uncertain, we are excited and look forward to starting this next phase of the Newsletter. The digital version can be printed from a regular computer and printer.

October 2022, will be the last printed version of the LRBOI Currents to be mailed out to enrolled tribal members 18 and older.

We look forward to continuing to serve you in this new capacity. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with Sky Gonzalez, Communications Officer or Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder.

If you would like to get the digital version emailed to you please send an email with the request to newsletter@lrboi-nsn.gov



Sky Gonzalez
Communications Officer

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Submission Deadline

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

Upcoming Publishing Dates

November Issue
on October 28

December Issue
on November 30

Aanii,

My name is Sky Gonzalez and I have recently joined the LRBOI as the new communications Officer for the Tribal Council. I would like to welcome you to the new Little River Currents Newsletter and express how excited I am for this opportunity to serve my tribe.

The launch of the new Currents includes a new direction that aims to highlight the tribal membership. We are requesting submissions from everyone. If you have news you would like to share like a wedding announcement, a birth, a graduation, opening a new business, ect.

I'm looking forward to this upcoming journey with the Little River Currents and hope we can work together to make it a great resource for the community.

Miigwetch,

Sky Gonzalez

Photos from the 24th Annual **JINGTAMOK**

Photography by Martha Howell

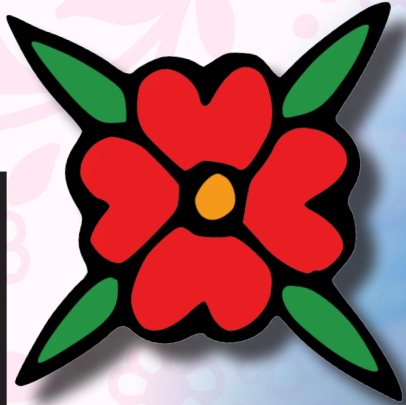


Photo by Zhaawan Sam





Introducing



Waabanungqua Medawis

*Miss Little River Band
Of Ottawa Indians Princess*

2022-2023

Meet Our Princess



Aanii boozhoo, Nibiingamiwongqua ndeshnakaz Washtenang ndoonjba Gaaching Zibi Dawaa Anishinaabe ndaw Migizi ndodem. Hello, my name is WaabanungQua Medawis, my spirit name is Summer Rain. I am from Grand Rapids, Michigan and am an enrolled Citizen with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. My clan is Eagle. I am apart of the Ojibwe, Bodewadmi, Ho Chunk Nation, and Odawa tribes. I am 14 years old and am a sophomore at Grandville High School.

I descend from the Medawis and Kiogima families. My parents are Krystyne Kiogima and Mike Medawis Sr and I have seven siblings. My grandparents are Nancy and Augustine Kiogima Jr., Sherri ba Medawis, and Windy White.

I love to travel and enjoy traveling out of state for powwows and gatherings. During the next year I already plan on going to UNITY 2023 in Washington D.C., and I envision representing Little River while attending. I participate in youth activities and have experience with fundraising and social gatherings that bring specific awareness to communities. I've always grown up with being the role model for children as I am the eldest daughter of my seven siblings. When I was younger, I grew up around our culture's traditions and teachings. Some people are not able to have this, I am hoping to change that. My families have always taught me the ways of life as an Indigenous person ever since I was born. It's something every Native youth should be able to experience.

When I was younger, I had a joy in sports. I played basketball up until 8th grade where I stopped because I realized I had a stronger passion in Music. Music brings me lots of opportunities that I never want to miss out on. I've participated in school choir and outside choirs since I was in second grade. I've learned how to play multiple instruments since I was 9 and in my school's band. I play the flute as this year I will be joining Marching band which I am very excited for. During my last years in high school, I plan on doing lots of stuff that are good to prepare me for college. I want to get into a good college that has good programs such as UCLA and major in Journalism or Cinematic Arts. I want to become a journalist and travel around the world.

Chi Miigwetch to Little River Band princess committee for giving me the opportunity to represent as Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess 2022-2023.

Sturgeon Release

Reprinted with the permission of Michelle Fedder, Managing Editor of The Manistee News Advocate



BROWN TWP. — For nearly two decades, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has worked to restore an ancient and endangered fish to Manistee waters.

On Saturday, nearly 60 young nmé, or lake sturgeon, were released into the Manistee River's Rainbow Bend near the tribe's streamside rearing facility.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has been committed to this project of slowly building up the sturgeon population with these annual plantings. The release is part of an environmental and spiritual commitment to the fish and their habitat.

Fingerlings that were reared at the facility were released in a ceremony on Sept. 10, and could survive in Manistee waters for over a century.

Around 56 young sturgeon, ranging from 6-9 inches long were handed to attendees and released after a prayer was given. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, male sturgeon can live as long as 55 years old and females can live up to 150 years old.

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department began its streamside sturgeon rehabilitation program in 2004.

Archie Martell, the Fisheries Division Manager for the LRBOI Natural Resources Division said that the small fish have around an 80% survival rate in the wild.

Young sturgeon are collected from the wild in spring and early summer, then reared in the facility until they are mature enough to be released, according to Martell.

There, the young fish are safe from natural predators and can be acclimated to their home waters that are pumped from the river into the holding facility.

"We have a few fish at our facility this year that we collected back at the end of May first part of June, reared them up to this point (and) gave them everything we could to give them the best head start we can," Martell told those in attendance.

Before the release, people were invited to see the facility where the sturgeon were reared and were able to interact with the fingerlings.

Larry Romanelli, Tribal Ogema of the Little River band

of Ottawa Indians credited the dedication of those working for the tribe's fisheries division.

"This is important to me. This is important to nature and the reconnection of everything," Romanelli told those in attendance. "I really want to (applaud) our natural resource department, and all the partners that go into this. It's a huge amount of work, that they're out there in the middle of the night collecting eggs."

Out of roughly 2,000 collected specimens, Romanelli said that only the 56 had survived to the point where they could be released. In prior years, as many as 300-400 individuals had been released into the Manistee River.

The Big Manistee River watershed may once have held one of the largest sturgeon populations in the Lake Michigan Basin, according to documents from the LRBOI Natural Resources Division.

Like other sturgeon, these fish are an ancient, semi-cartilaginous species recognized by bony plates on the sides and back. As bottom-feeders, the sturgeon use an elongated spade-like snout to stir up sediments on the bottoms of lakes and rivers while feeding, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website. They have been known to grow over 7 feet long and can weigh up to 240 lbs, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which measured the record lake sturgeon in 2012.

Romanelli noted that many of those in attendance were experiencing the ceremony for the first time. "When I see these young kids, and I watch them place the fish in the water — that fish may be around for 100 years. So they may grow with you," Romanelli said. "You may see them again in your lifetime, and that means a lot."

MONARCHS ENDANGERED

The migratory monarch butterfly is listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The famous monarchs are the only butterflies known to make two-way migrations, according to the U.S. Forest Service and it takes several generations to complete each leg of the journey. To escape harsh winters in the northern U.S., monarchs can travel nearly 3,000 miles to reach the California coast, Arizona and Michoacán state in Mexico

The monarch butterfly is found in nearly all of North America, but today it faces threats from habitat destruction and climate change. Part of what makes these butterflies so vulnerable is that they migrate thousands of miles each year to California and central Mexico.

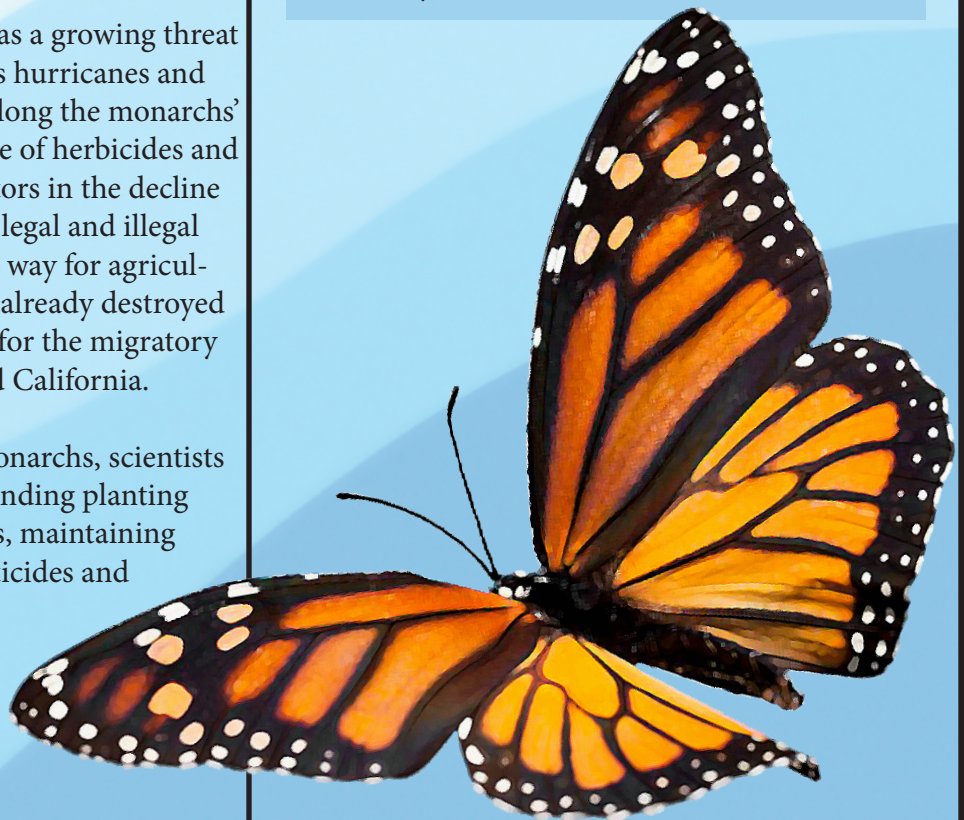
Scientists point to climate change as a growing threat as dramatic weather events such as hurricanes and droughts become more frequent along the monarchs' southern migratory routes. The use of herbicides and pesticides for farming are also factors in the decline of the monarch. Habitat loss from legal and illegal logging and deforestation to make way for agriculture and urban development have already destroyed significant areas of winter refuges for the migratory monarch butterflies in Mexico and California.

To help increase the number of monarchs, scientists and conservationists are recommending planting more milkweed and nectar flowers, maintaining forests and limiting the use of pesticides and herbicides in the butterfly's range.

Doing our part



This past July the LRBOI Education Department continued its annual monarch butterfly raising. The education department provided monarch caterpillars for tribal citizens to raise until they were ready to be released as monarch butterflies.





Are you concerned about the health of Wild Rice in Michigan?

Do you have ideas how we can better protect Wild Rice in the future?

The Michigan Wild Rice Initiative (MWRI) is asking for your help developing a Wild Rice Stewardship Plan for Michigan. This plan will identify a common vision for the protection and restoration of Wild Rice and guide the efforts of Tribal, State, and partner agencies

If you are willing to share your knowledge, please contact: AlexisDeGabriele@lrboi-nsn.gov or 231-398-2183. You can participate via interview, focus group, or any other method. Thank you!

LRBOI is a member of MWRI. For more information, visit: <http://www.MichiganWildRiceInitiative.com/>



#NativesVote

BUILDING NATIVE VISIBILITY & POLITICAL POWER

Artist: Gregg Deal



Election day is just over a month away Tuesday November 8th, 2022.

Our Native community broke voting records in 2020. Now, we are making voting a tradition.

**Our communities, our lifeways, and our families are all impacted by this election.
We will make our voices heard.**

**Get ready to build Native political power with us.
Use our website to take these three steps:**

3 STEPS TO SHOW OUR NATIVE POWER

- 1 Make sure you're registered (TODAY!)**
- 2 Know how to vote in your state**
- 3 Make a plan to use your voice**

NativesVote.com

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

TRUNK OR TREAT



**CANDY • GAMES
FOOD • PRIZES • & MORE!**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
5:00PM-7:00PM | FREE EVENT**

**AKI MAADIZIWIIN COMMUNITY CENTER
FOR MORE INFO CALL US AT 231-398-6724**

MOCCASIN MAKING CLASS

Nov 9th, 2022 5pm-7pm

Make your moes for

ROCK YOUR MOCS

Week

Aki Maadiziwiin Community Center
Supplies are provided
Family friendly event

For more information contact
Deb Davis 231-398-6724

OCTOBER

BNAAKWII GIIZIS (P)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	<p>Word of the day</p> <p>Each week has a theme</p>		<p>Week 1</p> <p>1st-8th</p> <p>Foods</p>
<p>2 Mishiimin</p> <p>(Apple)</p>	<p>3 Miin</p> <p>(Blueberry)</p>	<p>4 Mandaamin</p> <p>(Corn)</p>	<p>5 Ade</p> <p>(Heart)</p>
<p>9 Mnagiizh gat</p> <p>(Nice day)</p>	<p>10 Noodin</p> <p>(Windy)</p>	<p>11 Gmiwaan</p> <p>(Raining)</p>	<p>12 Aab</p> <p>(M)</p>
<p>16 Mnikwaajagan</p> <p>(Cup)</p>	<p>17 Pabwin</p> <p>(Chair)</p>	<p>18 Pidakijiigan</p> <p>(Fork)</p>	<p>19 Moka</p> <p>(K)</p>
<p>23 Gamig</p> <p>(Building)</p>	<p>24 Ogima gamig</p> <p>(Administrative)</p>	<p>25 Zhoonyaataage gamig</p> <p>(Casino)</p>	<p>26 Mshk</p> <p>(C)</p>
<p>30 Adewege gamig</p> <p>(Drum arbor)</p>	<p>31 Gibeshii gamig</p> <p>(Resort)</p>	<p>Translations p</p> <p>For more info contact 23</p>	

ER 2022

(Falling Leaves Moon)

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Week 2 9th-15th Weather	Week 3 16th-22nd Utensils	Week 4 23rd-31st Buildings	1 Mijim (Food)
emin (strawberry)	6 Pin (Potato)	7 Minomin (Rice)	8 Nabop (Soup)
owaa (child)	13 Nimkiikaa (Thundering)	14 Mzhaakwat (Clear day)	15 Ngwaankwat (Cloudy)
amaan (knife)	20 Naagan (Plate)	21 Emkwaan (Spoon)	22 Dopwin (Table)
ikii gamig (clinic)	27 Shange gamig (Restaurant)	28 Odawa gamig (Store)	29 Manidooke gamig (Ceremonial lodge)
provided by Kenny Pheasant 1-398-6892 or kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov			



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday, December 4th
11AM to 3PM

Little River Casino Resort
Maakwa Endaat Event Center

Register your children for for this special event

To register, please call
Mary Thomas 231-398-6824
Rebecca Groh 231-398-6841

Deadline to register
5PM Friday, November 18, 2022

Registration is required to ensure your children receive a gift
Children must be present to recieve gift

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ogema's Meet & Greet

Friday, October 7, 2022 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Little River Casino Resort

Three Fires Conference Room

Fall Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Little River Casino Resort

Maakwa Endaat Event Center

Meeting Agenda

8:00am	Registration Begins
9:00am-12pm	Information Booths (close at noon)
10:00am	Flag Ceremony & Drum
10:15am	Ogema Larry Romanelli
10:30am	Little River Casino Resort
11:00am	Little River Health Services
11:30am	Ogema Larry Romanelli
12:00pm	Lunch
12:55pm	Quorum Call
1:00pm	Financial Report - Budget Report
2:00pm	Economic Development Corporation
	Questions & Answers

Lunch served in the Event Center at 12pm

We will have giveaways for members throughout the day

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Event Center

Elders Corner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular Elders Meeting have started back up. The 2023 Elders Meeting Schedule will be announced in a future Little River Currents. Meetings will largely follow the traditional “First Saturday of the Month” schedule and be held about noon at the Aki Community Center, unless otherwise notified.

TRIBAL ELDERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 1, 2022, Regular Meeting
Aki Community Center about noon.

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2022 – The LRBOI
Annual Tribal Elders Conference at
the Little River/Casino Resort, including
Elder Committee Member Elections.
(X3 vacancies and x1 delegate vacancy)

DECEMBER 3, 2022 -Elders Christmas
Party at the Little River/Casino Resort
(to be held in the Conference Center)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

An application must be submitted, and resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged. Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

Contact Alicia Knapp, HR Generalist 231 398-6859 or at AliciaKnapp@lrboi-nsn.gov
Go to <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/> for the latest job posting

CHILD CARE

Next Generation Learning Center Director

FACILITIES

Utility Operator - Utilities Department - (FT-Regular)

FAMILY SERVICES

Victim Advocate - Muskegon

Director of Social and Human Services - Full-time

Victim Advocate - Manistee

HEALTH SERVICES

Pharmacy Technician - Manistee - Housing (Part-Time)

HOUSING

Maintenance Technician - Housing (Part-Time)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resource Generalist

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT Specialist - Clinical

IT Help Desk Technician

MAINTENANCE

EV Technician - Maintenance Department- (Full-Time - Regular)

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE

Elder's Meal Coordinator

Members Assistance Coordinator

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (NRD)

Wildlife Division Manager

OFFICE OF OGEMA

Tribal Manager

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Legislative In-House Counsel - Tribal Council

TRIBAL COURT

Administrative Assistant/Peacemaker

Court Security Officer

To apply please submit your completed application, cover letter, and resume to:

LRBOI HR Department
2608 Government Center Dr
Manistee, MI 49660
fax: (231) 331-1233
Email: Apply@lrboi-nsn.gov

TRIBAL COUNCIL

GIIGADOO NINII KWEK & GIIGADOO NINIWOK (TRIBAL COUCL)

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

Shirley Wever (9 Counties)
231-398-6802
ShirleyWever@lrboi-nsn.gov

Julie Wolfe - Recorder (At Large)
231-398-6834
JulieWolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov

Tom Guenthardt (9 Counties)
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ThomasGuenthardt@lrboi-nsn.gov

Pam Johnson (Outlying)
231-398-6836
PamJohnson@lrboi-nsn.gov

Ron Wittenberg (Outlying)
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RonaldWittenberg@lrboi-nsn.gov

Gary DiPiazza (9 Counties)
231-398-6825
GaryDiPiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov

Cindy Champagne (Outlying)
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Sandra Lewis (9 Counties)
231-398-6802
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**Regular Tribal Council Meetings are
Wednesdays at 10:00AM via Zoom**

Tribal Council amended the Charitable Donations Ordinance 14-800-06 by Resolution #21-1027-263 to restructure charitable giving into a grant cycle timed with the budget approval and fiscal calendar year and limiting eligible 501.c3 charitable organizations to those controlled by American Indians. This notice shall serve as the Annual Funding Announcement for the Tribe.

Please contact the Tribal Council Recorder if you wish to apply for the Charitable Donation Funding. Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Reorder 1-888- 723- 8288 Ext. 6834 or 231-398- 6834 or email 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#
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Code 1836#
- +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

Passcode: 1994

Or by phone

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- +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Code 1994#
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Code 1994#
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Code 1994#
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) Code 1994#

COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Commission Vacancies

The Tribal Ogema continues to see applications from citizens interested in serving on the Gaming, Housing, Binojeeuk, Enrollment, Health, Natural Resource commission and Biskaabiiyang and Elders Committees.

There are currently vacant positions for the following:

Housing:_____	Seat 1 Vacant
Enrollment:_____	Seat 1 & 2 Vacant
Health:_____	Seat 1 & Seat 3 Vacant
Natural Resources:_____	Seat 5 Vacant

Members are invited to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee Michigan.



To maintain and foster our culture through the preservation, presentation and creation of cultural learning opportunities in relation to Anishinaabe traditions, stories, arts, recipes, history, and ceremonies, as available and appropriate, to all citizens through in-person and virtual opportunities.

The LRBOI Biskaabiiyang Culture Committee is looking to fill 3 vacancies, 1 vacant seat for Elder Committee member and 2 seats for Committee member. If interested please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's Office and a copy to Tribal Council. Any questions please contact Julie Wolfe 231-398-6834 or email Juliewolfe@lrboi.com.

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.**

Maseline Albring
Travis Blaszczyk
Steven Compeau
Dustin D. DeVerney-Hubbeling
Sierra L. Estep
Jolene J. Frankey
Gabrial Genereaux
Moses S. Hamilton
Thomas E. Holub Jr.
Kelsey E. Keebler
Heather Krick
Jeffrey A. Medacco
Gary D. Mersman Jr.
Gary A. Nickleson
Kendra J. Patton
Damian A. Pete
Andrew W. Reid
Jazmine C. Same
Mark A. Saugie

Shawn M. Birdsall
Daniel R. Boyer
Stacy L. Conner
Robyn L. DiSilvestro
Sandra R. Fleury
Mercedes J. Gabourie
Joseph Green
Jacob D. Holub
Malia R. Huffman
Justin L. Kelsey
Charles W. McDonald
Joseph L. Medacco
Donna L. Neath
Joseph Oscar
Laura A. Pestano
Cory S. Ramberg
Chasman L. Rose
Gabriel Santos
Ronald R. Spoerl

Melanie R. Wood
Scott D. Wittenberg
Roger Wilson Jr.
Angie M. Wilson
Timothy J. Willard
Heather W. Warren
Daisy J. Walters
Paulina Wabindato
Madison E. Wabindato
LaTara N. Verdi
Anthony G. Vanderzanden
Casey N. Underwood
Elisa L. Tippitt
Anthony J. Switala
Greye W. Stroh
Richard Stinger
Steven Stewart

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.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Announcement of Regular Election

<u>Date of Election:</u>	April 28, 2023	
<u>Offices to be Elected:</u>	Tribal Ogema	(1 seat)
	Outlying Council	(2 seats)
	Nine County Council	(2 seats)
	Office of Election Board	(2 seats)
	Appellate Judge	(1 seat)

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy Packet

Any Tribal Member who is running for elected office must obtain, complete, and submit a "Declaration of Candidacy Packet" during the period listed in the Election Calendar below. Any incomplete packets received and not completed before the deadline, including the background fee paid, will result in ineligible status.

Election Calendar

Election Board Declared 2023 Regular Election	September 6, 2022
Declaration of Candidacy Packets available-via email or online	September 19, 2022
Packets will be available at the Membership Meeting	October 8, 2022
Declaration Packets due back	October 20, 2022
Slate of Candidates certified	November 28, 2022
Last day to withdraw candidacy (2 days after candidates slated)	November 30, 2022
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election	December 16, 2022
Deadline to request Replacement Ballots	January 6, 2023
Deadline for Election Disputes	January 13, 2023
Ballots due and Primary Election Day	January 27, 2023
Deadline for Withdrawal of Candidate after Primary Election	January 31, 2023
Deadline for Primary Election recounts, challenges	February 3, 2023
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

- In order for a Registered Voter's votes to be counted in a given Election, completed Mail-In Ballots must be received by the Election Board at its mailing address before noon on Election Day. It is the responsibility of the Registered Voter to verify that his or her ballot is mailed in a timely fashion to meet the established voting deadlines
- The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail in ballot only. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. All Tribal Members who turn 18 years old by the date of the election, will be considered a Registered Voter, and will receive a ballot.
- Ballot counting will begin at 12:30 pm, on Friday, April 28th, 2023. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Tribal Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI.
- If the Tribal Member or individual wishes to have their photograph and biography included in any Election Board or other Tribal Government sponsored informational materials concerning the Election, the Election Board Website, Election Board Facebook page, and mailing or posting of the tribal communication, then he or she must include the photograph and biography in their Candidate packet. Anyone who does not submit a biography and photograph will have their name listed with an indication that the biography and photograph was not submitted.

Election Board Office Hours for Packet pick-up and drop off dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT Packet Pick up	Sept 19 Packets available online and via email by request.	Sept 20 Election Board Office 3:00-5:00	Sept 21	Sept 22 Election Board Office 3:00-5:00	Sept 23	Sept 24
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT Packet Drop off	Oct 17	Oct 18 Election Board Office 3:00-5:00	Oct 19	Oct 20 Election Board Office 3:00-5:00 Candidate Packets Due complete by 5:00pm via in person or sent by email/mail.	Oct 21	Oct 22

**Any packet that does not include the fee for the background check via money order will be ineligible.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Announcement of Special Election

Date of Election: December 12, 2022
Offices to be Elected: Office of Election Board (2 seats)

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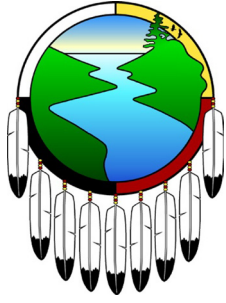
Election Calendar

Election Board Declared Special Election	September 18, 2022
Declaration of Candidacy Packets available-via email or online	September 19, 2022
Declaration Packets due back (10:00am-12:00pm)	October 8, 2022
Slate of Candidates certified	October 10, 2022
Last day to withdraw candidacy (2 days after candidates slated)	October 12, 2022
Ballots mailed out	October 28, 2022
Deadline to request Replacement Ballots	November 21, 2022
Deadline for Election Disputes	November 25, 2022
Ballots due and Election Day	December 12, 2022
Deadline for Election recounts, challenges	December 19, 2022
Deadline for Election campaign financial report	December 19, 2022

- In order for a Registered Voter's votes to be counted in a given Election, completed Mail-In Ballots must be received by the Election Board at its mailing address before noon on Election Day. It is the responsibility of the Registered Voter to verify that his or her ballot is mailed in a timely fashion to meet the established voting deadlines
- The Special Election will be conducted by secret mail in ballot only. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. All Tribal Members who turn 18 years old by the date of the election, will be considered a Registered Voter, and will receive a ballot.
- Ballot counting will begin at 12:30 pm, on Monday, December 12th, 2022. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Tribal Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI.
- If the Tribal Member or individual wishes to have their photograph and biography included in any Election Board or other Tribal Government sponsored informational materials concerning the Election, the Election Board Website, Election Board Facebook page, and mailing or posting of the tribal communication, then he or she must include the photograph and biography in their Candidate packet. Anyone who does not submit a biography and photograph will have their name listed with an indication that the biography and photograph was not submitted. **Due to time constraints, Special Election biography and photographs will only be listed on the LRBOI Election Board page and Election Board Facebook page.*

Election Board Office Hours for Packet pick-up and drop off dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT Packet Pick up	Sept 19 Packets available online and via email by request.	Sept 20	Sept 21 Government office closed- Reaffirmation Day.	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCT Packet Drop off	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8 Membership meeting 10:00-12:00 Candidate Packets Due complete by 12:00pm via in person or sent by email



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Reminder for tribal members

If needed, change their addresses by contacting Mary Carpenter in Enrollment Department at marycarpenter@lrboi-nsn.gov

Fish Distribution

October 8 @ 9:00 am - 11:30 pm
Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Program
Fish Distribution

The fish are filleted, bagged, and frozen.
Please Bring a cooler for the fish.

Pick up at "Big Blue"

159 Brickyard Road, East Lake



Tribal Government offices will be closed for the following Holidays

Friday, Nov 11th Veteran's Day
Thursday, Nov 24th/25th Thanksgiving (and Friday after Thanksgiving)

Tribal Government offices will also be closed this year between Christmas and the New Year

Ogema declared holidays (12/27 – 12/30) are only for the 2022 Holiday office closure.
The following is how the closure will be observed:

Friday, Dec 23rd	Christmas Eve Day (observed) – 4 hr. holiday (Offices open 8am – noon)
Monday, Dec 26th	Christmas Day (observed) Holiday
Tuesday, Dec 27th	Ogema declared Holiday
Wednesday, Dec 28th	Ogema declared Holiday
Thursday, Dec 29th	Ogema declared Holiday
Friday, Dec 30th	Ogema declared Holiday
Monday, Jan 2 2023,	New Year's Day (observed) Holiday

Offices will reopen on Tuesday January 3, 2023, at 8am.