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Tribal Leadership

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



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



Meetings occur Wednesdays at 10am (eastern) on the following dates.

August 7	September 11	October 2	November 6	December 4
August 14	September 18	October 9	November 13	December 11
August 21	September 25	October 16	November 20	December 18
August 28		October 23	November 27	

Tribal Council Meeting & Work Sessions

Tribal Council publishes to the website, a weekly calendar of upcoming work sessions. Tribal Council uses the same On-Line Zoom link for their meetings and work sessions. All citizens are encouraged to attend meetings and work sessions.

Attend a Tribal Council Meeting

In-Person: 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660
in the lodge located on the 2nd floor.

On-Line: Zoom Web Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dobwevj>
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866
Zoom Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129
Zoom Passcode: 1836

Etiquette for On-Line Attendance

Identify Yourself: When asked to do so, share your first and last name along with your tribal ID number.

Mute Your Device: When you join the meeting, please mute your device. Mute again after you've spoken.

Raise Your Hand: When you want to be placed in the queue to speak, use the Zoom control to virtually raise your hand.



A Guide to Using Zoom!

The following excerpts were sourced at <https://support.zoom.com>

How do I sign up for Zoom?

You can sign up for a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us/signup#/signup>

How to download the Zoom client.

You can download the Zoom Desktop Client for macOS, Windows, Linux, and ChromeOS. Download the Zoom Mobile App for iOS and Android, from our Downloads page or your app store.

Create your own account.

To sign up for your own free account, visit the Zoom sign-up page and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). In this email, click Activate Account.

How to sign into your Zoom account on the web

You can sign into your Zoom account on the web at any time, at zoom.us/signin. Once you're logged in, use the panel on the left side to navigate the Zoom web portal. You can update your profile, schedule a meeting, edit your settings, and more.

How to update your profile

You can update your profile by adding a profile picture, set your time zone, update your password and more. To access your Zoom profile, sign into the Zoom web portal and click Profile.

How to join another user's meeting

There are many ways to join a meeting, but the easiest way is to click the join link that the meeting host provided. You can also click Join in your Zoom client and enter the meeting ID. You may also be prompted for a meeting passcode, so keep the meeting invite information available. You can join a meeting by clicking the meeting link or going to join.zoom.us and entering in the meeting ID.



HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

The Tribal Government offices As valued tribal citizen, it's essential to stay informed about upcoming holidays and closures affecting LRBOI government offices. To assist you in planning accordingly, here's a comprehensive list of observed holidays and closures for the year 2024:

~~New Year's Day~~

~~When: January 1.~~

~~Observed: Monday, Jan 1, 2024.~~

~~LRBOI Treaty Recognition Day~~

~~When: March 28.~~

~~Observed: Thursday, Mar 28, 2024.~~

~~Memorial Day~~

~~When: Last Monday in May.~~

~~Observed: Monday, May 27, 2024.~~

~~Independence Day~~

~~When: July 4 & 5~~

~~Observed: Thurs & Fri, July 4 & 5, 2024.~~

Labor Day

When: First Monday in September.

Observed: Monday, Sept 2, 2024.

LRBOI Reaffirmation Day

When: September 21.

Observed: Friday, Sept 20, 2024.

Veteran's Day

When: November 11.

Observed: Mon, Nov 11, 2024.

Thanksgiving

When: 4th Thursday in November.

Observed: Thursday, Nov 28, 2024.

Native American Heritage Day

When: Friday after Thanksgiving.

Observed: Friday, Nov 29, 2024.

Christmas Eve Day

When: December 24.

Observed: Tuesday, Dec 24, 2024.

Half day closure. Closed Noon-5pm

Christmas Day

When: December 25.

Observed: Wed, Dec 25, 2024.

Holidays that fall on a Saturday are observed on Fridays and those falling on Sundays are observed on Mondays.

Additionally, our Ogema may declare additional holidays and closures. Updates will be shared on our government Facebook page and in the Currents newsletter, whenever possible.

If you need to contact someone during holiday closures, please consider reaching out via email or leaving a voicemail. Our government team members will respond at their earliest convenience upon returning to the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

Aug 2, 2024 - Summer Storytime
Aug 3, 2024 - Annual Budget Hearing
Aug 3, 2024 - Elder's Meeting
Aug 16, 2024 - Summer Storytime



September

Sept 7, 2024 - Elder's Picnic
Sept 7, 2024 - Sturgeon Release
Sept 14 & 15, 2024 - Manoomin Camp
(Manoomin dates subject to change depending on weather & rice ripeness)



October

Oct 4, 2024 - Ogema's Fall Meet & Greet
Oct 5, 2024 - Fall Membership Meeting
Oct 6, 2024 - Elder's Meeting (10am)



November

Nov 1, 2 & 3, 2024
Elder's Conference & Christmas Party

December

Dec 5, 2024
Children's Christmas Party



ELECTION BOARD MEETINGS



Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates | Submit Questions Deadline

Aug 15 | Aug 12 Sep 19 | Sep 16 Oct 17 | Oct 14 Nov 21 | Nov18

Engage with the Election Board

Open Election Board meetings provide an opportunity for tribal citizens to engage with the election board, ask questions, and stay informed about the electoral process within our community. All open meetings will begin at 7:15pm. If no one joins the meeting by 7:30 pm, the open session will adjourn and transition into a closed session. To partake in the open meetings, please ensure your questions are submitted by Monday of the week of the meeting you plan to attend. This allows the election board ample time to prepare and address inquiries effectively. Stay engaged and informed about the process in our community by attending the LRBOI Election Board open meetings. Your participation matters!

Attend an Election Board Open Meeting

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Zoom Passcode: 743234

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Position Statement of the Election Board

Regarding why the Board decided to enact a different voter registration process.

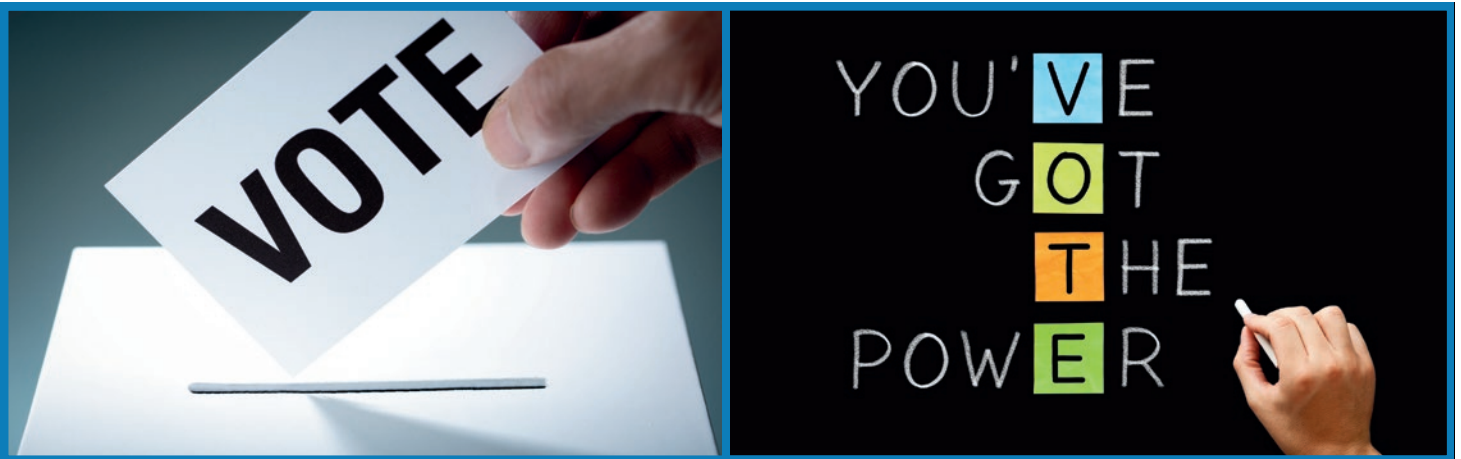
The Election Board took multiple viewpoints into consideration when reviewing updates to the Election Board Regulations. An informal survey was mailed to citizens asking about voter registration. The Election Board received several opinions about the survey process, as many voiced they felt the survey was inadequate and found it confusing. After the survey closed, the Election Board received approximately 300 of surveys back, the majority stating they did not want changes to voter registration process and mixed comments leaning back and forth both for and against as well as voicing opinion in areas outside of the registered voter scope.

In the wake of the survey, the Election Board were criticized for not taking the opinion of the people that returned the survey. On one hand, the Election Board was being told the survey wasn't valid or lacked information for the member to base their decisions, but at the same time, the people who sided with not changing the process then criticized the Election Board for not listening to the people.

The Election Board had several public meetings during this process. The Board also attended a meeting with Tribal Council, during which members of the public also attended. It is plain that voter registration is a subject that many people have opinions about.

There are two primary reasons that the Election Board supports registration of voters, and that is Transparency and Accuracy.

The Election Board has been sued in Court for various issues within Election processes, but we believe that the citizens do not have a fundamental understanding that the Election Board, as a body, is not totally in control of the election process. The Enrollment Department has, for several election cycles, sent in the voter lists to the election vendor. The Election Board had no control over who received ballots or who did not, whether addresses were updated or not, or even which voting district a person is assigned to – that all happened in the Enrollment Department.



By changing the process to require voters to register with the Election Board, the Board can publish the voter list to citizens, so you know if you are on the list or not. You know where your ballot will be mailed to. The Election Board will also be tracking participation in future elections, so you will know if your ballot was returned and counted.

After many years of allegations regarding the election process, this Election Board determined that the citizens deserve a higher level of Transparency, and our elections should be fully under the control of the Election Board. The Enrollment Department is still required to verify addresses and tribal ID status, as those issues are under the control of the Enrollment Department. Creating a registered voter record under control of the Election Board also ensures that when we prepare the ballot mailings, we will have verified addresses through Enrollment. It creates check and balance on where ballots are mailed to for which district, because both the Enrollment Department and Election Board will reconcile the information prior to an election process.

The Election Board has heard that outlying citizens are concerned about this change impacting on their rights to vote. However, updating a tribal ID or having a valid address on file with the Enrollment Office is crucial to citizens for more than just voting. The Election Board expects that through voter registration, people will update their critical information routinely. When a person registers to vote, if there are issues with the information on file with Enrollment, corrections can be entered by Enrollment through their own processes. These updates will affect departmental program information as well as other important notices that you may have been missing. The expectation of having current and accurate member information on file with the Enrollment Department is also the requirement of various programs and Enrollment Regulations.

Finally, there are approximately 2000 people who simply are not voting at all. Our hope is that they will register and begin to participate in their Tribe's governance. People that actively participate in voting will return their registration. Our hope is that we reach the citizen that maybe isn't voting but will file their registration to see if our new process impacts their receiving more information to make an informed decision.



This change will also impact the ability for citizens to make changes during the General Membership meeting of April 2025. Citizens that do not register will not be counted in order to make a quorum under the constitution. Therefore, it is crucial that each person file their registration in order to be counted as a voter and for making quorum to vote on initiatives by the Membership during membership meetings. This change is not to take your voice away, but to empower you to use your status to vote in the governance of this Nation as authorized by the Constitution.

These are the reasons that we, as a body, voted unanimously to change this process. We believe that the people vested in our government will register and exercise their voice, at the ballot box and on the floor, and we know that good processes will protect those rights for all.

Voter Registration Instructions

Complete the voters registration form clearly and accurately including your signature where indicated. Return your completed form in the enclosed pre-paid envelope addressed to the Election Board. All tribal members aged 18 and older were mailed the registration form, voter registration instructions, and a pre-paid envelope addressed to the Election Board.

Important Registration Dates

Your registration must be received by the Election board by October 1, 2024 to vote in both the primary and regular elections. Specifically for each election your registration must be received by the Election Board by the following dates.

To vote in the Primary Election: October 1, 2024

To vote in the Regular Election: January 16, 2025

Contact the Election Board

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Board at 231-398-6709 or toll free at 888-723-8288. The Election Board will call you back to assist. You may also contact the election board via email: electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ogema	District	Term	Phone	Email
Larry Romanelli	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6824	ogema@lrboi-nsn.gov
Council	District	Term	Phone	Email
Tammy Burmeister (S)	9 County	2023-2027	231-398-6833	tburmeister@lrboi-nsn.gov
Al Metzger	Outlying	2023-2027	231-398-6869	almetzger@lrboi-nsn.gov
Misty Silvis	9 County	2023-2027	231-398-6838	mistysilvis@lrboi-nsn.gov
Ron Wittenberg	Outlying	2023-2027	231-398-6828	ronwittenberg@lrboi-nsn.gov
Gary DiPiazza	9 County	2021-2025	231-398-6825	garydipiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov
Pam Johnson (R)	Outlying	2021-2025	231-398-6836	pamjohnson@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shirley Wever	9 County	2021-2025	231-398-6802	shirleywever@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shannon Crampton*	Outlying	2021-2025	231-398-6885	shannoncrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov
Julie Wolfe	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6834	juliewolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov

(S) = Tribal Council Speaker

(R) = Tribal Council Recorder

Election Board	District	Term	Phone	Email
Laura Echelbarger	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Kathy Gibson	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shawna Gonzalez	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Lee Ivinson*	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Janine Sam*	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov

Chief Judge	District	Term
Angela Sherigan	At Large	2021-2027

Associate Judge	District	Term
Caroline LaPorte**	At Large	2019-2025

Appellate Judge	District	Term
Bernie Darrow	At Large	2023-2029
Melissa Pope	At Large	2021-2027
Bernadene Crampton	At Large	2021-2027



Voting Districts

At Large means all registered voters shall have the opportunity to vote for the seat.

9 County means all registered voters who reside within the 9 County district shall have the opportunity to vote for the seat.

Outlying means all registered voters who reside outside of the 9 County district shall have the opportunity to vote for the seat.

*Finishing term that started 2021

**Finishing term that started 2019

LRBOI SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Education

Yvonne Parsons

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O: 231-398-6735

Services:

Michigan Indian Tuition V
Vocational Education Assistance
Higher Education Scholarship
College Book Stipend Program
Tutoring Assistance
Student Services School Clothing/Activities
Student Services Driver's Training Assist.
Class Ring Assistance
Senior Pictures Assistance
Cap, Gown & Announcement Assistance
12th Grade Computer Assistance



Housing

Tara Bailey

E: lrboihousing@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6879

Services:

Low Income Rentals - Elder designated housing, elder designated ADA housing, family housing, family ADA housing
Fair market housing
Section 184 Indian Home Loan Assistance
Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance



Food Distribution

Jamie Friedel

E: jamiefriedel@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-655-1041

Services:

USDA Commodities Distribution – The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations. Foods include fresh and canned vegetables, frozen meats, breakfast cereals, cheese, and butter. The FDPIR is an alternative to the Food Stamp Program.



Enrollment

Dianne Lonn

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O: 231-398-6713

Services:

Enrollment Process
Tribal Identification (ID)
Judgment Funds
Address Changes
Tribal Directory Information
Bereavement Program
Per Capita Beneficiary Form
Notary Services
Per Capita Information Services
Direct Deposit Form
Tax withholding on Per Capita

Family Services

E: familyservices@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6707 or 398-6651

Services:

Individual Self-Sufficiency Education & Assistance
Family Self-Sufficiency Education & Assistance
Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Services
Elder Support Services
Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Counseling
Trauma Based Counseling
Positive Indian Parenting Program

Health Services



O: 231-723-8299
O: 231-398-6601

Services:

Family Medicine
Foot and Ankle Clinic
Community Health Nurse
Diabetic Educator
Purchase & Referred Care (PRC)
Extended Health Assist. Program (EHAP)
Pharmacy
Fitness Center



Tax Department

Valerie Chandler

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Services:

Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program
Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members
Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Tribal Entities
Tribal Tax Licenses
Tribal Business Licenses
Commercial and Subsistence Fishers

Members Legal Assistance

Mary Witkop

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O: 231-398-2234

Services:

Estate Planning, Trust Preparation & Wills
Probates of Estates
Durable Power of Attorney
Durable Power of Medical Attorney
Real Estate
Land-Lord Tenant Matters
Divorce, Custody and Support
Criminal and Civil Matters
Paternity & DNA Testing
Birth Certificates
Guardianships & Conservatorships
Driver's Licenses
General Legal Advice

The attorney cannot appear in court with a tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe. Attorney can assist with providing legal advice and drafting of documents.



Members Assistance

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O: 231-398-6739

Services:

Low Income Energy Assistance - LIHEAP
Food Assistance
Rental & Mortgage Assistance
Elder Meal Program
& Elder Chore Service
Emergency Transportation Assistance
Referral Assistance Service - help with finding assistance organization/agencies to assist with unmet needs.
Interdepartmental Referral Services - help to provide coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments.

Note that some of the assistance programs offered through Members Assistance is available to citizens living within the 9 county service area. Contact Members Assistance for details and possible referrals to help at other organizations and agencies.

Manistee

Government Center

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Little River Health Service Center

2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853

Food Distribution

2690 Dontz Rd
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-398-6716 / 231-655-1041

Housing Department

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-398-6875 / 231-398-6879

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Justice Center

3031 Domres Road
Manistee, MI 49660
231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Natural Resources

310 Ninth St
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-723-1594 / 866-723-1594

Muskegon

Tribal Office

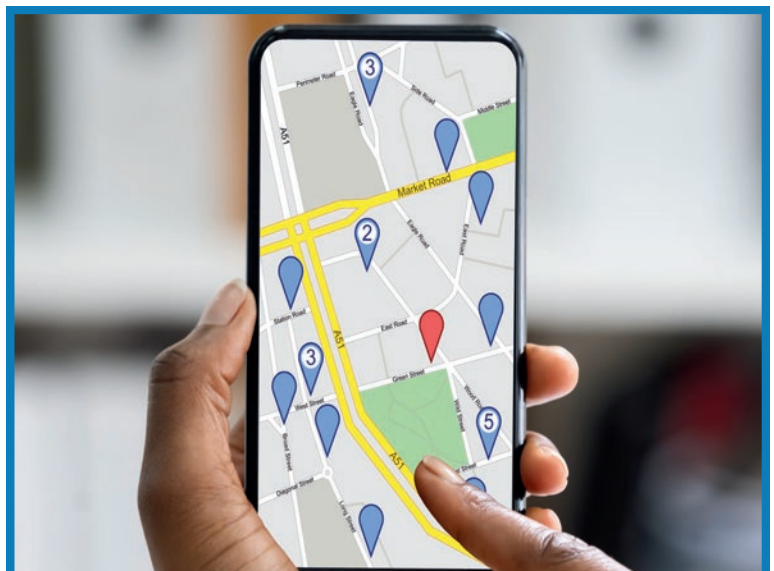
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 West Hackley
Muskegon, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Little River Health Service Center

4905 S. Harvey St.
Norton Shore, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853
Services include Family Medicine,
Pharmacy and Radiology.

Little River Health Center of Ellis

1478 E. Ellis Rd
Muskegon, MI 49444
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853
Services include Behavioral Health,
PRC Dept., Admin Center, Dictation
Center, Laboratory Facility, and Foot
& Ankle Clinic.



GENERAL WELFARE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP STIMULUS PAYMENT



LRBOI Tribal Council has initiated a General Welfare Economic Hardship Stimulus Payment program, approved through Tribal Council Resolution 24-0626-112. This initiative aims to provide financial relief to all enrolled LRBOI tribal members (minors 0-17 included), due to increasing living costs. Each eligible tribal member will receive a payment of \$3,799.99.

This stimulus payment program is designed to support LRBOI tribal members by addressing the economic hardships exacerbated by rising costs in food, housing, utilities, transportation, and cultural/ceremonial activities. The program aligns with the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act and IRS Code Section 139E, ensuring tax-favored treatment under applicable regulations.

The stimulus payment is intended to cover various living expenses, including:

- Food: Costs related to food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and similar expenses.
- Housing: Rent, house payments, property tax/insurance, maintenance, and household goods.
- Utilities: Heating, cooling, water, sewer, electric, trash, phone/internet, and related equipment.
- Transportation: Costs for rental cars, mileage, public transportation, and transportation for medical care.
- Cultural/Ceremonial Activities: Items of cultural significance and participation costs in cultural or ceremonial activities.

General Welfare Economic Hardship Stimulus Payment continued

To qualify for the stimulus payment, applicants must:

- Be an enrolled tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- Submit a completed application for each member, including enrolled minors.
- Provide a verified Tribal ID number.
- Ensure correct mailing/physical address and phone number are on file with the Enrollment Department.

Applications were mailed to tribal citizens on July 12, 2024. Program documents, including the cover letter, application, and guidelines, are also available on the LRBOI website www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Each application must include the applicant's Tribal ID number and authorization for verification by the Members Assistance Department.

Completed applications can be submitted to the Members Assistance Department by June 12, 2025 through the following methods:

- In-person at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660
- By postal mail to 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660
- Through email to memberssubmit@lrboi-nsn.gov
- Via Fax at 231-398-6748

Applications will be processed in the order they are received and approved. Checks will be printed once per week, starting the week of July 22, 2024. Processing time is estimated at 10-12 business days.

Payments will be made via direct deposit, or by mailed paper check if not. Direct deposit will be utilized for those who receive their per cap by direct deposit.

Miigwech for your patience and cooperation in this process. For questions or further information, contact Tribal Council Legislative Director:

Venus Battaglia

Phone: 231-398-6845

Email: VenusBattaglia@lrboi-nsn.gov





Enjoy a Suite of Benefits!

FULL TIME TEAM MEMBERS:

Medical, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, AD&D, Flexible Spending Account, Voluntary Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, 401K match up to 4 percent, Holiday pay including Team Member Birthday, up to 3 weeks of Paid Time off can be earned in the first year and Flexible Scheduling.

PART TIME TEAM MEMBERS:

Generous Paid Time Off accrued on hours worked, Holiday pay including Team Member Birthday, 401K match up to 4 percent and Flexible Scheduling.

SEASONAL TEAM MEMBERS:

Work up to 6 months with the ability to return year after year with flexible scheduling.

JOIN A WINNING TEAM

IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT DOING YOUR BEST WORK, MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND HAVING FUN WHILE DOING IT, APPLY TO ONE OF OUR OPEN POSITIONS!



Apply in person at
Little River Casino Resort
2700 Orchard Hwy
Manistee, MI 49660
Phone: 231-723-4530

FAST TRACK THURSDAYS

Get an instant interview every Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Visit the Human Resources office.

Easily apply online anytime
at www.LRCR.com
then click the CAREERS link.

TEAM MEMBER PERKS

Team Member of the Month, Quarter, & Year. Team Member Recognition Committee. Safety Committee. Meal Discounts. Gift Shop Discounts. Gas discount at the C-Store. Golf Membership Discounts. Holiday parties for Team Members. Summer cook-outs. Ice Cream Socials. Company Picnic. Community Service Opportunities and more!

LRCR offers permanent, seasonal, intermittent, full time and part time positions.

Little River

CASINO RESORT



**Maintenance Supervisor
Pool Spa Maintenance Tech
Guest Room Attendant
Valet Service Attendant
Count Services Team Member
Banquet Events Manager
Marketing Representative
Food & Beverage Supervisor
Food & Beverage Server
Club House Associate**

**Security II, & III
Cage Cashier
House Person
Shuttle Driver
Bus Person
Food Cashier
Cook I
Pantry Cook
Banquet Server
Porter
Slot Technician I**



Check the casino website for current available positions at www.LRCR.com

EMPOWER *The Future*

BUILD A LEGACY FOR THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS!

Join us in building a vibrant legacy for the next seven generations by working for your tribe.

As a tribal member, you have a unique opportunity to contribute to the sustainable development and cultural preservation of our people, our tribe, and our nation.

Your skills, passion, and dedication can make a significant impact on our tribe's future, ensuring that our traditions, values, and prosperity are passed down to future generations.

By working together, we can create a thriving, self-sufficient community that honors our heritage while embracing innovation and growth.

The future of our tribe is bright and full of potential, shaped by our collective efforts to preserve our cultural heritage, promote sustainable development, and ensure the well-being of our community.

Be a part of this transformative journey and help secure a bright future for our next seven generations.

**LOVE, RESPECT, WISDOM,
TRUTH, HONESTY
HUMILITY, BRAVERY**

THE FUTURE *of Our People*

Government Careers

Mental Health Counselor (FT & PT)
Peer Recovery Coach (FT)
Director of Commerce (FT)
Workforce Development Specialist (FT)
Director of Enrollment (FT)
Case Manager Generalist (FT)
Intake Specialist (FT)
Controller (FT)
Accounts Payable Clerk (FT)
Nutrition Program Coordinator (FT)
Surveillance Operator (FT)
Clinic Lab Supervisor (FT)
Nurse Practitioner (FT)
Staff Physician - Muskegon (FT)
Clinic Administrative Tech III - Muskegon (FT)
Staff Pharmacist (FT)
IT Operation Engineer (FT)
IT Technician (FT)
IT Help Desk Technician (FT)
Fisheries Tech - Inland (FT)
Grant Writer (FT)
Legislative In-House Counsel (Contract)
Victim Advocate (FT)
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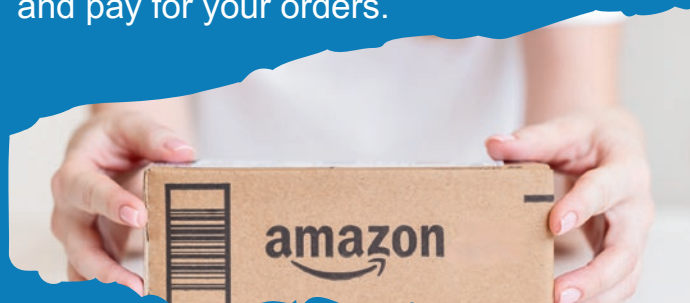
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MOTHER FREEDOM RELEASED AT AKI



Photo Courtesy of Skegemog Raptor Center

An injured eagle was found and rescued by our Public Safety Conservation Officer Kyle Gunderson and NRD Great Lakes Policy Specialist Alycia Peterson. Officer Gunderson called upon James Manly from the Skegemog Raptor Center in Grand Traverse County to help the bird. The Skegemog Raptor Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit raptor rehabilitation center dedicated to rehabilitating sick, injured, and orphaned raptors with the goal of returning them to the wild in a fit and healthy condition. With over 80 years of combined wildlife rehabilitation experience, the Skegemog Raptor Center holds rehabilitation permits from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

NRD Specialist Peterson named the eagle Mother Freedom. When Mother Freedom arrived at the Skegemog Raptor center on March 14, 2024, she was weak and dehydrated suffering from a cloacal prolapse due to a complication from egg laying. Part of her rectum was on the outside of her body. Her radiographs showed a mass, likely an improperly mineralized egg or a lesion from the prolapse.

Mother Freedom also tested positive for lead poisoning. Lead poisoning is believed to stem from ingesting lead ammunition from unharvested carcasses. Lead Poisoning can cause severe and wide-ranging effects, including neurological damage, reproductive issues, and muscle weakness, all of which complicate the egg-laying process.

According to James Manly from the Skegemog Raptor Center, the lead poisoning was the underlying cause for the prolapse and all of Mother Freedom's other ailments. The Skegemog Raptor Center staff stabilized her and treated her for lead poisoning.

Subsequent radiographs monitored the mass in her abdomen, and the Center consulted with several veterinarians about her condition. With the mass still present in her abdomen, the Skegemog Raptor Center decided to take Mother Freedom to the University of Minnesota Raptor Center for abdominal surgery to remove the mass, which turned out to be an ectopic egg.

Mother Freedom Released at Aki continued

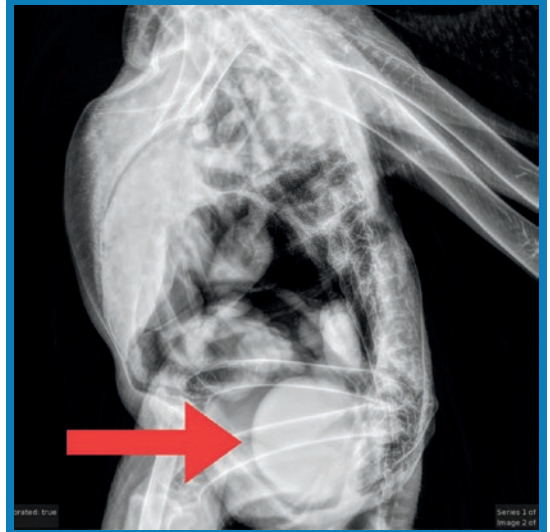
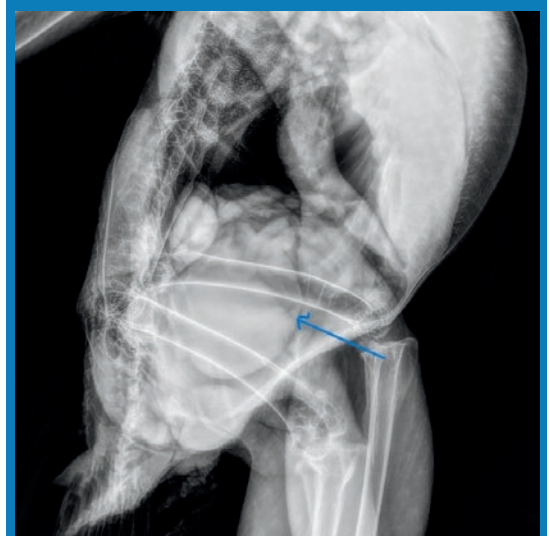


In Mother Freedom, an ectopic egg developed outside the typical location within the reproductive tract, posing significant health risks. In cases like this, surgical intervention is usually required to remove the egg and prevent severe complications such as infection, internal damage, or even death. The procedure involves making an incision to access and remove the egg, requiring skilled veterinary expertise due to the complexities of avian anatomy.

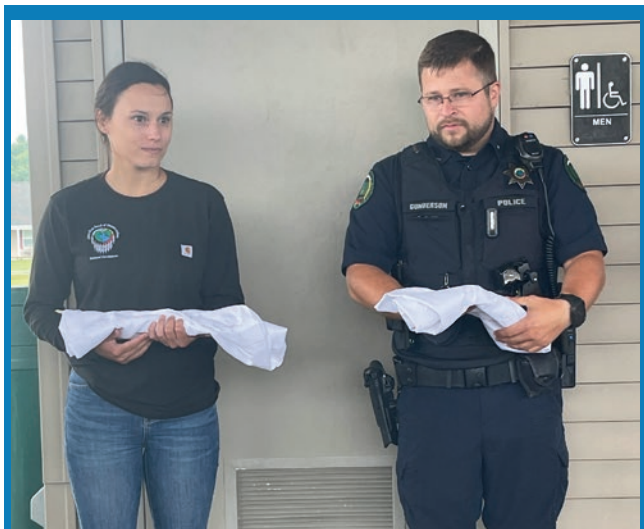
On June 29, 2024 near the pavilion at the Aki playground, inside the innermost circle, Mother Freedom was released back into the wild within 10 miles of where she was found.

The climax of the event came when Mother Freedom was brought out to the release site. As the crowd watched in anticipation, she was gently lifted and set free. With a few powerful flaps of her wings, she soared into the sky, a symbol of strength, resilience, and the collaborative spirit of the community.

Mother Freedom's release was a celebration gathering with many in the community in attendance. Mother Freedom's release not only marked the successful recovery of an injured eagle but also underscored the importance of community involvement and the ongoing efforts needed to protect our natural world.



Eagle Photos Courtesy of Skegemog Raptor Center



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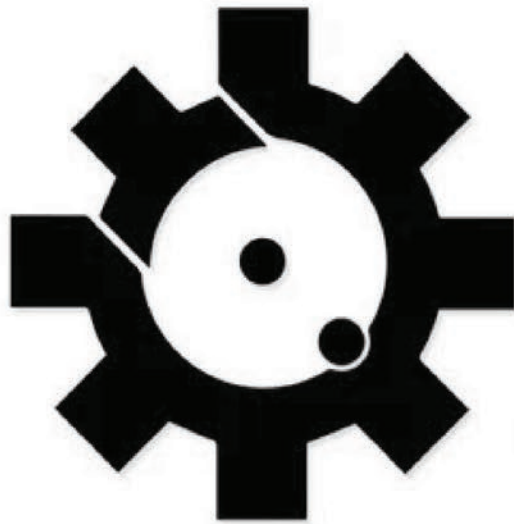
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