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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Our newly elected officials were sworn in June 11, 2025

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	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
Shannon Crampton (S)	Outlying	2025-2029	231-398-6885	shannoncrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov
Gary DiPiazza	9 County	2025-2029	231-398-6825	garydipiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov
Susan Thull (R)	Outlying	2025-2029	231-398-6836	susanthull@lrboi-nsn.gov
Connie Waitner	9 County	2025-2029	231-398-6802	cwaitner@lrboi-nsn.gov
Julie Wolfe	At Large	2025-2029	231-398-6834	juliewolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov

(S) = Tribal Council Speaker

(R) = Tribal Council Recorder

Election Board	District	Term	Phone	Email
Kathy Gibson	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shawna Gonzalez	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Kristi Fowler	At Large	2025-2029	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Jo Jo Green	At Large	2025-2029	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Lee Iverson	At Large	2025-2029	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	2025-2031

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



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.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



From left to right | Al Metzger, Connie Waitner, Susan Thull, Julie Wolfe, Shannon Crampton, Gary DiPiazza, Ron Wittenberg, Tammy Burmeister, and Misty Silvis

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

August 6	September 10	October 1	November 5	December 3
August 13	September 17	October 8	November 12	December 10
August 20	September 24	October 15	November 19	December 17
August 27		October 22	November 26	

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://zoom.us/j/99705796129>
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.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Below are links to recently approved Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.

If you have not already done so, please create a new account on our new website to access the meeting minutes, as they are private content. Private content is available only to registered users of the site. Our new website launched in late August 2024.

Links to Meeting Minutes - - each blue date below is a link

[February 19, 2025 Minutes](#)



Please note, you must download the Currents for the links to work. Links do not work on the enewspaper site.

When on the enewspaper site, click the down pointing arrow icon above the Currents to download the Currents.

ELECTION BOARD MEETINGS



Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates | Submit Questions Deadline

August 21 | 19

September 18 | 16

October 16 | 14

November 20 | 18

Engage with the Election Board

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 Tuesday of the week of the meeting you plan to attend (48 hours in advance of the meeting) to electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov. This allows the Election Board ample time to prepare and address inquiries effectively.

Attend an Election Board Open Meeting

On-Line: Zoom Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99808338390>
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866
Zoom Meeting ID: 9998 0833 8390
Zoom Passcode: 743234

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.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Education

Yvonne Parsons

E: yparsons@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6735

Services:

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver
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



Enrollment

Dianne A Lonn

E: diannealonn@lrboi-nsn.gov

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

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



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

Food & Nutrition Center

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.

LRBOI Service Department Contacts continued

Health Services



O: 231-723-8299

O: 231-398-6601

Pharmacy: 231-398-6853

Services:

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

Members Assistance

Gina Crotteau

E: ginacrotteau@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-723-8288

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.

Victim Services

E: victimservices@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6719

Web: www.victimservicesprogram.org

Services:

Advocacy and various other supportive services for victims and survivors of intimate partner domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, trafficking, and child sexual abuse.



Tax Department

Valerie Chandler

E: valeriechandler@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6874

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

E: marywitkop@lrboi-nsn.gov

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.

LRBOI Service Department Contacts continued

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 & Nutrition Center

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
Main: 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

Victim Services

2840 Orchard Hwy., Suite D
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-398-6719

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.

Victim Services

1101 W. Hackley Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-398-6719



UPCOMING EVENTS

Obtain more information and a comprehensive list of events and meetings on the **LRBOI Calendar**. The Calendar is on the main page of our website at the following address <https://lrboi-nsn.gov> under the Recent News section, in the Upcoming Events. It is also accessible from the Citizen Communication page under Legislative.



Note

If you have not already done so, please create a new account on our new website to access private content. Some content is available only to registered users of the site including some news and events. Our new website launched August 2024.

August

- Aug 2 - Elder's Meeting Picnic
- Aug 6 - Summer Break Crafts
- Aug 9 - Annual Budget Hearing 2026 Budget
- Aug 13 - Summer Break Crafts
- Aug 20 - Cooking Class making Fruit Desserts
- Aug 22 - Hunter Education (Traditional Course)
- Aug 27 - Cooking Class making Fruit Desserts

September

- Sept 3 - Baby Blanket Class
- Sept 6 - Elder's Meeting
- Sept 8 - Citizen Advisory Board Meeting for the Little River Holdings (EDC)
- Sept 10 - Baby Blanket Class

October

- Oct 4 - Fall Membership Meeting
- Oct 11 - Elder's Meeting
- Oct 22 - Cooking Class making Applesauce

LRBOI 2025 Holiday Closures

We want to keep you informed about upcoming holidays and office closures for LRBOI government offices in 2025. Below, is the full list of observed holidays and closure dates.

A few things to note:

- Holidays falling on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday, while those on a Sunday will be observed on the following Monday.
- Occasionally, our Ogema may declare additional holidays or closures. When that happens, we'll do our best to share updates on our website, government Facebook page and in the Currents newsletter.

Observed Holidays in 2025

New Year's Day

When: Wednesday, January 1
Observed: Wednesday, January 1

LRBOI Treaty Recognition Day

When: Friday, March 28
Observed: Friday, March 28

Memorial Day

When: Monday, May 26
Observed: Monday, May 26

Independence Day

When: Friday, July 4
Observed: Friday, July 4

Labor Day

When: Monday, September 1
Observed: Monday, September 1

LRBOI Reaffirmation Day

When: Sunday, September 21
Observed: Monday, September 22

Veteran's Day

When: November 11.
Observed: Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving

When: 4th Thursday in November.
Observed: Thursday, November 27

Extended Thanksgiving

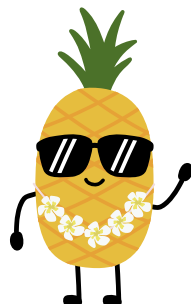
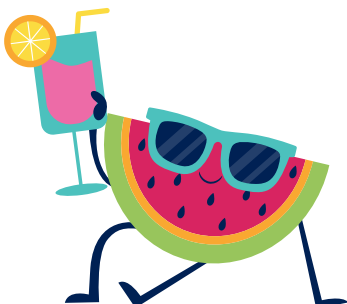
When: Friday after Thanksgiving.
Observed: Friday, November 28

Christmas Eve Day

When: December 24.
Observed: Wednesday, December 24
Half day closure. Closed Noon-5pm

Christmas Day

When: December 25.
Observed: Thursday, December 25



Share Your Achievements



We want to hear your story!

Our community is filled with incredible achievements. We want to celebrate them together.

Every achievement, big or small, has the power to inspire others and spread positivity. Your journey could be the next one to uplift and motivate others.

Let's come together and showcase the strength and creativity of our community. Reach out to Jo Jo at joannegreen@lrboi-nsn.gov to start the conversation.

Let's make sure your story gets the spotlight it deserves!



Robert Russ - actor in Skinwalker Island



Michelle Lucas - Art Prize Top 100

BINOJEEUK COMMISSION



We have one seat open on the Binojeeuk Commission.

This commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1pm at Administration Office at Government Center in Manistee & via Zoom.

The Binojeeuk Commission, formed under the Children's Protection Code, is committed to safeguarding the well-being of Indian children and families. Officially recognized by the Tribal Council, this commission operates with the authority to enforce federal and Tribal child welfare laws effectively. As a member of the Binojeeuk Commission, you will have a profound impact on the lives of our children and families. Your role will involve advising the Tribal Council and Tribal Court on child welfare issues, monitoring child welfare proceedings, recommending interventions in state court cases, and overseeing the licensing and regulation of childcare facilities.

BISKAABIYANG COMMISSION

We have several seats open on the Biskaabiiyang Commission.

This commission is new and does not have meetings scheduled yet.



If you are passionate about preserving and promoting our rich cultural heritage and dedicated to ensuring that future generations have access to our traditions, stories, arts, and ceremonies, we invite you to join the Biskaabiiyang Commission!

ENROLLMENT COMMISSION



We have two seats open on the Enrollment Commission.

Meets on once a month at 5:30pm per specified Monday.

The primary purpose of this commission is to determine eligibility for enrollment, verify blood quantum, address disenrollment matters, and ensuring the integrity of these processes. The Enrollment Commission is vital as it upholds fair and equitable enrollment procedures for the Tribe, ensuring the timely and fair processing of enrollment applications, audits, and hearings.

NOTICE: Enrollment is currently closed, meaning applications for enrollment into the tribe are not being accepted or processed with exceptions for newly born eligible children and adults who were adopted and didn't previously know they have qualifying LRBOI bloodline.

HEALTH COMMISSION

We have two seats open on the Health Commission.

Meets the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise stated, at 5pm in Council Chambers at the Government Center in Manistee & via Zoom.



The purpose of the Health Commission is to promote optimal provision of quality health services through the Tribal Health Department by policy recommendation to the Tribal Council based on tribal community input; and develop policies that ensure an effective coordination with Federal, State, local, and private entities to make available health services for the tribal members; and address the comprehensive needs of the Band's members in an effective, efficient and culturally appropriate manner.

HOUSING COMMISSION



We have two seats open on the Housing Commission.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10am at the Aki-Maadiziwin Building inside the conference room.

The purposes of the Housing Commission are to develop regulations to implement activities to provide housing services for tribal members; coordinate with Federal, State, local, and private entities to further housing opportunities for tribal members; and provide housing programs and services for tribal members.

APPLYING TO SIT ON A COMMISSION

Our tribe is looking for individuals such as yourself to serve on our commissions. If interested, please obtain an application (link below)

Create a letter of interest to submit with your completed application. It should serve as an introduction and provide a summary of your qualifications, experiences, and motivations for seeking the position.

Here's a detailed breakdown of what a letter of interest should include:

1. Contact Information: Your name, address, phone number, email address
2. Salutation: Address the letter to Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Council
3. Introduction: State your interest in serving on the commission
4. Body: Briefly describe your professional background, relevant experiences, and current role. Highlight the skills, qualifications, and experiences that make you a suitable candidate for the commission. Explain why you are interested in serving on the commission, including any specific issues or goals you are passionate about. Describe what you hope to contribute to the commission and how you can add value to its work.
5. Conclusion: Mention your willingness to provide further information and attend work sessions and tribal council meetings for your interview and or subsequent appointment.

Return the completed application along with your letter of interest to Mary Thomas in the Ogema's office and to Tribal Council via email.

Mary Thomas at marythomas@lrboi-nsn.gov
Tribal Council at tribal_council@lrboi-nsn.gov

[Commission Application Link](#)

MAKE LIFE EASIER SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT



Visit <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/membership-services/enrollment> to access the forms

For citizens, enrolling in direct deposit for per capita payments is one of the easiest ways to ensure timely, secure, and stress-free access to your distribution. Whether you're managing household expenses, saving for the future, or supporting family, direct deposit removes the guesswork and the mailbox from the equation.

Rather than waiting for a paper check to arrive by mail, direct deposit places your funds directly into your bank account or eligible debit card on the scheduled distribution date. It's safe, reliable, and helps prevent issues like delays, lost mail, or stolen checks. The USPS has changed first class delivery from receiving first class mail in 1 to 2 days to 1 to 5 days with the normal expectancy of 3-5 days for delivery.

To sign up, you'll need to complete a Direct Deposit Agreement Form. This form can be requested directly from the Enrollment Department or downloaded from the LRBOI website online. Once completed, the original form must be mailed in. Faxed copies are not accepted.

Click here to download the [Direct Deposit Form](#).

Before filling out the form, please review the following key points to ensure your request is processed without delay. Make sure the routing and account numbers you provide are correct. To avoid errors, many citizens choose to complete the form while visiting their bank or credit union. The form also requires you to indicate whether the deposit should go into a checking or savings account.

Sign Up for Direct Deposit continued

The form must be signed in front of a Notary Public. Most banks offer notary services for account holders. Forms that are not notarized cannot be accepted.

Be sure that your name and address match what is currently on file with the Enrollment Department. If your address has changed, update it with Enrollment before submitting the direct deposit request. If your address does not match our records, the request will not be processed until the address is corrected.

Click here to download the [Address Correction Form](#).

In the event your account is closed, or account details are incorrect, the direct deposit will be canceled, and a paper check will be issued by mail. A new form must then be submitted to reactivate direct deposit.

Forms should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the next distribution/mail date, otherwise direct deposit will not be effective on that distribution. Distributions are scheduled for the first day of April, July, October and for December 15.

To protect your personal and financial information, only original copies of the form are accepted. Faxed or photocopied forms will not be processed.

Mail the completed and notarized form to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Enrollment Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call and speak directly with the Enrollment Department. Dial 888-723-8288 and ask for Dianne or Jessika, they're happy to help.

Switching to direct deposit is a simple way to gain peace of mind. It ensures your per capita distributions are delivered without delay, and it reduces the risk of interruption due to address changes, weather, or postal service issues. If you haven't made the switch yet, now is a great time.



29th Annual LRBOI JIINGTAMOK













THE STORY OF TURTLE ISLAND



Before the world was as we know it, there was a time when the Earth had grown tired. Tired of how humans were living. Tired of how they treated each other. Tired of how they had forgotten their place in the sacred circle of life. The plants, animals, waters, and winds had been given their instructions, and they followed them without hesitation. But the humans, those who were created last, and given the gift of free will, had begun to misuse their power.

The Creator, heartbroken by the harm being caused, decided that the Earth would be cleansed. A great flood would cover the land, washing away the corruption and making way for a new beginning. But not all was to be lost. The animals, those who had remained true to their teachings, and Nanaboozhoo, a half-spirit, half-human being placed on Earth to guide and teach, would have a chance to help rebuild the world.

Nanaboozhoo had lived among the people for some time. Sometimes he was a trickster, stirring up trouble in ways that exposed foolishness. Other times, he was a great teacher, carrying the Creator's messages and showing how to live in harmony with the Earth. But above all, Nanaboozhoo was a learner, just like us. He was not perfect. He made mistakes. And he grew through those mistakes.

When he heard the Creator's plan to send the flood, Nanaboozhoo acted quickly. He built a raft from pieces of cedar, birch, and pine, each offered by the trees in service of the greater good. As the rain came and the waters rose, Nanaboozhoo paddled out with the animals who had come to him for help. The bear, the otter, the loon, the turtle, the mink, the beaver, the muskrat all crowded together on the floating mass, surrounded by endless water where once there had been forests, hills, and rivers.

The rain fell without pause. The sun disappeared. The stars were gone. It was said the Earth wept so hard it had to be reborn. As the days dragged on, the animals began to grow worried.



There was no sign of land. No solid ground to rest on. Nanaboozhoo assured them that there was still hope, but they would need to work together. If they could retrieve just one small piece of the old Earth, just a handful of soil, they could begin again. Nanaboozhoo asked the strongest swimmer, the loon, to dive down and search the bottom. The loon flapped her wings and dove into the water. She was gone for what felt like a long time, but when she returned, she was gasping for breath and had come back empty.

Next, the otter tried. Sleek and fast, he slipped beneath the water without a sound. But even he, strong and nimble as he was, returned with nothing but water in his lungs and exhaustion in his eyes. One by one, the other animals took their turns. The beaver. The mink. Even the mighty bear tried, paddling himself into the depths with great determination. But the bottom of the floodwaters was too deep. No one could reach it.

Finally, the muskrat stepped forward. Small, humble, and often overlooked, the muskrat wasn't known for speed or strength. The other animals doubted his chances, but Nanaboozhoo looked into his eyes and saw resolve. "Go if you wish," Nanaboozhoo said. "But do not go beyond your limits. Return if it's too far. You are important to us either way." The muskrat nodded and dove in. He disappeared beneath the waves. The animals waited. And waited. The time passed more slowly than ever. The water lay still. The air hung heavy. Just when it seemed he would never return, the muskrat's body floated to the surface. Lifeless. Still. But in his tiny paw, clutched tightly, was a single clump of dark, rich earth.

The animals cried out. Nanaboozhoo gently cradled the muskrat in his arms, whispering words of thanks. Then he took the sacred soil and placed it on the back of the turtle, who had remained calm and steady throughout the entire journey. "Miigwech," Nanaboozhoo said to the turtle. "You are strong, wise, and patient. You will carry this soil and become the foundation of a new world."

The Creator saw their efforts, their courage, and their unity. With great care, the soil began to grow upon the turtle's back.

It spread, little by little, becoming islands, hills, forests, rivers, lakes, and mountains. This land would be known as Turtle Island, what we call North America today. As for the muskrat, he was honored forever. Though he gave his life, he did so with no expectation of reward or recognition. He taught that humility, bravery, and purpose can live in the smallest of bodies. He reminded the world that no one is too small to do great things.

This story, passed down for generations among the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi people, remains more than just a tale of the past. It is a map for how to live. In a time when the Earth is again under pressure, when balance teeters on the edge, the story of Nanaboozhoo and the Great Flood calls us to remember: We are part of creation, not above it.

We must act before it is too late.

And sometimes, the ones who change the world are not the ones who roar the loudest, but the ones who dive the deepest and hold on tight.

To honor this story is to carry its message forward, to act with humility, to believe in cooperation, to protect the Earth, and to never underestimate the quiet strength of those who give their all for the greater good.

May the teachings of Nanaboozhoo continue to guide us. And may Turtle Island always remember the brave little muskrat who made it all possible.



KATERI CEPLINA'S ART CONNECTS NUTRITION, TRADITION, AND COMMUNITY



In front of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Food & Nutrition Center stands a new sign, bold, vibrant, and grounded in culture. But beyond the imagery lies a story of heart, heritage, and a young artist named Kateri Ceplina.

At just 18 years old, Kateri is no stranger to leadership or service. An enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, she recently served as Miss Little River Princess for the 2023–2024 term, proudly representing her community at countless events. Now, her artistic talent takes center stage.

Kateri is a self-taught artist who has been drawing and creating for as long as she can remember. “I do it as a hobby,” she said, “but I’ve also had commissions. My artwork has been displayed in museums, art competitions, on CD covers, in calendars, and even as tattoo designs.” She credits her inspiration to her surroundings and the people she’s grown up with. “I’ve been around Native culture all my life. That’s what shapes my vision.”

Her connection to the Food & Nutrition Center logo began at a USDA Midwest conference, where her mother, who works at the Center, overheard a conversation about needing a design for a t-shirt. Without hesitation, she mentioned her daughter. “It all started with a t-shirt,” Kateri explained. But the design quickly became something greater. When her artwork was chosen for the conference shirts, distributed across tribes in the Midwest and Northeast, it was clear her vision carried weight.

The theme of the event was nutrition and tradition, and Kateri built her design from the ground up with that message at its core.

"I started with a turtle, Turtle Island," she said, referring to the Indigenous origin story in which the land we live on was formed on the back of a great turtle. "It connects us all to the land and to Mother Earth." On the turtle's shell, Kateri placed a medicine wheel surrounded by the main foods that nourish Indigenous communities. At the center of the design is a mother and baby, because that's how life begins," she explained. "They're surrounded by braided sweetgrass. Each section of the braid represents the stages of life: baby, young adult or teen, and adult. As life begins, it all begins with nutrition."

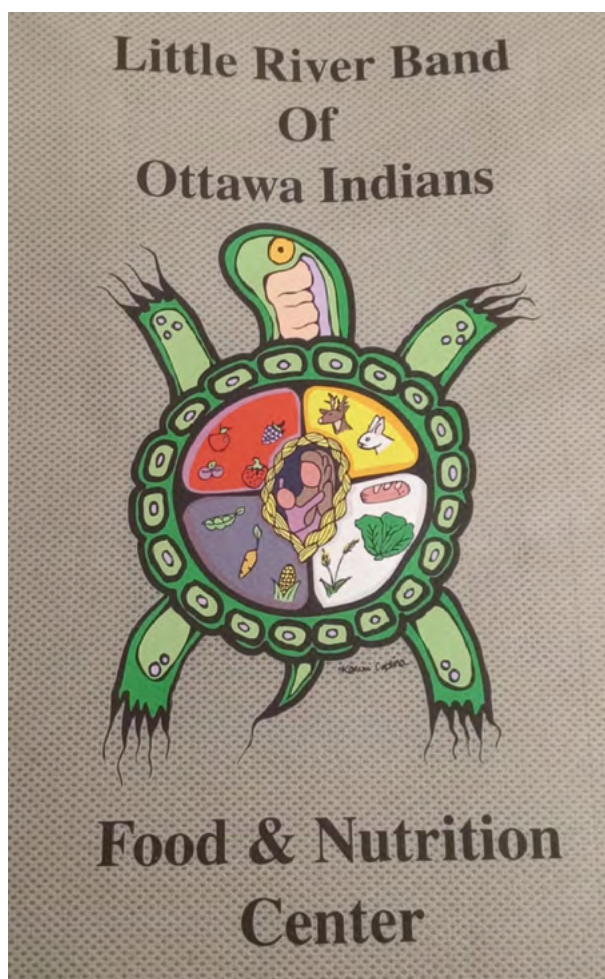
This attention to symbolism, balance, and cultural meaning transforms the logo into far more than just an image. "I hope when people see the sign, they see life and connection," Kateri said. "I also want them to see health, because a big part of our tradition includes our diet and medicines."

While many would assume such a deeply layered design took weeks, Kateri sketched it in just one hour. "When I create or think of something, I have to get it on paper right away or I'll forget. I constantly have ideas and imagine things."

Her honesty about the artistic process is refreshing. "Nothing was really challenging about it," she said. "But I always see flaws in my work. Still, my elders have taught me that not everything is meant to be perfect. Sometimes our creations come out a certain way because that's how they're meant to be."

For Kateri, the most rewarding part wasn't the recognition, it was the response. "Seeing tribal members from all throughout the Midwest and Northeast liking my work and wanting to see more, that was the best part."





Now, the design that started with a t-shirt has found a permanent home on the Food & Nutrition Center's new sign, visible to every citizen who visits the facility. "I'm proud to be able to make my people proud," she said. "In my heart, I'll always be Princess. That role made me want to uplift our people and I'll carry that always."

Kateri also credited the people who helped her believe in her abilities from the beginning. "My mother and father have always encouraged me and complimented me, even when I thought my art and what I imagined wasn't worth anything."

And her journey isn't over. With more commissions in the works and a dream to someday pursue art full time, Kateri continues to create with purpose, vision, and care.

In honoring tradition and nourishing the future, Kateri's design reminds us that culture is alive and it lives in the hands, hearts, and minds of young people who carry it forward.

Hunter Education - Traditional Course

LRBOI Dept. of Public Safety

08/22/2025 at 6p-8p (Friday) AND 08/23/2025 8a-4p (Saturday)

This is a traditional 2 day Hunter Education course. Students must attend both days to complete class. Lunch and water will be provided for Saturday August 23rd 2025. Dress for the weather as this class will be taught outdoors for some of the days. Wear closed-toe shoes. Registration must be completed online for each individual student attending the class. Students under 10 years old must have a parent or guardian with them during the class. There is no fee for this class.

Cancellation Policies:

If you are no longer planning on attending this class, please cancel your registration so that those on the waiting list will have a chance to attend.

Follow link below to sign up as registration is required.

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Contact Kyle Gunderson with questions or concerns at KyleGunderson@lrboi-nsn.gov

BENEFITS OF FLUORIDATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY



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Children crying and holding their faces due to dental disease can be prevented.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood in the United States. This is an infectious disease caused by bacterial plaque on the tooth surface metabolizing sugars and producing acid, which dissolves the surface of the tooth. If unchecked, this process continues through the tooth and into the nerve. This can lead to local infections, systemic infection, and, in rare cases, death. Dental disease in the United States is responsible for the majority of the 51 million school hours lost per year.

Fluoride is found in all natural water supplies. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral called calcium fluoride ions, and is found in rocks that leaches into water. The natural level of fluoride in the water varies depending on the type of rocks the water is in contact with. The fluoride ions added during municipal fluoridation are identical to the naturally occurring calcium fluoride ions.

All vegetation contains some fluoride, which is absorbed from soil and water. Some plants concentrate fluoride ions; an example is that all tea leaves contain fluoride.

Ocean water contains fluoride at around 1 part per million.

In 1901 Dr. Frederick McKay, a dentist in Colorado Springs, Colorado, noted these

citizens' tooth enamel was unusually resistant to decay. Then, in the early 20th century, scientists linked higher levels of naturally occurring fluoride in Colorado water supplies to low levels of tooth decay.

In 1945, Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community in the world to add fluoride to tap water. When subsequent studies showed a significantly lower rate of cavities in schoolchildren, water fluoridation began in other towns and cities.

In North America, fluoride concentrations in groundwater are generally very low, with the exception of some parts of the southwestern United States where the Ogallala Aquifer results in elevated natural levels of fluoride in the groundwater.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends all public drinking water contain 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water, to protect against tooth decay. This very low level of fluoride in water is equal to about 3 drops of water in a 55-gallon barrel.

For more than 75 years, public water systems across the country have adjusted the existing and naturally occurring fluoride levels in drinking water to the recommended optimum concentration for five key reasons:

- It prevents tooth decay. Fluoride in water is the most efficient way to prevent tooth decay. An estimated 51 million school hours and 164 million work hours are lost each year due to dental-related illness.
- It protects all ages against cavities. Studies show that fluoride in community water systems prevents at least 25 percent of tooth decay in children and adults.
- It's safe and effective. For more than 75 years, the best scientific evidence has consistently shown that fluoridation is safe and effective, state over 100 health organizations, including the ADA.
- It saves money. \$1 invested in water fluoridation saves \$38 in dental treatment costs. Fluoride supplementation is the most equitable way of ensuring fluoride access to the population.
- It's natural. Water fluoridation is the adjustment of natural fluoride levels to the recommended level for preventing tooth decay. It's similar to fortifying for health benefits such as salt with iodine, milk with vitamin D, orange juice with calcium and bread with folic acid.

How does fluoride in drinking water work?

The fluoride crystal in enamel is called fluorapatite. Fluorapatite is incorporated into developing teeth and makes the tooth more resistant to acid attacks from plaque bacteria and sugars.

Dental fluorosis can happen when excessive fluoride is consumed while teeth are

Benefits of fluoridation continued

still forming. Other than the appearance of white spots or mottling on the surface of the teeth, dental fluorosis doesn't cause any symptoms or harm.

If bottled water is your main source of drinking water, you could be missing the cavity-fighting benefits of fluoride.

Numerous rigorous scientific studies have shown there is no evidence that the fluoride added to local water supplies in the United States causes any health problems.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) strongly recommends community water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and equitable way to reduce tooth decay for children and adults.

The American Academy of Pediatricians (AAP), the American Dental Association (ADA) and numerous health organizations also endorse the fluoridation of community water supplies.

Community water fluoridation has also been hailed by the CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century.

Let's control what we can to free our children from disease.



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SNOTTY NOSE REZ KIDS PERFORMING AT AUGUST 14

Hip-hop music is coming to the U.P. State Fair this summer! Hip-hop duo Snotty Nose Rez Kids will perform on Thursday night, Aug. 14 under the Grandstand, and you don't want to miss this concert!

Snotty Nose Rez Kids (SNRK) are the third act scheduled to perform at the U.P. State Fair this summer in its full line-up of Grandstand entertainment, presented by Island Resort and Casino.

Originally from Kitamaat Village, British Columbia, Canada, the duo's music has a focus on growing up on reservations and Native identity. The duo won their first Juno Award with "Red Future" winning Rap Album/EP of the Year at the 2025 Juno Awards (Juno Awards are presented by the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences to recognize outstanding achievements in the music industry.) This makes SNRK the first Indigenous group to win the Juno Award for Rap Album of the Year.

Snotty Nose Rez Kids tore into the music scene with unmistakable talent and an unforgettable name. Showing off their lyrical prowess and natural storytelling ability, rappers Yung Trybez and Young D jumpstarted the band with two back-to-back albums in 2017. Their follow up album, 2019's "Trapline," really launched their career with hit "Boujee Natives," and multiple awards including their first Juno nomination.

The band took their high voltage live show on the road and clocked 100 shows in 6 different countries. Their pandemic album, "Life After," saw greater industry recognition with multiple music magazine cover stories, and strong streaming platform support including Billboard advertisements in Toronto's Yonge-Dundas Square, playlist cover images, and an Amazon Twitch Channel Takeover.

They received their second Juno nomination and performed during the live broadcast. They were invited by the Toronto Raptors to play a half time show, and by the Vancouver Canucks to play in-between periods. Their 2022 project, "I'm Good, HBU?" elevated their career to new heights, and saw them receive their fourth Polaris Prize Shortlist, a win for top music video of the year at the Prism Prize Awards for their Beatles-inspired, "Damn Right," and landed them three Western Canadian Music Awards, bringing their tally to 13 wins so far. SNRK have gone on to dominate in Hip-Hop music, most recently achieving their biggest milestone, signing to Sony Music.

Gold Circle tickets for Snotty Nose Rez Kid's performance on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) go on sale on Wednesday, April 16 at 1 p.m. and can be purchased from the presenting sponsor, Island Resort and Casino, at islandresortandcasino.com/entertainment. General seating for all Grandstand entertainment is free with admission to the Fair. To purchase advance gate admission for the U.P. State Fair, please visit upstatefair.net.

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Important Details:

- Rooms at this rate are only available **until September 4, 2025 and online**
- Tribal members may reserve up to two rooms per night
- Tribal ID must be presented at check-in

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NativeWahl has secured an exclusive area-territory agreement covering three Comanche Nation Entertainment properties in Oklahoma:

- 1. Comanche Nation Casino (Lawton, OK)**
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- 3. Comanche War Pony Casino (Devol, OK)**

Under this deal, NativeWahl gains distribution rights/access for its products/services across all three locations, strengthening their presence within premier Comanche gaming and entertainment hubs.

MANISTEE GATEWAY PROJECT

Little River Holdings, LLC is excited to provide the Manistee Community and all LRBOI Citizens with a few updates on The Gateway Project.



Unanimous Local Support & Brownfield Funding Approval

Manistee City Council and DDA both unanimously approved the project's brownfield plan, allowing TIF reimbursement to help fund the redevelopment.



Strong Economic & Community Impact

Expected benefits include up to 110 new jobs, 32,000 more visitors annually, 40–70 new residents, and \$18.5M in economic activity—marking the city's most transformative development since Harbor Village.



Significant Mixed-Use Development

The \$91M project will include housing, offices, a hotel-condo, restaurants, a spa, public parking, and a cultural heritage center—revitalizing a key part of downtown Manistee.





GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Little River Government Contracting continues to grow its federal portfolio with several key updates. We were recently awarded a new Operations and Maintenance contract with the ATF in Beltsville, MD, and another project award at Fort Gregg-Adams in Virginia. Additionally, our longstanding partnerships have been reaffirmed with the renewal of our Marine Base Quantico contract in April and the third-year renewal of our contract at the National Museum of the U.S. Army in June. These achievements reflect our commitment to excellence and trusted performance across federal agencies.



Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects

Since 2020, Little River Holdings has been awarded 13 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects, resulting in the development of over 400 residential units across the nine-county service area. Each development includes a minimum set-aside of 20% of units specifically for Tribal Citizens.



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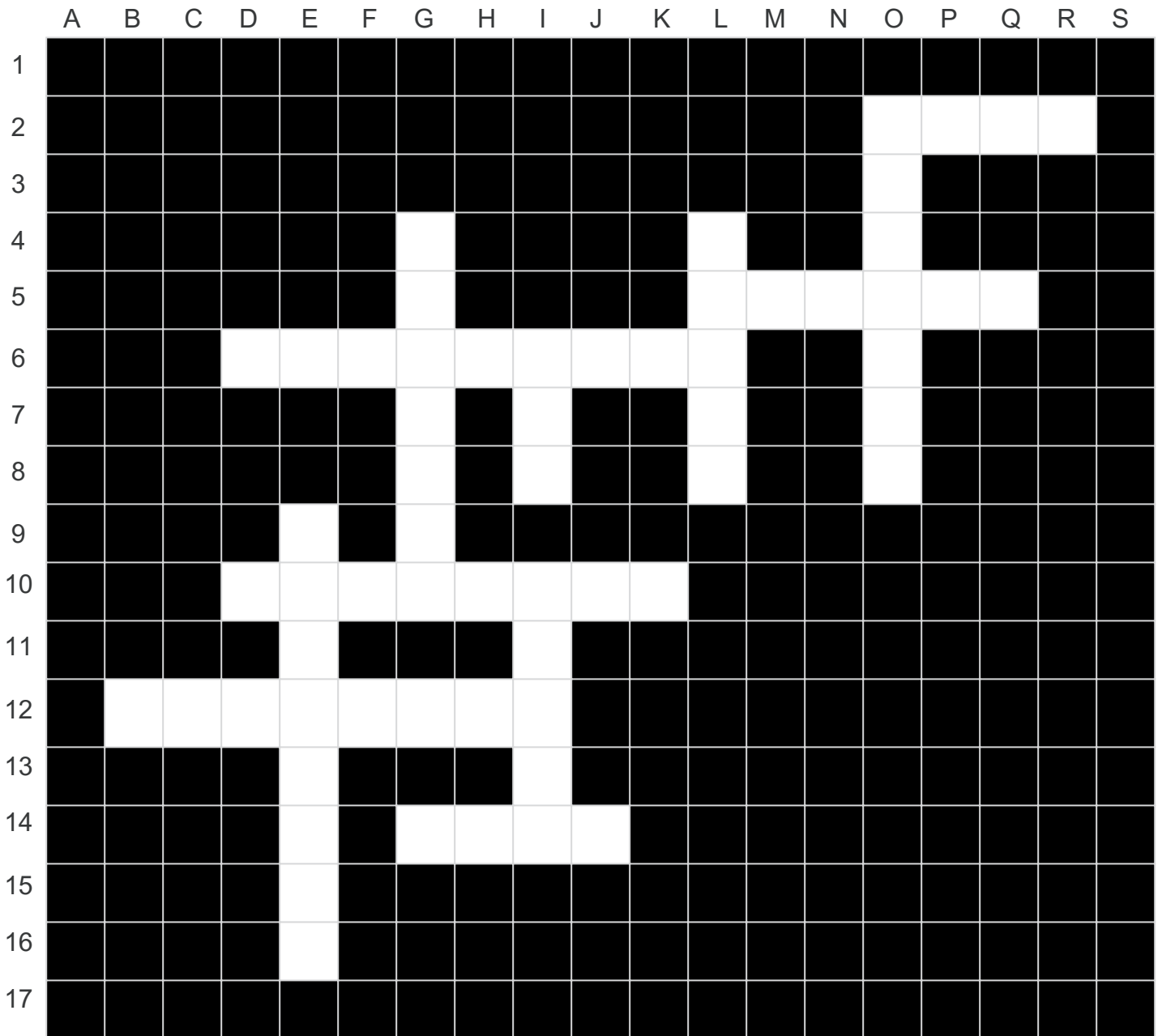


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Tribal citizens may utilize tax exempt purchasing on motor fuel and tobacco products at Little River Trading Post.

A valid tribal ID is required to be shown for each and every tax exempt transaction.

Motor Fuel



Tribal citizens are exempt from the pre-paid sales and road taxes imposed by the state of Michigan on motor fuels when purchased from the Little River Trading Post. This exemption applies to both diesel and gasoline. Pre-paying for fuel is not allowed, you must pump fuel first.

A valid tribal ID must be presented at the time of purchase. Eligible tribal citizens may buy up to 175 gallons per month of gasoline, diesel, or a combination of the two. Tax-exempt purchase limits may change without notice.

Tribal fuel tax exemption will not be given for two separate vehicles at one time.

To complete a tax-exempt purchase, the following information must be logged: date, citizen ID number, citizen signature, license plate number, and fuel type (diesel or gasoline).



Tobacco Products

Cigarettes

Tribal citizens are exempt from the \$2 excise tax imposed by the state of Michigan on cigarettes when purchased from the Little River Trading Post. **A valid tribal ID must be presented at the time of purchase.**

Eligible tribal citizens may purchase up to 70 packs of cigarettes per month for personal use. Non-resident tribal citizens will see \$2.12 off per pack on their receipt due to an additional 6% tax on the \$2.00 tax exemption. Resident tribal members do not pay this sales tax, so the system does not charge tax on the exemption.

The following information must be logged: date, citizen ID number, citizen signature, number of packs, and brand of cigarettes.

Other Tobacco Products (OTP)

Tribal citizens are exempt from some of the taxes imposed by the state of Michigan on OTP, which includes cigars, loose tobacco, snuff, and cigarillos (excluding hemp products, vape products, rolling papers, rolling devices, and other non-tobacco products). **A valid tribal ID must be presented at the time of purchase.** Eligible tribal citizens may purchase an unlimited amount of OTP (within reason) per month for personal use. The exemption is 32% of the wholesale price.



The following information must be logged: date, citizen ID number, citizen signature, number of packages, and brand of OTP.

Important Information

All purchases must be for personal use only. According to tribal tobacco and motor fuel regulations, purchasing for non-LRBOI tribal citizens is a civil infraction and may result in a civil penalty of \$100 per transaction. All tribal citizen vehicles must be registered with the tax office. Any changes in vehicle or license plate require a new registration with the tax office.

For questions, concerns or comments regarding tax exempt purchases, please contact the Tax Office at 231-398-3874 or 231-398-6856.

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TRIBAL DISCOUNTS AT



The Little River Casino Resort offers a range of exclusive discounts for LRBOI tribal citizens to enhance their stay and experience.

Valid tribal ID is required to be shown for each purchase where the tribal discount is applied.

Hotel & RV Park Accommodations

Tribal citizens can enjoy a special weekday rate of \$79 plus taxes per night for a standard hotel room and \$29 plus taxes per night for an economy RV site. Weekdays rates are valid Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These rates are subject to change.

Tribal citizens can enjoy a special weekend rate of \$129 plus taxes per night for a standard hotel room and \$49 plus taxes per night for an economy RV site. Weekend rates are valid Fridays and Saturdays. These rates are subject to change.

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At the White Pine Boutique, tribal citizens receive a 25% discount on most purchases. This discount does not apply to alcohol, tobacco, consignment merchandise, gift cards, or gift certificates.

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Tribal citizens can enjoy daily dining discounts at the River Rock Sportsbook & Grill, Rapids Bistro, and Big Lake Buffet. A 20% discount is available for the tribal citizen and one guest, with additional guests charged at full price. This offer is valid for both dine-in and take-out.

Every Thursday, a special 50% dining discount is available for tribal citizens and up to five guests per tribal citizen, with additional guests charged at full price. This offer also applies to both dine-in and take-out orders.

Notice Regarding Tribal Citizen Discounts

Please note that tribal citizen discounts cannot be combined with other offers, comps, coupons, or discounts at the Little River Casino Resort. The dining discount does not apply to conferences, banquets, or weddings, nor to food or beverages at the Little River Trading Post. Tribal discounts do not cover alcohol, tobacco, or gratuity. These discounts are not available during the July 4th holiday & weekend, or on December 31.

For any questions regarding tribal citizen discounts, please contact a member of management at Little River Casino Resort for more information. Enjoy your discounts!

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The Little River Trading Post offers an employee discount. Valid employee ID is required to be shown for each and every purchase where the employee discount is applied.

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Notice Regarding Team Member Discount

Please note that committee members, commission members and board members are not eligible for the team member discount.

MOTOR FUEL CASH DISCOUNT

The Little River Trading Post offers a discount on motor fuel when using cash to pay for the gas.



Motor Fuel Discount

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Owner and lead mechanic Dylan Gremore is master certified, and ASE certified with over a decade in the trade. He started his career here in Manistee and is excited to be back and service the fine people of this community once again.

Stop by or give us a call to schedule your vehicle for an inspection.

We are located at 1200 28th St. Manistee, across the street from the Filer Credit Union on the south side of town.

Present your Tribal ID and receive 10% off on parts.

For more information, please visit <https://www.gremoregarage.com>

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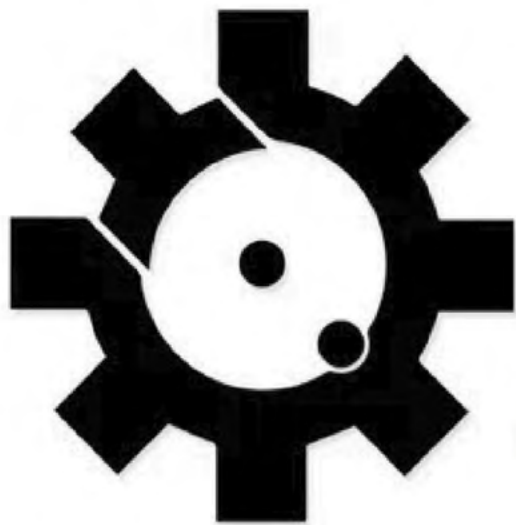
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TACTICAL TREATS

USCCA Accredited CPL Instruction

Weekly Classes

1. Basic Hand Gun knowledge & Cleaning

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

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

2. Dry Fire Laser Training

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

3. CPL Certification Class

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

4. CPL RENEWAL Certification Class

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

**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**



Harper Lou's Bowtique

When in doubt put a bow on it



Aanii, My name is Sara Crampton and I am a LRBOI tribal member. I'm a stay at home Mother to three beautiful children and recently I've turned a hobby of mine into a small business. I started making hair bows for my Daughter because I wanted her to have bows that matched every single outfit, sport, or event she did. We got so many compliments everywhere we went that I decided to start making them for everyone to enjoy. I use vegan leather and love to make polymer clay accessories to make my bows unique. I strive to take custom orders and to make sure you have a bow for every outfit and occasion. We can be found on Facebook and Instagram at Harper Lou's Bowtique and reached at ThatBowThough23@gmail.com for any inquiries.



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- Chokers
- Dream catchers
- Medicine bags
- Beaded earrings
- Feather earrings
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