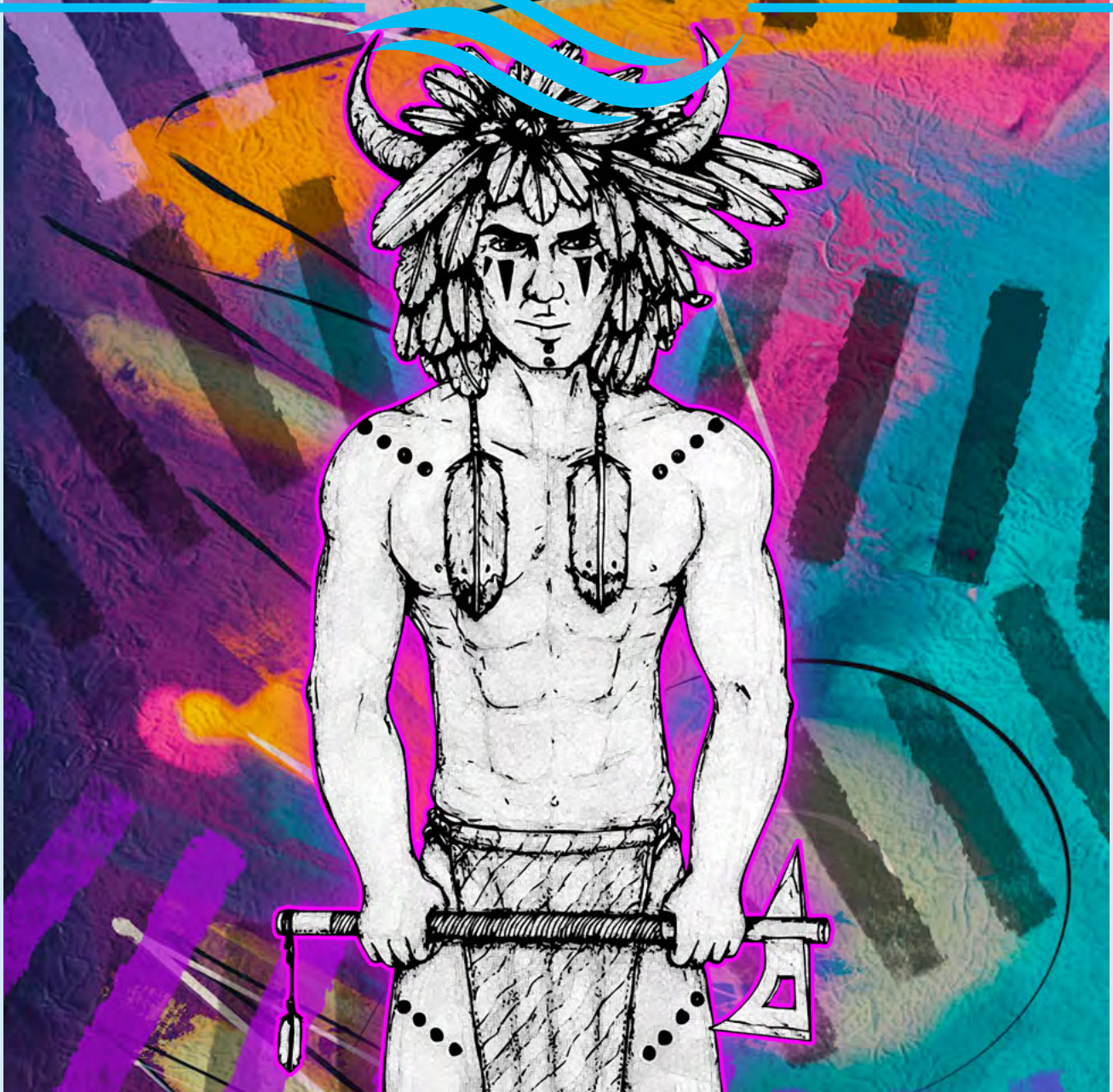


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Elected Officials

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
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		

YOUR
Vote
COUNTS

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 in 2021

**Finishing term that started in 2019

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.



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

Jessica Steinberg

E: jessicasteinberg@lrboi-nsn.gov

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.



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

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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

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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



LRBOI 2025 Holidays & Closures

We want to keep you informed about upcoming holidays and office closures for LRBOI government offices in 2025. Below, you'll find 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.

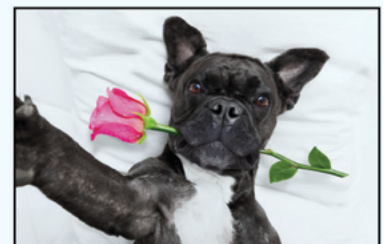
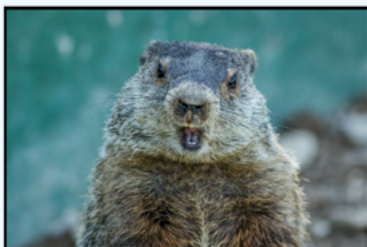
Observed: Wednesday, December 24

Half day closure. Closed Noon-5pm

Christmas Day

When: December 25.

Observed: Thursday, December 25



UPCOMING EVENTS

More information and a complete list of scheduled events and meetings are available on the LRBOI Calendar of Events. The Calendar of Events is on the main page of our website at <https://lrboi-nsn.gov> under the News section. It is also accessible from the Citizen Communication page under Legislative.

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. Our new website launched August 2024.

February

Feb 4 - Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony - Samaritas of Spring Lake (LRH)

March

Mar 15 - Polar Plunge

Mar 22 - Round Dance

April

Apr 5 - Baby Shower

(Tribal Children Born in 2024)

May

May 5 - March for MMIP

May 17 - Tightlines for Troops



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FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN

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You do not want to miss the 2025 Silent Auction

2025 Awards:
Best Plunge
Best Costume
Oldest / Youngest Plunger
Most Money Raised by an Individual

HOSTED BY:
Little River CASINO RESORT

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For More Information, please contact: Stephanie Graham * 989.429.7295 * plungemi@soml.org

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2025
MARCH FOR
MMIP

MISSING + MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

MAY 5 | NOON - 3 PM

Ah-Nab-Awen Park
220 Front Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI
49504

This event is rain or shine. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs.



JUDICIAL ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Pursuant to the Budget and Appropriations Act of 2013, Ordinance #13-100-04, Section 5.02(d), the Judicial Branch establishes the following list of essential services, in order of priority, in the event of a budget revenue shortfall.

Essential Services – Court

1. Criminal jurisdiction/court of LR ordinances and laws.
2. Child Welfare cases.
3. Child support foreign judgment enforcement.
4. Civil jurisdiction/court for LR ordinances and laws (this includes traffic violations and civil infractions at the LR Casino/Resort)
5. Personal Protection Order issuance and enforcement. (which can also be attained at the county court in which the petitioner lives)

Pursuant to the Act, this list shall be published in the Currents in January of each year.



ENROLLMENT SERVICES UPDATE

The Enrollment Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) is dedicated to managing and safeguarding vital records for tribal citizens. Its responsibilities include updating beneficiary information, maintaining accurate addresses, and ensuring the efficient distribution of per capita payments and bereavement benefits. The department's efforts significantly impact tribal communication, resource allocation, and financial support systems.

Keeping beneficiary information current is essential for ensuring that per capita payments and bereavement benefits are distributed according to your wishes. Designating beneficiaries is a critical step in protecting your family's financial security. It is recommended to review and update beneficiary information following significant life events such as marriage, divorce, the birth or adoption of a child, or the passing of a loved one. Even without such events, it is prudent to revisit this information every two to three years to confirm its accuracy.

Forms for updating beneficiary information are available on the LRBOI website under Enrollment. Taking these steps ensures your financial resources are distributed as intended and reflects your most current wishes.



Enrollment Services Update continued



Maintaining accurate address records is equally vital. The Enrollment Department relies on up-to-date addresses to deliver critical tribal communications, including per capita checks. Address errors can result in delays, returned mail, and additional expenses for the tribe. When mail is returned, further mailings are paused until the address is corrected. This measure helps the tribe allocate resources more efficiently.

Tribal citizens are encouraged to update their addresses promptly using forms available on the LRBOI website to avoid disruptions in mail delivery and ensure timely receipt of payments and information.

The Enrollment Department serves as the central hub for ensuring that the tribe's records are accurate and up to date. Its efforts directly benefit tribal citizens by facilitating the smooth functioning of support systems and the equitable distribution of resources.

By actively engaging in processes such as updating beneficiary information and correcting addresses you contribute to the tribe's efficiency and collective well-being. Visit the Enrollment Department's webpage to access forms and additional resources.

Together, we can uphold the tribe's strength, unity, and ability to support its citizens effectively.

ELECTION BOARD MEETINGS



Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates | Submit Questions Deadline

February 20 18	May 15 13	August 21 19	November 20 18
March 20 18	June 19 17	September 18 16	
April 17 15	July 17 15	October 16 14	

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.

Election Board Calendar of Important Dates

February

- 02/14 - Registration deadline to vote in the Regular election.

March

- 03/07 - Ballots mailed out for Regular election.

April

- 04/04 - Deadline to request replacement ballots.
- 04/25 - Regular Election Day.
- 04/28 - Deadline for Regular Election winners to withdraw, via email by 5pm.

May

- 05/01 - Deadline for challenges and/or recounts.
- 05/02 - Deadline for finance reports from candidates.

Offices to be elected on 4/25/2025

- At-Large - 1 seat
- Outlying Council - 2 seats
- Nine County Council - 2 seats
- Office of Election Board - 3 seats
- Associate Judge - 1 seat

The Regular Election will be conducted by secret mail in ballot as well as in person voting. In person voting hours for the General Election are 3pm to 6pm. Ballot counting for the Regular Election will begin at 12:30pm. Ballot counting and in person voting shall be held in the Lodge located inside the Government Center at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI.

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THE
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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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

February 5	March 5	April 2	May 7	June 4	July 9	August 6
February 12	March 12	April 9	May 14	June 11	July 16	August 13
February 19	March 19	April 16	May 21	June 18	July 23	August 20
February 26	March 26	April 23	May 28	June 25		August 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://zoom.us/j/99705796129>
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866
Zoom Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129
Zoom Passcode: 1836

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OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION

Total Number of Registered Voters:	1138
Number of Ballots Issued:	1138
Number of Replacement Ballots Issued:	4
Number of Ballots Received:	676
Number of "Undeliverable" Official Election Ballot Envelopes:	8
Number of Spoiled Ballots:	1
Number of Rejected Ballots:	1
Number of Unidentifiable Ballots:	1
Number of Ballots received from prior elections:	0
List of ties and final results of the tie:	0

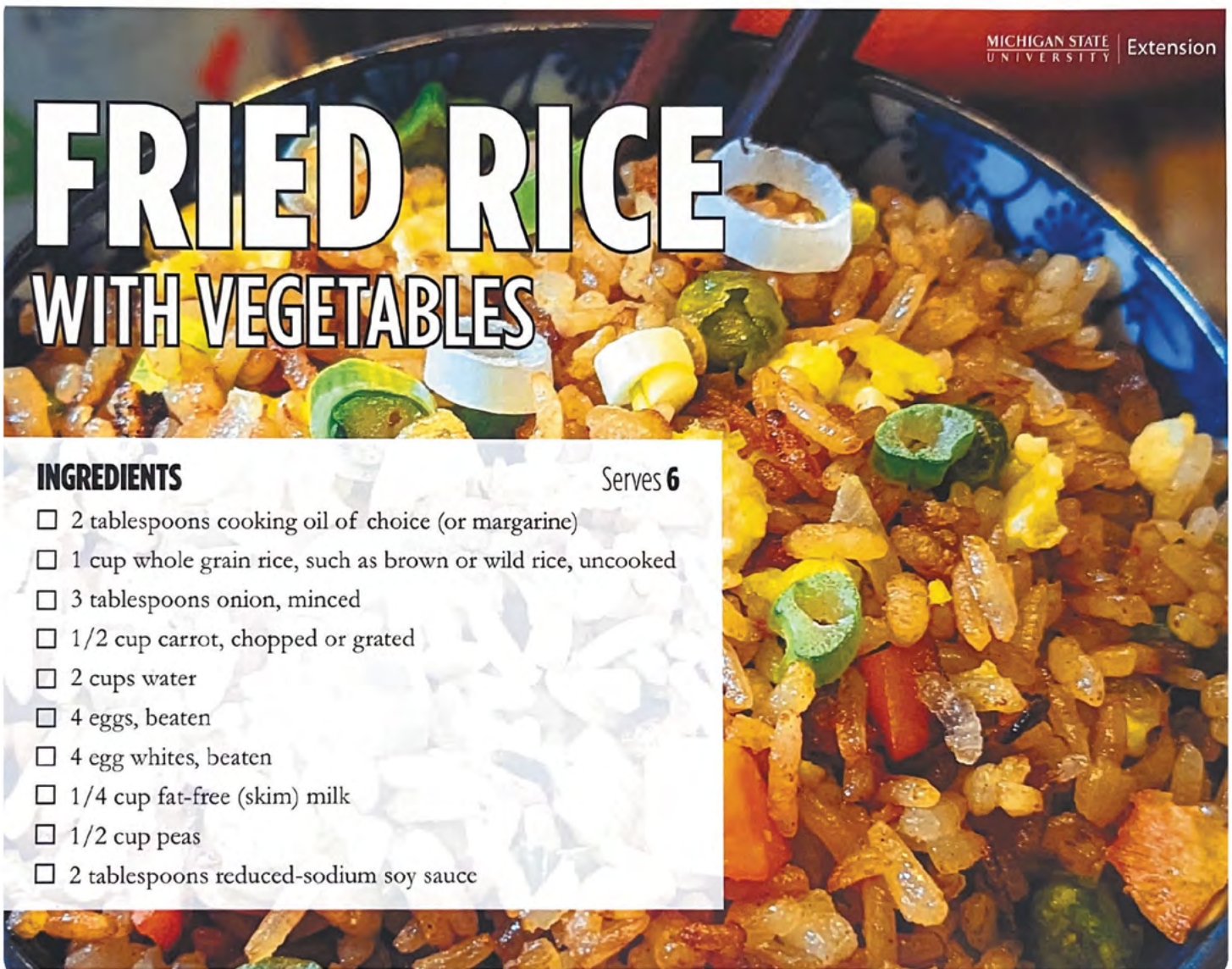
This Election Board certifies the total votes cast for each candidate for the January 17, 2025 Primary Election.

Council - 9 County	Total votes		
Michael J. Ceplina—Advancing to the Regular Election	57	Total Eligible to register as of 7/1/2024:	3652
Kimberly Crampton (Kequom)	42	Percentage Registered as of 11/1/2024	31%
Debra Davis-- Advancing to the Regular Election	46	Registered Voters	1138
Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees Bak Tunse)— Advancing to the Regular Election	157	Total Ballots Cast:	676
Martha Howell	43	Voter Participation from 1138 registered:	59%
Don Koon-- Advancing to the Regular Election	53	Outlying Ballots Cast:	337
Jessica Steinberg—Advancing to the Regular Election	108	9 County Ballots Cast:	339
Connie L. Waitner— Advancing to the Regular Election	84		
Victoria Wells	28		
Shirley Marie Wever	31		
Council - At Large	Total votes		
DiAnna Lynn Harris	104		
John Jerome Pabami— Advancing to the Regular Election	155		
Melinda Smith— Advancing to the Regular Election	138		
Julie Wolfe— Advancing to the Regular Election	269		

The Election Board certifies that this is the Official Election Results for the January 17, 2025, Primary Election. The report is being provided as required pursuant to the Election Board Regulations. Part II. Voting & Elections, Chapter 3. Conducting Elections, Section 11. Reporting Election Results.

COOKING FROM THE PANTRY

JANUARY 15 MENU INCLUDED FRIED RICE WITH VEGETABLES!



**FRIED RICE
WITH VEGETABLES**

INGREDIENTS

- ☐ 2 tablespoons cooking oil of choice (or margarine)
- ☐ 1 cup whole grain rice, such as brown or wild rice, uncooked
- ☐ 3 tablespoons onion, minced
- ☐ 1/2 cup carrot, chopped or grated
- ☐ 2 cups water
- ☐ 4 eggs, beaten
- ☐ 4 egg whites, beaten
- ☐ 1/4 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- ☐ 1/2 cup peas
- ☐ 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

Serves 6

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Cooking from the Pantry continued



DIRECTIONS

1. Wash hands with soap and warm water. Clean cooking area.
2. In a large frying pan over medium heat, cook rice, minced onion, and carrots in oil, stirring often until lightly browned.
3. Slowly add water. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, about 20 minutes.
4. Beat eggs in bowl. Stir in milk, peas, and soy sauce. Pour over hot rice mixture in fry pan.
5. Cook on medium heat. As mixture begins to thicken, gently draw a spatula across bottom and sides of pan. This allows egg mixture to cook. Continue until eggs are firm.

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RECIPE SOURCE: Adapted from Flavorful Fried Rice, University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service Family Living Program

Caitlin Lorenc
Food Access Educator | Senior Project Fresh Program Lead

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CHILDREN (BORN IN
2024) & PARENTS

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH
AFTER THE MEMBERSHIP
MEETING 4-7PM

**CALL AMBER AT
(231) 398-6707
TO REGISTER TODAY!
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ---->**



LOCATION: AKI COMMUNITY CENTER, 2953
SHAW BE QUO-UNG (OFF DONTZ RD.),
MANISTEE MI, 49660



2025 POLAR PLUNGE

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN
PRESENTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



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Saturday, March 15, 2025

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2700 Orchard Highway - Manistee

11:00 am Registration / Check-In Opens

1:00 pm Parade of Costumes and Take the Plunge!

After-Splash Bash & Awards immediately following.



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Silent Auction

2025 Awards:

Best Plunge

Best Costume

Oldest / Youngest Plunger

Most Money Raised by an Individual

For More Information, please contact: Stephanie Graham * 989.429.7295 * plungemi@somi.org

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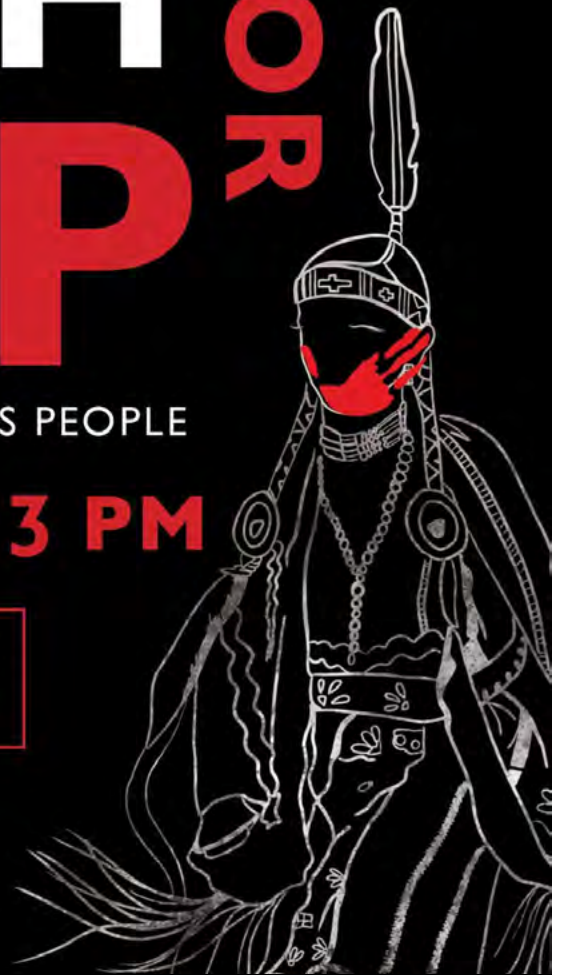
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MAY 5 | NOON - 3 PM

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**FREE
FOR VETS**



50/50
Raffle
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DRAWINGS

This event provides veterans with a day of fun and camaraderie,
and thanks them for their outstanding service to our country.

May 16 & 17, 2025

Lake Michigan, Manistee, Michigan

2025 TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS

**Fishing Tournament
for Michigan Veterans**

www.tightlinesfortroops.com

Friday, May 16	5:00 pm	Mandatory: Registration/Dinner for captains and all Tight Lines participants of Boat and Pier/Shore Division. All invited participants MUST register at this time. Manistee Iron Works, 254 River Street, Manistee, Michigan
Saturday, May 17		Tight Lines For Troops Tournament Begins Big Lake Division: Team entry - weigh your biggest fish. Pier/Shore Division: Individual entry - weigh your biggest fish. (Participants in both divisions are eligible for all activities and prizes)
	6:30 am	Shotgun start at the Manistee Harbor Pier heads. Participants must be ready to board buses by 5:00 am at Manistee Iron Works, 254 River Street, Manistee, MI (*unless otherwise directed.) Pier/Shore fishermen in position at 6:00 am. Box lunch provided for each participant.
	12:30 pm	Boats gather outside the Pier Heads; Pier/Shore fishermen must pull lines. Proceed to Manistee 1st Street Boat Launch Area Flag Welcome begins - Downtown Riverwalk
	1:00 pm	Weigh-in begins at Manistee 1st Street Boat Launch Area , Manistee, Michigan. Dinner and Awards immediately following
	5:00 pm	Raffle Prize Drawing at Little River Casino Resort

For sponsorship opportunities, donations or other information contact:

Bob Guenthardt at 231.723.3282 • renegade22@att.net • www.tightlinesfortroops.com

Priority given to WWII and Korean War Veterans, POW's and Purple Heart Recipients.

Veterans pay no charter fees, entry fees or banquet fees!

**Manistee
Iron Works**



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**Manistee Area
Fishing Boats**

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS ROUND DANCE

MARCH 22, 2025

PIPE CARRIER

JD Gibson

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Paul Syrette

STICKMAN

Mike Medawis

INVITED YOUTH SINGERS

Caleb Steingold, Allegan, MI

Carter Boda, Little Traverse Bay Bands

Odawa Indians, MI

INVITED SINGERS

Vito Buckanaga, Minisinaakwaang

Floyd Silas III, Oneida, WI

Michael Naganashe, Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa Indians, MI

Patrick Naganashe, Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa Indians, MI

John Warren, Dowagiac, MI

Sedrick Hindsley, Black Duck, MN

Owym Zapata, Pine Creek Reservation

SPECIALS

Best Beadwork Bling

Potato Dance

Youth Side Step

Spot Dances

First 10 singers that register will receive an Honorarium

Pipe Ceremony at 6 pm feast to follow

11:30 Memorial Honor Dance

Midnight lunch

Giveaway at 1 am

LITTLE RIVER CASINO EVENT CENTER

LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS NEWSLETTER



LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS

Little River Holdings is enthusiastic about welcoming the new year, filled with optimism regarding the adjustments from 2024. In addition, LRH is eager to observe the direction in which our strategic business development initiatives and forthcoming growth strategies will lead us.

MANISTEE GATEWAY PROJECT

The timeline for the gateway project is progressing well. Little River Development is scheduled to commence construction Quarter 3 of 2025.

LITTLE RIVER GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

LRGC currently holds 14 active contracts and has received 17 awards to date, positioning the organization for a profitable year-end. Additionally, there are 4 proposals presently under review by the US government for potential approval.



JANUARY 16, 2025

LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS NEWSLETTER

NATIVE SOURCE RESTAURANT GROUP



LRH is excited to announce the Grand Opening of our latest Wahlburgers Restaurant at Comanche Cache Casino in Cache, OK, scheduled for February 2025. This venue will feature Wahlburgers' renowned burgers, hand-spun shakes, and traditional comfort food, all set within a vibrant, music-infused environment that is ideal for families, friends, and enthusiasts. This marks NSRG's fifth operational location to date.

Little River Development

LRH is deeply committed to valuing the perspectives and insights of Tribal Citizens. During the Membership Meetings, numerous individuals expressed interest in the development of ancestral lands. As a result, LRH is proactively exploring strategies to promote economic growth within the nine-county service area.



Sustainability through Economic Sovereignty

**WE INVITE YOU TO DISCOVER OUR
INITITIVES AND SHARE
ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE**



CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Meeting Dates

January 13, 2025

July 7, 2025

March 3, 2025

September 8, 2025

May 5, 2025

November 3, 2025

All meetings are held at 3pm

**MEETING ACCESS CAN BE
FOUND THROUGH THE QR CODE
OR ON WWW.LRHEDC.COM**



 **SCAN ME**

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*

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Mental Health Counselor
Peer Recovery Coach
Director of Commerce
Workforce Development Specialist
Director of Family Services
Prevention Work Specialist
Accounts Payable Clerk
Staff Accountant
Budget/Grant Assistant
Staff Accountant
Nutrition Program Coordinator
Help Desk Technician
Operation Engineer
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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!



Fast Track Thursdays

Get an instant interview every Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Visit the Human Resources office using the employee entrance near the outer entrance of the River Rock!



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Ph: 231-723-4530





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Conveniently situated at the corner of the US31 and M22 in the charming town of Manistee, Little River Casino Resort is one of the most exciting entertainment destinations in northwest Michigan.

Why Choose us?

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. We offer all types of positions: permanent, seasonal, intermittent, full time and part time.

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Full Time Team Members Enjoy a Suite of Benefits! 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.

Open Positions

Usher

Maintenance Technician 1

Maintenance Tech Trainee

Food Cashier

Count Services Team Member

Count Services Team Lead

Food & Beverage Supervisor

Visit www.LRCR.com for current available positions

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

[January 8, 2025 Minutes](#)

[September 26, 2024 Minutes](#)

[August 8, 2024 Minutes](#)

[July 5, 2024 Minutes](#)

[April 18, 2024 Minutes](#)

- - Minutes are approved but not yet available on the website as of Jan 17, 2025

[October 18, 2023](#)





FAMILY OWNED  AUTO REPAIR

Gremore Garage is a family owned and operated business that offers a small town feel. Both Dylan and wife Tianna are committed to providing the highest quality of automotive services.

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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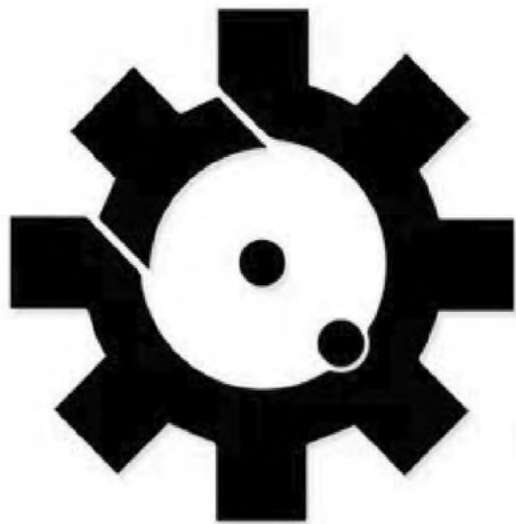
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TACTICAL TREATS

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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