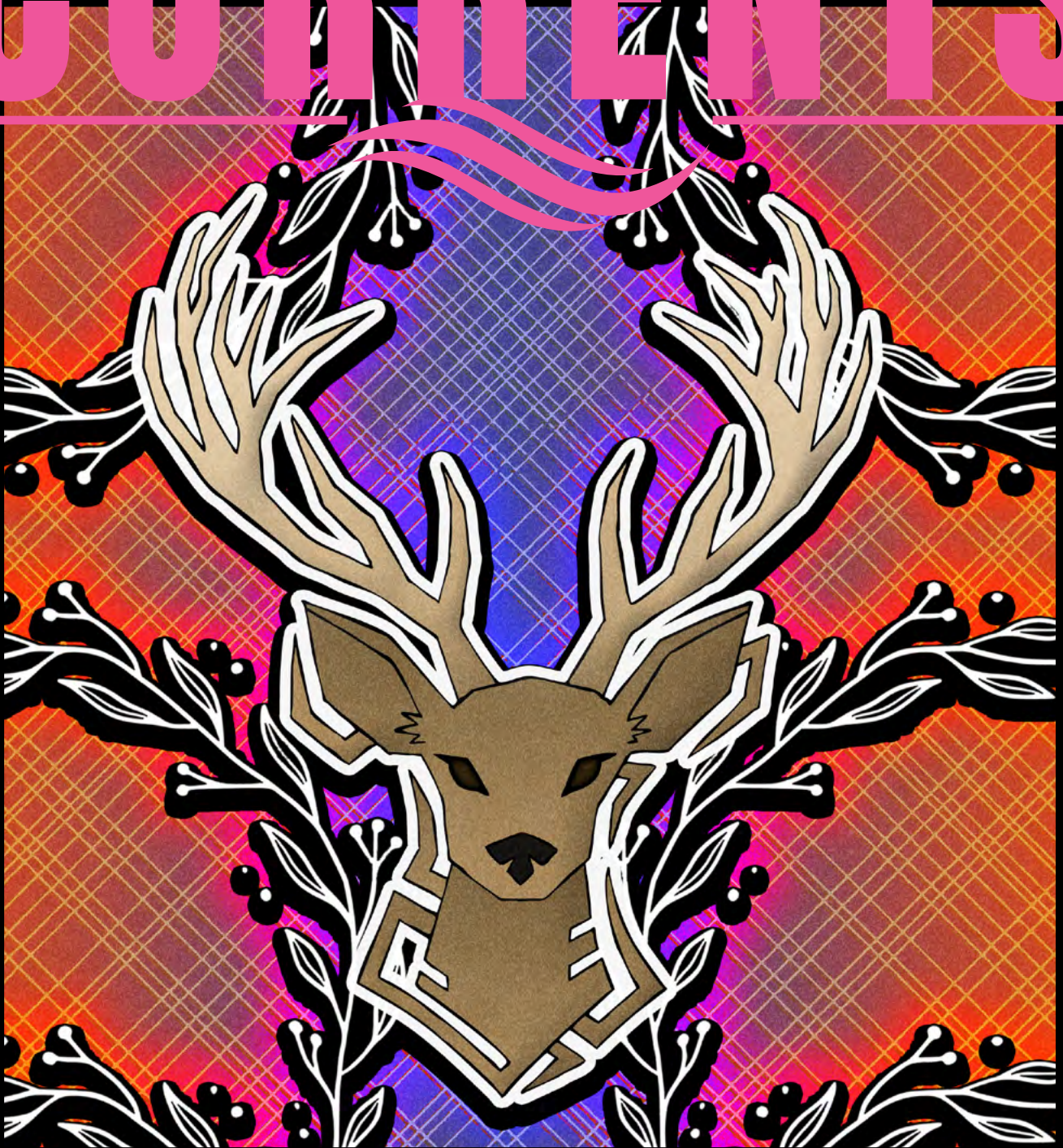


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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS



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.

September 10	October 1	November 5	December 3
September 17	October 8	November 12	December 10
September 24	October 15	November 19	December 17
	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.

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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 26, 2025](#)

[March 5, 2025](#)

[March 12, 2025](#)

[March 19, 2025](#)

[March 27, 2025](#)

[April 16, 2025](#)

[April 23, 2025](#)

[May 7, 2025](#)

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[July 9, 2025](#)

[July 16, 2025](#)

[July 23, 2025](#)

[July 30, 2025](#)

[August 6, 2025](#)

The link to the April 16, 2025 Minutes will be added once its posted on the website.



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

When on the newspaper 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

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.

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On-Line: Zoom Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99808338390>
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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

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September

- Sept 3 - Baby Blanket Class
- Sept 6 - Elder's Meeting
- Sept 6 - 22nd Nme (Sturgeon) Release
- Sept 8 - Citizen Advisory Board Meeting for the Little River Holdings (EDC)
- Sept 10 - Baby Blanket Class
- Sept 21 - Manoomin (Rice) Camp

October

- Oct 4 - Fall Membership Meeting
- Oct 11 - Elder's Meeting
- Oct 22 - Cooking Class making Applesauce
- Oct 29 - Cooking Class

November

- Nov 3 - Citizen Advisory Board Meeting for the Little River Holdings (EDC)
- Nov 7 - Elder's Christmas Party
- Nov 8 - Elder's Conference
- Nov 9 - Elder's Meeting

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

Suicide affects millions of people and touches every community across the U.S. Parents, caregivers, friends, neighbors; we're all, in some way, impacted by suicide in our everyday lives. Learn how to support your community: samhsa.gov/suicide

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

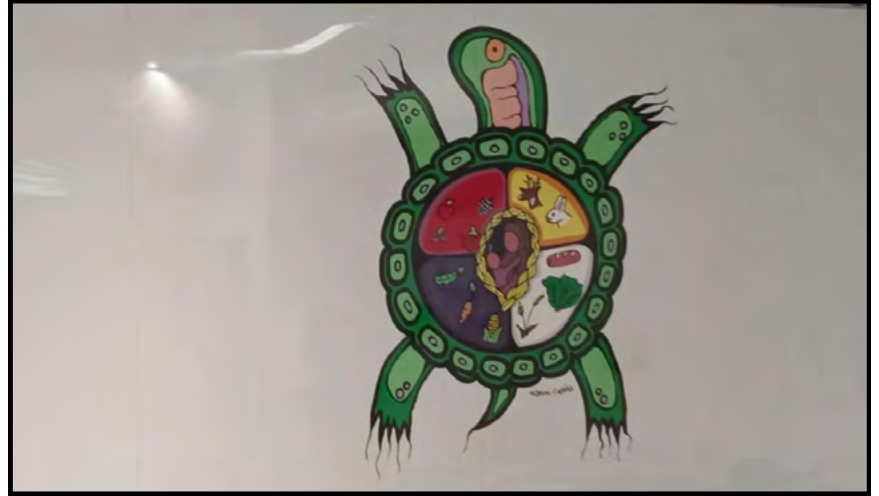


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Share Your News



Kateri Ceplina - Designed Logo for the Food & Nutrition Center



Our community is filled with incredible achievements and joyful milestones, and we want to celebrate them together.

Whether it's a graduation, wedding, anniversary, baby announcement, special birthday, job promotion, artistic award, or any other proud moment, your story matters. Every bit of good news, big or small, has the power to uplift others, spark inspiration, and spread positivity across our Nation.

Your journey could be the one that motivates someone else to reach higher, dream bigger, or simply smile a little more.

Let's come together and showcase our strength, resilience, and creativity. 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

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.



MISSING & ENDANGERED ALERT SYSTEM



The Missing and Endangered Persons alert system was created to address a dangerous gap in the nation's emergency communications. Every year, tens of thousands of people go missing who do not meet the criteria for an AMBER Alert. These include adults, elders, individuals with disabilities, and those with cognitive impairments. Many of these cases involve vulnerable populations, such as Indigenous people and Black communities, who face disproportionately high rates of disappearance yet often receive little public attention.

In early 2024, the Federal Communications Commission recognized this need and proposed a new dedicated alert code. By August 2024, the FCC unanimously approved the Missing and Endangered Persons code, or MEP, integrating it into both the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts. This means that beginning September 8, 2025, law enforcement agencies will be able to issue alerts about missing endangered persons directly to the public through television, radio, and mobile phones.

The MEP alert is designed to standardize and expand on similar state-level systems such as Ashanti Alerts, Silver Alerts, and Feather Alerts. By using a federal event code, it ensures that critical information can move quickly across jurisdictions, increasing the likelihood of finding a missing person in time. Through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, the MEP code will be available to approved alert originators, including Tribal, state, and local law enforcement. This allows a consistent and coordinated response across the country.

The system's creation was driven in part by years of advocacy from Native Public Media, Tribal nations, and other organizations that called for a culturally sensitive, life-saving tool. Public broadcasting stations in Tribal and rural communities play a critical role in delivering these alerts, especially where internet or cell coverage is unreliable. These stations often serve as the most trusted and immediate source of emergency information.

However, the system's future effectiveness faces challenges. Public media stations rely heavily on funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) for equipment, training, and emergency broadcasting infrastructure. The proposed defunding of CPB could leave many Tribal and rural stations unable to carry MEP alerts where they are most needed. Thirty-six Tribal public broadcasting stations currently receive CPB Community Service Grants. Without these resources, their ability to participate in the MEP alert system would be compromised.

The FCC has tried to address these infrastructure needs through the Next Generation Warning System Grant Program, awarding funds to CPB to help public media stations improve their alerting capabilities. While a legal dispute temporarily froze the release of these funds, FEMA resumed reimbursements and grant reviews in April 2025. This has provided short-term relief, but the threat of reduced CPB funding remains a significant concern.

The launch of the MEP alert system marks a historic step forward in public safety. It will expand the nation's ability to respond to missing persons cases that have too often been overlooked, giving vulnerable individuals a better chance of being found. Its success, however, depends on sustained funding, strong infrastructure, and a commitment to reaching every community, no matter how remote.

Lives will be saved by this system, but only if it reaches the people it was designed to protect. On September 8, 2025, the MEP alert will go live.



RECYCLING: PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



Recycling is one of the most effective and accessible ways for individuals and communities to reduce their impact on the environment. By taking a few simple steps, we can conserve natural resources, reduce pollution, save energy, and cut down on the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and incinerators. The benefits are far-reaching, touching everything from cleaner air and water to stronger local economies.

When we recycle, we keep valuable materials in use rather than letting them go to waste. Producing new products from raw materials such as mining metals, cutting down trees, or drilling for oil requires significant amounts of energy and water and creates harmful emissions. Recycling reduces the need for these resource-heavy processes. For example, recycling aluminum saves up to 95% of the energy required to make it from raw bauxite ore, while recycling paper reduces water and energy usage and prevents millions of trees from being cut down each year.

Recycling also helps limit greenhouse gas emissions. Landfills are a major source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. By diverting waste away from landfills, we help slow climate change. Additionally, less litter means cleaner landscapes, healthier wildlife habitats, and reduced plastic pollution in our waterways.

Programs vary by region, many communities accept the following items for curbside or drop-off recycling:

- Paper and cardboard: newspapers, magazines, office paper, cereal boxes, shipping boxes (flattened).
- Glass: bottles and jars (usually clear, green, and brown glass).
- Metals: aluminum cans, steel cans, and tin cans.

Recycling continued

- Plastics: typically marked with recycling symbols #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE), such as water bottles, milk jugs, and detergent containers. Some areas also accept #3–#7 plastics.
- Special recyclables: electronics, batteries, textiles, and appliances, often collected separately from household recyclables.

It is important to check local recycling guidelines, as not all facilities accept the same materials. Items contaminated with food, such as greasy pizza boxes, may not be recyclable in standard curbside programs.

Recycling works best when items are clean, dry, and sorted correctly. A few key steps can make a big difference:

- Rinse containers to remove food or liquid residue.
- Flatten boxes to save space.
- Keep items loose - do not bag recyclables unless instructed by your program.
- Follow local rules about sorting materials, acceptable plastics, and whether lids or labels should be removed.

Improper recycling, known as “wishcycling,” where people put non-recyclables in the bin hoping they can be recycled can cause entire batches of materials to be discarded, wasting both time and resources.

Most communities offer curbside pickup programs, allowing residents to place recyclables in designated bins for regular collection. If curbside service is not available, drop-off recycling centers and transfer stations often accept a wide range of materials. Specialty items like electronics, hazardous waste, tires, and scrap metal are usually handled at designated collection events or through retail take-back programs offered by hardware stores, grocery stores, or electronics retailers.

Websites like Earth911.com or local government pages can help you find the nearest recycling location for specific materials.

Recycling is not just an individual choice, it's a collective responsibility. When households, businesses, and institutions work together, the impact multiplies. By recycling effectively, we reduce strain on landfills, conserve resources for future generations, and protect our air, water, and land from unnecessary harm.

Each bottle, can, or box we recycle is a step toward a cleaner, more sustainable world. It is a simple action with powerful results and one we can all take part in starting today.



SPEAKING, ANISHINAABEMOWIN, THE LANGUAGE OF OUR ANCESTORS IN OUR GOVERNANCE



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Al Metzger, Connie Waitner, Susan Thull, Julie Wolfe, Shannon Crampton,
Gary DiPiazza, Ron Wittenberg, Tammy Burmeister, & Misty Silvis

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council has taken an important step in honoring and preserving our culture by incorporating Anishinaabemowin, our traditional language, into the official processes of governance. On June 18, 2025, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Councilor Al Metzger made a motion to make Anishinaabemowin and American English the official languages during council meetings and the only acceptable form of response. The motion was more than procedural. It was a reaffirmation of our identity, our sovereignty, and the voices of those who came before us.

This decision is part of a growing, living tradition within our government. For some time now, several council members have been responding to roll call and casting votes using Anishinaabemowin instead of English.

Their participation using Anishinaabemowin terms is a visible step toward weaving our language back into the fabric of official Tribal affairs. Four councilors, Gary DiPiazza, Ron Wittenberg, Julie Wolfe, and Al Metzger, have been regularly speaking the language. In the recent Tribal Council voting, the use of Anishinaabemowin is evident with the words “Kaa” and “Enh” being used to record the votes of council members. “Enh” translates to “yes,” showing agreement or support, while “Kaa” translates to “no,” expressing disagreement or opposition.

Speaking Anishinaabemowin continued

Before colonization, the Anishinaabek had their own deeply rooted systems of governance, decision-making, and consensus-building. Leaders were chosen for their wisdom, experience, and ability to serve the people. Decisions were often made through extended discussion, listening to all voices in the community, and striving for unity. Anishinaabemowin was central to these gatherings. Every word reflected a relationship with the land, the spirits, and the people. The incorporation of Anishinaabemowin in today's Tribal Council votes is not a symbolic gesture, it is a living continuation of our governance traditions, linking the present-day Council with the fireside councils of our ancestors.

Language revitalization is more than preserving words in a book or classroom. It is about bringing our language to life in everyday use; in our homes, in our community gatherings, and in the leadership of our Nation. By speaking and hearing Anishinaabemowin in decision-making spaces, we affirm that our governance is not only modern and effective but also rooted in our values and identity as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

This choice honors our ancestors, strengthens our cultural sovereignty, and inspires the next generation to continue learning, speaking, and carrying Anishinaabemowin forward. It reminds us that our language is not just a relic of the past but a guiding voice for our present and future.



Anishinaabemowin Language Resource

Anishinaabemdaa.com is a website created in coordination with Kenny Pheasant during his tenure with LRBOI. Below are links to pages on the website for your learning pleasure. Hear the word or phrase in Anishinaabemowin, see the spelling and the English translation

Greetings and Farewells

Animals, Birds, Insects & Fish

Clothing

Telling Time

Transportation Vehicle

Inanimate Food

Cooking and Eating

Household Items

Liquid



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THE LEGEND OF SLEEPING BEAR DUNES



The Legend of the Sleeping Bear Dunes: A Mother's Love That Never Fades A Story from the Anishinaabe Oral Tradition

Long before highways and towns touched the Lake Michigan shoreline, the land and waters were as they had always been, wild, free, and alive with stories. The Anishinaabe people tell many such stories, for every ridge, island, and river carries a memory. Along the northwestern shore of what is now Michigan's Lower Peninsula, there rises a massive dune that holds one of the most tender of these tales, a story of love, loss, and patience beyond measure.

It is said that long ago, a great forest fire swept through the land that is now Wisconsin. The flames moved quickly, swallowing the trees and filling the air with thick black smoke. In that forest lived a mother bear and her two young cubs. She sensed the danger before they saw it, and her heart filled with fear. She knew they could not outrun the fire on land. Their only hope was to cross the great body of water to the east, Lake Michigan, and find safety on the distant shore.

The mother bear gathered her cubs at the water's edge. The smoke already stung their eyes. Behind them, the sky glowed with a fierce orange light, and the air was hot and heavy. She told them they must swim with all their strength, and that they would not stop until they reached the other side.

The three bears plunged into the cold water. The mother swam ahead, calling back encouragement to her cubs. The waves were strong, and the journey was long. Still, they pushed forward, paddling day and night, the scent of smoke fading behind them as the promise of safety grew ahead.

But Lake Michigan is vast and unforgiving. The cubs began to tire. The mother slowed her pace to stay close, urging them onward. She spoke words of love and encouragement, telling them of the warm, sandy shore that awaited them.

Hours turned into a day, and the day into another night. The mother's muscles ached, but she dared not rest. The shore was finally in sight, a long line of golden sand against the horizon. Her heart lifted. They were going to make it. But when she looked back, the sight stopped her breath. Her cubs had fallen far behind. Their strokes were slow and uneven. She called to them, her voice breaking with desperation. She swam toward them, but the cold and the distance had already taken their toll. One by one, the cubs slipped beneath the water and did not rise again.

The mother bear swam on, tears in her eyes, her body heavy with grief. She reached the shore at last, exhausted, and climbed onto the sand. She turned back to the lake, searching the surface for any sign of her little ones. None came. Unable to leave, she lay down on the dune and kept her vigil, eyes fixed on the water. Days passed. The wind swept sand around her body. Seasons changed, and still she waited, hoping to see her cubs emerge from the lake. The Creator, moved by her devotion, transformed her into a great mound of sand so that she could watch the water forever without tiring. The winds covered her with dune grass, and her form became part of the land itself.

To honor the cubs, the Creator formed two small islands in the lake, North and South Manitou, marking the place where each had disappeared beneath the waves. These islands remain to this day, just offshore from the Sleeping Bear Dune, a reminder of the family that was separated but never forgotten.

To our Anishinaabe people, this is not merely a tale of loss. It is a story of the strength of love, a love so deep it endures through time, weather, and change. It teaches that devotion is not measured by what we gain, but by what we are willing to give, even when hope seems gone. It also reminds us that the land and waters are not silent or empty, they hold the memories of those who came before, if we listen.

Travelers today who visit Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore see the massive dune rising above the shoreline. From its crest, they can look out across the waters to the Manitou Islands. Many admire the beauty without knowing the story, but those who do understand that they are standing in a place shaped not only by wind and time but by love and sorrow. The land becomes more than scenery, it becomes a storyteller.

In Anishinaabe tradition, such stories are not told simply for entertainment. They are teachings. The tale of the Sleeping Bear urges us to recognize that love, once given, leaves a lasting mark on the world. It is also a lesson in patience and perseverance, for the mother bear's watch has not ended. In the way of the spirit, she still keeps vigil, her gaze locked on the horizon.

Some elders say that when the lake is very still and the light is right, you can see the mother's reflection in the water, waiting. Others say that in the quiet of the evening, if you listen closely, you may hear her breath in the wind moving over the dune grass, soft and steady as the rhythm of a long swim.

The story also reminds us of the deep connection between people and place. The Sleeping Bear Dunes, the Manitou Islands, and Lake Michigan are not random formations, they are a family, forever linked by the events of long ago. To care for them is to honor the memory they hold. Protecting the land and waters is not just about preservation, it is an act of respect for the lives and lessons they carry.

When Anishinaabe children hear this story, they learn that the land itself is alive with relationships. The mother bear's love for her cubs is no different from the love we hold for our own families. Her loss is not so distant from losses we may face. And her transformation into the dune teaches that even in sorrow, there can be purpose and legacy.

The dune still stands, though wind and erosion have shaped and reshaped it over centuries. Scientists can measure the changes, but they cannot measure the weight of the story that lives there. That belongs to the people, carried forward in memory and in voice.

So when you next see the Sleeping Bear Dune, do not see it as just a hill of sand. See the mother bear who waits, steadfast in her love. See the two islands resting in the blue waters, each one a promise that the cubs are remembered. And know that you are looking at more than a landscape, you are looking at a living lesson from the heart of Anishinaabe tradition.

May her love remind us to hold fast to those who matter most, to endure through hardship, and to see the places we inhabit not only with our eyes but with our hearts.



FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOTEL BLOCK INFORMATION



We've secured a special group rate for attendees of the Fall Membership Meeting at Little River Casino Resort.

[Book your room here: Little River Casino Booking Link](https://book.rguest.com/wbe/group/1190/Little-River-Casino/auth)

<https://book.rguest.com/wbe/group/1190/Little-River-Casino/auth>

Group Code: 651

Password: 29576339

Rate: \$99 + taxes per night

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

Little River
CASINO RESORT



TAX EXEMPT PURCHASES AT LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST

LITTLE RIVER
TRADING POST

NEAR LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT



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.

Gift Shop

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.

Dining Discounts

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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EMPLOYEE MOTOR FUEL DISCOUNT

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.

Motor Fuel Discount

Save 5 cents per gallon on motor fuel. Available to all team members who work for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Little River Casino Resort. Valid employee ID must be presented at time of purchase. Team member discount MAY be used with the Tribal citizen tax exemption.



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

Save 5 cents per gallon on motor fuel. Available to anyone paying for their gas purchase with cash.

Cash discount MAY be used with the team member discount **AND** the tribal citizen tax exemption.

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📣 Wahlburgers Growth Update

Despite recent re-shared headlines about past closures at Hy-Vee grocery stores, Wahlburgers is growing fast and gaining momentum.

🚀 Expansion Highlights

- New location opening at Detroit Metro Airport next week
- New restaurants coming to Southern California, Sarasota Airport, and Puerto Rico
- Expanding into casinos, airports, resorts, food trailers, and testing a drive-thru

📺 In the Spotlight

- CEO featured in Food on Demand on digital strategy
- Chef Paul on Fox & Friends with new wings
- Amazon MGM collab launches Sept. 23 for Play Dirty
- Talks with CBS for a tie-in with Boston Blues

☀️ NativeWahl's Role

NativeWahl remains a proud and central part of this continued success.



Join the next Board meeting to learn more or ask questions.



ANISHINAABENDAA MOONS

Answer Key - Puzzle published in August 2025 edition of the Currents

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- B12 Freezing Moon
- D6 Changing Leaves Moon
- D10 Bear Moon
- G14 Berry Moon
- L5 Rice Moon
- O2 Blossom Moon

Down

- E9 Little Spirit Moon
- G4 Falling Leaves Moon
- I6 Sucker Moon
- I10 Sugar Moon
- L4 Snow Crust Moon
- O2 Spirit Moon

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

Payroll/Finance Clerk
Staff Accountant
Workforce Development Specialist
Peer Recovery Coach
Food Distribution Assistant
Nutrition Program Coordinator
Executive Assistant
Receptionist
Legislative In-house Counsel
Court Clerk/Recorder
Language Coordinator
Victim Services Program Manager

Little River Holdings Careers

Marketing & Communications Specialist

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Questions or concerns contact
Alicia Goff at aliciagoff@lrboi-nsn.gov



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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Apply in person at
2700 Orchard Hwy
Manistee, MI
Ph: 231-723-4530





Why Choose us?

We're 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.

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.

Suite of Benefits

Full Time Team Members Enjoy a Suite of Benefits! Benefits include: 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, and Holiday Pay including Your Birthday. Up to 3 weeks of Paid Time Off can be earned in the first year and we offer Flexible Scheduling.

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Customer Service Associate
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Main Bank Vault Cashier
Table Games Floor Supervisor
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Beverage Service Attendant
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Beverage Manager
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Maintenance Tech I
Food & Beverage Supervisor
Bartender
Club House Associate
EVS Cleaner
Pantry Cook
Food Cashier
Banquet Server
Steward
Nail Technician
High Lift Floor Care Cleaner

Visit www.LRCR.com for current available positions



2025 Veterans Mental Health Summit:

Advancing Mental Health & Wellness for Native American Ogitchedaw (Big Heart Warriors)



Native American adults are more likely to have served in the military than the overall population.

Native American warriors have served in every major U.S. military conflict for more than 200 years.

Firekeepers Casino

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

11177 E. Michigan Ave. | Battle Creek, MI 49014

To register, please use [this link](#) or QR code



For more information, call (269) 966-5600 ext. 31634 or email Russell.Bell@va.gov



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Battle Creek VA Medical Center



Manistee County Suicide Awareness & Prevention Coalition

ANNUAL AWARENESS & PREVENTION EVENT

Join us for an evening of hope, healing, and community support. Together, we can break the silence around suicide, learn how to help ourselves and others, and honor those we've lost.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Guest Speakers

Resource Booths

Free Chair Massages

Balloon Artist

Door Prize

Big Al's Boxed Dinner

Sept. 17th, 2025

4-7pm

Wagoner Community
Center/Senior Center
260 St. Mary's Parkway,
Manistee, MI 49660

FREE EVENT!

Sponsored by LRBOI Be Da Bin Behavioral Health, Manistee Friendship Society & the Manistee County Suicide Awareness & Prevention Coalition

Questions please call Cassandra @ 231-398-0434 or Dottie @ 231-398-6741

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

Do you or someone
you know need
treatment for
stimulant and/or
opiate use?

Funding available for Tribal Members
of Federally recognized Tribes.
Call **Dottie Batchelder-Streeter** at
231-398-6741 to learn more and to
complete paperwork.

Substance Use Treatment Funding Available

"The first step for many
people is asking for help.
The good news is, there's
plenty of people wanting
to help others who are
struggling."

– CHARITY FOUNDER

What is a stimulant? Meth,
cocaine, etc.

What is an opiate? Fentanyl,
heroin, etc.

Treatment Options:
Inpatient, MAT, and Recovery
housing

SUICIDE REMEMBRANCE & PREVENTION WALK 2025

Join us to support our community in a journey of hope, healing, and helping spread awareness around suicide prevention.

There will be speakers, music, poetry, community resources tables, children's activities and a walk of remembrance.



16 SEPTEMBER | 6:00 PM
HACKLEY PARK



***FREE**
OF CHARGE



Register Now!



Weekend Camp for Suicide Loss

Comfort Zone Camp is holding a camp for children ages 7-17, who've experienced the death of a loved one by suicide. The camp is offered at no cost to the families. The camp features a mix of traditional, fun camp activities and also small groups called healing circles where campers gain support, validation and tools to help navigate their loss. Comfort Zone Camp was founded in 1998 and has helped 25,000+ children. This camp is sponsored by The Herbert Adelman Foundation.

September 19-21, 2025

**Camp Tamarack
Ortonville, MI**

- **Ages 7-17**
- **Weekend Sleepover Camp**



Every time they have attended Comfort Zone Camp, they have come home having gained a new level of healing and with new lifelong friends".

- Nick G., Camper Dad

(804) 377-3430 | info@comfortzonecamp.org | Follow Us @comfortzonecamp





Sunday,
September 21, 2025

Hamlin Lake Boat Launch
3686 W Nurnberg, Rd, Free Soil, MI

Learn and Participate in
Manoomin (Wild Rice):

- Tool making —
- Harvesting —
- Processing —

With special presenter Roger LaBine,
of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa Indians

9 am - 4 pm

PUBLIC WELCOME
(If space and resources become limited, Tribal
member participation in hands-on activities
will be prioritized)

HELP US MAKE THIS A WASTE-FREE EVENT

Please bring your own feast bundle
(re-useable bowl, cutlery, drinking cup)



PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Use QR code or registration link below:
tinyurl.com/HamlinManoomin



Sep. 21st
also marks 31 years since the
Little River Band of Ottawa
Indians federal re-recognition!

Presented By:



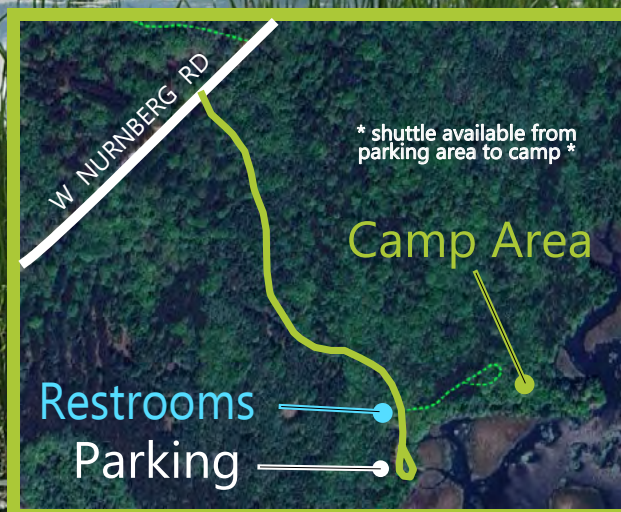
Little River
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Ottawa
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Grand Traverse
Bay Band of
Ottawa and
Chippewa
Indians



Lac Vieux
Desert Band of
Lake
Superior
Chippewa
Indians



Questions?

Contact LRBOI Natural Resources Department
alexisdegabriele@lrboi-nsn.gov (231) 398-2183



Commerce Department Community Outreach
90-Minute Town Hall Q&A
Save The Date(s) Notification

- ♦ Meet the new Director
- ♦ Learn about his vision for the Department
- ♦ This is your Call to Action
- ♦ Now is YOUR time to provide input to shape job opportunities and workforce development policy

In an attempt to provide as many opportunities for you to participate, the Commerce Department is holding at least 6 Outreach Town Hall Meetings. They are:

- ♦ Tuesday, *August 26th: Aki Community Center — Manistee*
- ♦ Thursday, *August 28th: Ellis Tribal Health Clinic — Muskegon*
- ♦ Wednesday, *September 3rd: Online Meeting ***
- ♦ Tuesday, *September 9th: Ellis Tribal Health Clinic — Muskegon ***
- ♦ Wednesday, *September 17th: Aki Community Center — Manistee ***
- ♦ Thursday, *September 18th: Online Meeting*
- ♦ Grand Rapids—TBD

More details for each *6-7:30pm meeting* will be posted/shared via email, Facebook, and word of mouth. You will also be able to find us at the *October 4th Membership Meeting in Manistee*, where I will share the information captured from these town hall sessions.

For more information and to RSVP send an email to
JamesWabindato@lrboi-nsn.gov

(**) *Little River Holdings staff* will be present to talk about job opportunities during the meetings on 9/3, 9/9, and 9/17. (**)

CALLING CRAFTERS

Interested in teaching craft classes?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE CRAFTERS TO SHARE THEIR SKILLS BY TEACHING CLASSES. SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO FILL OUT AN INTEREST FORM.



POSSIBLE CLASSES

- basic sewing skills
- paper piecing
- mending e
- mbroidery (hand
- stitching, cross stitch)
- beading classes
- and more; we're open to
- suggestions

WHY TEACH WITH US?

- \$20/hour for teaching + bonus if class sells out
- instructors are able to use employee discount (restrictions apply)
- supportive teaching environment
- teaching is a great way to learn your craft at a new level!

Interested in teaching craft techniques in the shop or via Zoom? Let us know by filling out our form. If you don't have experiencing teaching art, we offer smaller class sizes and mentorships to help you.

[Form Link](#)



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* Cooking Class

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Join our Cooking Class and uncover the secrets behind
the flavorful and simple applesauce recipe!

OCTOBER 22 AND 29TH
5-7 PM

Food and Nutrition Center, 2967 Dontz Rd.,
Manistee MI 49660

Call Holly at (231) 655-9391 for more info

22nd Nmé (Sturgeon) Release

**Sept. 6,
2025**



10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sturgeon viewing,
rearing facility tours
& yard games

**~12:00 pm: Sturgeon
Release Ceremony**

**Fish released after
ceremony**

**Please join the
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resources Department**

**Please contact the LRBOI NRD
for more details: (231)723-1594**

**Location:
Rainbow Bend
US Forest Service
Manistee River Access**



Kequom's Crafts

Native Made

- Turtle bags
- Chokers
- Dream catchers
- Medicine bags
- Beaded earrings
- Feather earrings
- Bracelets
- Beaded necklaces

Email Steve at
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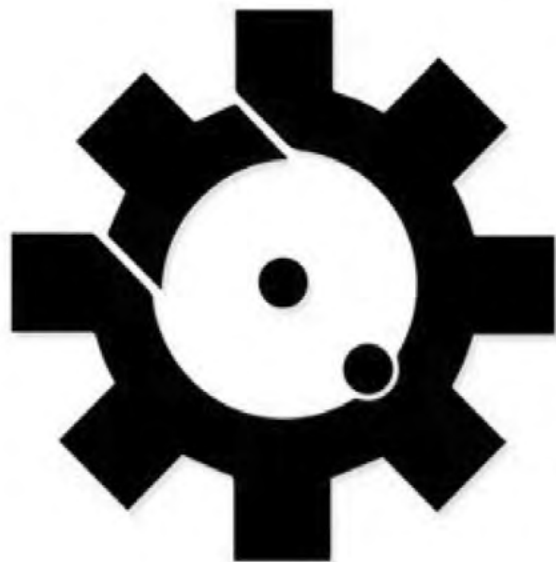
Harper Lou's Bowtique

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.





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.

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