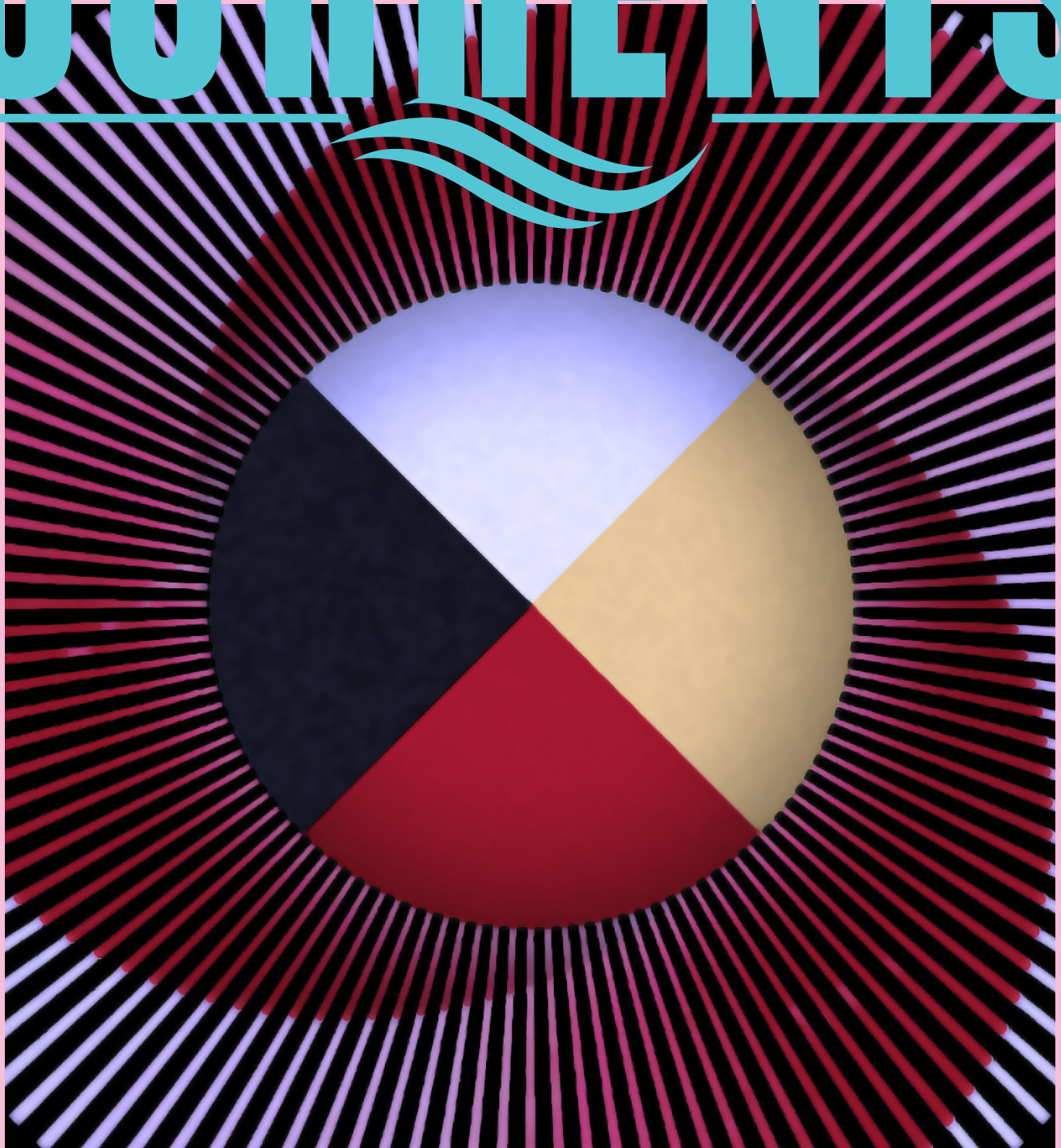


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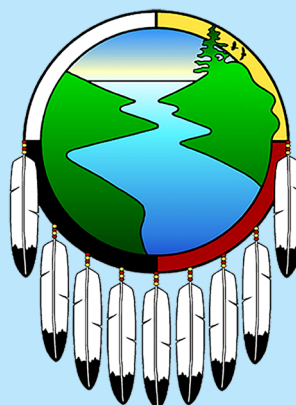
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Tribal Leadership

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

Tribal Council's Meeting Room

Join The Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99705796129?pwd=OWY5SVVnUis4Y0d1aGdqMXBjRjdxZz09>

Meeting ID: 997 0579 6129

Passcode: 1836

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LRBOI Service Location Information

MANISTEE AREA

Tribal Government Center

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

Little River Health Service Center

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

Food Distribution

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

Housing Department

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
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Office: 231-398-6875 / 231-398-6789

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
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Justice Center

3031 Domres Road
Manistee, MI 49660
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Natural Resources

310 Ninth St
Manistee, MI 49660
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MUSKEGON AREA

Tribal Office

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 West Hackley
Muskegon, MI 49441
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Little River Health Service Center of Harvey

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.*

Save the Dates for Upcoming Tribal Events

Check the LRBOI Government Facebook page for more details and updates.

Elder's Meetings meet the first Saturday of every month, beginning at noon with luncheon at the Aki-Maadiziwin Community Center, unless otherwise scheduled. Elder's watch your mail for updates. Events occur in Manistee unless otherwise noted.

July

- July 1, 2024 – Regalia Making/Sewing
- July 5, 2024 - Youth Dance
- July 6, 2024 – Wellness Walk
- July 6 & 7, 2024 – Jiingtamok
- July 11, 2024 – Regalia Making/Sewing in Muskegon
- July 12, 2024 – Summer Storytime
- July 15, 2024 – Dance Instruction
- July 19, 2024 – Michigan Family Olympics (at CMU in Mt. Pleasant)
- July 19, 20, & 21, 2024 – Little River Casino Resort 25th Anniversary Party
- July 20, 2024 – Dance Instruction in Muskegon
- July 26 & 27, 2024 - Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

August

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

September

- September 7, 2024 - Elder's Picnic at the Gathering Grounds
- September 7, 2024 - Sturgeon Release

October

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

November

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

December

- December 5, 2024 - Children's Christmas Party

Tribal Government Holiday Observances

Our tribal government offices close for certain holidays. Below is the list of observed holidays and closures for the remainder of 2024. Holidays that fall on a Saturday are observed on Fridays and those falling on Sundays are observed on Mondays. Our Ogema may declare additional holidays and closures. Updates will be shared on our government Facebook page and in the Currents newsletter, whenever possible.

Independence Day

When: July 4.

Observed: Thursday, July 4, 2024.

Labor Day

When: First Monday in September.

Observed: Monday, September 2, 2024.

LRBOI Reaffirmation Day

When: September 21.

Observed: Friday, September 20, 2024.

Veteran's Day

When: November 11.

Observed: Monday, November 11, 2024.

Thanksgiving

When: Fourth Thursday in November.

Observed: Thursday, November 28, 2024.

Native American Heritage Day

When: Friday after Thanksgiving.

Observed: Friday, November 29, 2024.

Christmas Eve Day

When: December 24.

Observed: Tuesday, December 24, 2024. Half day closure. Closed Noon-5pm

Christmas Day

When: December 25.

Observed: Wednesday, December 25, 2024.



Council Meetings

Tribal Council Meeting Schedule for April through December

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

	July 10	October 2
	July 17	October 9
	July 24	October 16
		October 23
No meetings on July 3 or 31	August 7	November 6
	August 14	November 13
	August 21	November 20
	August 28	November 27
	September 11	December 4
	September 18	December 11
	September 25	December 18

Tribal Council Meeting & Work Sessions

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

Attend a Tribal Council Meeting

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

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

Etiquette for On-Line Attendance

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

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

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

View PDFs of the weekly calendar here: <https://tinyurl.com/2763ve74>

View past weekly council meetings here: <https://tinyurl.com/27ja6coq>

Election Board

Engage with the Election Board

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

Contact the LRBOI Election Board

Submit questions, additional inquiries, and concerns to the Election Board via email at electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Attend an Election Board Open Meeting

On-Line: **Zoom Web Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/2clx653y>

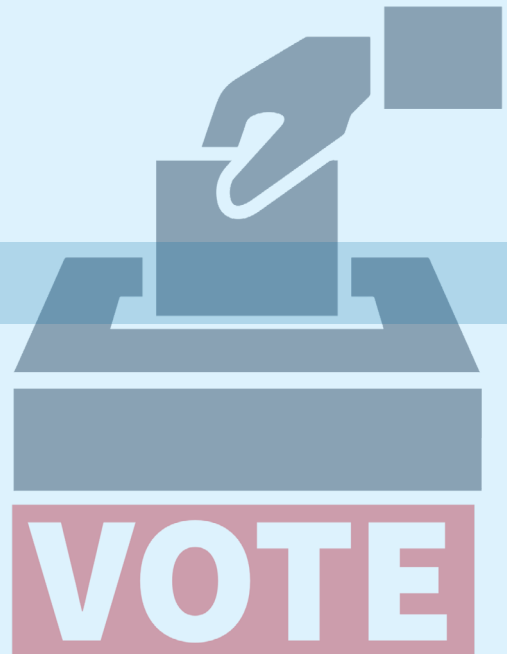
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866

Zoom Meeting ID: 9998 0833 8390

Zoom Passcode: 743234

Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

- **July 18**
Submit Your Questions By: July 15
- **August 15**
Submit Your Questions By: August 12
- **September 19**
Submit Your Questions By: September 16
- **October 17**
Submit Your Questions By: October 14
- **November 21**
Submit Your Questions By: November 18



Election Information

How To Run For Tribal Office

If you are contemplating contributing to our tribe's governance and making a meaningful impact on our community, running for tribal office offers an exceptional and meaningful opportunity to shape the future of our tribe, and our people. Whether you aim to serve as Tribal Ogema, a member of the Tribal Council, or a judge on the Tribal Court, your participation is vital in ensuring effective governance and representation. Below are the basic requirements for each office:

Tribal Ogema

- ❖ Must be a tribal member who is at least 25 years old and has been a resident of the State of Michigan for at least six months prior to the next scheduled election.
- ❖ Must disclose to the membership any criminal convictions or pending prosecutions, particularly those related to fraud, major crimes, offenses against the tribe, or sexual crimes.
- ❖ Must establish a permanent physical residence within the tribal district within 60 days of being sworn in.
- ❖ Must consent to and pay for a criminal background check dating back ten years.

Tribal Council

- ❖ Must be a tribal member who is at least 21 years old and has been a resident of Michigan for at least six months prior to the next scheduled election.
- ❖ Must disclose to the membership any criminal convictions or pending prosecutions, especially those related to fraud, major crimes, offenses against the tribe, or sexual crimes.
- ❖ Must consent to and pay for a criminal background check dating back ten years.

Tribal Court

- ❖ Must be a tribal member who is at least 25 years old and is not a member of the Tribal Council or the Ogema and is not running for any seat on the Tribal Council or as Ogema.
- ❖ Must not have been convicted of any crime of dishonesty, moral turpitude, or felony within the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of election.
- ❖ Must consent to and pay for a criminal background check dating back ten years.

Election Board

- ❖ Election Board officials and candidates must not be running for any other office.

The Candidacy process

Once you decide to run for public office, the first step is to obtain a Declaration of Candidacy Packet from the Election Board. These packets can be obtained during scheduled office hours, via email request, or downloaded from the Election Board website once it's announced by the Election Board when the packets will be available.

Declaration of Candidacy Packet: Fill out the Declaration of Candidacy Packet thoroughly and accurately. This packet includes essential information such as your name as it will appear on the ballot, residency details, criminal disclosure, driver's license information, and contact details.

Submission: Submit your completed Declaration of Candidacy Packet to the Election Board by the specified deadline. The Election Board will date-stamp your packet upon receipt and confirm receipt via email.

Background Check: As part of the candidacy process, you'll need to consent to and pay for a criminal background check conducted by the Election Board. This background check is essential to verify your eligibility and ensure compliance with the Tribal Constitution.

Certification: The Election Board will certify the slate of candidates within 30 business days of the close of the Declaration of Candidacy period. Only verified candidates meeting all necessary qualifications will appear on the ballot.

Campaigning

Once certified as a candidate, engage in responsible campaigning activities within the guidelines set forth by the Tribal Constitution. The key points to consider:

- ❖ **Campaign Guidelines:** Ensure compliance with rules regarding campaign signs, endorsements, spending limits, and reporting requirements.
- ❖ **Voter Engagement:** Encourage tribal members to vote for you on Election Day. Ensure that your campaign materials comply with regulations and avoid campaigning within 100 feet of polling places on Election Day.

Post-Election Responsibilities

After the election, all candidates must file a campaign finance report within five business days of the election date with the Election Board.

If elected, use your position to serve your community and work towards the betterment of the tribe.

For any questions about elections, running for office, or running a compliant campaign, please contact the Election Board at electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Biskaabiiyang Committee

Join the Biskaabiiyang Committee: Help Preserve Our Cultural Heritage!

Our tribe's cultural heritage is a precious legacy handed down by our ancestors, rich with traditions, stories, arts, and ceremonies that define us as the Anishinaabe people. To honor and promote this heritage, we have established the esteemed Biskaabiiyang Committee, which means "to return to oneself."

The Biskaabiiyang Committee plays a crucial role in our tribe's cultural preservation efforts. Their mission is to sustain, nurture, and celebrate our history, culture, teachings, traditions, and ceremonies. The committee is dedicated to ensuring that our Anishinaabe culture thrives, providing cultural learning opportunities that range from ancestral stories to contemporary arts, and from cherished recipes to sacred ceremonies. Their goal is to keep our cultural heritage vibrant and accessible to all tribal members.

We are currently seeking passionate individuals to join the Biskaabiiyang Committee. We need four tribal members, including two elders, to help us in our mission. All committee members must be enrolled citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. 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 Committee!

As a member, you will have the opportunity to contribute significantly to the preservation and promotion of our heritage. Your knowledge, experience, and commitment are invaluable assets that will enhance our efforts.

If you are committed to our culture and wish to play a role in its preservation, we encourage you to step forward and join the Biskaabiiyang Committee. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of our heritage continues to shine brightly for generations to come.

To express your interest in serving on the committee, please obtain, complete, and return your application with your letter of interest to Ogema@lrboi-nsn.gov and Tribal_Council@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Application is available by request by emailing TribalNews@lrboi-nsn.gov. Please note, a new tribal website is being built so the following link to the application may not work:
<https://tinyurl.com/269stgks>

Binojeeuk Commission

Join the Binojeeuk Commission: Protect Our Children & Preserve Our Families

Our children represent the heart and future of our community, and it is our shared duty to ensure their safety, well-being, and welfare. We are calling on dedicated and passionate individuals to join us in our mission to protect and nurture our tribal youth by becoming members of the Binojeeuk Commission.

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.

Your participation in the Binojeeuk Commission is crucial for preserving family unity, ensuring the safety of tribal children, and upholding the principles of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. By joining, you will help foster a supportive and nurturing environment where our children can flourish.

If you are dedicated to protecting our children and preserving our families, we invite you to join the Binojeeuk Commission. Together, we can work towards a future where every child in our community receives the care, support, and protection they need.

Let's unite as a community to safeguard the well-being of our most valuable resource: our children.

To join the Binojeeuk Commission and make a difference in the lives of our children, please obtain, complete, and return your application with your letter of interest to Ogema@lrboi-nsn.gov and Tribal_Council@lrboi-nsn.gov. Your commitment to this important cause is greatly appreciated.

The Binojeeuk Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1pm at Administration Office at Government Center in Manistee and via Zoom.

Application is available by request by emailing TribalNews@lrboi-nsn.gov. Please note, a new tribal website is being built so the following link to the application may not work:

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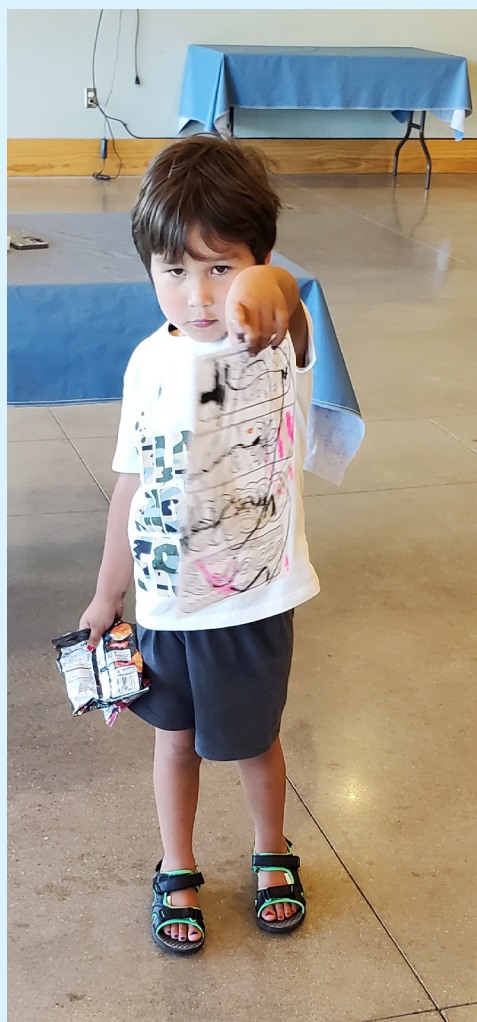
SUMMER STORYTIME





The First Summer Story Time

Join the next Summer Story Time July 14th and August 2nd.



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.



THE FUTURE *of Our People*

Government Careers

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

APPLY TODAY

eMail: apply@lrboi-nsn.gov
Phone: 231-398-6859
Web: www.lrboi-nsn.gov





Enjoy a Suite of Benefits!

FULL TIME TEAM MEMBERS:

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

PART TIME TEAM MEMBERS:

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

SEASONAL TEAM MEMBERS:

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

JOIN A WINNING TEAM

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



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

FAST TRACK THURSDAYS

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

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

TEAM MEMBER PERKS

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

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

Little River

CASINO RESORT



Maintenance Supervisor
Maintenance Technician II
Pool Spa Maintenance Tech
Guest Room Attendant
Guest Service Agent
Valet Service Attendant
Customer Service Associate

Systems Specialist
Security I, II, III
Cage Cashier
Slot Technician I
HR Representative
Club Associate
Steward

Bartender
Bus Person
Food Cashier
Cook I
Pantry Cook
Banquet Server
F&B Server
F&B Supervisor



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

Terms of Elected Officials

Ogema 4 Year Term	District	Elected	Expiration
Larry Romanelli	At Large	2023	2027

Council 4 Year Term	District	Elected	Expiration
Tammy Burmeister	9 County	2023	2027
Al Metzger	Outlying	2023	2027
Misty Silvis	9 County	2023	2027
Ron Wittenberg	Outlying	2023	2027
Gary DiPiazza	9 County	2021	2025
Pam Johnson	Outlying	2021	2025
Shirley Wever	9 County	2021	2025
Shannon Crampton*	Outlying	2021	2025
Julie Wolfe	At Large	2021	2025

Chief Judge 6 Year Term	District	Elected	Expiration
Angela Sherigan	At Large	2021	2027

Associate Jude 6 Year Term	District	Elected	Expiration
Caroline LaPorte**	At Large	2019	2025

Appellate Court Judges 6 Year Term	District	Elected	Expiration
Bernie Darrow	At Large	2023	2029
Melissa Pope (Attorney)	At Large	2021	2027
Bernadene Crampton (Elder)	At Large	2021	2027

Election Board 4 Year Term	District	Elected	Expiration
Kathy Gibson	At Large	2023	2027
Shawwna Gonzalez	At Large	2023	2027
Laura Echelbarger	At Large	2021	2025
Lee Ivinson*	At Large	2021	2025
Janine Sam*	At Large	2021	2025

*Finishing term that started 2021 **Finishing term that started 2019

Voting Districts

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

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

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

Little River Casino Resort

Michael Schrader Appointed as General Manager of Little River Casino Resort

In a significant move for the Little River Casino Resort, Michael Schrader, a distinguished professional in the gaming and hospitality industry, has been appointed as the new General Manager. Schrader, a citizen of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians brings over two decades of extensive experience to this leadership role. Schrader's appointment is a homecoming of sorts, with his extensive expertise and strong ties to the LRBOI community.

His educational background is solid, with an Associate of Science in Business Management and Marketing from West Shore Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Davenport University. These qualifications have laid a strong foundation for his career, enabling him to master the intricacies of business management in the gaming sector.

Throughout his career, Schrader has served in management roles including serving as the CEO for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' gaming properties, Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel, and Leelanau Sands Casino & Lodge. Schrader served as General Manager at the Ute Mountain Casino Hotel, Dakota Magic Casino and Hotel, Ojibwa Casinos, and Running Creek Casino.

LRCR 25th Anniversary

Little River Casino Resort Celebrates 25 Years of Excellence

Little River Casino Resort, LRCR, a beacon of entertainment and luxury is celebrating its 25th anniversary in grand style. The resort has been a cornerstone of the community since its establishment in 1999. LRCR has grown into a premier destination offering an array of gaming, dining, accommodations, and recreational activities.

A quarter century of excellence! Over the past 25 years, LRCR has become synonymous with exceptional service and unforgettable experiences. From its vast casino floor featuring over 1,100 slot machines and a variety of table games, the resort caters to both casual gamers and serious enthusiasts alike. The resort also boasts 292 luxurious guest rooms and suites, alongside an RV park with full amenities for travelers. Dining options are plentiful, with several restaurants including the River Rock Sportsbook & Grill, Rapids Bistro, and Big Lake Buffet, ensuring that guests enjoy a culinary journey as varied and rich as the resort itself. Entertainment is a staple at LRCR, with live shows, concerts, comedy acts, and more gracing its event center. For those looking to relax, the full-service Nectar Spa & Salon, the fitness center, and indoor and outdoor pools provide ample opportunities for rejuvenation.

In honor of its 25th anniversary, Little River Casino Resort is hosting a three-day celebration from July 19-21, 2024. This milestone event promises to be an extraordinary gathering, highlighting the resort's rich history and its integral role in the community. To make this celebration truly exceptional, the resort is extending an open invitation to vendors of all kinds. Whether you specialize in unique products, Native American jewelry, crafts, blankets, delicious treats, captivating services, or engaging experiences, your participation would significantly enhance the festivities. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your offerings to a diverse and enthusiastic audience, and to be part of a momentous occasion in the resort's history.

The anniversary celebration is not just about the resort; it's about the community that has supported it for a quarter of a century. LRCR has always been committed to community involvement, supporting local initiatives and events, and this celebration reflects that commitment. Little River Casino Resort invites everyone to join in the 25th anniversary celebration. Don't miss this chance to be part of a historic celebration! Come celebrate 25 years of excellence with Little River Casino Resort and be part of a vibrant community gathering that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks forward to a bright future.

LRCR 25th Anniversary

Celebrating 25 Years of Little River Casino Resort: Join the Celebration July 19th - July 21st, 2024

It's with immense excitement and gratitude to announce the forthcoming celebration of Little River Casino Resort's 25th anniversary! From July 19th to July 21st, 2024, they are gearing up for an unforgettable event, and want you to share in this milestone.

As the resort prepares to commemorate a quarter-century of memories, entertainment, and hospitality, they extend a warm invitation to vendors of all kinds to participate in making the anniversary celebration truly exceptional. Whether you specialize in unique products, Native American jewelry, crafts, blankets, delicious treats, captivating services, or engaging experiences, your presence would significantly enhance the festivities.

To secure your spot as a vendor at the 25th anniversary celebration, reach out to Tina LaHaye at tinal@lrcr.com or Robin Buckner at robinb@lrcr.com requesting all the necessary vendor forms.

Little River Casino Resort is dedicated to ensuring that your participation in the celebration is seamless and enjoyable. Little River Casino Resort extends its heartfelt thanks for considering joining in to commemorate this significant milestone.



25 YEARS

JULY
19th - 21st

DSB • **PRINCE AGAIN** • **AND MORE!**
JOURNEY TRIBUTE PRINCE TRIBUTE TO BE ANNOUNCED
Friday 19th Friday 19th Saturday 20th

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Join us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration! We will also have a variety of vendor booths and over the top giveaways including a 2024 Harley-Davidson!

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Little River Casino Resort: A Look Back Through The Years

The expansions and enhancements at Little River Casino Resort over the years have transformed it into a premier entertainment and leisure destination in northwest Michigan. From the initial gaming and dining offerings to the subsequent additions of the hotel, north tower, event center, spa, redesigned and new dining options, and new pools, the resort continues to evolve, providing guests with a comprehensive and luxurious experience. These ongoing improvements reflect the commitment to create a world-class resort that caters to a wide array of interests and preferences.

When Little River Casino Resort opened its doors on July 21, 1999, it marked a significant milestone for us as a tribe, as people of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The casino initially featured 600 slot machines. This selection provided a variety of options for guests, from classic reel slots to the latest video slot machines, catering to a wide range of gaming preferences. There were approximately 16 table games available at the opening. These included popular choices such as blackjack, poker, and roulette, offering guests a comprehensive gaming experience. There was a snack bar that served quick bites and refreshments, ideal for gamers looking to grab a quick meal without leaving the casino floor. Initially, Little River Casino Resort did not have an on-site hotel. However, the need for accommodations was soon recognized, and plans for hotel development were quickly put into motion to better serve the guests traveling from various regions. The first major expansion of the casino was in 2002.

When Little River Casino Resort unveiled the expanded casino and newly constructed hotel in 2002, it marked a significant enhancement to the amenities and services offered to guests. This expansion transformed the casino into a comprehensive destination for gaming, dining, accommodation, and entertainment. The expanded casino boasted approximately 1,300 slot machines. This substantial increase from the initial offering provided guests with a broader selection of games, ranging from traditional reel slots to the latest video slot machines. The number of table games was increased to around 26, including popular options like blackjack, roulette, craps, and various poker games, ensuring a diverse and engaging gaming experience for all patrons. Some of the most significant additions were the hotel with 166 guest rooms and suites complete with an indoor pool, along with a 95-space RV park. The expansion significantly improved the dining experience at Little River Casino Resort by introducing multiple new dining venues including a fine dining restaurant named The Heron. Other dining additions were the Rapids Deli, offering quick bites and lighter meals. The Willows was a full-service restaurant complete with a menu and a buffet providing a variety of dishes,

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including local favorites and international cuisine, catering to a wide range of tastes. The Grove bar was a hit with live entertainment every weekend and Polka Mondays!

The 2007 expansion saw the addition of the event center, the amazingly beautiful winter garden, and the north tower of the hotel. The addition of the event center brought a dedicated space for live shows, concerts, and other entertainment events. The addition of the North Tower increased the accommodation capacity and introduced 126 new luxurious rooms and suites.

The renovations of 2016 saw the addition of many amenities including a full-service spa was added. The Nectar Spa & Salon offers a range of treatments, including massages, facials, and other wellness services. A second indoor pool and an outdoor pool were added to provide more recreational options for guests. The Grove bar was transformed into the River Rock Bar & Grille. The Rapids Deli was completely remodeled and renamed the Rapids Bistro. The Willows buffet, which had long transitioned into a buffet only, became the Big Lake Buffet. The gaming floor was renovated to improve the overall experience, with updated decor and enhanced gaming options including a new high limit room and a new bar. The conference room facilities were updated with new wallpaper, updated lighting, and new carpet. The gaming floor was renovated to improve the overall experience, with updated decor and enhanced gaming options.

When sports betting became legal in Michigan, Little River Casino Resort in conjunction with Rush Street (Bet Rivers) began offering sports betting both inside the River Rock Sports Book & Grill (name changed) at the sportsbook window and via the interactive sportsbook kiosks. Another venture Little River Casino Resort and Bet Rivers has joined together on is to offer gamers in Michigan the availability to gamble online via electronic slots and table games.

Little River Casino Resort features over 1,100 slots and video poker machines. Several live action table games including Blackjack, Ultimate Texas Hold'em, Craps, 3 Card Poker, Mississippi Stud, High Card Flush, and Roulette.

This July, we celebrate 25 years that our casino has been in operation. Little River Casino Resort started as a promising venture with modest amenities, primarily focused on providing an engaging gaming experience. Over the years, it has grown into a comprehensive resort that offers a full spectrum of entertainment, dining, and leisure options, that continues to attract visitors from near and far.

Tribal Discounts

Little River Casino Resort Tribal Citizen Discounts

Hotel @ Little River Casino Resort

Standard hotel room rate is \$79 + taxes per night.

Suite hotel room rate is \$129 + taxes per night.

Rates are subject to change. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of check-in. Tribal discount is not provided on the July 4th weekend, or December 31.

Gift Shop @ Little River Casino Resort

White Pine Boutique

25% discount on purchases.

Tribal discount is not included on alcohol, tobacco, consignment merchandise, gift card, or gift certificate purchases. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of purchase.

Restaurants @ Little River Casino Resort

River Rock Sportsbook & Grill, Rapids Bistro & Big Lake Buffet

20% daily dining discount in all restaurants.

Available to all Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribal citizens and one guest. Additional guests shall be charged full price. May opt to dine in or take out. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of purchase.

Thursday 50% dining discount in all restaurants.

Available to all Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribal citizens and up to five guests per tribal citizen with valid ID. Additional guests shall be charged full price. May opt to dine in or take out. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of purchase.

Notice Regarding Tribal Citizen Discounts

Tribal citizen discounts are not usable with Little River Casino Resort offers, comps, coupons, or other discounts. Tribal citizen dining discount is not applicable or applicable to conferences, banquets or weddings. The dining discount is not applicable to food or beverages available at the Little River Trading Post. Tribal discounts are not included on alcohol, tobacco or gratuity. Tribal discounts are not provided on December 31.

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Tribal Discounts

Little River Trading Post Tribal Citizen Tax Exemption

Motor Fuel @ Little River Trading Post

Diesel and Gasoline - Amount varies each month depending on the pre-paid sales tax amount set by the State.

Tribal citizens are exempt from the pre-paid sales and road taxes the state of Michigan places on motor fuels when the tribal citizen purchases the fuels from the Little River Trading Post. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of purchase. Qualified tribal citizens may purchase 175 gallons per month of gasoline, diesel or a combination of the two. Tax exempt purchase limits may change without notice. The tribal citizen must complete the log indicating the date, citizen ID number, citizen signature, license plate number and check the box indicating diesel or gasoline.

Tobacco @ Little River Trading Post

Cigarettes - \$2* off a pack of cigarettes.

Tribal citizens are exempt from the \$2 excise tax the state of Michigan places on cigarettes, when the tribal citizen purchases the cigarettes from the Little River Trading Post. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of purchase. Qualified tribal citizens may purchase up to 70 packs of cigarettes per month for your personal use. Tax exempt quotas (purchase limits) may change without notice. The tribal citizen must complete the log indicating the date, citizen ID number, citizen signature, number of packs, and brand of cigarettes. * Non-resident tribal citizens will see \$2.12 off per pack on their receipt. The extra \$.12 is for the 6% tax that the cash register system charges on the \$2.00 tax exemption. Resident Tribal Members do not pay sales tax on the cigarettes, so the system does not charge tax on the exemption.

Other Tobacco Products (OTP) – Amount varies. ^

Tribal citizens are exempt from some of the taxes the state of Michigan places on OTP, when the tribal citizen purchases the tobacco from the Little River Trading Post. OTP is considered cigars, loose tobacco, snuff and cigarillos*. Valid tribal ID must be presented at time of purchase. Qualified tribal citizens may purchase unlimited OTP (within reason) per month for your personal use. Tax exempt quotas (purchase limits) may change without notice. The tribal citizen must complete the log indicating the date, citizen ID number, citizen signature, number of packs brand of OTP. * Does not include hemp products, vape products, rolling papers, rolling devices and any other products that do not contain tobacco. ^ The exemption is 32% of the wholesale price, so depending on the product and pricing, the amount of savings does vary.

Notice Regarding Tax Exempt Purchases

All purchases must be for personal use only. Fuel tax exemptions will not be given for two separate vehicles at one time. Per the tribal tobacco and motor fuel regulations (#R100-02:AC-07 and #R100-AC-08) violations of purchasing for non-LRBOI tribal citizens is a civil infraction; subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for each transaction. All tribal citizen vehicles must be registered with the tax office. Every time a citizen has a change in vehicle and/or license plate, a new registration must be completed with the tax office.

Questions regarding the motor fuel, tobacco, or your tax-exempt purchases, please contact the Tax office at 231-398-3874 or 231-398-6856.

Tribal Discounts

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Team Member Discount

Motor Fuel @ Little River Trading Post

Save 5 cents per gallon.

Available to all Little River Band of Ottawa Indians team members, including team members working at 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.

Little River Trading Post Motor Fuel Cash Discount

Motor Fuel @ Little River Trading Post

Save 5 cents per gallon.

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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CONTACT DETAILS:



231-299-1295



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LRBOI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join Family Spirit and Family Services in creating a community garden at Aki Community Center!

We will be meeting from 2-4PM on June 19,
July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14 and
August 28.

We will be planting, watering, harvesting,
and working on some crafts!

This event is family friendly and for **ALL** ages!

Aki Community Center

2953 Shaw Be Quo-ung
Manistee, MI 49660



QUESTIONS

231-398-6730



36th Annual

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 19, 2024

Central Michigan University's

Bennett Track & Field

LRBOI Olympic Team



Use the QR Code to register or :

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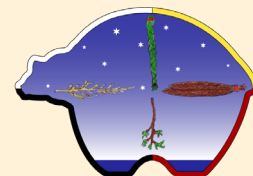
Questions?

KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov

(231) 655-3651



Donate to LRBOI families in need!



We are reaching out to our community for support through donations to help Little River tribal families currently experiencing homelessness.

Every contribution you make will create a significant impact in the lives of our LRBOI Families.

Donations in most need:

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| ■ Hand Sanitizer (personal size) | ■ 2 in 1 Shampoo/ Conditioner |
| ■ Deodorant | ■ Bug spray and citronella |
| ■ First Aid Supplies | ■ Toilet paper, wipes, tissues |
| ■ Soap, Body Wash | ■ Feminine products |
| ■ Toiletries for children/babies | ■ Socks (all sizes) |
| ■ Outdoor toys/activities for children | ■ Laundry soap, Dryer Sheets |
| ■ Cleaning Supplies: Bleach, Disinfectant, Dish soap, ect. | ■ Camping supplies in useable condition |

Donations accepted during business hours:



Family Services Manistee
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(231) 398-6812



Members Assistance
Gina Crotteau
(231) 723-8288



Family Services
Rachel Kops
(231) 655-6737

MINO BIMAADIZIWIN MONDAYS



REGALIA MAKING/ SEWING

May 6, June 3, July 1

3:00pm-8:30 pm

Be paired with a mentor to help plan and make a regalia. Some sewing may need to be done in your own time. Sewing machines will be provided. Fabric and supplies are limited, you will need to provide some supplies.



DANCE INSTRUCTION

May 20, June 10, July 15

5:30pm-7:30 pm

- Men and Women's Tradition
- Men's Grass
- Men's Fancy
- Women's Jingle
- Women's Fancy



Aki Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo Ung
Manistee, MI 49660

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MUSKEGON MINO BIMAADIZIWIN



REGALIA MAKING/ SEWING

May 23, June 20, July 11

3:00pm-8:30 pm

Be paired with a mentor to help plan and make a regalia. Some sewing may need to be done in your own time. Sewing machines will be provided. Fabric and supplies are limited, you will need to provide some supplies.



DANCE INSTRUCTION

May 11, June 1, July 20

4:00pm-7:00 pm

- Men and Women's Tradition
- Men's Grass
- Men's Fancy
- Women's Jingle
- Women's Fancy



LR Health Center (Ellis Road)

1478 East Ellis Road
Muskegon, MI 49444

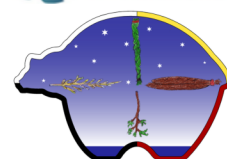
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
FAMILY SPIRIT PROGRAM



231-655-9391



Summer STORYTIME

Join us for Stories, Snacks and Fun!

June 14th, 28th,
July 12,
August 2nd, 16th.

2-4PM

Aki Community Center

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MI 49660

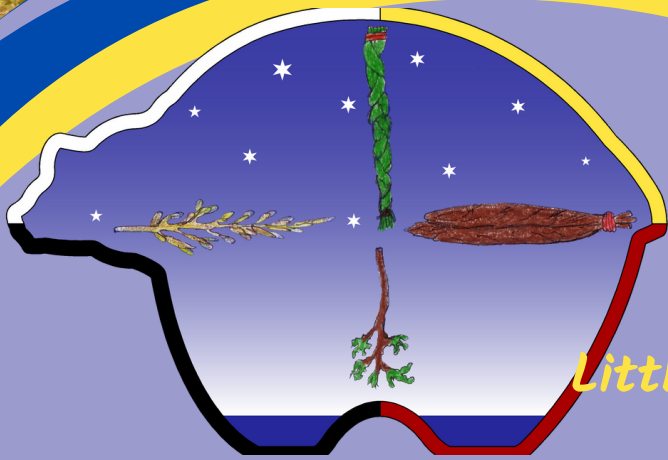


KIM HINMON
(231) 655-3651





July 6



*Little River Casino's Three Fires Ballroom
Registration starts at 8:15am*

WELLNESS WALK 2024

*Support Sobriety and Wellness within
the Little River Community.*

*Join us for a hot breakfast, an inspiring speaker,
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For More info or questions
contact Dottie:

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DorothyBatchelder@lrboi-nsn.gov



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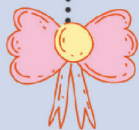
Amazon Prime and Business Prime available for purchase directly with Amazon.

The Tribe is limited to the initial authorization of the account, only.



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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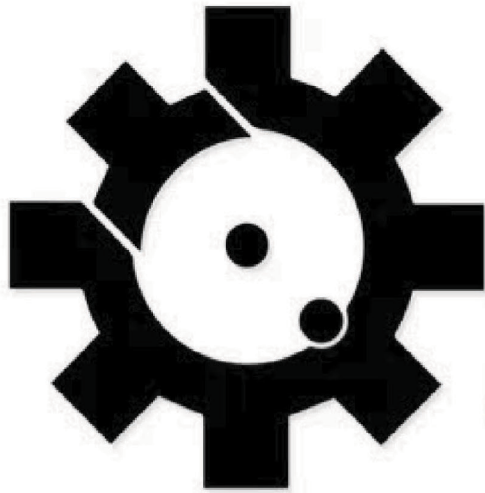
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