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-Blossom Moon-



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**Regular Tribal Council Meetings are  
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## Tribal Council's Meeting Room

### **Join The Zoom Meeting**

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

**Meeting ID:** 997 0579 6129

**Passcode:** 1836



2023

June

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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**Muskegon** Little  
River Health Center  
Beading Class 5-8  
pm

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Honoring, Healing,  
Remembering - Sunrise  
Ceremony & Boarding  
School in Mount Pleasant  
Mich Register for  
safeTALK Training Call  
Dottie at (231) 398-6741

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Weekly TC

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**Muskegon** Little  
River Health Center  
Beading Class 5-8  
pm

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safeTALK Training

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Weekly TC

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**Manistee** Beading Class  
5-8 pm at Aki Community  
Center

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**Manistee** Beading  
Class 5-8 pm at Aki  
Community Center

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**Manistee** Drop-in  
Sewing Gov Center  
Basement  
12-5 pm

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**Muskegon**  
Sewing  
Health Center  
12-5 pm  
Weekly TC

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231-655-3651 (desk)

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Little River Currents | June 2023



	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	02	03 All Nations Veterans Council's 14th Annual Teaching Our Traditions Pow Wow 2023 June 3, 2023 - June 4, 2023  Brighton Recreation Area 6360 Chilson Rd., Howell, MI, 48843	04 All Nations Veterans Council's 14th Annual Teaching Our Traditions Pow Wow 2023 June 3, 2023 - June 4, 2023  Brighton Recreation Area 6360 Chilson Rd., Howell, MI, 48843
Mtg	09 Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Talking Circle Manistique, MI next to Kewadin Casino- Flyer	10 1. Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow 2023 Manistique, MI - Flyer 2. Honoring Saganing Traditional Pow Wow Saginaw Chippew Indian Tribe in Standish 3. Drawing for Elk and Bear Permit at Gathering Grounds	11 Honoring Saganing Traditional Pow Wow Saginaw Chippew Indian Tribe in Standish
Mtg	16	17	18 Fathers Day
Drop-in Little River Mtg	23 Muskegon Drop-in Sewing Little River Health Center 12-5 pm Bay Mills Indian Community 32nd Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow Jun 23 - Jun 25, 2023 - Brimley M	24 Bay Mills Indian Community 32nd Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow 2023 Jun 23 - Jun 25, 2023 - Brimley M	25 Bay Mills Indian Community 32nd Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow 2023 Jun 23 - Jun 25, 2023 - Brimley M
Drop-in Little River Mtg	30 41st Annual Baaweting Homecoming Pow Wow Sault Ste. Marie	01 41st Annual Baaweting Homecoming Pow Wow Sault Ste. Marie	02 41st Annual Baaweting Homecoming Pow Wow Sault Ste. Marie

Class and the Drop in Sewing Class with Kim at [KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov) or call



# MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

On Friday, May 5, 2023 the 2nd annual National Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day march and rally took place in Ah-Nab-Awen Park in downtown Grand Rapids, Mi. The event was hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians. Tribal councilors Wittenberg and Wolfe attended the march to support and represent LRBOI. Along with Appellate Justice Honorable Melissa Pope and Victim Services Staff Michol Ludwig & Shanaviah Canales.

This year, President Biden, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer both signed proclamation and declared May 5th as the official Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day for the U.S. and Michigan.

Continue to bring attention to this call of action by supporting this movement, victim advocacy, and get involved at all levels. No More Stolen Indigenous People!!











Across the country, indigenous communities have faced systemic injustices, including violence, marginalization, and the tragic disappearance of their members. The Murdered and Missing Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) movement has emerged as a powerful force, demanding justice, raising awareness, and advocating for change.





# WHY RED?

**It has been said that red is a color that transcends the physical world and calls to the ancestors in the spirit world.**

**Red handprints symbolize the silence and lack of interest given to victimized Indigenous women, many of whom end up missing or murdered.**

**Red dresses have become an important symbol within the MMIP movement. Each dress symbolizes an Indigenous woman who has been murdered or is missing.**



# ELDER'S CORNER

## LRBOI Elders Corner

The Tribal Elders and their families of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held their monthly meeting May 6th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Building. The Elder Committee Chair, Jessica, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elder & Councilor DiPiazza opened the meeting with a prayer. The Elders enjoyed talking and catching up while eating their lunch. The meeting had around 20-25 elders in attendance.



After lunch, Jessica called the meeting to order. All committee

members were present. She announced Tammy was elected to a seat on the Tribal Council and would be stepping down from the Elders Committee as Secretary. Due to this, at the next Elders meeting, there will be an election to fill this vacancy on June 3, 2023. Then Tammy Burmeister, the committee Secretary read the February minutes, the minutes were accepted and approved.

Chuck Fisher updated the elders on the Spring Michigan Indians Elders Association (MIEA) Meeting sponsored by Hannahville. Chuck and Al Hardenburgh attended this meeting on behalf of the Little River Elders Committee. A written report on the MIEA is at the end of this report and will speak for itself.

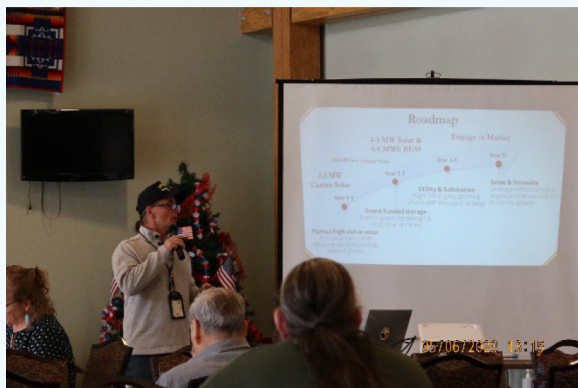
Jessica let the elders know the Indian Child Welfare Act is in jeopardy. She said, there is an ICWA case in the U.S. Supreme Court. "This case was brought forward by a Texas Family." "Texas is not an ICWA state." A few elders expressed their concerns knowing some history of some children being taken from their families.

There was a vote to suspend the remainder of the Elders Committee agenda to participate



in a presentation made by Gary Lewis and training by Janine Sam.

Jessica introduced Gary Lewis, who is the Director of the LRBOI Wastewater Treatment Facility and presented his plans for LRBOI's Solar Project.



His presentation had detailed information on the layout of the solar project. He would like to see implemented at Little River. The Elders listened with interest. There was a question-and answer session that followed. Gary talked about the winter power generators, long term savings to the tribe, life of the solar panels, efficiency, recycling, monitoring, maintenance, and more. Jessica thanked Gary for his presentation.

Next, Jessica introduced Janine Sam, Janine is an LRBOI citizen and Elder. She presented the training on "Historical Trauma," "Healing Our Collect Past." Janine is currently employed as the Senior Director for Human



Resources at another Michigan based Tribe. She shared a training initiative she helped create for her current employer. She said, we need to understand historic trauma and its effects. This training is mandatory for every tribal employee, Casino manager and above where she works. She explained with the understanding of the negative tribal history/boarding schools it is important to better understand and how relate to Native Americans in today's world. The Native Americans who attended the boarding schools and their families are still carrying around the negative effects of the boarding schools. She expressed how this is true whether they know it or not and we need healing. Part of the job of all Tribal employees is to help us heal... and that is why this training is so important to Janine this is why she wanted to share it with our tribal Elders. She pointed out how the blood memory of the

# ELDER'S CORNER

historic trauma is present to all of us. If we are only focusing on healing our own trauma, while those that work for us do not understand or do not connect to reality part of the trauma inflicted on our ancestors, we are not healing us as a whole. This is also true for the non-native employees. They have blood memory too, and we need to give the opportunity for their reconciliation and healing from their own past as well.

Janine then walked the Elders through one physical exercise of this training program, so they could experience firsthand how this training worked. The Elders seemed moved by this training experience.

Janine let the Elders know she wanted to share this training with the Elders because she feels the Elders get-pulled into politics. There are people who try to sway our Elders into supporting one thing or one person over another. She asked the Elders to support this training so it can be used as an educational tool for our staff. She asked the Elders to consider telling our Ogema and Council that we want our staff to learn about our community, our people, and why their connections to us are important. Janine pointed out that

to provide quality services to Native people and families, the employees must first have a framework of understanding. Janine noted that understanding our trauma, as well as their own connection by blood memory to those that conducted those atrocities against our people is critical to improving service delivery to our community.



## **SPRING 2023 MIEA CONFERENCE TRAVEL CLOSEOUT REPORT**

**By CHARLES FISHER**

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) Spring Conference was hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community April 3-5, 2023. It should be noted that this is only the second meeting of the organization since the years of COVID interruption. While inroads are being made, the MIEA, unlike many other organizations, is still in a recovery period.

Readers may have noticed that the MIEA website has been “down” for some time now – it was clarified in the meeting that this was intentional, i.e., this was necessary to disassociate from the previous status quo, which was complicated, expensive, and ineffective process. There are new efforts underway to reestablish a more effective means of communication.

As usual, the agenda for the meeting was refined and finalized at the Delegates’ Dinner. There were a number of issues that emerged which were further discussed in the open meeting, including:

- 1) Boarding School Effects – many of the largely sad stories and negative effects have been acknowledged – also acknowledged was the need to move on. “Healing” and “Restitution” were mentioned as the two main ways of moving forward from where we now find ourselves (as a people and as individuals). There was a clear interest/emphasis on healing versus any possible form of restitution. It was further noted that “healing” comes in different ways and at different times and that healing is best talked about in traditional talking circle(s). Someone in the audience said, “Healing is Priceless”. In this same spiritual vein, someone else indicated that we should all “heal ourselves first”. The possibility of developing an official MIEA Boarding School Resolution with a subsequent submittal to the government was discussed, as was the need for a related legal review.
- 2) There were also related spinoff discussions involving missing children’s issues and the safety of Native women and violence against

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women issues were also highlighted.

- 3) One of the discussions that gained traction were issues related to "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, including the observation that "Elders seem to be losing their voice when it comes to their grandchildren". This was a rather lengthy discussion that involved subjects that included: 1) the rights of grandparents; 2) caring for children in the absence of an adult; 3) siblings raising siblings; 4) latchkey kids; 5) the dimensions of substance abuse; 6) foster care and foster care homes; 7) adoption; 8) and probably others as there are many related problems out there. Child welfare committees and other helping agencies were also discussed, including some of the difficulties therein.
- 4) One such issue involves ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) itself. ICWA is a 1973 federal law that protects Indian children from being separated from their families (remember the boarding schools). The Indian Child

Welfare Act is before the Supreme Court (and not for the first time). The outcome has very wide implications for tribal law and for Native Americans as a whole. Part of the concern is that "the behind the curtain's intention" is to repeal the act and thereby remove the protection of Native children and families it provides. The Act, which was originally established to help "correct" Native assimilation in the United States. ICWA is being challenged as being unconstitutional. MIEA delegates were encouraged to talk with their respective tribal councils and encourage them to be active and proactive and to otherwise keep up with this issue.

- 5) MIEA's official support for our Native language(s) was also discussed at some length but it did not appear that there was a call for a resolution of support at the end of the discussion.
- 6) There was however a resolution to support for MIEA sponsorship (including financial support to the tune of \$5,000.00) to help meet

travel-related costs of “Team Michigan” for travel to NAIG (North American Indigenous Games). In June of 2023, NAIG will bring together approximately 5,000 athletes, coaches, and team staff (and 3000 volunteers) from 756 Indigenous Nations. The games will be hosted in July in Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada). It is the writers understanding that the location of NIGA alternates between the U.S. and Canada.

meeting on the morning of departure for the trip home as well as a reminder re: next meeting. Due to severe weather reports, including high winds and even possible tornados, there was no such meeting on this occasion. Currently, there is no finalized site for the next MIEA meeting. The site that preliminarily was poised to assume this role (the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) ran into insurmountable logistical problems at home but was encouraged by MIEA to continue working for a viable future date.

Additionally, the standing of various MIEA subcommittees was reviewed early-on in the conference; however, due to COVID most had not met and there was little in the way of progress to report. Several former subcommittee members, such as the Bylaws Committee, made some initial plans to review their respective charges.

Of course, there was an auction – overall it was divided into “live auction” and “silent auction” segments: more than \$5,000.00 was raised for MIEA sponsored scholarships.

MIEA meetings usually end with an abbreviated summarization



# VETERAN'S CORNER

## Veterans Affairs - Co-payment Waiver for Eligible Native American/Alaska Veterans

Did you know by being a Native American or Alaska Native Veteran, you may be eligible for a co-payment waiver through the United States Veterans Affairs?

The Veterans Affairs announced at the beginning of April of 2023 they are waiving co-payments for eligible Native American and Alaska Native Veterans. According to the VA United Veterans Affairs website, if you are eligible for these copay waivers, they will not bill you for any future copays for these services:

- Hospital care
- Certain healthcare services, such as outpatient prescription medicines
- Urgent care visits

The United States Veterans Health Care Services will also review any past co-payments you may have paid, on or after January 5, 2022, for reimbursable-eligible copays. This co-payment waiver does not include domiciliary care, institutional respite care, institutional geriatric evaluation, and nursing home care.

After talking to the Veteran Health Care Services, it was noted this copay waiver is similar to the Indian Health Services (IHS) protocols by calling your appointments in. This also applies to urgent care or

emergency visits; you will need to contact your Veterans Health Care Service worker within 72 hours to report your visits

### Eligibility for co-pay waivers

You may be eligible for a copay waiver if you meet these three requirements:

- You are an American Indian or Alaska Native Veteran, and
- You provide us a copy of an official tribal document that shows you meet the eligibility requirements of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and
- You submit a completed Tribal Documentation Form VA FORM APR 2023 10-334.

For more information on this copay waiver please visit the weblinks of the VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Washington State of Veterans Affairs.

**For more information, please call the VA Health Care Services at**

**877-222-8387**

**Monday – Friday, 7am to 7pm.**

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**Thank you, Gabriel DeVerney, LRB01 Tribal Member for serving our country for 23 years.**





# JULY

## Waabgonii giizis

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Translations provided by Kenny Pheasant Contact Kenny at <a href="mailto:kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov">kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov</a>			
<b>4</b> Drum stick Adewegan aatig	<b>5</b> Drum Sticks Adewegan aatigoon	<b>6</b> Drum arbor Adewege gamig	<b>7</b> Drum Adewege
<b>11</b> Singers (male) Ngamo niniwok	<b>12</b> Eagle staff/flag Aki'ewin	<b>13</b> Eagle staffs/flags Aki'ewinan	<b>14</b> Head veter Niigaanii zhim
<b>18</b> Emcee (female) Giigadoo niniikwe	<b>19</b> Emcees (female) Giigadoo niniikwek	<b>20</b> Arena director Naagaanzit	<b>21</b> Grand en Biindige zh
<b>25</b> Honor song Mnajaa zHINGAAMWIN	<b>26</b> Honor dance Mnajaa zhigaawin	<b>27</b> Men traditional dance Anishinaabe zhigaawin	<b>28</b> Women tradi Anishinaabe k



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## (Blossom moon)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Pow wow Jiingtamok	<b>2</b> Drum Adewegan	<b>3</b> Drums Adeweganak
Harbors gamigoon	<b>8</b> Drummer (male) Adewege nini	<b>9</b> Drummers (male) Adewege niniwok	<b>10</b> Singer (male) Ngamo nini
ran (male) aaganishii nini	<b>15</b> Head veteran (female) Niigaani zhimaaganishii kwe	<b>16</b> Emcee (male) Giigadoo nini	<b>17</b> Emcees (male) Giigadoo niniwok
try song ingaamwin	<b>22</b> Grand entry dance Biindige zhigaawin	<b>23</b> Veterans honor song Zhimaaganishii mnajaa zhingaamwin	<b>24</b> Veterans honor dance Zhimaaganishii mnajaa zhigaawin
tional dance kwe zhigaawin	<b>29</b> Men's grass dance Miishaashk zhigaawin	<b>30</b> Women's jingle dance Mshkikii zhigaawin	



# ANISHINAABEMOWIN

## What an experience at Peace Ranch



Aanii, I would like to share something very positive. Some of you may have heard of “Horse Therapy”. I have heard about it on the news and others talking about it. One of my cousins has a horse farm and that is what they use their horses for.

Okay now that I have your curiosity up, this all started a few months ago this past winter. I got an Email from the Interlochen Public Radio where there was a group that were inquiring about me, they had heard do my language program on the radio and wanted to talk to me about language and culture. So, it was Emails back and forth for a while till they told me about a Mustang that they were getting in May. The mustang was caught in the wild, it is about two years old, and the Mustang is female.

So, they asked me if I could give a horse with no name.....  
...a name. I told them, I don't see why not, we give names to our pets, but this was a spirit name. They are using this horse as a part of the therapy for people that are looking for help in their own situations such as trauma situation. So, this Mustang is going to be used as a form of medicine, now listen to this, the name came to me this early spring, I knew what to call her before they talked about what she was going to be used for.

I named her “**Wiingash**”, one of our sacred medicines, “**Sweetgrass**”.

I have noticed that more people are reaching out to us for knowledge of our culture, language, and history. It is important that we share our ways with people that are open to it.

Miigwech  
Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant



# 28th Annual 2023 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

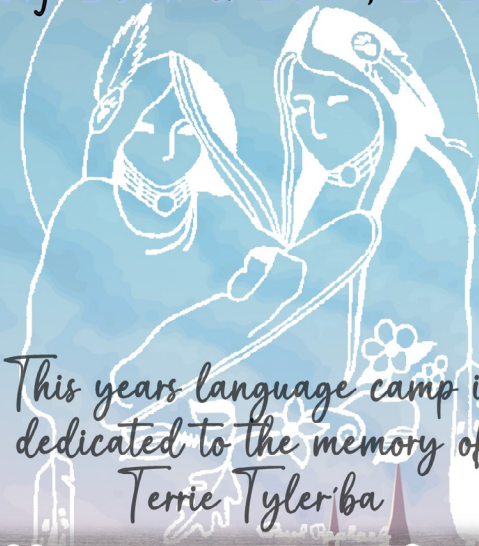
"Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"

July 28th & 29th, 2023

**Sunrise Ceremony,  
Traditional clothing with  
respect for all**

**Bring your tribal flag,  
giveaway gift, and feast  
bundles**

**Presentations:  
cultural teachings,  
traditional medicines,  
craft making, games, and  
language learning**



*This years language camp is  
dedicated to the memory of  
Terrie Tylerba*

**2596 Loon Drive  
Manistee, MI  
(LRBOI Pow Wow Grounds)**

**No Registration Fee**

**Meals Provided**

**Camping available  
\*first come, first basis**

**Restrooms/Bath House**

**Friday, July 28**  
Waabini Manidookewin  
(Sunrise Ceremony)

9:00A-12:00P **Set Up Camp**  
Set Up Tables, Chairs, Registration, PA  
System, and Kitchen

12:00P **Lunch**

1:00P-5:00P **Presentations**

5:00P **Dinner**

7:00P - 9:00P **Talent Show**

**Saturday, July 29**  
Waabini Manidookewin  
(Sunrise Ceremony)

8:00A

**Breakfast**

9:00A-12:00P

**Presentations**

12:00P

**Lunch**

1:00-4:00P

**Presentations**

4:00P

**Baseball**

5:00P

**Dinner**

7:00-9:00P

**Jiingtamok**

9:00P

**Givaway**

Tear down, stack tables and chairs

**Think Recycle, Bring your feast bundles, Tribal Flags**

**Kenny Pheasant**  
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Call to register so we can prepare  
the meals accordingly.



**More Information & updates**

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[www.Aanii.org](http://www.Aanii.org)

Facebook: anishinaabemdaa





# Amazon Business Account

**The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in collaboration with Amazon, are pleased to announce that LRBOI Tribal Members can now access Amazon Business at no cost to the Member.**

## Benefits!

- Access to million more products than standard Prime**
- Prime shipping and exclusive Business account discounts**
- It's Free!**

**Once the account is authorized, Members will receive an email from Amazon. It will be the responsibility of each Member to manage their account and to pay for their orders. The Tribe is limited to the initial authorization of each account.**

**To sign up, please email [amazon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:amazon@lrboi-nsn.gov) and provide your full name as registered with the Tribal Enrollment Department, Tribal ID, and the email address you want the account listed under. Tribal ID verification will be made on each request.**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **What is the difference between Amazon Prime and Amazon Business?**  
Amazon Business and Amazon Prime are two separate accounts. Business offers business discount pricing and access to more products; but does not include digital content such as video and music streaming. If you already have Prime and wish to retain any streaming services, keep your existing account (at your expense) and use a different email address to register for Amazon Business.
- **Can the Tribe access my purchases?**  
Yes. The Tribe's Purchasing Staff would have access to run reports, but at no time would do so.
- **Can the Tribe access my credit card information?**  
Only the last four digits would be viewable.
- **Does the Tribe receive any kickbacks from my purchases?** No.
- **Does Amazon Business include access to Whole Foods Market, Amazon Clinic, Prescriptions, RX Pass, Prime Reading, Prime Gaming, Grub Hub, and Unlimited Photo Storage?** No.
- **Can I use an Amazon credit card and still receive my 5% Amazon Rewards?** Yes.
- **Can I sign up for a recurring product delivery?** Yes.
- **Can I use the account at a physical Amazon store location?** No.
- **I live outside of the United States; am I still eligible to sign up for the Amazon Business account?** Yes.
- **Do I need an Amazon credit card?**  
No. You can use an Amazon credit card or a personal card.
- **Can I link and share my account with my family members?** No.
- **My child is an LRBOI Member, but I am not; can I still sign up?**  
Yes. Please provide the Tribal Member's ID with your submission.
- **When will my account be set up?**  
The deadline for submissions is June 16th, 2023. Members can expect an email from Amazon to set up your account.
- **Who do I contact if I have further questions?**  
Questions can be emailed to [amazon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:amazon@lrboi-nsn.gov).





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STARTING AT NOON

BEDABIN, NATIVE CONNECTIONS,  
AND THE NORTH AMERICAN TOUR FOR THE  
HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF YOUNG AMERICAN  
INDIAN PEOPLE

# BIKE SAFETY



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**NEW  
BIKE**

NAIT4HYP is a west-to-east coast U.S. 70 day bicycle tour to promote the well-being of young American Indian people. By promoting cultural, behavioral (exercise, nutrition) and sustainable environmental practices we aim to celebrate the successes and raise awareness of the challenges for young people.

Learn More: <https://www.nait4hyp.com/our-mission>

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**WEDNESDAYS**

MAY 31,  
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**12 - 5 PM**

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# Bedabin and Native Connections Events

## JUNE 2023

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**Aki Community Center**  
2953 Shaw Be Quo-ung  
Manistee, Mi 49960

**Little River Health Center**  
1478 E. Ellis Rd.  
Muskegon, MI 49444

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**Muskegon**  
Beading class  
5-8PM

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Honoring,  
Healing, and  
Remembering  
Mt. Pleasant, Mi

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**Muskegon**  
Drop-in Sewing  
5-8PM

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Manistee  
Beading Class  
5-8PM  
Aki Com. Ctr

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Manistee  
drop-in sewing  
5-8PM  
Aki Com. Ctr

21

Drop-in sewing  
Gov Center  
Basement  
noon-5PM

22

**Muskegon**  
drop-in sewing  
5-8PM

23

**Muskegon**  
drop-in sewing  
5-8PM

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Manistee  
Drop-in Sewing  
5-8PM  
Aki Com. Ctr

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Drop-in sewing  
Gov Center  
Basement  
noon-5PM

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**Muskegon**  
drop-in  
sewing  
5-8PM

30

**Please Register:**

KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov  
231-655-3651 (desk)



# MISS LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS PRINCESS



The 2023 Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess applications are now available

## Qualifications

Age 13-18

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians member  
Have full regalia corresponding to their dance

For more information or for an application packet, please contact Venus Torres (231) 398-6845 or [VenusWilson-Torres@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:VenusWilson-Torres@lrboi-nsn.gov)

The new Princess will be crowned at the 2023 LRBOI Jiingtamok



*Event*  
**Bear and Elk  
Permit Drawing**  
**Open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens Only!**

**June 10th at 1 pm**

**Location: LRBOI Pow Wow  
Grounds - Pavilion**



The LRBOI Natural Resource Commission will be having a drawing for all applicants who filled out their 2023 Bear and Elk permits.

- Hot dogs, chips, and cookies will be provided!

If you have any questions please contact the LRBOI Natural Resource Dept. at 231-723-1594 or email [andrewkaiser@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:andrewkaiser@lrboi-nsn.gov)



*35<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# Michigan Indian



# Family Olympics



**Friday, July 21, 2023**

*New location!*

**Shepherd High School**

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**Registration opens:** May 8 | [www.sagchip.org/mifo/](http://www.sagchip.org/mifo/)

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# **PEACEMAKING INTRODUCTION AND RECRUITMENT SIGN-UP**

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**INCASE YOU MISSED THE FIRST PEACEMAKING  
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## **October 2nd**

**Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm**

**Location: Justice Center, 3031 Domres Rd.  
Manistee, MI 9660**

**Please contact Patrick Wilson for more information.**

**Phone: 1(231) 398-2239 Email: [patrickwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:patrickwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov)**



# Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians

## 25th Annual

# JINGTAMOK

**July 15th & 16th 2023** **Grand Entries:**  
**Sat 1pm & 7pm Sun 12pm**

**Host Drum:**  
Showtime Singers, SD  
**CoHost Drum:**  
Eagle Flight, Ont, Canada

**Master of Ceremonies:**  
Jason Whitehouse, MI

**Arena Director:**  
Mike Medawis

**Head Veteran:**  
Frank Lewis

**For More Info Contact:**  
JD Gibson  
231-330-9025

**Vendor Contact:**  
Gary DiPiazza  
231-398-6825

**Princess Contest Contact:**  
Venus Wilson-Torres  
231-398-6845

**Youth Dance (July 14th) Contact:**  
Julie Wolfe  
231-398-6834

**Dance Competitions:** 1st place - \$600  
Men's Traditional 2nd place - \$400  
Women's Traditional 3rd place - \$200  
Women's Jingle 4th place - \$100

**Men's Grass Dance 18+ Special**  
In memory of Tahca Milk Asanpi

1st	\$700+Jacket
2nd	\$500+Jacket
3rd	\$300+Jacket

Teen Girls Jingle 12-17 Special sponsored by the outgoing Princess

**Free Admission**

**Public Welcome**

**2596 Loon Drive Manistee, Michigan**  
**LRBOI Pow Wow Grounds behind the tribal gas station**

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All Nations Veterans Council's  
14th Annual  
Teaching Our Traditions Pow Wow  
June 3rd - 4th, 2023



Brighton Recreation Area, Park permit required

**Grand Entry's**

Saturday: 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm Sunday: 12:00 pm

Gates open to the public at 10:00 am

**Admission**

Adults \$5.00, Children 12 and under \$3.00, Seniors \$3.00

This is an outdoor event! Dress for the weather and bring a chair!

For questions contact Wayne Hardwick at (810)224-0424





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- Dance
- Art
- Food
- Crafts

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Saturday: 1:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 noon

Riverside Park  
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*Public welcome!  
Free Admission!  
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Absolutely no drugs  
or alcohol!*

# **41st Annual**

# **Homecoming of the**

# **Three Fires**

# **Traditional Pow Wow**

## **JUNE 10 - 11, 2023**



**Dogs assisting disabled persons welcomed! Dogs or other pets will not be allowed within the event boundaries per City Ordinance. Please leave your pets at home. Do not leave animals unattended in vehicles.**



# Niiwin Noodin Powwow

## Saturday, June 10, 2023

*Behind Manistique Tribal Community Center  
5698W US Highway 2 Manistique MI 49854  
Next To The Kewadin Casino*



**Friday, June 9:**

*Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine  
Talking Circle at 6 p.m.*

**Saturday, June 10:**

*Grand Entry at 1 & 7 p.m.  
Feast at 4 p.m.*

**Head Veteran:**

*Marty Reinhardt*

**Host Drum:**

*Medicine Bear*

**Co-Host Drum:**

*Four Thunders*

**Head Male Dancer:**

*Matt Wyers*

**Head Female Dancer:**

*Francie Wyers*

**Vendors call:**

**(906) 450-0213 or**

**(906) 450-9667**

**General Powwow Contact:**

**[niiwinnoodinpowwow@gmail.com](mailto:niiwinnoodinpowwow@gmail.com)**

**or (906) 440-8138**

***Public Welcome  
to Attend!***





# NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENTS

# POW WOW



## SATURDAY JUNE 17TH, 2023

# HONORING OUR GRADUATES



### SCHEDULE:

Vendors & Food- 1-5pm  
Grand Entry 2:30pm

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Vendors scan the QR code to complete  
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# Gnoozhekaaning

"Place of the Pike"

## Bay Mills Indian Community

32nd Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow

12099 West Lakeshore Drive, Brimley MI 49715

### June 23-25, 2023

#### Drum Competition

Prizes (USD)

- 1st Place: \$8,000
- 2nd Place: \$6,000
- 3rd Place: \$4,000
- 4th Place: \$2,000

*\*Drum split for all non-placing drums.*

Registration \$20 per person.  
Registration starts Friday at 4PM.

#### Dance Competition

Prizes (USD)

- Adult: \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$400
- Teens: \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50
- Junior: \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25

Categories: Traditional, Fancy, Grass, and Jingle but *\*dance categories are combined within Golden Age Categories*

Registration \$15 per person.  
Registration starts Friday at 4PM.

#### Grand Entries

- Friday @ 7PM
- Saturday @ 1PM & 7PM
- Sunday @ 12PM

#### Vendors

- Craft \$100
- Tiered spots available.

Pre-registration required for Vendors.  
Call or email for an application.

**Head Veteran:** George Martin

**Arena Director:** Walker Stonefish

**Emcees:** Shannon Martin & Joel Syrette

**Dance Judges:** Bud Day and Melissa Isaac

**Drum Judge:** Juan (Little Man) Quintero

**Head Dancer, Host Drum:** Picked Each Session

#### Dance Specials:

- Veterans Special: \$700, \$500, \$300, \$100
- Sweetheart Special: \$700, \$500, \$300, \$100
- Men & Women's Traditional: \$700, \$500, \$300, \$100
- Other fun specials may occur throughout the weekend.

#### Accommodations:

- Bay Mills Resort & Casino (Code: Pow Wow 2023); or first come, first serve rustic camping.

**NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL**

*Come Swing and Sway, the Anishinaabe Way!*

Questions: Please contact the Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee at [bmcpowwow@gmail.com](mailto:bmcpowwow@gmail.com) or 906-248-8100!



# Three Bean Salad

submitted by: Valerie Chandler

## Ingredients

- 1 (15 oz.) can kidney beans
- 1 (15 oz.) can cannellini beans
- 1 (15 oz.) can garbanzo beans
- ½ onion, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- ¼ c. parsley
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/3 c. sugar (I use Splenda)
- 2/3 c. apple cider vinegar
- 4 T. olive oil



## Directions

Open and rinse beans well before placing into large bowl or container. In another bowl, combine olive oil, vinegar, sugar/Splenda, salt, pepper and mix well. Add celery, onions, and parsley to beans. Add oil/vinegar dressing to bean mixture and stir to distribute the dressing.





Cedar is a traditional medicine and should be kept in a dry safe area once harvested. Cedar is high in Vitamin C, a vitamin that must be consumed through food and medicines daily. Vitamin C helps prevent cell damage and may reduce your risk for certain chronic diseases. It also helps keep your immune system healthy to prevent infections.

# Cedar Tea Recipe

## Ingredients:

2 cups of freshly picked cedar.  
4 cups of water.  
2 tbsp of maple syrup or honey.

## Directions

Bring water to boil in a medium sized pot.  
Once boiling add fresh cedar, maple syrup or honey.  
Boil for 10 minutes until you notice the water turning golden in color.  
Strain tea into a teapot or individual tea mugs.  
Take a deep breath and enjoy.





## ANISHINAABE MANOMIN NABOOB RECIPE

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 Whole Chicken cooked & deboned
- 4 cups cooked wild rice (1 cup or 16oz dry)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup sliced carrot
- 1 cup chopped white onion
- 1/3 cup chopped yellow bell pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped orange bell pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup flour
- 16 cups chicken broth (1 gallon)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream

### INSTRUCTIONS

Wild Rice – add rice to stock pot.

4 cups of water to 1 cup of rice, bring to a boil lower heat to medium simmer until rice "pops". Cover and set aside. Heat 2 tablespoons of butter, add celery, carrot, onion, and bell peppers. Cook until the onion is tender. Remove from heat.

Bring broth to boil in a large stock pot (use water and a jar of better than bouillon).

While broth is heating up, heat 1/2 cup of butter in a skillet until melted, stir in flour. Cook over low heat stirring constantly – do not brown. Stir butter and flour mixture into broth. Simmer until slightly thickened, whisking to prevent lumps. Stir in cooked vegetables, salt, black pepper, and white pepper. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Add chicken, rice, and heavy cream. Cook just until heated through while constantly stirring. It is ready to eat.

Recipe by Julie Wolfe



# Community Flyers

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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](mailto:ThatBowThough23@gmail.com) for any inquiries.





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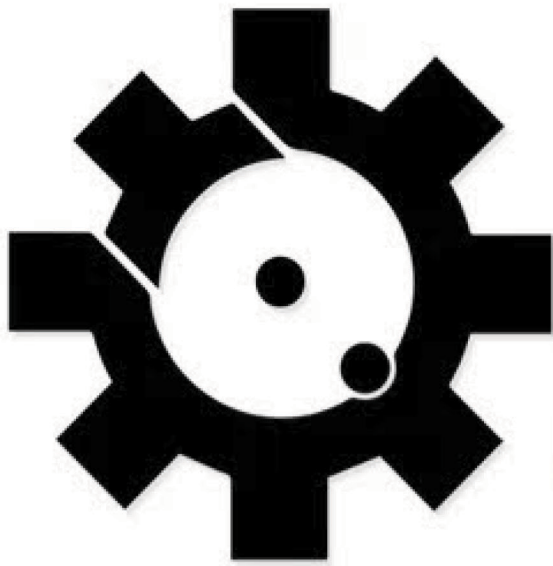
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