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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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### **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  
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Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299  
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3031 Domres Road  
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Office: 231-398-6601  
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853

*Services include Family Medicine,  
Pharmacy and Radiology.*

#### **Little River Health Center of Ellis**

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Muskegon, MI 49444  
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Office: 231-398-6601  
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853

*Services include Behavioral Health,  
PRC Dept., Admin Center, Dictation Center,  
Laboratory Facility, and Foot & Ankle Clinic.*



# LRBOI Round Dance

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Biskaabiiyang Committee recently organized a vibrant Round Dance event, bringing together tribal citizens and community members for an evening filled with tradition, food, and fellowship. Held at the Events Center inside the Little River Casino Resort on Saturday, February 10, the event was a resounding success, drawing attendees from all walks of life.

The festivities commenced with a feast featuring dishes such as wild rice and beef soup accompanied by warm cornbread. Following the feast, a pipe ceremony. As the evening unfolded, the upper section of the Events Center came alive with activity as several vendors showcased their wares. From exquisite jewelry and clothing to handcrafted moccasins and indigenous medicines, there was something for everyone to admire and acquire. Central to the event was the Round Dance itself. Attendees of all ages joined in the dancing, fostering a sense of community and connection with each step. Socializing and laughter filled the air as the evening progressed, creating cherished memories for all who attended.







The Biskaabiiyang Committee extends heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this memorable event. Special thanks are extended to Tribal Council and Kim Hinmon for their help, support and inspiration. Emcee Jefferson Ballew IV and stickman Aaron Chivis for guiding the proceedings with grace and skill, while invited singers Leroy Shenowskey, Nimkee Fox, Brenden Orcutt, Ryan Memberto, Zhaawon Smith, Michael Naganashe, and Patrick Naganashe for providing the heartbeat of the event, beautiful sounds of drums and singing. At the helm of the Biskaabiiyang Committee are dedicated individuals committed to preserving and promoting cultural traditions within the LRBOI community. Victoria Wells, Krystal Davis, and Delia Ross, the committee's members, embody the spirit of service and stewardship, ensuring that events like the Round Dance continue to thrive and inspire the seven generations to come.





# Tribal Government Holiday Observances

As valued tribal citizen, it's essential to stay informed about upcoming holidays and closures affecting LRBOI government offices. To assist you in planning accordingly, here's a comprehensive list of observed holidays and closures for the year 2024:

## **LRBOI Treaty Recognition Day**

When: March 28.

Observed: Thursday, March 28, 2024.

## **Memorial Day**

When: Last Monday in May.

Observed: Monday, May 27, 2024.

## **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.



Holidays that fall on a Saturday are observed on Fridays and those falling on Sundays are observed on Mondays.

Additionally, our Ogema may declare additional holidays and closures. Updates will be shared on our government Facebook page and in the Currents newsletter, whenever possible. If you need to contact someone during holiday closures, please consider reaching out via email or leaving a voicemail. Our government team members will respond at their earliest convenience upon returning to the office.



# Save The Dates

## **LRBOI Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars and join us! Watch the LRBOI Government Facebook for more details and updates.

### **April**

Ogema's Spring Meet & Greet Date: April 5, 2024  
Spring Membership Meeting Date: April 6, 2024

### **July**

Pre Pow Wow Children's Party Date: July 5, 2024  
Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) Dates: July 6 & 7, 2024  
Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp Dates: July 26, 27 & 28, 2024

### **August**

Annual Budget Hearing Date: August 3, 2024

### **September**

Sturgeon Release Date: September 7, 2024

### **October**

Ogema's Fall Meet & Greet Date: October 4, 2024  
Fall Membership Meeting Date: October 5, 2024



# Fast Command

## **Emergency Notification Systems**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians uses an emergency mass communication tool called Fast Command. This service is utilized to keep tribal citizens informed during an emergency. This service has been used for a few years.

If you are interested in receiving messaging, and are not already signed up, please sign up by emailing: [FastCommand@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:FastCommand@lrboi-nsn.gov)

### **Provide the following information:**

- First and Last Name
- Cell phone number include area code (if you want information via text messaging)
- Email Address (if you want information via email messaging)
- City, County, State

# Beneficiaries

## Ensuring the Accuracy of Beneficiary Information

The Enrollment department plays a vital role in safeguarding the interests of tribal citizens by assisting with documenting beneficiaries for per capita payments and bereavement benefits. It is incumbent upon every tribal citizen to recognize the importance of periodically reviewing and updating their beneficiary information, especially after a significant life event.

The Enrollment department recognizes the importance of ensuring that tribal citizens have a clear and updated record of their beneficiaries, particularly in the context of per capita payments and bereavement benefits. Designating beneficiaries is a critical step in guaranteeing that the distribution of financial benefits aligns with your wishes and familial circumstances.

It is recommended that tribal citizens review their designated beneficiaries following major life events. Such events include, but are not limited to, marriage, divorce, widowhood, the birth or adoption of a child, or simply the passage of time every two to three years. These milestones can significantly impact your family structure, and updating beneficiary information ensures that benefits are distributed according to your most current family dynamics.

Regularly reviewing and updating beneficiary information is not only a prudent practice but also ensures that the distribution of benefits aligns with your current circumstances and desires. Take a moment to reflect: when was the last time you reviewed or updated your beneficiaries? If it has been a while or if a major life event has occurred, now may be the opportune time to ensure that your beneficiary information is current and reflective of your wishes.

You are encouraged to take an active role in this process, utilizing the forms available on the tribal website under Enrollment, and thereby contributing to the accuracy and efficiency of beneficiary documentation.



# Historic Preservation

## Preserving Anishinaabe Culture Through Historic Preservation

The LRBOI Historic Preservation is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of our people. Our Historic Preservation team plays a vital role in this endeavor, offering resources and teachings to ensure that our language, Anishinaabemowin, continues to thrive for generations to come.

One of the key resources provided by our Historic Preservation team is available on our language website, [www.anishinaabemdaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com). This platform features Anishinaabe language lessons, stories, jokes, as well as culture and history lessons all in Anishinaabemowin. Through these materials, individuals can deepen their understanding of the Anishinaabe language and heritage.

## Exploring Anishinaabe History: A Creation Story

As part of our efforts to share the richness of our culture, we present an excerpt from the history of the Anishinaabek. This narrative delves into the creation of the universe according to Anishinaabe teachings:

“In the beginning, Gizhemanidoo created the universe as we know it today. He created Grandfather Sun and Grandmother Moon, Mother Earth, and Father Sky. And on the earth, he created all things, living and nonliving. He created life in the earth, on the earth, in the sky, and in the water. He created the plants, rivers, four-legged and winged creatures, and the swimmers. After this was done, he created one of the greatest mysteries of all – the four seasons – to bring harmony and balance to all. After all creation was complete, he created man. After he created the first Anishinaabe, he came to him in a dream and instructed him that he was to name all things in the language that he gave him, Anishinaabemowin...”

This excerpt encapsulates the profound connection between the Anishinaabe people and the natural world, as well as the importance of language in preserving cultural identity.

## Accessible Resources for Learning

To make learning more accessible, our Historic Preservation team has also curated a series of educational videos available on YouTube. These videos cover various aspects of our Anishinaabe culture, including language lessons and traditional stories. You can find these videos at <https://tinyurl.com/28xukvg7>.

Additionally, our Historic Preservation Facebook page serves as a hub for community engagement and cultural exchange. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Anishinaabemdaa> to stay updated on upcoming events, language resources, and more.

By embracing and sharing our cultural heritage, we honor the wisdom of our ancestors and strengthen the bonds of our community. Join us in celebrating the vibrant traditions of our people and preserving our legacy for future generations.



# Campground Opening

## Tribal Campground Set to Open April 1st



As the spring season approaches, the Tribal Campground is gearing up to welcome campers once again. Scheduled to open its gates on April 1st. Campers should be aware that certain utilities, including water, may not be readily available, depending on weather conditions. This cautionary note comes as a reminder that nature's unpredictability can influence the availability of such amenities.

Upon arrival at the campground, visitors must make their way to the Department of Public Safety office located at the Justice Center to complete an application and ensure compliance with LRBOI SORNA laws. Once the application process is successfully completed, campers will be issued a camping permit valid for a two-week period. Campers must update their permits every two weeks, although no new application is required if there are no changes from the previous visit. The permit must be prominently displayed at the campsite and remain current throughout the stay.

The campground has been designated as a community safety zone, imposing regulations such as the prohibition of alcohol and illegal drugs. Additionally, **a quiet time policy will be enforced from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM** daily. However, campers are **permitted to use generators within specified hours: 7:00 to 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, and 5:00 PM -7:00 PM.**

The Department of Public Safety's responsibility is primarily limited to issuing permits, while maintenance and utility concerns fall under the jurisdiction of LRBOI's Maintenance Department. Nonetheless, the Department of Public Safety conducts regular patrols and enforcement activities to ensure the safety and well-being of all campers and visitors.

Conveniently situated adjacent to the Powwow Grounds, the campground offers not only natural beauty but also cultural significance. Campers are urged to respect the land for its ceremonial purposes and to maintain the tranquility of the area.

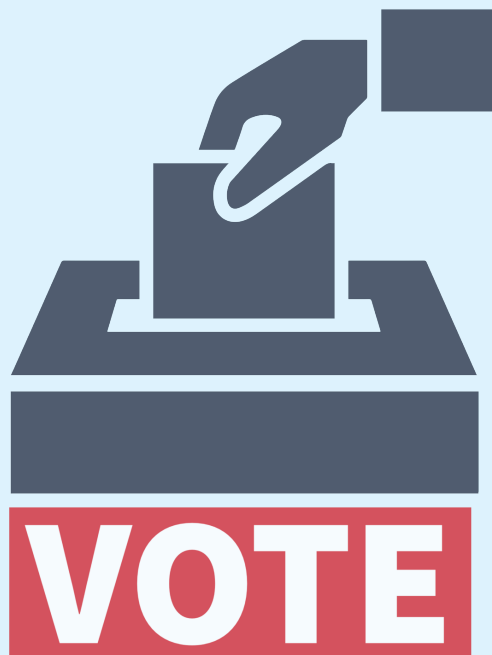
For any inquiries or emergencies, the Department of Public Safety is available round-the-clock. Campers can contact central dispatch at 231-723-6241 or dial 911 for immediate assistance. We hope campers enjoy their stay responsibly.

# Election Board

## Stay Informed: LRBOI Election Board Open Meetings

The LRBOI Election Board is announced the schedule of open meeting dates for the year 2024. These 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. Below is the schedule of open meeting dates for 2024:

- **March 21**  
Submit Your Questions By: March 18
- **April 18**  
Submit Your Questions By: April 15
- **May 16**  
Submit Your Questions By: May 13
- **June 20**  
Submit Your Questions By: June 17
- **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



All open meetings will commence at 7:15 pm. It's important to note that 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 the Monday of the week of the meeting. This allows the election board ample time to prepare and address inquiries effectively.

For your convenience, here is the Zoom meeting information:

- Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99808338390>
- Zoom Meeting ID: 998 0833 8390
- Zoom Meeting Passcode: 743234
- Zoom Meeting Phone Number (New York): 1-929-436-2866

For any additional inquiries or concerns, please reach out to the Election Board via email at [electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov).

Stay engaged and informed about the electoral process in our community by attending the LRBOI Election Board open meetings. Your participation matters!

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LRBOI Election Board Contact Information:  
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# Tax Benefits

## Tax Benefits & You: Understanding Your Tax Agreement with LRBOI

As a citizen of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI), you may be curious about the tax benefits available to you. In this article, we'll delve into the Tax Agreement and how it applies to you as a member of our tribe.

The Tribe, alongside other Michigan Tribes, negotiated a Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan to address various legal questions concerning taxation authority and exemptions. This agreement clarifies the extent to which the Tribe, Tribe/Citizen-owned businesses, and Tribal Members are exempt from certain State taxes.

The Tax Agreement covers several Michigan taxes, including:

- **Sales and Use Tax:** This tax, amounting to 6% of the retail price, encompasses various purchases such as vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles and more.
- **State Income Tax:** Approximately 4% of adjusted gross income is levied as state income tax.
- **State Tobacco Tax:** Currently set at \$2 per pack of cigarettes and 32% of the wholesale price on Other Tobacco Products (OTP).
- **Motor Fuel Tax:** Presently \$0.30 per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel.
- **State Single Business Tax:** This tax, akin to Michigan's corporate income tax, is pro-rated by tax base factors.

The Tax Agreement is a compromise intended to clarify taxation issues and avoid litigation. While most Tribal Member exemptions are available only to those residing within the Tax Agreement Area, specific exemptions for tobacco and motor fuel taxes apply to all Tribal Members.

To take advantage of these tax benefits, the Tribe, Tribe/Member-owned businesses, and Tribal Members must adhere to certain procedures and file relevant forms. For instance, purchases of tobacco and motor fuels must be made from a designated retailer, such as the Little River Trading Post.

For detailed instructions and forms, visit the LRBOI website's Tax Department page. No login is required to access these resources.



# Tax Benefits

## Tax Benefits Available to All Tribal Members:

- **Motor Fuel Tax Exemption:** Available for personal use, with purchases restricted to the Little River Trading Post and a monthly limit of 175 gallons per individual.
- **Tobacco Tax Exemption:** Limited to personal use, purchases must be made at the Little River Trading Post, with a monthly limit of 70 packs of cigarettes. Other Tobacco Products (within reason) for personal use only such as loose bagged tobacco, chew, snuff, cigarillos, cigars (excludes promotional products, vaping products and non-tobacco products such as rolling devices, rolling papers/tubes, hemp products, etc.).
- **Single Business Tax Exemption:** Portions determined by tax base factors and/or apportionment formula.

## Tax Benefits for Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) Only:

In addition to the tax benefits that all Tribal Members receive, Resident Tribal Members are also eligible for additional tax benefits.

- **Sales & Use Tax-Exemption:** RTMs must contact the Tax Department for a Certificate of Exemption before making the purchase. Eligible purchases include:
  - o Vehicles, watercraft, snowmobiles, motorcycles, ORV's\*
  - o Modular and Mobile Homes (Must be a principal residence)\*
  - o Construction Materials (Must be affixed to your principal residence for personal or non-commercial use. Includes materials to be affixed by the Member or from a Contractor.
  - o Treaty or Commercial Fishing Equipment\*
  - o Utilities (Electric, Gas, Water, Phone, Cable, etc.) for your principal residence. The utility bill(s) must be in the Resident Tribal Member's name only.

\*Each of these items must be stored, garaged, or berthed within the Tax Agreement Area for personal or non-commercial use.

- **Michigan Income Tax-Exemption:** tax exemption of the State of Michigan income tax for non-business income. Exemptions include income from per capita payments and treaty fishing.
- **Annual Michigan Sales Tax Refund:** For tangible personal property acquired and consumed within the Tax Agreement Area. Exemptions must be filed using Form 4013 with your Michigan Income Tax return. The form and letter of verification will be mailed to Resident Tribal Members no later than January 31st of each year by the Tax Department. The refund is pro-rated for the number of months the Resident Tribal Member physically resided within the Tax Agreement Area and was registered with the Tax Department. Exemptions include purchases for:
  - o Clothes
  - o Furniture
  - o Appliances, etc.
  - o Items where a Certificate of Exemption would not apply

# Tax Benefits

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## Issuance of Certificates of Exemption for RTMs

If you are a Resident Tribal Member and need a Certificate of Exemption for one of the items listed exempted from taxation, you must contact the Tax Department before you make your purchase. The Tax Department will prepare and sign the Certificate for you to present to the dealership, Secretary of State, or vendor at the time of your purchase. Certificates of Exemption can be obtained if you have the dealer/vendor information, the vehicle year, make, model and VIN.

The Tribe does not offer tax preparation services and the Tax Department is unable to provide tax advice due to liability issues. If you have specific income tax questions, please contact a certified tax preparer. The Tax Department is responsible for administering and enforcing the Tribe / State Tax Agreement, Tax Ordinance, and Tax Regulations. Please contact the Enrollment Department at (231) 723-8288 or toll-free at (888) 723-8288 if you need any of the following:

- Taxes withheld or discontinued from your Per Capita payments.
- Need a copy of your 1099 Miscellaneous Income tax form (your Per Capita total).
- Sign up or discontinue Direct Deposit of your Per Capita payments.
- Sign up or change your Per Capita beneficiary.
- Change your personal information and/or physical and mailing addresses so that you continue to receive your Per Capita payments without disruption.

For a Certificate of Exemption or further assistance, RTMs can contact the Tax Department before making qualifying purchases.

Remember, the Tax Department does not provide tax preparation services or advice. Consult a certified tax preparer for specific inquiries.

For more information and access to forms, visit the LRBOI website or contact the Tax Department directly.

Save money and maximize your tax benefits as a member of the LRBOI community!

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# 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 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.

LITTLE RIVER  
TRADING POST



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JULY 6th & 7th, 2024**



# **Become A Homeowner**

The Dwelling Place is offering the opportunity to own your own home at a below-market prices. These homes are the Grandville Homes, located in Grand Rapids. They have been selected as the Dwelling Place's initial CLT opportunity site.

This opportunity can be paired with The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage product specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska villages, tribes, or tribally designated housing entities.

With Section 184 financing borrowers can get into a home with a low down payment and flexible underwriting. Section 184 loans can be used, both on and off native lands, for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinance.



Information Packet

For more information about CLT Opportunity scan the QR code to access the information packet or visit our website at  
<https://dwellingplacegr.org/clt/>



# NSTEAM

Natives in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics  
April 19 – 21, 2024

Michigan State University

The Native American Institute in collaboration with the Office of University Outreach and Engagement and the MSU Science Festival invites 20 Native students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) to the campus of Michigan State University to participate in STEAM related programming Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

This event is designed to expose Native youth in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades to hands on sessions focused on science and technology. The event includes the opportunity to attend a presentation and book signing by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer the Author of Braiding Sweetgrass.

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To Register to attend NSTEAM – please click on this link [NSTEAM Registration](#) and complete the required forms by no later than March 1, 2024. NOTE: Because this is an overnight event, a chaperone is required to attend with you. This can be a parent, grand parent, guardian, or tribal educator (background check required for non-family members).

**NSTEAM is FREE**

**Lodging and Meals Provided**

**Free Copy of Braiding Sweetgrass**

*For more information or questions*

*Contact Dr. Kevin Leonard at [leonard1@msu.edu](mailto:leonard1@msu.edu)*



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and Engagement



# NEW GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AWARDS



LRH HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED TWO CONTRACTS. BOTH CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED THROUGH FORT MCCOY, AND THEY ARE BOTH FOR ARMY RESERVE COMMAND, RESERVE STATIONS IN MICHIGAN.

THE FIRST CONTRACT COVERS VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE DETROIT AREA, INCLUDING ANN ARBOR, FRASER, INKSTER, JACKSON, LIVONIA, WATERFORD, AND SOUTHFIELD. SNOW REMOVAL WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH LOCATION, AS WELL AS SPRING CLEANUP.

THE SECOND CONTRACT PERTAINS TO GRAND RAPIDS, MUSKEGON, AND PORTAGE. SNOW REMOVAL WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH LOCATION. ADDITIONALLY, IN THE SPRING, CLEANUP WILL BE PROVIDED.







# **Citizens Advisory Board Seat Vacancy**

**Little River Holdings, LLC is looking for  
Citizen Advisory Board members.**

**Members are compensated \$100 a  
meeting. Members meet quarterly to  
discuss current things going on with the  
EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and  
ideas from tribal citizens. For more  
information on qualifications to join  
the board, please see our website and  
click on the “About” tab, then down to  
“Citizen Advisory Board”.**



# Youth SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Training

**April 5th from 3 - 7pm  
at Little River's Conference  
Center Boardroom**

THIS TRAINING IS INTENDED FOR YOUTH  
OVER THE AGE OF 14 AND UP TO AGE 24 TO  
LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE PEERS THAT MAY  
BE STRUGGLING WITH THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE

YOUTH MUST REGISTER AND STAY FOR THE  
ENTIRE TRAINING TO RECEIVE A FREE HOODIE!



TO REGISTER: EMAIL KIMBERLY AT  
**[KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov)**  
**or call 231-655-3651**

WITH YOUR NAME, AGE, AND  
T-SHIRT SIZE BY MARCH 15TH  
REGISTRATION IS LIMITED!





**PLEASE JOIN US**

**For LRBOI's 1st Ever**

# **Baby Celebration**

If you are an LRBOI member who had a baby in 2023, come celebrate with us as we celebrate you and your baby!

**WHEN APRIL 6TH**

**WHERE:**

**AKI MAADIZIWIN COMMUNITY CENTER  
2953 SHAW BE QUU-UNG  
MANISTEE, MI 49660  
FROM 6 TO 8 P.M.**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 25TH!**

Brought to you by the LRBOI's Family Spirit Program, Family Services, Be Da Bin Behavioral Health, Native Connections, and Members Services

**For more event information, contact**  
Holly Lindsey at [hollylindsey@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:hollylindsey@lrboi-nsn.gov)  
For registration questions, please contact  
Kim Hinmon at  
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LRBOI's Family Spirit Program, and  
Victoria Wells, Elder Meals Coordinator**

Please Register In Advance  
by March 25th!

Please direct questions to Holly Lindsey  
[hollylindsey@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:hollylindsey@lrboi-nsn.gov)  
(231) 655-9391  
Please register with Kim Hinmon at  
[KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:KimberlyHinmon@lrboi-nsn.gov)  
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  - Prepare for the SAT
  - Provide Input on Renaming the Program for 2025
- 
- Application Deadline: April 15, 2024
  - Application available for download on the website
  - Sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at MSU

### **Contact Information:**

Stephanie Chau  
Program Director  
Little River Band of  
Ottawa Indians Citizen  
(517) 355-0234  
chaus@msu.edu

FOR MORE INFO SCAN the QR Code with your camera or  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/academics/pre\\_college/milp/index](https://www.canr.msu.edu/academics/pre_college/milp/index)





# SPRING MEMBERSHIP SALE



LRCR is having a yard sale. The sale will be held on

**FRIDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 7AM - 4PM**

**AND**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> 7AM - TBD**

**LOCATION: NEXT GENERATION LEARNING**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE – EVERYTHING IS \$1.00**

**ALL ITEMS MUST GO ABSOLUTELY NO HOLDS. PLEASE HAVE TIE DOWNS,  
PICK UP AND MOVERS ARRANGED FOR THE DAY OF SALE.**

Chairs, end tables, nightstands, dressers, armoires, mirrors, several wall sconces.



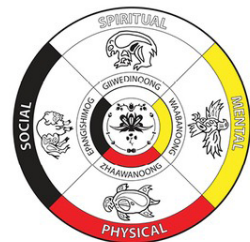
# SAGINAW CHIPPEWA ROUND DANCE

*Save the date!*  
**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

## Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym

7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- ▶ Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Prayer and Feast: 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Round Dance: 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Student Honoring: 8:30 p.m.



**For more information, please contact:** Saginaw Chippewa Academy at 989.775.4453



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# Sing for Mother Earth

A Concert Celebrating the  
50th Ann Arbor Pow Wow

Saturday, March 23, 8:30pm

The Ark - 316 Main St - Ann Arbor

Featuring Native American Music Award winners

Keith Secola and Annie Humphrey

*plus*

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# GVSU POW WOW

APRIL 13 & 14, 2024

# SAVE THE DATE

*Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse  
10915 N Campus Drive, Allendale, Michigan*

*[www.gvsu.edu/powwow](http://www.gvsu.edu/powwow)*

*Please contact Alicia Timmer, [timmeali@gvsu.edu](mailto:timmeali@gvsu.edu), with any questions.*





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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.





# **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.

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