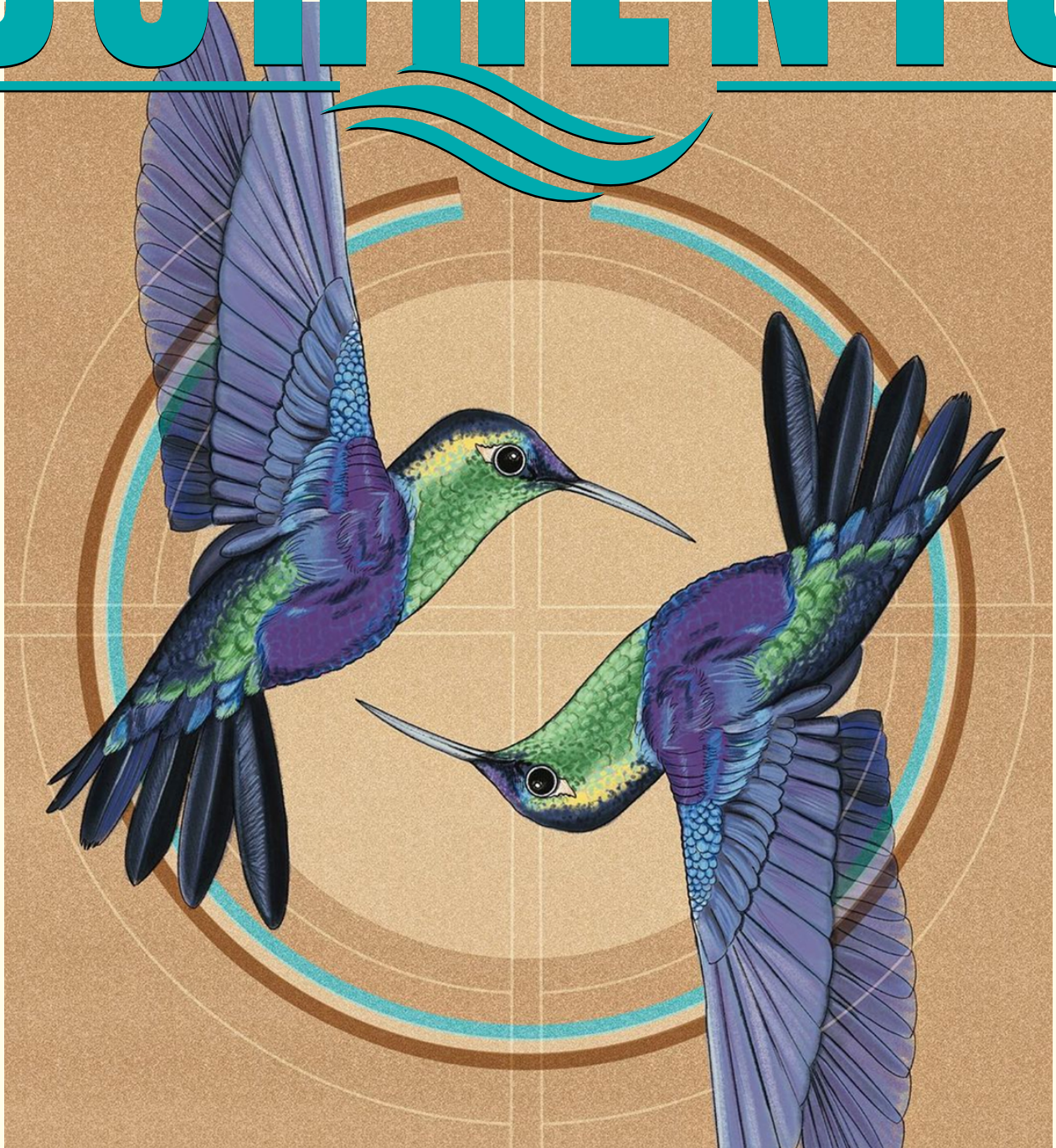


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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

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TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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-Sucker Moon-

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WELCOME



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Unofficial Election Results

Total number of registered voters	3692
Number of ballots issued	3692
Number of replacement ballots issued	6
Number of ballots received	1303 + 9 In person
Number of undeliverable official election ballot envelopes	50
Number of spoiled ballots	1
Number of rejected ballots	2
Number of unidentifiable envelopes	0
Number of ballots received from prior elections	1
List of ties and the final result of ties	0
Misc mail returned in election envelope	1

Sandra McCaslin

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Submission Deadline

Submissions are due the 15th of each month to be included in the following months Currents.

Office of Ogema	Number of votes
Shannon Paul Crampton	600
Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli	693
Office of Appellate Judge	
Bernie L. Darrow (Carlson)	1089
Office of Tribal Council -Outlying-	
Virgil Johnson	286
Valerie Robinson McDonnell	262
Al Metzger	332
Ron Wittenberg	364
Office of Tribal Council -9 County-	
Tammy Burmeister	365
Debra Davis	138
Sandra "Peanut" Lewis	192
Misty L. Silvis	263
Susan Thull	110
Office of The Election Board	
Kathy Gibson	1050
Shawna Sue Gonzalez	851

MUSKEGON PROJECT UPDATE

Ogema Larry Romanelli

Good Afternoon Tribal Member,

I need to give you an update on the Muskegon Casino Project. Unfortunately, while I had a meeting set with Governor Whitmer directly, that was canceled and I want to share some communications from her staff.

As you may know, the Governor did not approve our first package back in June of 2022, citing her concerns with the Grand River Band's application for federal recognition. In her response to the Department of Interior (DOI), the Governor said she would welcome a chance to revisit our project once Grand River Band's petition was resolved. At the time, that was supposed to be in October. DOI then indicated that they would be willing to take our application back up and use the work we had done before. We were told they could have a new positive decision for us in just a few months.

In October, DOI gave the Grand River Band an extension of time and the Governor continued to say that she was waiting for the DOI to make a decision. In February, the DOI did issue a proposed finding against the acknowledgment of the petitioner with the standard 180 day response time. Since that time I have requested a meeting with the Governor to find out if she would be willing to approve our efforts to move forward to the DOI.

After weeks of asking for a meeting with the Governor, I did have a meeting confirmed with the Governor for April 4th. Less than an hour before the set time, I received an email stating that the Governor would have to reschedule the meeting. Last Friday, the Governor's lawyer called one of the Tribe's lawyers and said the Governor was not willing to support the project, and that there would be no further communication from the Governor about it. It was to be rescheduled. To date, I have been given no reason for the hesitation from the Governor.

I then reached out to the Governor's staff person who schedules meetings for the Governor and asked if a call with the Governor would be rescheduled sometime soon? Also, I needed clarity on the conversation between her staff and ours. The response to my request was that one of our contact persons and their team connected on the issue, "and closed the loop." That was yesterday. So I responded to say that those comments seem to lead me to believe there would not be another meeting rescheduled, and the issue of the Muskegon Casino project, for the Governor, is now closed and she will not be rendering a formal decision one way or another. I asked that if I am incorrect, to please let me know by 5PM today. I've received nothing in response.

I am greatly disappointed and saddened that the Governor will not reach out the leader of a federally recognized, historic and sovereign Ottawa Nation to give a direct message, after this Tribe has invested over \$30 million and well over 12 years of hard work in this project. The project asked for no financial backing from the State or taxpayers of this state and offered 3-5 thousand jobs and economic growth in West Michigan.

So at this writing, I want to let you, the tribal members, know where the project is at. I will also need to inform the tribal council, the Muskegon Community and others. If I hear anything different in the coming days, I will let you know as soon as possible. I thank you for your patience and support.

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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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

An application must be submitted, and resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged. Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

Contact **Alicia Knapp**, HR Generalist 231 398-6859 or at AliciaKnapp@lrboi-nsn.gov

Go to <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/> for the latest job postings

Be da Bin Behavioral Health

Mental Health Counselor – Be da Bin Behavioral Health (1 Full Time – Grant funded)

Gaming

Internal Auditor Manager

Surveillance Operator – Gaming Commission

Health Services

Staff Physician

IT

IT Help Desk Technician – (Full Time - Regular)

IT Technician – (Full Time – Regular)

Natural Resources Department (NRD)

Seasonal Natural Resources Technician (Temp. - NRD)

Fisheries Technician – Great Lakes – (1 Full Time - Regular)

Utilities

Utility Operator – Utilities Department – (Full Time - Regular)

Victim Services Program

Victim Advocate (Family Services Department) – (2) Full-Time

(1) – Manistee based and (1) – Muskegon based – Grant Funded

To apply please submit your completed application, cover letter, and resume to:

LRBOI HR Department
2608 Government Center Dr
Manistee, MI 49660
fax: (231) 331-1233
Email: Apply@lrboi-nsn.gov

LRCR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Contact LRCR at 1-888-568-2244, 231-723-4530 or email at RECRUITING@LRCR.COM.

Go to <https://www.lcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers> for the latest job postings.

Fast Track Thursdays (Get an instant interview)
Every Thursday, 10am-6pm
Human Resources office

<p>Bartender Hourly Wage: \$7.25 Full Time</p>	<p>Cage Cashier Hourly Wage: \$16.00 Full Time</p>
<p>Club House Associate Hourly Wage: \$15.00 Seasonal Full Time & Part Time</p>	<p>Food & Beverage Supervisor Salary: \$41,600.00 Annually Full Time</p>
<p>Food & Beverage Server Hourly Wage: \$7.25 + tips Part Time / Full Time</p>	<p>Guest Service Supervisor FOH Salary: \$37,440.00 Full Time</p>
<p>Gift Shop Supervisor Salary: \$37,440.00 Full Time</p>	<p>Lead Guest Service Agent Hourly Wage: \$15.00 Full Time</p>
<p>Housekeeping Attendant - Seasonal Hourly Wage: \$16.00 Full Time Seasonal</p>	<p>Maintenance Technician Trainee Hourly Wage: \$14.00 Full Time</p>
<p>Maintenance Technician I Hourly Wage: \$16.00 Full Time</p>	<p>Porter Hourly Wage: \$14.00 Full Time</p>
<p>Pool/Spa Maintenance Technician Hourly Wage: \$17.00 Full Time</p>	<p>Security Level II Hourly Wage: \$15.50 Full Time / Part Time</p>
<p>Retail Associate Hourly Wage: \$13.00 Full Time</p>	<p>Usher Hourly Wage: \$20.00 Intermittent</p>
<p>Table Games Floor Supervisor Hourly Wage: \$22.00 Full Time</p>	<p>Cook I Hourly Wage: \$19.00 Seasonal Team Member is a Team Member who on an annual basis, works six (6) months or less and is generally employed at the same time each year. Full Time</p>

FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FAMILY SERVICES STAFF:

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Manistee Office/North
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Family Spirit Educator
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Shanaviah Canales, MA
Victim Service Coordinator
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Outreach Specialist
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Our Goals

To target demonstrated needs of Tribal Citizens to fill gaps in services provided by State and local agencies.

To maintain the preservation of Native American families and communities by providing direct services, referrals, and case management services to Little River Band of Ottawa Indian citizens and their families.

Department Overview

To provide an accessible, effective, and diversified Social Services Program that will enhance and maximize the individual tribal citizen's capabilities for great self-sufficiency and well-being. It is our focus to maintain the preservation and reunification of Indian families by providing direct services, referral, and case management services for Indian children and families in compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.



FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency
- Indian Child Welfare Intervention and Reunification Services
- Elder Support Services
- Family and Individual Counseling
- Education and Assistance
- Positive Indian Parenting Program Family
- Spirit Program
- Victim Services
- Notary Services

Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification

Intervention in State court proceedings as per the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation ACT (MIFPA). Foster Care monitoring, adoption, and Case Management services. Service Plan development to accomplish specific goals. The department works with the Binojeeuk Commission (Child Welfare Commission) and makes independent recommendations on a case-by-case basis. The Department also provides Expert Witness testimony as required by the ICWA and MIFPA.

Eligibility Requirements

Children under 18 years of age, who are verified Tribal Citizens or are eligible for enrollment and who are currently involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) in either a Tribal or State court case.

Self-Sufficiency Program

A holistic program that builds on the strengths of an individual to create independence and accomplish future goals. Through case management and system navigation, individuals will be able to access Tribal and non-Tribal programs that will assist their journey to self-sufficiency.

Eligibility Requirements

Verification of Tribal enrollment and residency in the nine-county service area. Financial assistance may require proof of income level.



FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPLE OF LIVING:

Seven Grandfather Teachings

- Courage
- Love
- Humility
- Wisdom
- Respect
- Honesty
- Truth



Elder Support Services

Aid with Tribal and non-Tribal programs including case management services, advocacy, and referrals. Utilizing the Elder's Circle of Care these services give individuals the ability to live in their own home or community safely, independently, and comfortably regardless of age, income, or ability level as long as possible. Family Services also collaborates with Adult Protective Services (APS) to protect Elders in abusive situations. We also assist Elders with questions and concerns when assessing federal and state programs.

Eligibility Requirements

Verification of Tribal Enrollment

Family & Individual Counseling

Counseling assistance to individuals and families directed at basic problem-solving intra-family relationships, and child parenting issues.

Eligibility Requirements

Verification of Tribal Enrollment

Education and Assistance

Facilitate basic knowledge as regards budgeting through tracking, analyzing, identifying, and setting goals.

Eligibility Requirements

Verification of Tribal Enrollment

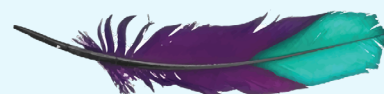
Victims Services

The Victims Services program serves to provide support and education services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Specific services may include cultural advocacy, emergency shelter, and outreach services.

Eligibility Requirements

Verification of Tribal enrollment in a federally recognized Tribe and residence with the nine-county service area.

Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians
**Victim Services
Program**



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

DATE: MAY 19, 2023
WHERE: MUSKEGON OFFICE
LOCATION: 1101 WEST HACKLEY
MUSKEGON, MI 49441

The LRBOI Enrollment Department will be visiting the Muskegon office. If you need to update any enrollment forms or requests, please come visit us. If you have any questions, please email Mary Carpenter at mcarpenter@lrboi-nsn.gov or call Mary at 231-398-6713 or call Chantel at 231-398-6720.



FORMS/REQUESTS AVAILABLE

- Address Correction Form
- Bereavement Beneficiary Form
- Check Cancellation and Reissue (per cap) Form
- Per Cap Direct Deposit Cancellation Form
- Per Cap Direct Deposit Form
- Per Cap Beneficiary Form
- Voluntary Withholding Request

LRBOI ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

2608 Government Center
Manistee, MI 49660
Mary -231-398-6713
Chantel 231-398-6720

Website: <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/membership-services/enrollment/>

Monday - Friday 8a-5p

New/replacement Tribal IDs will be available

Save The Date

**Peacemaking introduction
and recruitment training for tribal
members and tribal employees**



May 30th

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Location: Justice Center, 3031 Domres Rd. Manistee MI 49660

Please contact Patrick Wilson to register for this training.

Phone: 1(231) 398-2239 or by Email: patrickwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

PEACEMAKING DEPARTMENT

The Peacemaking/Probation Department is encouraging Tribal Members and Tribal Employees to utilize the Peacemaking Program.

Many Tribal Members have heard of Peacemaking and our Tribal Peacemaking Program. Some of our members even know that Odenaang Enjinoojimoying became formally adopted in 2008 and was signed by the now retired Chief Judge Daniel Bailey and the Associate Judge Angela Sherigan.

Today, Angela Sherigan is now our Chief Judge, and under her leadership the court is highlighting the Peacemaking Program and is encouraging our Tribal Members and employees (when appropriate) to take full advantage of the Peacemaking Program.

Peacemaking has helped many Tribal Members as well as some of our Tribal Employees. We at the Peacemaking/Probation Department feel we can still do more.

There are many reasons to voluntarily participate in a Peacemaking Session, if you have a dispute, a conflict, or an issue that you just can't seem to resolve, you need Peacemaking. Peacemaking can help you identify what the problem is, gives you a voice in solving and coming up with a solution that works for everyone. Also, in the Peacemaking Session a safe environment is created. The Peacemakers are impartial, and the outcome of a Peacemaking Session will start the healing process, by creating a new working relationship with the best possible outcome. So, before a problem becomes an issue for the courts, stop by the Peacemaking/Probation Department and we will start the process to resolving your dispute. Don't wait, come in today, there is no time like the present, we are here to help.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION STORE GRAND OPENING



Jamie Friedel



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Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians

25th Annual JIINGTAMOK

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:
TBA

Dance Specials:
Men's Traditional
Women's Traditional

1st place - \$600
2nd place - \$400
3rd place - \$200
4th place - \$100

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:
Sandra Lewis
231-398-6869

Free Admission Public Welcome

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

FREE CAMPING WITH SHOWERS & BATHROOMS *FIRST COME FIRST SERVE*

This is a drug /alcohol free event No violence or politics No dogs LRBOI is not responsible stolen or damaged property

Language Word Search

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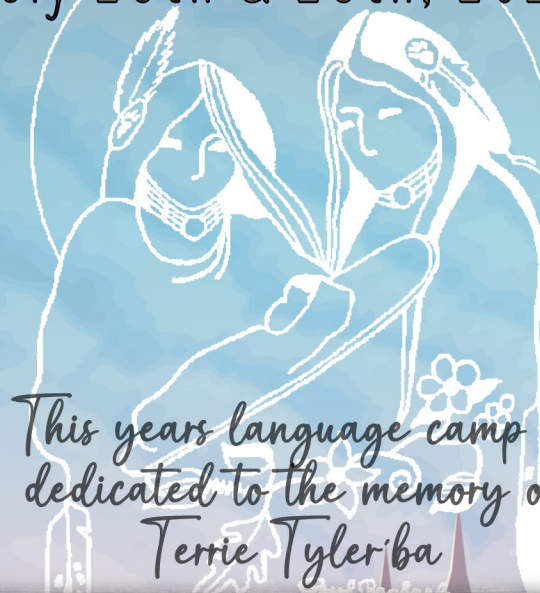
28th Annual
2023 Anishinaabe Family
Language & Culture Camp

"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 Tyler'ba*

**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
231.398.6892 | 231.590.1187**

**kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov
Call to register so we can prepare
the meals accordingly.**



More Information & updates

www.anishinaabemdaa.com

www.Aanii.org

Facebook: anishinaabemdaa

M NMEBINE GIIZIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1 Ant Engonh	2 Ants Engonhik	B Aa
7 Caterpillar Mose	8 Caterpillars Mosek	9 Fly Ojiinh	Fli Ojiir
14 Frogs Maagkiik	15 Grasshopper Pakanenh	16 Grasshoppers Pakanenhak	Mosc Zgin
21 Spider Ezibikenh	22 Spiders Ezibikenhak	23 Toad Dendenh	Toa Dende
28 Worms Zhiginaashak	29 Large/older turtle Kchi'mshiikenh	30 Small/young turtle Mshiikenhs	Small/you Mshiik

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(SUCKER MOON)

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Bees Aamo'ik	4 Butterfly Memingwaan	5 Butterflies Memingwaanhak	6 Butterflies Memingwaanhak
10 Firefly Waawaatesiinh	11 Fireflies Waawaatesiinhak	12 Frog Maagkii	13 Frog Maagkii
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24 Turtle Mshiiken	25 Turtles Mshiikenhak	26 Turtles Mshiikenhak	27 Worm Zhiginaash
31 Turtles Mshiikenhak	Translations provided by Kenny Pheasant Contact Kenny at kennypheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov		

LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS



LITTLE RIVER HOLDING 2023 UPDATE

BIG WIN!

Little River Holdings, LLC would like to inform the community that its Government Contracting Division, Little River Government Contracting, an 8(a) and HUBZone Certified entity, was recently awarded the National Museum of the United States Army multiyear contract.

The contract will provide artifact cleaning for the prestigious National Museum of the United States Army. This is a 5-year contract starting the end of August 2023. This is the premier museum for the United States Army and is visited by over 200k guests a year including senior Army Leaders. They host numerous events for the Army and local community in the Museum. This is a very prestigious and visible contract within the Army.

The National Museum of The United States Army



NEWS

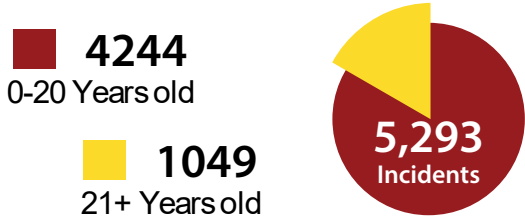
Little River Holdings would like to inform you of the recently developed utility company called Native American Utility Company (NAUC). NAUC was formed to take advantage of its status as a Sovereign Nation operating under existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Rulings and Federal Regulations.

Another Development Success!

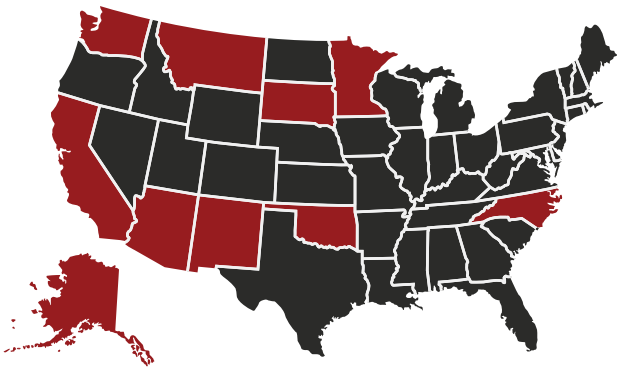
Little River Development has landed another successful tax credit to develop Samaritas the affordable housing community of Spring Lake Project!

Missing & Murdered

National Crime Information Center Missing and Unidentified Person 2020 Statistics



Top 10 states with the highest number of MMIP cases**



LEARN MORE

* (NamUS, as of 12-1-20) ** (NamUS, as of 8-1-21)
www.fbi.gov/le-repository/2020-ncic-missing-person-and-unidentified-person-statistics.pdf

Remembering Our Relatives

MAY 5th

Show your support
WEAR RED



National Day of Awareness
For Missing and Murdered
Indigenous People

2023

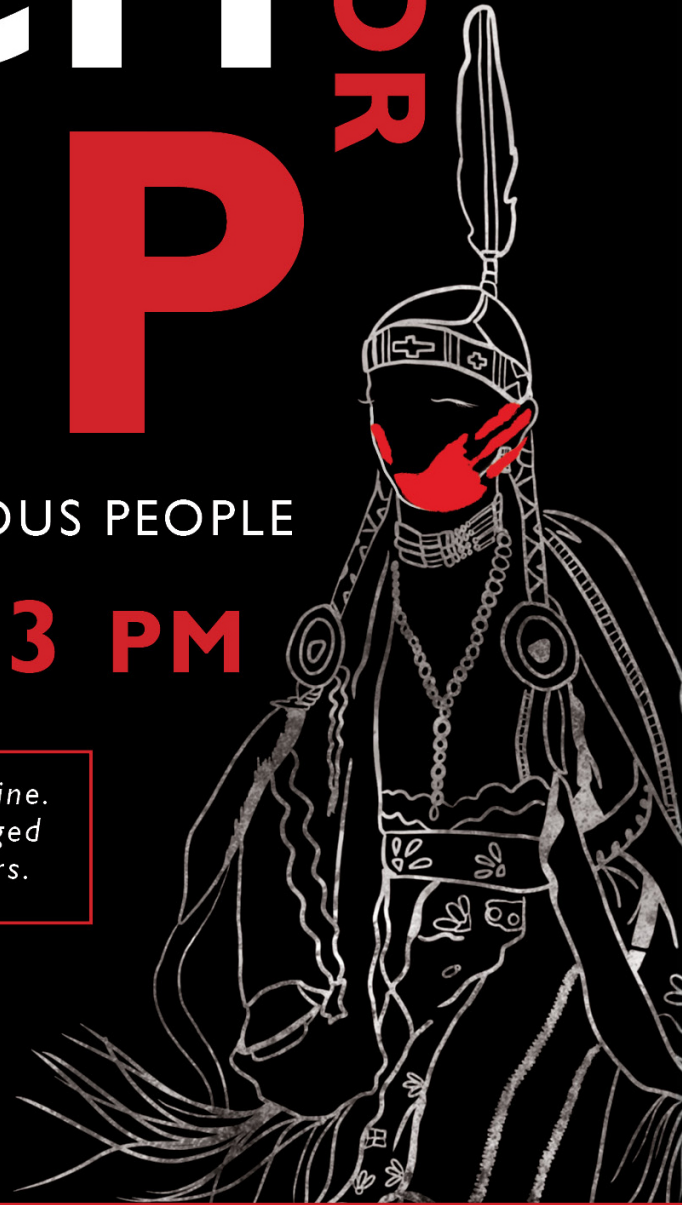
MARCH FOR
MMIP

MISSING + MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

MAY 5 | NOON - 3 PM

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

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



March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Local Potawatomi Tribes Call for Justice

On Friday, May 5, 2023, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP), Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians will host the second MMIP March through downtown Grand Rapids to observe National Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day.

“We host this event to bring awareness and educate people in Southwest Michigan on MMIP,” said NHBP Tribal Council Coordinator and Tribal Member Robyn Burlingham, who sits on the event’s task force. “The March for MMIP allows people a space to ask questions and provide those impacted by this issue a safe place to heal and connect.”

This event serves as an opportunity for Natives and non-Native allies to peacefully come together to shatter the silence and give voice to the thousands of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People who deserve to be a national priority.

Data from the U.S. Department of Justice indicates that Native women face murder rates more than ten times that of the national average. There are more than 4,000 unsolved cases of missing Indigenous persons, and 55% of Native women have experienced domestic violence (these numbers are low as many cases are not reported or go unrecorded.) These statistics show how important raising awareness is to protecting our Indigenous family members.

Participants are encouraged to gather at the Ah-Nab-Awen Park (220 Front Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504) to open the event at noon, listen to speakers representing the movement, and then embark on the one-mile march through downtown Grand Rapids. The event is planned to conclude at 3 p.m. Rain or shine, people from all walks of life who wish to stand in solidarity to support this movement are encouraged to join and should wear red to honor those who are missing.

“Aanii Bozho {Hello}, people ask me what they need to do to participate and what some of the symbols mean for the MMIP March,” said Virginia Sprague-Vanderband, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Tribal Council and member of the MMIP March task force. “Friday, May 5th, please come decked out in Red with a smile on your face and an open heart. People ask us why Red. Many tribes believe that red is the only color spirits see. We hope that by wearing red, we can call back the missing spirits of indigenous people so we can lay them to rest. The MMIW red hand over the mouth started as a symbol for all the missing sisters whose voices are not heard. It is now used interchangeably with both MMIW/MMIP. We will wear red in our clothing and use it when creating our MMIW or MMIP posters, all in peaceful demonstration to lift our voices and say No More!”

Victims services representatives from Michigan Tribes will be on-site for individuals who seek to learn about available resources and to answer questions.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING PHOTOS





SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING LRCR UPDATE

LRBOI SPRING 2023 MEMBERSHIP MEETING Little River Casino Resort Update

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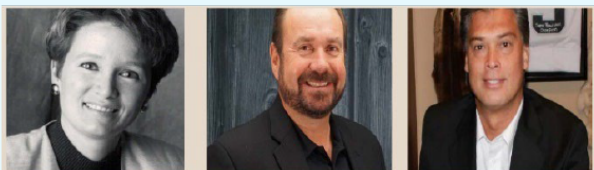
AGENDA

Welcome Advisory Group

- Projects
- Competitor Reinvestment
- Conference Room Concept
- Financial Update
- Online Gaming and Sports Betting
- Wipfli Cost of Doing Business Report

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WELCOME BACK! OGEMA'S ADVISORY GROUP



Kim Dunn Chuck Wahr Michael Moore



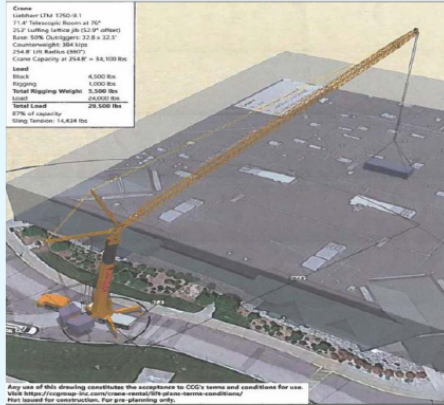
ONGOING PROJECTS

Updates

- South Hotel renovation – all three floors
- North Hotel and Event Center exterior updates
- IntelliPak HVAC Units installation
- Buffet reintroduced Sept 2022, expanded to weekend breakfast March 2023
- Player's Club relocation
- New slot bases
- New ATM / kiosks

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING LRCR UPDATE

NEW INTELLIPAK UNITS

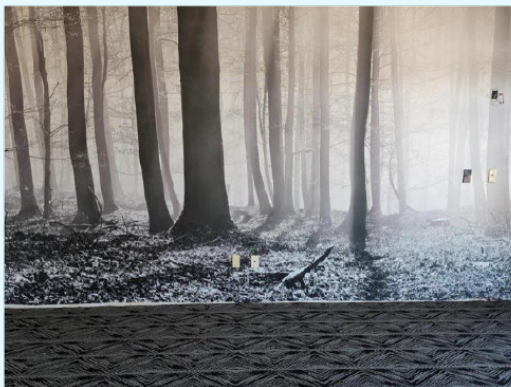


In April, a large crane will lift the new IPak units into place on the roof. Out of an abundance of safety, the total load weight of 29,500 lbs., and the location of the lift, the gaming floor will be closed during the process.

HOTEL ROOM RENO – IN PROGRESS

Full room renovations including:

- Carpeting
- Murals
- Furniture and case goods
- Wallpaper



EXTERIOR UPDATES

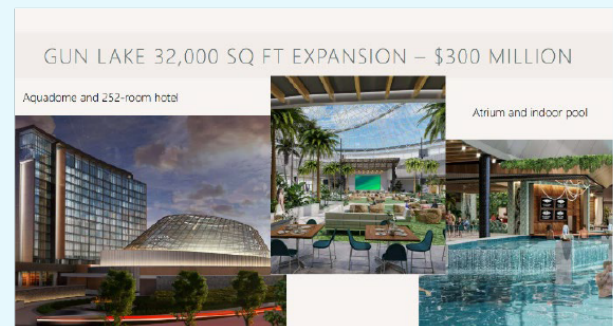
The exterior part of the building at Little River Casino Resort has been refreshed and repaired with stucco, staining, tuckpointing, and concrete work.



COMPETITOR REINVESTMENT Looking Ahead

COMPETITORS' REINVESTMENT – WILL EXPAND AND ADD PHOTOS/PRESS RELEASES

GUN LAKE

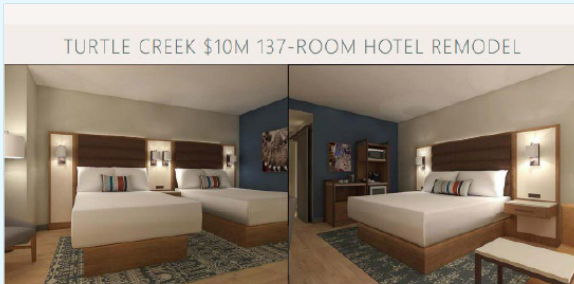


Phased renovations and additions exceeding \$300 million investment.

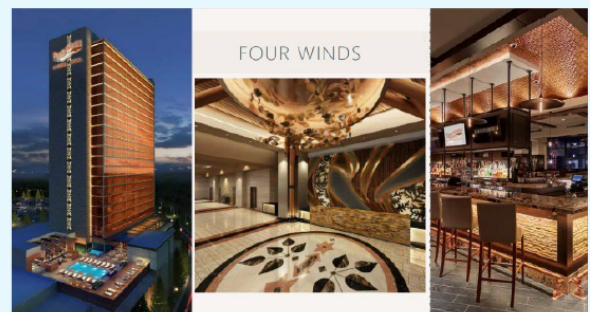
SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING LRCR UPDATE

TURTLE CREEK

Reopened a major \$10 million renovation of its 137-room hotel, including a lobby, front desk, lounge, and boutique.



Phase 2, which recently broke ground, hotel with 317 rooms, a spa, convention area, meeting space, ballroom, bar and grill, and a hospitality level with an outdoor rooftop swimming pool.



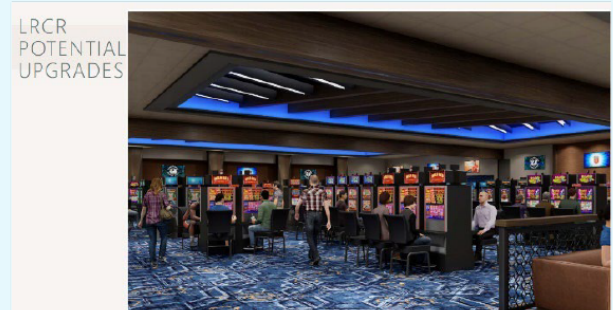
BAY MILLS

Announced \$65 million expansion to include 134 rooms, a deli, spa, pool, fitness center, and exterior amenities such as fishing piers, and gardens.

LRCR – Potential Upgrades
Renovating all three floors of South Hotel rooms (West Wing is complete), no large-scale additions or reno since 2016.

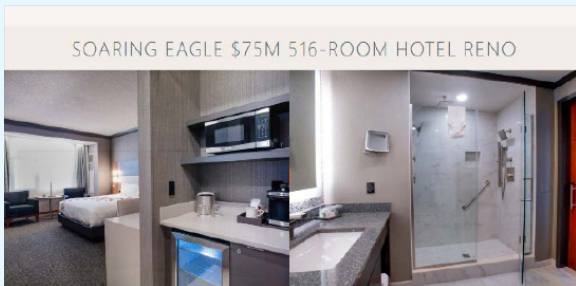
FIREKEEPERS

Has 200+ room hotel. FireKeepers just announced their Food and Beverage renovations.




SOARING EAGLE


Has a three-phase project of \$75 million of 516 guestrooms, full reno conference rooms, and a fitness center.



FINANCIAL UPDATE SLOTS STRATEGY

Slot Coin In 4.53% 
*YOY January-March 2023



Average Bet per spin  3.1%
*YOY January-March 2023



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New slot bank configurations, that adapt post-Covid strategies and player behavior, providing comfort for players and additional revenue per unit



Installation of top industry performing themes on Slot Machines across all

segments that resonate with our players



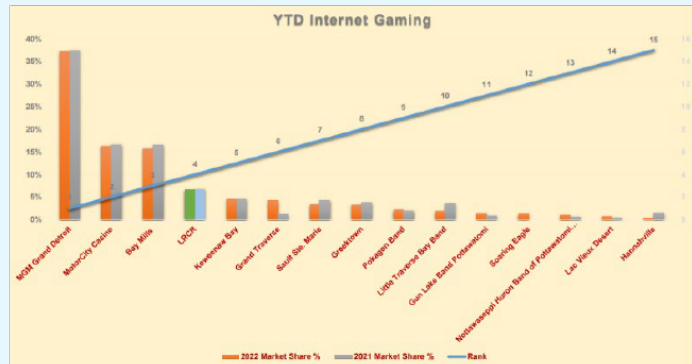
New strategy and placement for adjacent gaming spaces to increase revenue per square foot

CASH PAID TO TRIBE 2023

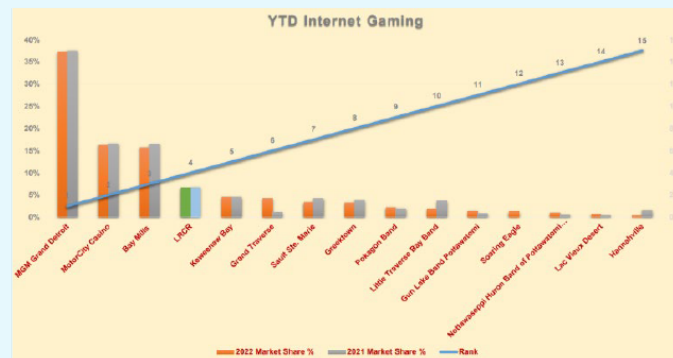


Total cash paid to Tribe for 2022 exceeded 2019 by 1.9% despite increasing capital expenditure funding by 26% in 2022

INTERNET GAMING



YTD Internet Gaming 2022 Market Share % 2021 Market Share % Rank
YTD Internet Gaming Ranked 4th with 6.59% market share vs 6.69% last year
Seven properties gained market share YOY and eight have lost, including the top four



INTERNET SPORTS BETTING

Internet Sports Betting 2022 Market Share % 2021 Market Share % Rank
Internet Sports Betting Ranked 7th with 1.73% market share compared to 1.21% LY Motor City/Fanduel saw the largest annual gain

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING LRCR UPDATE

ONLINE GAMING REVENUE SOURCES

Online Gaming Revenue Share

Approximately \$9.1 million from online gaming revenue share has been included in the calculation and transferred to the Tribe in Distribution since January 2021.

Online Gaming Tax

Approximately \$9.4 million in online gaming tax has been paid to the Tribe from the Resort since January 2021.

These funds are not part of the calculation of Distribution and are currently in an account restricted for use by a Tribal Council Resolution.

WIPFLI COST OF DOING BUSINESS

	2022		2021		2020			2019		
	LRCR	LRCR	Midwest	Rural	LRCR	Midwest	Rural	LRCR	Midwest	Rural
Overall Operating Expense %	66.73%	60.40%	73.90%	72.10%	65.20%	92.20%	83.80%	67.10%	79.20%	74.70%
Mktg/Adv Expense %	6.13%	4.40%	6.30%	5.80%	4.60%	7.50%	7.40%	5.50%	9.00%	8.40%
All Wages %	17.03%	15.90%	22.30%	18.80%	18.10%	29.00%	23.70%	16.00%	21.00%	20.90%
EBITDA%	33.30%	39.60%	35.10%	37.40%	34.80%	21.70%	26.10%	32.90%	30.60%	30.70%

MIIGWECH

Ogema Romanelli

Advisory Group

GM – Andrew Gentile

LRCR Team Members

UNCLAIMED INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY

Tens of thousands of beneficiaries haven't claimed their Individual Indian Money account. Some of these accounts have more than \$100,000 in them.

Individual Indian Money Accounts

What is an IIM Account?

An Individual Indian Money (IIM) account is an interest-bearing account managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) on behalf of an individual who has money or other assets held in trust for them by the Federal government. You might have an IIM account because:

You inherited the land through probate.

You received an interest in trust land through a Gift Deed or purchase.

You received a per capita trust payment from a Tribe, a tribal settlement, or a court-ordered judgment award.

Where does the money come from?

The Federal government deposits money into IIM accounts from a variety of sources. These sources include encumbrances (commercial, industrial, recreational, mineral, or agricultural leases), grazing and range permits, timber sales and permits, rights-of-way uses, land sales, and court judgment or settlement awards for Tribes and individuals (e.g., per capita payments). IIM Accounts do not include proceeds from Tribal gaming.

BRIGGS, CLAUDE N

BRIGGS, DANIEL A

BRIGGS, WILLIS E

CRAM, ANGEL

CURTIS, NICOLA K

GENIA, MARK J

HRADSKY, PATRICIA A

SHALIFOE JR, EDWARD J

SHALIFOE, BENJAMIN G

SHALIFOE, MARTIN C

SMITH, BRANDON L

STONE, SUMMER A

If you find your name on this list, please contact Bureau of Trust Funds Administration so they can help you through the process of claiming your account.

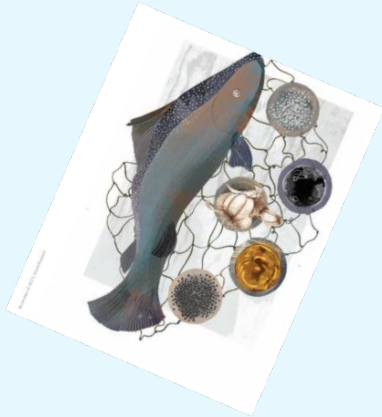
Trust Beneficiary Call Center

Phone: (888) 678-6836

Email: tbccmail@btfa.gov

RECIPES

MICHIGAN MAPLE SALMON



INGREDIENTS

- 4 **salmon** fillets, thawed
- Salt and pepper
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 Tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced OR ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash your hands before preparing food.
2. Line a rimmed baking pan with foil.
3. Place thawed salmon, skin side down on foil lined baking pan. Wash your hands after handling raw fish.
4. Sprinkle each fillet with salt and pepper
5. Mix maple syrup, soy sauce and garlic or garlic powder together in a small bowl and pour over salmon. Place in refrigerator for 30 minutes to marinate, turning once at 15 minutes.

- Start preheating oven to 400° F halfway through marinating.
6. Remove pan from refrigerator, turn fish skin side down and place in preheated oven. Wash your hands after handling salmon.
 7. Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes; salmon is done when it flakes easily with a fork.

NOTES AND IDEAS:

- Salmon will need to be thawed before baking. Thaw in the refrigerator, OR in cold water, OR according to package directions.
- Use real maple syrup for this recipe.
- ¼ cup maple sugar may be substituted for maple syrup.
- Make this a complete meal by adding a potato or grain and a vegetable.

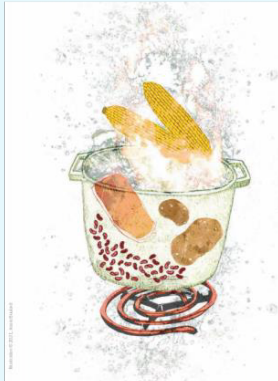


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Anishinaabek Cooking Resources

HOMINY CORN SOUP



INGREDIENTS

- 1 to 1½ pounds pork loin chops, cubed
- 4 - 15.5 oz. cans hominy, drained and rinsed
- 5 or 6 medium-sized potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 or 3 - 15.5 oz. cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed · Salt and pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash your hands before preparing food.
2. Place pork pieces in large pot with 1 ½ quarts of water. Add ½ teaspoon salt and simmer for about 1 hour.
3. Add the drained and rinsed hominy to pot. Continue to boil together gently for another hour.
4. In the meantime, boil the potatoes separately in a pan of salted water until just tender. Drain, and discard water. Cool

potatoes to prevent from further cooking.

5. After 2 hours, add the potatoes and drained and rinsed kidney beans to cooking pot. Add an additional 1 quart of water, or more to desired consistency. Reheat to boiling and serve with salt and pepper.

NOTES AND IDEAS:

- You may add more cans of hominy, if you prefer.
- If you use a fattier cut of pork, you may decide to remove and discard any excess fat from the meat and also skim the fat from the cooking water, before adding the hominy.

THREE BEAN CHILI

(Serves 6 to 8 people)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium to large-sized onion, diced
- 1 green or red bell pepper, diced
- 2 carrots, finely chopped or shredded
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 Tablespoons chili powder
- 1 pound ground beef, thawed
- 2 - 15.5-oz. cans diced tomatoes
- 2 cups water OR tomato juice
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano OR Mexican oregano

RECIPES

- 1 - 15.5-ounce can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 - 15.5-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 - 15.5-ounce can light red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- Salt and black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash your hands before preparing food.
2. Heat the vegetable oil in large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onions, bell pepper and carrots, cover and cook, stirring occasionally until the vegetables are soft, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add the cumin and chili powder and cook, stirring, for 1 more minute.
3. Add the ground beef; raise the heat to high and cook, stirring and breaking up the meat with a spoon, until the meat is no longer pink. This will take about 10 minutes.
4. Stir in the tomatoes, water OR tomato juice, and oregano. Bring the chili to a boil and then reduce heat to gently simmer for 30 minutes. Leave the pot partially covered and stir about every 10 minutes.
5. Add the beans and simmer, partially covered, 20 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
6. Serve with shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped onions or other toppings as desired.

NOTES AND IDEAS:

- Add a can of drained green beans for color and another vegetable.
- A can of tomato sauce or low-sodium condensed tomato soup may be added to thicken the chili.
- A can of drained hominy or whole kernel corn would be a tasty addition to this chili.

HOMINY BLACK BEAN BOWL

INGREDIENTS

- 1 to 2 cups romaine leaves, washed and broken into bite sized pieces
- ½ to ¾ cup hominy, drained and rinsed
- ¼ to ½ cup black beans, drained and rinsed
- ¼ green pepper, washed and chopped into pieces or thin slices
- ¼ cup canned diced tomatoes, drained, OR fresh tomatoes, washed and diced
- ¼ cup cheese, grated
- 1 to 2 Tablespoons Ranch dressing OR sour cream OR plain yogurt
- 2 Tablespoons salsa, red or green
- 2 Tablespoons pumpkin OR sunflower seeds

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash your hands before preparing food.
2. In a large bowl, or on a plate, layer or place all ingredients in order listed, finishing with seeds sprinkled on top.

NOTES AND IDEAS:

- Avocado slices or guacamole make tasty additions.
- Whole kernel corn – canned, frozen, grilled or fresh – can be added to this bowl.
- Roasted squash pieces would make this a Three Sisters bowl. · Leftover taco meat, or shredded canned chicken, leftover steak pieces, or browned ground beef or bison, or canned ground beef, drained, would be delicious added to the bowl.

MASTERING 1-POT MEALS



1-pot meals are great for fast weeknight dinners. They contain a variety of foods, need little preparation and cleanup, and won't break your budget.

Here, you'll learn basic preparation methods for a popular 1-pot meal: chili. Once you learn the basic 1-pot cooking method, mix and match your favorite ingredients to make other meals. Refer to recipes for exact

amounts of ingredients and cooking times.

EQUIPMENT

- Cutting board
- Knife
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Large pot with lid · Wooden spoon

HOW TO MAKE CHILI

1. Wash your hands before preparing food.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon of cooking oil in a large pot over medium-high heat.
3. Add ½ cup chopped onions and 3 minced garlic cloves and cook for several minutes until fragrant. You can also add chopped peppers at this point.
4. Add lean ground beef, chicken, or turkey to the pot. Cook for about 5 minutes, stirring to crumble.
5. Stir in water, beans, tomatoes or other vegetables, and dried herbs and spices like cilantro, chili powder, cayenne pepper, cumin, and cinnamon. Bring to a boil.
6. Turn the heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally. Cooking time can vary, depending on the recipe, from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

TRIBAL DISCOUNTS

Little River Casino Resort offers LRB Tribal members discounts



HOTEL AND GIFT SHOP

- **Hotel** - \$79 + taxes standard hotel room rate and a \$129 + taxes hotel suite per night. Subject to change. ***Rate is subject to change.**
- **Gift Shop** - 25% Daily discount in the gift shop. Discount is not included with consignment, gift card, or gift certificate purchases.

RIVER ROCK SPORTSBOOK & GRILL RAPIDS BISTRO BIG LAKE BUFFET

- 20% daily discount in food outlets. Available to all LRBOI Tribal Members and one patron additional patrons shall be charged full price.
- Thursday 50% off total bill up to six people per a single Tribal ID, and card holder must be present.



NOTE

- LRBOI Tribal member must present their Tribal ID to receive any discounts for dine in or carry out. Discounts shall not be combined with other discounts or coupons.
- Tribal Member discounts shall not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).
- Tribal Member discount shall never include tobacco, alcohol, or gratuity.
- Tribal Member Food discounts shall not apply to C-store, Conference Sales, or Banquets/Weddings.
- Tribal Member discounts offered by the Resort shall not be combined with any Resort offer including other discounts, comps, offers, or coupons.
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- The above does not apply when Tribal member is making a tax exempt purchase of either motor fuel or tobacco at the C-Store per Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tax Department Rules, Regulations, or Procedures.

LITTLE RIVER TRADING POST

HOURS

SUNDAY – THURSDAY

7 am to 5 pm

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

7 am to 11 pm

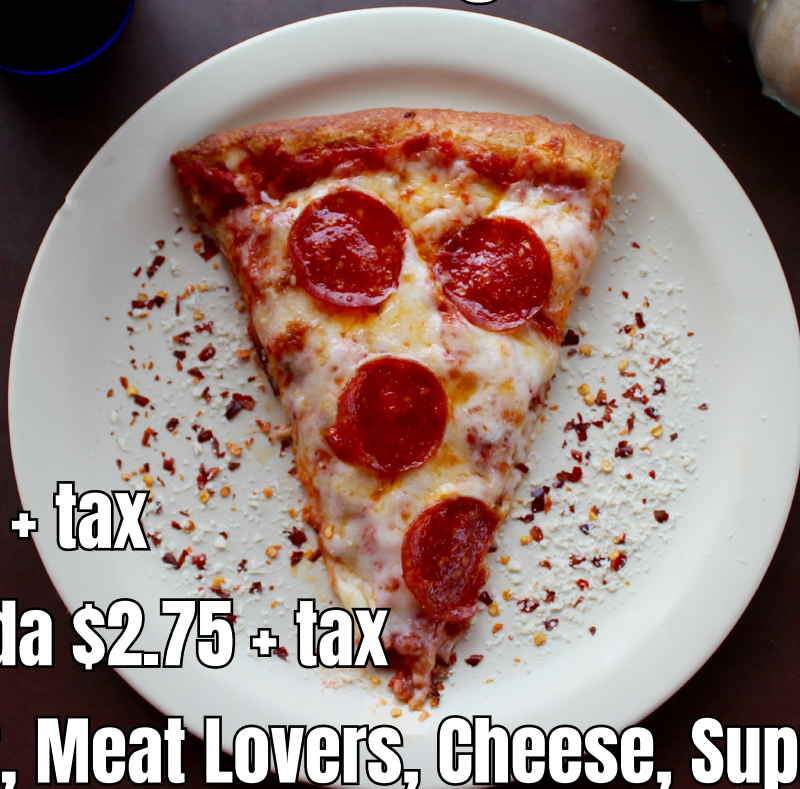
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Now Serving Pizza!

12" \$12.25 + tax

Slice & Soda \$2.75 + tax

(Breakfast, Meat Lovers, Cheese, Supreme)

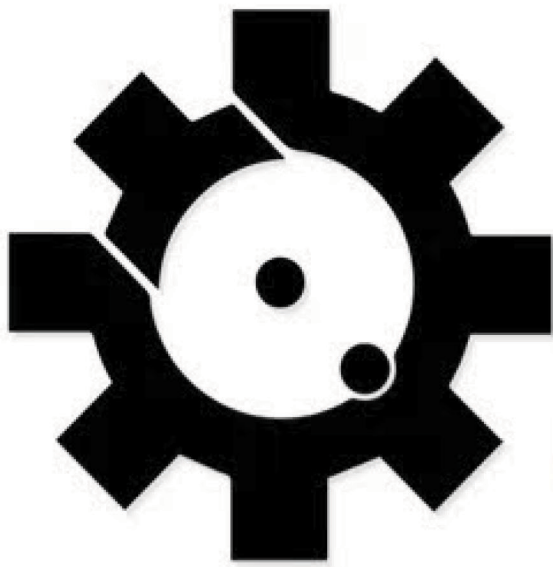


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TACTICAL TREATS

USCCA Accredited CPL Instruction

Weekly Classes

1. Basic Hand Gun knowledge & Cleaning

This class will show the student the differences in Hand Gun calibers, their uses & effectiveness. There will be no live ammunition in class! (snap caps only) Basic mechanics of how most hand guns function.

We will also be covering types of Holsters, Hand Gun cleaning & effective Storage,

2. Dry Fire Laser Training

This class will help improve Handgun accuracy & Trigger control using Snap caps, Striker caps & Lasers in conjunction with an elite shooting performance system designed to increase consistency by recording shot by shot analysis. The student will see in real time their subtle hand movements & learn " Proper Grip" "Avoiding Recoil Anticipation" "Trigger Press Movement" "Follow Through" Just to name a few.

3. CPL Certification Class

Successful completion of this class will allow you to apply for a Concealed Carry Permit (CCW). See MI state laws.

4. CPL RENEWAL Certification Class

Successful completion of this 4 hr.class will allow you to re-apply for a Concealed Carry Permit (CCW). See MI state laws.

**TO SIGN UP FOR A CLASS GO TO: USCCATRaining.COM
OR CHECK OUT MY WEBSITE TacticalTreats.COM
OR FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL, (231)220-5207**