

LITTLE RIVER CURRENTS



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

GAACHING ZIIBI DAAWAA ANISHINAABEK

TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

BNAAKWII GIIZIS | OCTOBER 2024

-Falling Leaves Moon-

HAVE A GREAT
**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Joanne Green

Press Secretary

JoanneGreen@lrboi-nsn.gov

Sky Gonzalez

Communications Officer

SkyGonzalez@lrboi-nsn.gov

Elected Officials

Ogema	District	Term	Phone	Email
Larry Romanelli	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6824	ogema@lrboi-nsn.gov

Council	District	Term	Phone	Email
Tammy Burmeister (S)	9 County	2023-2027	231-398-6833	tburmeister@lrboi-nsn.gov
Al Metzger	Outlying	2023-2027	231-398-6869	almetzger@lrboi-nsn.gov
Misty Silvis	9 County	2023-2027	231-398-6838	mistysilvis@lrboi-nsn.gov
Ron Wittenberg	Outlying	2023-2027	231-398-6828	ronwittenberg@lrboi-nsn.gov
Gary DiPiazza	9 County	2021-2025	231-398-6825	garydipiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov
Pam Johnson (R)	Outlying	2021-2025	231-398-6836	pamjohnson@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shirley Wever	9 County	2021-2025	231-398-6802	shirleywever@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shannon Crampton*	Outlying	2021-2025	231-398-6885	shannoncrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov
Julie Wolfe	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6834	juliewolfe@lrboi-nsn.gov

Election Board	District	Term	Phone	Email
Laura Echelbarger	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Kathy Gibson	At Large	2023-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Shawna Gonzalez	At Large	2021-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Lee Ivinson*	At Large	2021-2027	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
Janine Sam*	At Large	2021-2025	231-398-6709	electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov

Chief Judge	District	Term
Angela Sherigan		

Associate Judge	District	Term
Caroline LaPorte**		

Appellate Judge	District	Term
Bernie Darrow		
Melissa Pope		
Bernadene Crampton		

YOUR
Vote
COUNTS

Voting Districts

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

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

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

LRBOI SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Education

Yvonne Parsons

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O: 231-398-6735

Services:

Michigan Indian Tuition V
Vocational Education Assistance
Higher Education Scholarship
College Book Stipend Program
Tutoring Assistance
Student Services School Clothing/Activities
Student Services Driver's Training Assist.
Class Ring Assistance
Senior Pictures Assistance
Cap, Gown & Announcement Assistance
12th Grade Computer Assistance



Housing

Tara Bailey

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O: 231-398-6879

Services:

Low Income Rentals - Elder designated housing, elder designated ADA housing, family housing, family ADA housing
Fair market housing
Section 184 Indian Home Loan Assistance
Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance



Food & Nutrition Center

Jamie Friedel

E: jamiefriedel@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-655-1041

Services:

USDA Commodities Distribution – The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations. Foods include fresh and canned vegetables, frozen meats, breakfast cereals, cheese, and butter. The FDPIR is an alternative to the Food Stamp Program.



Enrollment

Dianne A Lonn

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O: 231-398-6713

Services:

Enrollment Process
Tribal Identification (ID)
Judgment Funds
Address Changes
Tribal Directory Information
Bereavement Program
Per Capita Beneficiary Form
Notary Services
Per Capita Information Services
Direct Deposit Form
Tax withholding on Per Capita

Family Services

E: familyservices@lrboi-nsn.gov

O: 231-398-6707 or 398-6651

Services:

Individual Self-Sufficiency Education & Assistance
Family Self-Sufficiency Education & Assistance
Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Services
Elder Support Services
Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Counseling
Trauma Based Counseling
Positive Indian Parenting Program

Health Services



O: 231-723-8299
O: 231-398-6601

Services:

Family Medicine
Foot and Ankle Clinic
Community Health Nurse
Diabetic Educator
Purchase & Referred Care (PRC)
Extended Health Assist. Program (EHAP)
Pharmacy
Fitness Center



Tax Department

Valerie Chandler

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O: 231-398-6874

Services:

Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program
Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members
Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Tribal Entities
Tribal Tax Licenses
Tribal Business Licenses
Commercial and Subsistence Fishers



Members Assistance

Jessica Steinberg

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Services:

Low Income Energy Assistance - LIHEAP
Food Assistance
Rental & Mortgage Assistance
Elder Meal Program
& Elder Chore Service
Emergency Transportation Assistance
Referral Assistance Service - help with finding assistance organization/agencies to assist with unmet needs.
Interdepartmental Referral Services - help to provide coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments.

Members Legal Assistance

Mary Witkop

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Services:

Estate Planning, Trust Preparation & Wills
Probates of Estates
Durable Power of Attorney
Durable Power of Medical Attorney
Real Estate
Land-Lord Tenant Matters
Divorce, Custody and Support
Criminal and Civil Matters
Paternity & DNA Testing
Birth Certificates
Guardianships & Conservatorships
Driver's Licenses
General Legal Advice

The attorney cannot appear in court with a tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe. Attorney can assist with providing legal advice and drafting of documents.

Note that some of the assistance programs offered through Members Assistance is available to citizens living within the 9 county service area. Contact Members Assistance for details and possible referrals to help at other organizations and agencies.

Manistee

Government Center

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

Little River Health Service Center

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

Food Distribution

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

Housing Department

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-398-6875 / 231-398-6879

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Justice Center

3031 Domres Road
Manistee, MI 49660
231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Natural Resources

310 Ninth St
Manistee, MI 49660
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288
Office: 231-723-1594 / 866-723-1594

Muskegon

Tribal Office

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
1101 West Hackley
Muskegon, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8288 / 888-723-8288

Little River Health Service Center

4905 S. Harvey St.
Norton Shore, MI 49441
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853
Services include Family Medicine,
Pharmacy and Radiology.

Little River Health Center of Ellis

1478 E. Ellis Rd
Muskegon, MI 49444
Main: 231-723-8299 / 888-382-8299
Office: 231-398-6601
Pharmacy: 231-398-3853
Services include Behavioral Health,
PRC Dept., Admin Center, Dictation
Center, Laboratory Facility, and Foot
& Ankle Clinic.



ANIMALS, BIRDS, INSECTS & FISH

Solution to find the Anishinaabemowin Words

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AAMO (BEE)

GAAZHAG (CAT)

BIZHIKI (COW)

AANDEG (CROW)

WAWASHKESH (DEER)

SHIISHIIBENH (DUCK)

ANIMOSH (DOG)

WAGOOSH (FOX)

BEZHIGOGSHII (HORSE)

MAANG (LOON)

ZGIMENG (MOSQUITO)

GNOOZHE (PIKE)

WAABOZ (RABBIT)

ZHAGAAG (SKUNK)

GYASHK (SEAGULL)

Sourced from <https://anishinaabemdaa.com>

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:

New Year's Day

When: January 1.

Observed: Monday, Jan 1, 2024.

LRBOI Treaty Recognition Day

When: March 28.

Observed: Thursday, Mar 28, 2024.

Memorial Day

When: Last Monday in May.

Observed: Monday, May 27, 2024.

Independence Day

When: July 4 & 5

Observed: Thurs & Fri, July 4 & 5, 2024.

Labor Day

When: First Monday in September.

Observed: Monday, Sept 2, 2024.

LRBOI Reaffirmation Day

When: September 21.

Observed: Friday, Sept 20, 2024.

Veteran's Day

When: November 11.

Observed: Mon, Nov 11, 2024.

Thanksgiving

When: 4th Thursday in November.

Observed: Thursday, Nov 28, 2024.

Native American Heritage Day

When: Friday after Thanksgiving.

Observed: Friday, Nov 29, 2024.

Christmas Eve Day

When: December 24.

Observed: Tuesday, Dec 24, 2024.

Half day closure. Closed Noon-5pm

Christmas Day

When: December 25.

Observed: Wed, Dec 25, 2024.

Offices will be closed Dec 25 - Jan 1 in recognition of the 2024 winter holidays. Offices will close at noon on Dec 24, 2024 and reopen Jan 2, 2025 at 8 am.

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.

Upcoming Tribal Events

October

Oct 4, 2024 - Ogema's Fall Meet & Greet
Oct 5, 2024 - Fall Membership Meeting
Oct 5, 2024 - Jiibay Wiikongewin (Ghost Supper)



November

Nov 8, 2024 - Elder's Christmas Party (6pm)
Nov 9, 2024 - Elder's Conference
Nov 10, 2024 - Elder's Meeting (10am)

December

Dec 5, 2024 - Children's Christmas Party



Tribal Council Meetings



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

October 2	November 6	December 4
October 9	November 13	December 11
October 16	November 20	December 18
October 23	November 27	

Tribal Council Meeting & Work Sessions

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

Attend a Tribal Council Meeting

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

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

Etiquette for On-Line Attendance

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

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

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

Tribal Council Meetings



A Guide to Using Zoom!

The following excerpts were sourced at <https://support.zoom.com>

How do I sign up for Zoom?

You can sign up for a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us/signup#/signup>

How to download the Zoom client.

You can download the Zoom Desktop Client for macOS, Windows, Linux, and ChromeOS. Download the Zoom Mobile App for iOS and Android, from our Downloads page or your app store.

Create your own account.

To sign up for your own free account, visit the Zoom sign-up page and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). In this email, click Activate Account.

How to sign into your Zoom account on the web

You can sign into your Zoom account on the web at any time, at zoom.us/signin. Once you're logged in, use the panel on the left side to navigate the Zoom web portal. You can update your profile, schedule a meeting, edit your settings, and more.

How to update your profile

You can update your profile by adding a profile picture, set your time zone, update your password and more. To access your Zoom profile, sign into the Zoom web portal and click Profile.

How to join another user's meeting

There are many ways to join a meeting, but the easiest way is to click the join link that the meeting host provided. You can also click Join in your Zoom client and enter the meeting ID. You may also be prompted for a meeting passcode, so keep the meeting invite information available. You can join a meeting by clicking the meeting link or going to join.zoom.us and entering in the meeting ID.

Election Board Meetings



Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates | Submit Questions Deadline

Oct 17 | Oct 15 Nov 21 | Nov 19

Engage with the Election Board

Open Election Board meetings provide an opportunity for tribal citizens to engage with the election board, ask questions, and stay informed about the electoral process within our community. All open meetings will begin at 7:15pm. If no one joins the meeting by 7:30 pm, the open session will adjourn and transition into a closed session. To partake in the open meetings, please ensure your questions are submitted by Tuesday of the week of the meeting you plan to attend (48 hours in advance of the meeting). This allows the election board ample time to prepare and address inquiries effectively. Stay engaged and informed about the process in our community by attending the LRBOI Election Board open meetings. Your participation matters!

Attend an Election Board Open Meeting

On-Line: Zoom Web Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dobwevj>
Zoom Call-In Number: 1-929-436-2866
Zoom Meeting ID: 9998 0833 8390
Zoom Passcode: 743234

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Election Board Meetings

Election Calendar of Important Dates

October

- 10/04 - Fully completed candidate packets due back no later than 5pm.
- 10/04 - Candidate packet drop off available in Muskegon & Manistee
- 10/25 - Slating of candidates. Per regulation, post the slating of candidate by 12 noon on 10/26.
- 10/28 - Deadline to withdraw candidacy via email by 5pm.

November

- 11/01 - Registration deadline to vote in the Primary and Regular elections.
- 11/19 - Ballots mailed out for Primary election.

December

- 12/23 - Deadline to request replacement ballot.

January

- 01/03 - Deadline for disputes.
- 01/17 - Primary Election Day.
- 01/20 - Deadline for Primary Election winners to withdraw, via email by 5pm.
- 01/24 - Deadline for challenges.

February

- 02/14 - Registration deadline to vote in the Regular election.

March

- 03/07 - Ballots mailed out for Regular election.

April

- 04/04 - Deadline to request replacement ballots.
- 04/25 - Regular Election Day.
- 04/28 - Deadline for Regular Election winners to withdraw, via email by 5pm.

May

- 05/01 - Deadline for challenges and/or recounts.
- 05/02 - Deadline for finance reports from candidates.

Offices to be elected

- At-Large - 1 seat
- Outlying Council - 2 seats
- Nine County Council - 2 seats
- Office of Election Board - 3 seats
- Associate Judge - 1 seat

Commissions and Committees



We have a seat open on the Binojeeuk Commission. If you are interested in being appointed to this commission please fill out an application and return it with your letter of interest. We need dedicated people to serve.

Binojeeuk Commissioners

Commissioners	Term Expires
Shawna Gonzalez	09/20/2025
Alicia Goff	09/20/2025
Chelsea Densmore	09/20/2025
Corey Wells	09/20/2027
Vacant	09/20/2027

Tribal Council Liaisons
Tammy Burmeister,
Ron Wittenburg, & Julie Wolfe

BINOJEEUK COMMISSION

This commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1pm at Administration Office at Government Center in Manistee & via Zoom.

2024 Meeting Schedule

October 1 & 15
November 5 & 19
December 3 & 17

Binojeeuk Commission: Protect Our Children & Preserve Our Families

The Binojeeuk Commission, formed under the Children's Protection Code, is committed to safeguarding the well-being of Indian children and families. Officially recognized by the Tribal Council, this commission operates with the authority to enforce federal and Tribal child welfare laws effectively. As a member of the Binojeeuk Commission, you will have a profound impact on the lives of our children and families. Your role will involve advising the Tribal Council and Tribal Court on child welfare issues, monitoring child welfare proceedings, recommending interventions in state court cases, and overseeing the licensing and regulation of childcare facilities.

Commissions and Committees

We have several seats open on the Biskaabiiyang Committee. If you are interested in being appointed to the cultural committee, please fill out an application and return it with your letter of interest.



BISKAABIIYANG COMMITTEE

As a member of the Biskaabiiyang Committee, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the preservation and promotion of our cultural heritage. Your knowledge, experience, and commitment are invaluable assets that will enrich our efforts. The Biskaabiiyang Committee consists of three dedicated members. However, to fulfill our mission effectively, we need your participation. We are looking for two more elders and two more any age individuals to join us in the important endeavor!

Biskaabiiyang Members

Victoria Wells

Krystal Davis

Delia Ross

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant - Elder

Vacant - Elder

Apply Today

Tribal Council Liaisons

Pam Johnson,

Ron Wittenburg, & Gary DiPiazza

Biskaabiiyang Committee: Help Preserve Our Cultural Heritage!

The Biskaabiiyang Committee is a vital component of our tribe's cultural preservation efforts. Their mission is clear: to maintain, foster, and promote our history, culture, teachings, traditions, and ceremonies as Anishinaabe people. The Biskaabiiyang Committee is dedicated to preserving, presenting, and creating cultural learning opportunities that connect us to our Anishinaabe traditions. From ancestral stories to contemporary arts, from cherished recipes to sacred ceremonies, the committee endeavors to ensure that our culture thrives and remains accessible to all citizens. If you are passionate about preserving and promoting our rich cultural heritage and dedicated to ensuring that future generations have access to our traditions, stories, arts, and ceremonies, we invite you to join the Biskaabiiyang Committee!

Commissions and Committees

APPLYING TO SIT ON A COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

Our tribe is looking for individuals such as yourself to serve on our committees and commissions. If interested, please obtain an application by clicking the following, [Commission & Committee Application Link](#) or email tribalnews@lrboi-nsn.gov requesting an Committee and Commission application.

Create a letter of interest to submit with your completed application. It should serve as an introduction and provide a summary of your qualifications, experiences, and motivations for seeking the position.

Here's a detailed breakdown of what a letter of interest should include:

1. Contact Information: Your name, address, phone number, email address
2. Salutation: Address the letter to Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Council
3. Introduction: State your interest in serving on the commission/committee
4. Body: Briefly describe your professional background, relevant experiences, and current role. Highlight the skills, qualifications, and experiences that make you a suitable candidate for the commission/committee. Explain why you are interested in serving on the commission/committee, including any specific issues or goals you are passionate about. Describe what you hope to contribute to the commission/committee and how you can add value to its work.
5. Conclusion: Mention your willingness to provide further information and attend work sessions and tribal council meetings for your interview and or subsequent appointment.

Return the completed application along with your letter of interest to Mary Thomas in the Ogema's office and to Tribal Council via email.

Mary Thomas at marythomas@lrboi-nsn.gov

Tribal Council at tribal_council@lrboi-nsn.gov



Elders committee



Elders Christmas Party

Friday, November 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Little River Casino Resort
2700 Orchard Highway, Manistee, MI 49660

Elders Conference

Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Little River Casino Resort
2700 Orchard Highway, Manistee, MI 49660

A block of rooms at LRCR is set aside for these events,
Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024.

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

Group Code: #402 Password: 77662488

Or call 1-888-568-2244 Elders Conference Group #402

The room block online will show the normal tribal rate.
Eligible LRBOI Elders living **outside** a 50-mile radius
will receive ONE ROOM for TWO NIGHTS, paid by the Committee.

Additional nights at the Elders expense.

Elders Meeting

Sunday, November 10 at 10:00 AM

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

Manistee's Giant Sequoia



The Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) is a tree species that has fascinated botanists, naturalists, and visitors for centuries due to its immense size and incredible longevity. Although the species is native to California, these towering trees are also admired worldwide for their resilience, adaptability, and unique characteristics. Giant Sequoias have found a home in unlikely places, including Manistee, Michigan, at Lake Bluff. In this location, one of these remarkable trees stand tall, representing one of the few instances where sequoias have successfully been transplanted outside their natural range. Despite the significant difference in climate between Michigan and California, these sequoias have adapted well to the conditions near Lake Michigan.

The Giant Sequoia at Lake Bluff is a symbol of the species' remarkable capacity for growth and survival. Much like their counterparts in the West, the tree benefits from well-drained soil and access to moisture, drawing from the groundwater near the lake. Their thick, fire-resistant bark also protects them from environmental stressors, allowing them to grow steadily in their new home. At Lake Bluff, this tree has become a local marvel, growing in a much colder and more humid environment than its native habitat in the Sierra Nevada. The Sequoias ability to thrive here highlights its resilience and adaptability. While the Michigan sequoia is not as tall or voluminous as its Californian relatives, it is a testament to the species' hardiness, enduring the cold winters and less consistent summer droughts of the Great Lakes region.

Manistee's Giant Sequoia

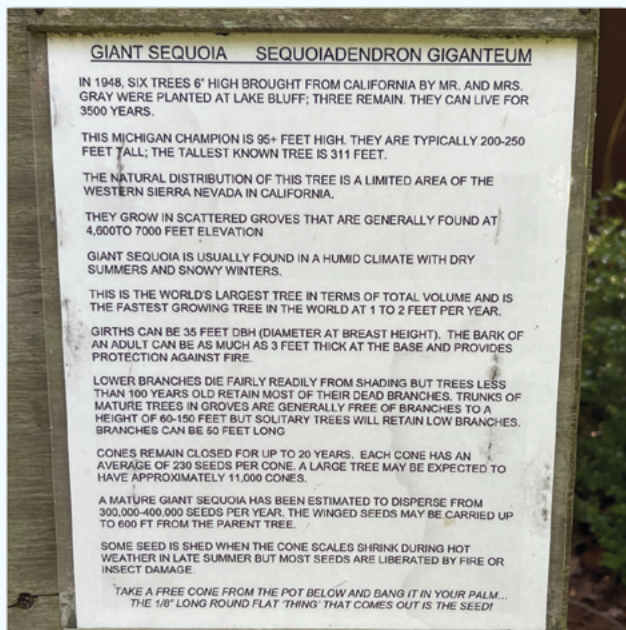


Manistee's Giant Sequoia

This majestic tree is a rare and inspiring sight in Michigan, offering visitors a glimpse of one of the world's largest and longest-living tree species, thriving in a landscape far from their origin. Overall, the giant sequoia is a symbol of resilience and natural wonder, continuing to captivate those who witness their grandeur. From their unique relationship with fire to their towering presence, they represent the dynamic beauty of nature.

A posted sign at the Giant Sequoia at Lake Bluff in Manistee shares this message:

Giant Sequoia - in 1948 six trees 6" high brought from California by Mr. and Mrs. Gray were planted at Lake Bluff; three remain. They can live for 3500 years. This Michigan Champion is 95+ feet high. They are typically 200-250 feet tall; the tallest known tree is 311 feet. The natural distribution of the tree is a limited area of the western Sierra Nevada in California. They grow in scattered groves that are generally found at 4,600 to 7,000 feet elevation. Giant sequoia is usually found in a humid climate with dry summers and snowy winters. this is the world's largest tree in terms of total volume and is the fastest growing tree in the world at 1 to 2 feet per year. Girths can be 35 feet diameter at breast height. The bark of an adult can be as much as 3 feet thick at the base and provides protection against fire. Lower branches die fairly readily from shading but trees less than 100 years old retain most of their dead branches. trunks of mature trees in groves are generally free of branches to a height of 60-150 feet but solitary trees will retain low branches. Branches can be 50 feet long. Cones remain closed for up to 20 years. Each cone has an average of 230 seeds per cone. A large tree may be expected to have approximated 11,000 cones. A mature giant sequoia has been estimated to disperse from 300,000-400,000 seeds per year. The winged seeds may be carried up to 600 feet from the parent tree. Some seed is shed when the cone scales shrink during hot weather in a late summer, but most seeds are liberated by fire or insect damage.



amazon business

Sign up for a FREE Amazon Business Account!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in collaboration with Amazon, are pleased to offer tribal citizens FREE access to Amazon Business.



Sign Up for an Amazon Business Account.

Email amazon@lrboi-nsn.gov

In the email, provide your full name as registered with LRBOI Enrollment department, your tribal ID number, and the email address you want the Amazon Business account listed under.

Verification of your name and tribal ID number will be completed.

Once your account is authorized, you will receive an email from Amazon. It is your responsibility to manage your account and pay for your orders.



Benefits of having an Amazon Business Account.

- Business-only Prices*
- Quantity Discounts
- Free Shipping on orders \$25+
- Reorder Lists
- Analytics Tools
- Millions of Suppliers



*Business-only prices are available on only certain items, and those items may change from time to time.

This offer does **NOT** include Amazon Business Prime or Amazon Prime!

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

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

Orange Shirt Day

The day of remembrance, also known as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, was established in Canada in 2013 and inspired by the story of elder Phyllis Webstad, a survivor of the Canadian residential school system. In 2013 Webstad recounted her first day of residential schooling at six years old, when she was stripped of her clothes, including the new orange shirt her grandmother bought her, which was never returned. The orange shirt represents the efforts made by the residential school system to deny children their Indigenous identity.



Starting in the 19th century, the Canadian and U.S. governments and various church groups established residential (or boarding) schools for Indigenous children with the goal of assimilating them and thus eradicating Indigenous Peoples, their languages, and cultures. In 1920 in Canada, under the Indian Act, it became compulsory for every Indigenous child to attend a residential school and unlawful for them to attend any other educational institution. In the U.S. the Indian Civilization Fund of 1819, the Peace Policy of 1869, and various denominations of the Christian Church adopted an Indian boarding school policy with the goal to "Kill the Indian, save the man". These children were forcibly removed from their families, communities, and cultures and kept in residential schools where they were expected to assimilate (cut their hair, abandon traditional clothing, give up their names and take on English names) and were penalized for speaking their languages and practicing their cultural beliefs. Children were separated from their families for long periods (sometimes over four years) and were taught their cultures were inferior. In addition to cultural genocide, residential schools were also the sites of horrific physical, sexual, and emotional abuse perpetrated against these children. From the 1880s, upwards of 150,000 Indigenous children went to over 130 residential schools across Canada, the last of which closed in 1996. It is estimated that between four and six thousand children died at these residential schools. Between 1819 and 1969, the U.S. operated or supported 408 boarding schools. At the time of a 1969 report, 34,605 children were enrolled in Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) boarding schools and 15,450 enrolled in BIA day schools. Since its start in June 2021, the Federal Indian Boarding School initiative has identified marked or unmarked burial sites at approximately 53 of these schools.

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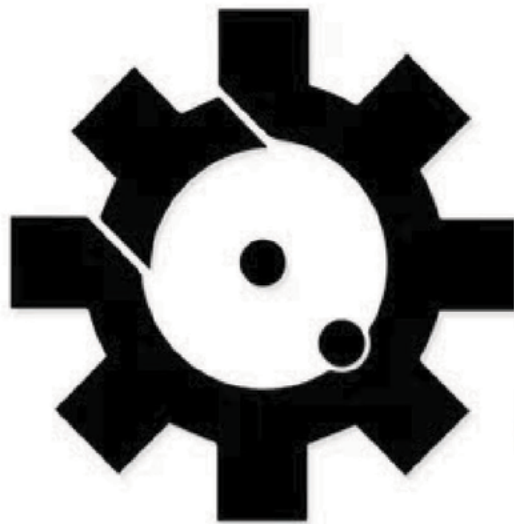
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