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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

# Save the Dates for Upcoming Tribal Events

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

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

## June

- June 1, 2024 - Elder's Meeting in Muskegon
- June 1, 2024 – Dance Instruction in Muskegon
- June 3, 2024 – Regalia Making/Sewing
- June 6, 2024 - Elder's Bus trip to Mt. Pleasant Industrial School Healing Event
- June 10, 2024 – Dance Instruction
- June 14, 2024 – Summer Storytime
- June 20, 2024 – Regalia Making/Sewing in Muskegon
- June 28, 2024 – Summer Storytime

## July

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

## August

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

## September

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

## October

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

## November

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

## December

- December 5, 2024 - Children's Christmas Party

# Election Board

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## LRBOI Service Location Information

### **MANISTEE AREA**

#### **Tribal Government Center**

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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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**

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#### **Natural Resources**

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Manistee, MI 49660  
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#### **Tribal Office**

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#### **Little River Health Service Center of Harvey**

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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.*

# Council Meetings

## Tribal Council Meeting Schedule for April through December

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

|         |              |             |
|---------|--------------|-------------|
|         | July 10      | October 2   |
|         | July 17      | October 9   |
|         | July 24      | October 16  |
|         |              | October 23  |
|         | August 7     | November 6  |
|         | August 14    | November 13 |
|         | August 21    | November 20 |
|         | August 28    | November 27 |
| June 5  | September 11 | December 4  |
| June 12 | September 18 | December 11 |
| June 26 | September 25 | December 18 |

## Tribal Council Meeting & Work Sessions

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

## Attend a Tribal Council Meeting

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

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

## Etiquette for On-Line Attendance

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

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

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

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

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

# Election Board

## Engage with the Election Board

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

## Contact the LRBOI Election Board

Submit questions, additional inquiries, and concerns to the Election Board via email at [electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov).

## Attend an Election Board Open Meeting

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

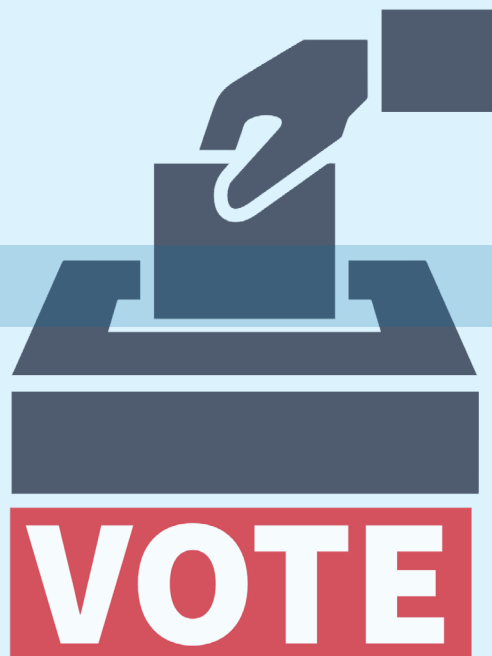
**Zoom Call-In Number:** 1-929-436-2866

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 9998 0833 8390

**Zoom Passcode:** 743234

## Election Board Open Meeting Schedule

- **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





# Tribal Government Holiday Observances

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

## **Independence Day**

When: July 4.

Observed: Thursday, July 4, 2024.

## **Labor Day**

When: First Monday in September.

Observed: Monday, September 2, 2024.

## **LRBOI Reaffirmation Day**

When: September 21.

Observed: Friday, September 20, 2024.

## **Veteran's Day**

When: November 11.

Observed: Monday, November 11, 2024.

## **Thanksgiving**

When: Fourth Thursday in November.

Observed: Thursday, November 28, 2024.

## **Native American Heritage Day**

When: Friday after Thanksgiving.

Observed: Friday, November 29, 2024.

## **Christmas Eve Day**

When: December 24.

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

## **Christmas Day**

When: December 25.

Observed: Wednesday, December 25, 2024.



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.

# Congratulations CLASS OF 2024



## **RIAHNNA GLOVER**

Manistee High school  
Daughter of Jeremy Glover and grand  
Daughter of Vicky Glover



## **BLAKE ELYWN SCHEERER**

Shelby High School  
Parents Detrick and Marie Scheereer





## JUSTICE RAIN BATTICE

Mason County Central High School  
Parents Bobby and Alicia Battice

## ANGELICA HINMON SANCHEZ

Shepherd High School  
Shepherd, Michigan

She plans on taking classes at Mid Michigan  
College.







## ISAIAH DAVIS

Manistee High school.  
Son of Misty Davis.  
Grandson of Kenneth and Debra Davis.

## MICHAEL MEDAWIS JR

Behind you, all your memories.  
Before you, all your dreams.  
All around you, all who love you.  
Within you, all you need.

Michael J Medawis, Jr. graduated on 5/23/24 from Grandville High School. He will be attending Davenport University majoring in Computer Science and also committed to playing football for DU Panthers. Panther Pride!! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments & future! Keep being you and keep shining! Congratulations MJ!! We love you! Love always, Mom, Waaba, Giizhig, Maeana, Bryson & Izaiah.





# The Water protectors

## Oil & Water Don't Mix! Rally to Stop Enbridge Line 5 & 9



The Water Protector Network, in partnership with Oil & Water Don't Mix, convened in Detroit, Michigan on May 14, 2024, to rally against the operations of Enbridge Lines 5 and 9. This international movement has gained momentum as communities unite to halt the potentially catastrophic environmental and economic impacts posed by these pipelines.

Enbridge Line 9 is an oil pipeline that runs from Sarnia, Ontario, to Montreal, Quebec, in Canada. It spans approximately 517 miles. The pipeline route passes through various cities, towns, and regions in Southern Ontario, including Hamilton, Toronto, and Cornwall, before reaching its terminus in Montreal. Along its route, Line 9 intersects with several waterways, agricultural lands, natural areas, and communities. Enbridge Line 9 was originally constructed in the 1970s and was initially used to transport crude oil from Western Canada to refineries in Ontario. The pipeline underwent several expansions and modifications over the years to adapt to changing market demands and to accommodate different types of crude oil.

The segment of Line 9 between Sarnia, Ontario, and Montreal, Quebec, began operations in 1976. It was primarily used to transport crude oil from Western Canada to refineries in Montreal and Quebec City. However, in recent years, Enbridge sought to reverse the flow of Line 9 to transport oil eastward from Sarnia to Montreal, enabling the delivery of cheaper Western Canadian crude to refineries in Eastern Canada. The National Energy Board (now the Canada Energy Regulator) approved Enbridge's application to reverse the flow of Line 9 in 2012, and the pipeline's reversal became operational in late 2015. This decision sparked significant controversy and opposition from environmental groups, Indigenous communities, and concerned citizens due to concerns about the potential environmental and safety risks associated with transporting oil through Line 9.



Enbridge Line 5 is a major oil pipeline that originates in Superior, Wisconsin, in the United States, and terminates in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. It spans a total distance of approximately 645 miles (1,038 kilometers). In Michigan, Line 5 traverses through various counties and communities, including Mackinac, Emmet, Cheboygan, and Chippewa counties. The pipeline also crosses several water bodies and environmentally sensitive areas, raising concerns about potential oil spills and environmental impacts. Overall, Line 5's route covers a significant portion of the Great Lakes region, making it a focal point of environmental and regulatory scrutiny due to the potential risks it poses to the freshwater ecosystems and communities in the area.

According to information obtained from Michigan.gov about line 5,

The pipeline is a single, 30-in diameter pipe except for the section that crosses the Straits of Mackinac. That 4.5-mile section is two separate pipelines, each 20 inches in diameter, that lie on the lake bottom. The pipeline's route through the Straits is within an easement issued in 1953 by the State of Michigan. The easement authorized Lakehead Pipe Line Co., Inc., which eventually became Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership, "to construct, lay and maintain pipe lines over, through, under and upon certain lake bottom lands ...for the purpose of transporting petroleum and other products..." Line 5 transports up to 540,000 barrels, in other words 22.68 million gallons, per day of light crude oil and natural gas liquids, according to Enbridge. Some of the natural gas liquids are refined into propane and used in the Upper Peninsula, while other products are routed for processing at oil refineries in Detroit and Toledo, Ohio. The remainder crosses the St. Clair River for processing in Sarnia."





On November 13, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Eichinger notified Enbridge that the 1953 easement allowing it to operate dual pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac to transport petroleum and other products was revoked and terminated. The state revoked the easement for violation of the public trust doctrine, given the unreasonable risk that continued operation of the dual pipelines posed to the Great Lakes. Moreover, the state terminated the easement based on Enbridge's persistent and incurable violations of the easement's terms and conditions. The notice required Enbridge to cease operations of the dual pipelines in the Straits by May of 2021. Gov. Whitmer stated, "Enbridge has routinely refused to take action to protect our Great Lakes and the millions of Americans who depend on them for clean drinking water and good jobs. They have repeatedly violated the terms of the 1953 easement by ignoring structural problems that put our Great Lakes and our families at risk. Most importantly, Enbridge has imposed on the people of Michigan an unacceptable risk of a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes that could devastate our economy and way of life."

Enbridge has persistently touted Line 5 as critical infrastructure for Michigan's energy needs, but revelations from court filings and independent research have exposed the fallacies in their arguments. Court documents have refuted Enbridge's claims, revealing minimal impacts on gasoline prices if Line 5 were shut down. Independent experts like Jill Steiner, Randy Meyer, and Graham Brisben have provided comprehensive analyses debunking Enbridge's narrative, showcasing viable alternatives to Line 5 and dispelling fears of propane shortages or significant price hikes.

The rally and press conference held by the Water Protector Network on May 14, served as a call to action. Line 5 and 9 pose an unacceptable risk to the Great Lakes and surrounding communities. It's not just a matter of environmental protection; it's a safeguard for the future of our lands, waterways, and livelihoods.

### Independent Researchers

**Jill Steiner** | lead researcher at Saldo Research and working for Public Sector Consultants. She has expertise in propane supply, including in Michigan.

**Randy Meyer** | an expert in logistics and transportation who works with energy companies.

**Graham Brisben** | founder of Professional Logistics Group and PLG Consulting, a logistics and supply chain consulting firm.

**Court Documents & Reports:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/2d5ayhy9>



# Michigan Advisory Council on Environmental Justice

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Citizen Appointed to the MAC-EJ

Councilor Pam Johnson, a steadfast advocate for environmental justice and tribal rights, has been appointed to the prestigious Michigan Advisory Council on Environmental Justice (MAC-EJ). This appointment underscores Johnson's commitment to championing equitable treatment and meaningful involvement for all people, particularly those from frontline communities, in environmental decision-making processes.

The MAC-EJ serves as Michigan's foremost Environmental Justice advisory council, comprising members representing various sectors including frontline activists, advocacy organizations, academia, tribal representation, local governments, business and industry, public health, and labor. Established as an advisory body for Environmental Justice actions, the MAC-EJ collaborates closely with the Interagency Environmental Justice Response Team and the Office of Environmental Justice Public Advocate.

In the face of emerging challenges such as the pandemic, the MAC-EJ has demonstrated unwavering dedication to advocating for immediate relief to frontline communities while simultaneously fostering long-term, sustainable Environmental Justice solutions. Environmental Justice, as defined by the council, entails the equitable treatment and meaningful involvement of all individuals, regardless of race, color, national origin, ability, or income. This includes ensuring that no group bears a disproportionate burden of negative consequences resulting from governmental, industrial, or commercial operations and policies.





Moreover, meaningful involvement signifies providing opportunities for individuals to participate in decisions affecting their environment and health, facilitating the involvement of potentially affected parties, considering people's concerns in decision-making processes, and enabling them to influence state agency decisions.

Councilor Johnson's appointment to the MAC-EJ aligns seamlessly with her longstanding advocacy efforts. As a passionate water protector, Johnson has actively campaigned for the shutdown of Enbridge Line 5 and other pipelines posing threats to water sources. Her activism, spanning from the Mackinac Straits area to Kalamazoo and Washington D.C., has pressured lawmakers to act, and underscored the paramount importance of prioritizing waterway health over corporate profits.

In addition to her role as a tribal leader, Johnson holds academic credentials including an Associate of Arts in General Studies from West Shore Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Ferris State University and is concluding her final semester at Northern Michigan University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Native American Studies.

Councilor Pam Johnson's appointment to the MAC-EJ heralds a new chapter in Michigan's Environmental Justice efforts, underscoring the vital role of tribal representation in shaping policies that impact communities statewide.



**Peacemaking Conference 2024**

# **“Peacemakers For A New Generation”**

**August 14, 15, & 16  
Little River Casino Resort  
Manistee, MI 49660**

**The Registration Fee: \$375  
To sign-up visit the link below  
<https://shorturl.at/ehoOV>**



## ***ENTERTAINMENT***

We will be hosting a dinner and comedy show on the evening of August 15th, featuring the comedy styling of

**Marc Yaffee and Homer Shadowheart**

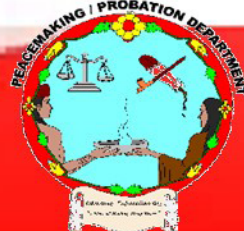
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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
PEACEMAKING PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
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# Michigan Tribal-State-Federal Forum

## The Tribal Courts hosted the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum Meeting on May 19th-21st.

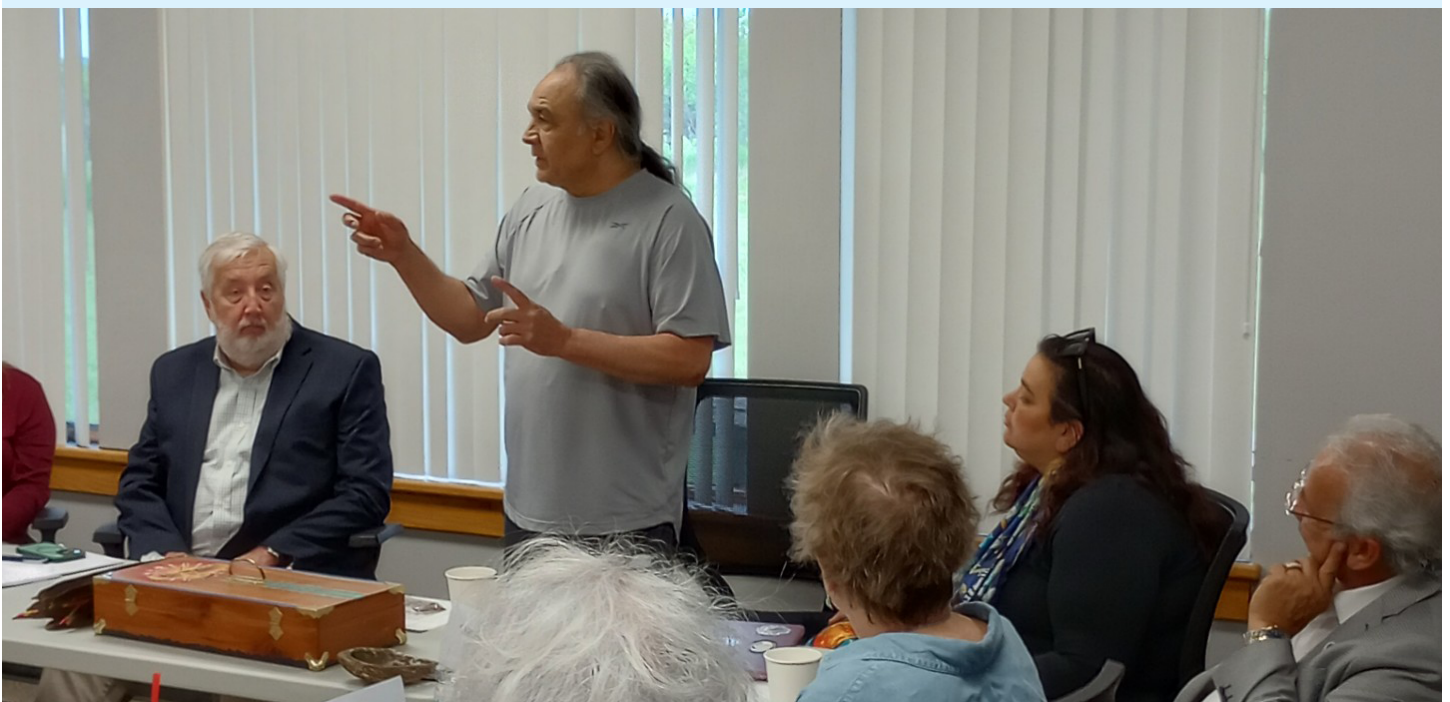
The Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum was formally established in 2014 by the Michigan Supreme Court. The group consists of tribal judges from each of Michigan's 12 federally-recognized tribes, 12 state court judges, and federal judges and officials. Michigan, which is home of 12 federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal court systems, has also enjoyed a long history of collaboration between state and tribal courts.







The purpose of the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum is to create an ongoing dialogue and respond to joint and cross jurisdictional issues among state, tribal, and federal judiciaries regarding working relationships and the interaction of state, tribal, and federal court jurisdiction in Michigan.





# Tight Lines For Troops

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This annual fishing tournament began with Manistee County charter Captain Bob Guenthardt. Bob is a former Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and a proud Army veteran. His idea and desire to show appreciation to members of the military for their dedication and sacrifice provided the foundation for this unique event. In the fall of 2009, Captain Bob, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little River Casino Resort created a “Host Committee”, which later reached out to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan and the entire Manistee area community. Captain Bob’s fleet of volunteer fishing boat captains, local organizations such as Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warrior Society, United Veterans Council, Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter 1, National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard, and many private businesses, and hundreds of volunteer individuals throughout the state of Michigan joined together and successfully executed this outstanding event.







This years Tight Lines for Troops fishing tournament was held on May 18th. This year had 54 Lake Michigan boats, 2 Manistee Lake boats and 5 Manistee River boats to help our veterans with the annual tournament.





# Firekeeper's Daughter

## Angeline Boulley: A Voice for Indigenous Stories and Representation

Angeline Boulley, an acclaimed author and proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, recently visited Muskegon as part of the Great Michigan Read tour. Her debut novel, “Firekeeper’s Daughter,” has captured the hearts and minds of readers worldwide with its gripping narrative and poignant exploration of the modern Native experience.

Published by Henry Holt and Co. on March 16, 2021, “Firekeeper’s Daughter” quickly soared to the top of the literary world, earning the prestigious title of a New York Times bestseller and receiving the esteemed Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Young Adult Novel in 2022.

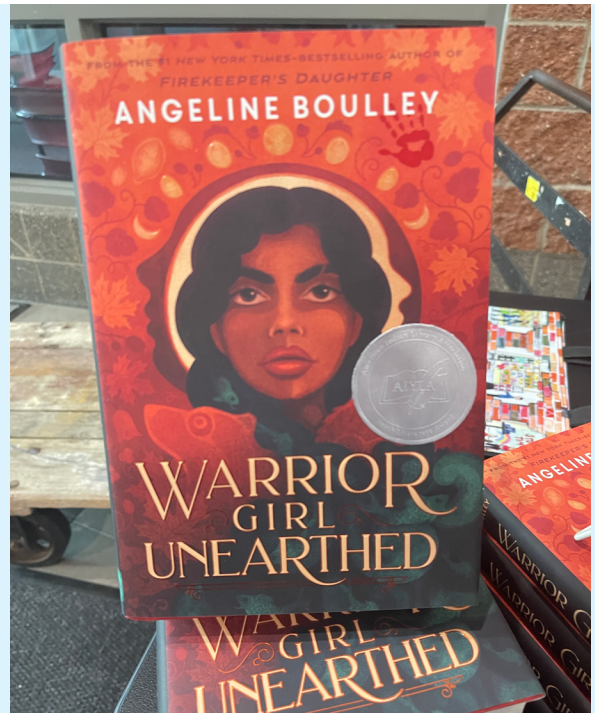
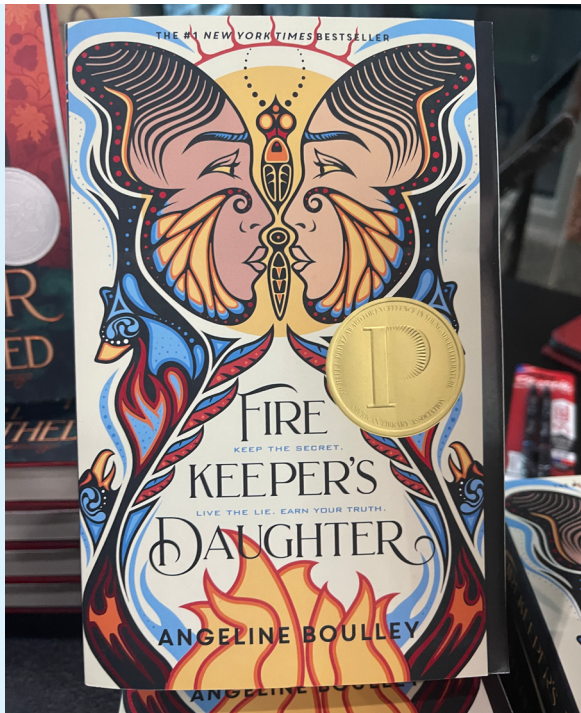
The story follows Daunis Fontaine, a young woman of mixed heritage, who finds herself embroiled in an FBI investigation after witnessing her friend’s murder. Boulley’s meticulous research, spanning a decade, lends authenticity to the narrative as she delves into the intricacies of illegal drugs, law enforcement, and the traditions of the Ojibwe people.

But “Firekeeper’s Daughter” transcends mere entertainment—it serves as a powerful vehicle for Indigenous representation and storytelling. Barack and Michelle Obama’s production company, Higher Ground, acquired the rights to adapt the novel into a TV series for Netflix. Boulley has been vocal about the importance of Indigenous involvement in the production process, both in front of and behind the camera, ensuring authentic representation and storytelling.

In her own words, Boulley emphasizes the significance of sharing Indigenous stories from a contemporary viewpoint, stating, “There simply are too few stories told by and about Indigenous girls and women.” Drawing from her own experiences and influenced by strong Anishinaabe Kwe, or Native American women, Boulley infuses her work with authenticity and cultural richness.







During her visit to Muskegon, Boulley shared insights into her writing process and the themes explored in “Firekeeper’s Daughter.” She highlighted the importance of diversity in children’s literature, pointing out that fewer than 1% of children’s books feature Native American characters, and most of the authors are not Indigenous.

Boulley’s commitment to Indigenous representation extends beyond her writing. She has worked with various tribal communities, including the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, and her own Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, advocating for improved educational opportunities and cultural preservation.

As Boulley continues to champion Indigenous stories and representation, her impact resonates far and wide. “Firekeeper’s Daughter” has not only captivated readers but also sparked important conversations about the power of storytelling and the need for diverse voices in literature. With her unwavering dedication and passion, Angeline Boulley is paving the way for future generations of Indigenous storytellers and ensuring that their voices are heard and celebrated. As Boulley continues to share her stories with the world, her home will always remain on Sugar Island, a testament to her deep-rooted connection to her Ojibwe heritage. With the release of her latest novel, “Warrior Girl Unearthed,” Boulley invites readers to embark on another thrilling journey—one that explores the power of discovering one’s stolen history.



# Cooking Classes

## Healthy Cooking Class Series Delights Palates and Promotes Wellness

The aroma of wholesome ingredients filled the kitchen as the Healthy Cooking Class series continued its flavorful journey, captivating participants with delicious creations inspired by Anishinaabe cuisine.

The series continued May 1 with a celebration of one of the most beloved comfort foods: pancakes. However, these were not your ordinary pancakes; they were crafted with a keen eye on health and tradition. The first pancake recipe, featuring rice flour, offered a gluten-free alternative that catered to diverse dietary needs without compromising on taste or texture. Meanwhile, the second pancake mix, infused with a delightful blend of blueberries, nutmeg, and cinnamon, added a burst of flavor and nutrition to this classic dish.

Shifting the spotlight to May 8, participants were treated to a hearty and satisfying dish: Bison Vegetable Chili. Bursting with robust flavors and vibrant colors, this wholesome chili showcased the versatility of ground bison meat, a lean and nutrient-rich protein source cherished by the Anishinaabe people. Complemented by an array of vegetables and aromatic spices, including onion, garlic, bell pepper, carrots, kidney beans, and tomatoes. Garnishes included fresh limes and Greek yogurt.

On May 15, participants embarked on a culinary journey inspired by the natural bounty of the land with Elk and Wild Rice Stuffed Peppers. Combining tender ground elk meat with the nutty richness of wild rice, garlic, and shredded carrot, these stuffed peppers offered a symphony of flavors and textures that captivated the palate. Enriched with an assortment of vegetables and herbs, this wholesome dish provided a nourishing and satisfying meal.

Throughout the series, participants learned new recipes and cooking techniques. As the aroma of each dish filled the air and laughter echoed through the kitchen, participants came together to celebrate the joys of community, resilience, and the timeless art of healthy cooking.

Through each flavorful creation, participants embarked on a culinary journey that honored the past, celebrated the present, and embraced the promise of a healthier, future for all.



May 1st







# Adopt-A-Highway

## LRBOI Volunteers Spring Clean Up US 31 for Adopt-A-Highway Program

On April 16, a team of dedicated volunteers from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) and Little River Casino Resort rolled up their sleeves to participate in the spring clean-up of US 31, spanning from M22 to Coates Highway. This two-mile stretch of highway has been under the care of LRBOI for the past three years, demonstrating a commitment to environmental stewardship and community beautification.

Michelle Lucas, the organizer of the event, expressed gratitude for the enthusiastic participation of the volunteers. Together, they managed to collect nine bags of trash from both sides of the highway, contributing to the ongoing effort to keep the area clean and free of litter. Lucas emphasized the importance of such initiatives in preserving the natural beauty of the region and fostering a sense of pride among community members.

The event was part of the Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program, an initiative by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) aimed at maintaining the cleanliness and attractiveness of the state's highway roadsides. Under this program, volunteer groups adopt sections of state highway roadside, committing to regular clean-up efforts for a minimum of two years. Currently, there are 2,900 participating groups, collectively overseeing over 6,000 miles of Michigan highways.







Thank you to our volunteers Laurie Willis, David Karst, Lynn Saunders, Lee Ivinson, Michelle Lucas, Alexis DeGabriele, Melissa Medacco, Lacy Moore and Jim Henderson.

Since its inception in 1990, AAH groups have made a significant impact, collectively collecting over a million bags of trash. Participation in the program is simple, requiring only the time and effort of volunteers. Participants are expected to conduct litter clean-ups at least three times a year, with scheduled pick-up dates determined by MDOT to coincide with mowing cycles and tourism periods from April through October.

One of the key benefits of participating in the AAH program is the visibility it provides to volunteer groups. Adopting groups have their names prominently displayed on signs along their designated roadside areas, showcasing their commitment to community service. Additionally, participating groups receive certificates of participation, recognizing their contributions to enhancing the appearance of their communities.

MDOT provides essential support to AAH groups by supplying necessary materials such as bags for litter collection, safety vests, and informational resources. Safety is paramount during clean-up activities, with all participants required to undergo safety training and wear MDOT-provided safety vests while working along the roadside.

LRBOI's involvement in the Adopt-A-Highway program underscores our dedication to environmental conservation and community engagement. By volunteering our time and effort, we not only contribute to keeping the highways clean but also inspire others to take proactive steps towards preserving the natural beauty of Michigan's landscapes.



# Cultural Class

## Aprils Cultural Class - Peyote Stitched Eagle Feather

The eagle feather holds profound spiritual and cultural significance among our people, symbolizing strength, wisdom, and connection to the divine. Revered as a sacred, it is often used in ceremonies and rituals, carrying with it centuries of tradition and meaning. In a recent cultural class led by distinguished artisans Kimberly and Vera Hinmon, participants had the opportunity to explore the art of adorning these feathers with intricate beadwork, albeit with a twist—the use of faux eagle feathers.

Kimberly and Vera, renowned for their expertise in making regalia and beadwork, brought decades of experience and profound reverence for their craft to the workshop. The duo's dedication to sharing their knowledge remained unwavering, ensuring that participants learned the techniques of beadwork.

More than just a learning experience, the workshop fostered a sense of community and collaboration among participants. As beads danced through fingers and stories flowed, bonds were forged, weaving a tapestry of shared heritage and mutual respect.

Through their dedication and passion, Kimberly and Vera ensured that the ancient art of peyote-stitched eagle feather beading would continue to flourish, serving as a beacon of cultural resilience and creativity for generations to come.



# LRCR 25th Anniversary

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

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

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

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

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# Election Information

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## How to Run for Tribal Public Office

Do you feel passionate about contributing to your tribe's governance and making a positive impact on your community? Running for tribal public office might be the perfect way for you to get involved and make a difference. Public office within our tribal community is a perfect opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future of our people. Whether you aspire to serve as Tribal Ogema, Tribal Council member, or even on the Tribal Court, your involvement is crucial in ensuring effective governance and representation.

When considering running for tribal public office, it's crucial to understand the eligibility criteria set forth by the Tribal Constitution. Here are the basic requirements for each office:

### Tribal Ogema

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

### Tribal Council

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

### Tribal Court (We will reference tribal member qualifications for the court)

- Tribal member must be at least 25 years old and is not a member of Tribal council, or the Ogema, or running for any seat for Tribal Council or Ogema.
- Must not have been convicted of any crime of dishonesty, or moral turpitude, or felony with in the 10 year period immediately preceding the date of election.
- Must consent to and pay for a criminal background check dating back ten years.

### Election Board

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

## The Process

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

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

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

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

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

Once certified, engage in responsible campaigning activities within the guidelines set forth by the Tribal Constitution. Ensure compliance with rules regarding campaign signs, endorsements, spending limits, and reporting requirements.

Encourage tribal members to vote for you on Election Day. Ensure that your campaign materials comply with regulations and avoid campaigning within 100 feet of polling places on Election Day.

After the election, all candidates must file a campaign finance report within five business days of the election date with the Election Board. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in penalties or disqualification from elected office.

If elected, fulfill your duties and responsibilities with integrity and dedication. Use your position to serve your community and work towards the betterment of the tribe.

By following these steps and adhering to the Tribal Constitution's guidelines, you can embark on a rewarding journey of running for tribal public office and contributing to the governance of your community. Your participation can make a significant difference in shaping the future of your tribe.

Contact the Election Board at [electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov) with questions about elections, running for office and running a compliant campaign.

# Terms of Elected Officials

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

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

| Chief Judge 6 Year Term |  | Elected | Expiration |
|-------------------------|--|---------|------------|
| Angela Sherigan         |  | 2021    | 2027       |

| Associate Jude 6 Year Term |  | Elected | Expiration |
|----------------------------|--|---------|------------|
| Caroline LaPorte**         |  | 2019    | 2025       |

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

| Election Board 4 Year Term |  | Elected | Expiration |
|----------------------------|--|---------|------------|
| Kathy Gibson               |  | 2023    | 2027       |
| Shawna Gonzalez            |  | 2023    | 2027       |
| Laura Echelbarger          |  | 2021    | 2025       |
| Lee Ivinson*               |  | 2021    | 2025       |
| Janine Sam*                |  | 2021    | 2025       |

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# MINO BIMAADIZIWIN MONDAYS



## REGALIA MAKING/ SEWING

May 6, June 3, July 1

3:00pm-8:30 pm

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

## DANCE INSTRUCTION

May 20, June 10, July 15

5:30pm-7:30 pm

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



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# MUSKEGON MINO BIMAADIZIWIN



## REGALIA MAKING/ SEWING

May 23, June 20, July 11

3:00pm-8:30 pm

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



## DANCE INSTRUCTION

May 11, June 1, July 20

4:00pm-7:00 pm

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



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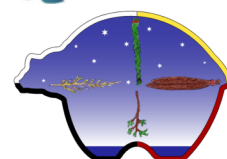
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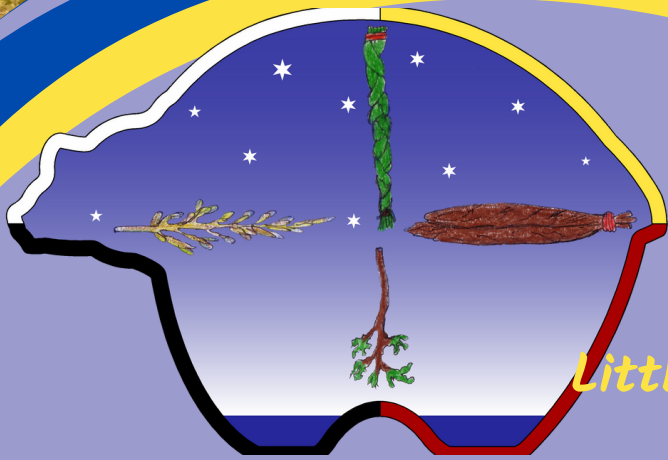
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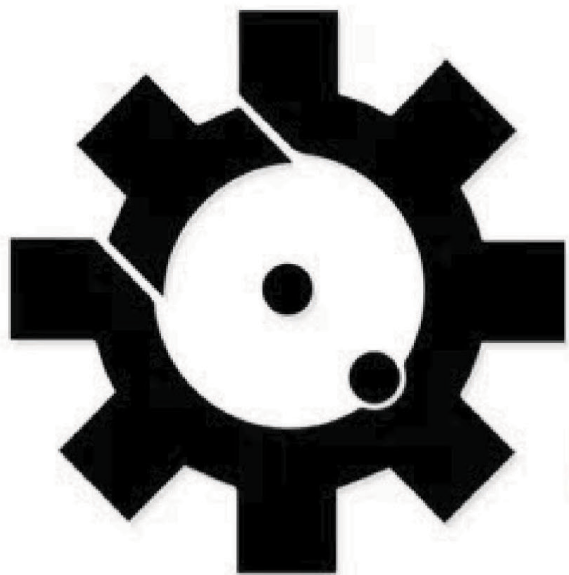
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## Harper Lou's Bowtique

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Aanii, My name is Sara Crampton and I am a LRBOI tribal member. I'm a stay at home Mother to three beautiful children and recently I've turned a hobby of mine into a small business. I started making hair bows for my Daughter because I wanted her to have bows that matched every single outfit, sport, or event she did. We got so many compliments everywhere we went that I decided to start making them for everyone to enjoy. I use vegan leather and love to make polymer clay accessories to make my bows unique. I strive to take custom orders and to make sure you have a bow for every outfit and occasion. We can be found on Facebook and Instagram at Harper Lou's Bowtique and reached at [ThatBowThough23@gmail.com](mailto:ThatBowThough23@gmail.com) for any inquiries.



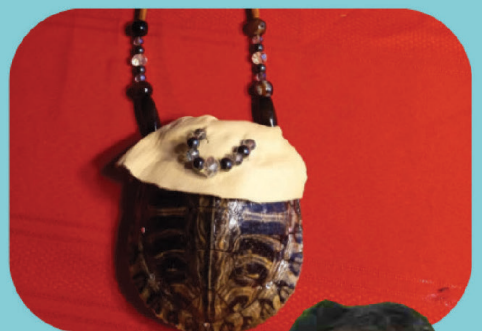


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