

DEBAHJIMON



**Manoominikewaad bezhig
bawa'am miinawaa bezhig
gaandakii'ige-**

When they make rice, one knocks
rice and one poles the boat.

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2015 State of the Band - Annual Report

Note: The following is from Chairwoman Carri Jones' State of the Band presentation where the past, present, and future was the focused theme.

Boozhoo and good afternoon everyone. Before I begin my formal remarks, I would like to thank those who have spoken and given presentations for the 2015 State of the Band Address. I'd like to offer my appreciation for Larry Aitken, the spiritual advisor who offered blessings for today's event. Thank you to the veterans serving on the Leech Lake Honor Guard who proudly represent our people in Minnesota and beyond. To the dancers and drummers who showcased our long tradition of following the powwow trail, and to the Leech Lake Singers; we applaud your beautiful dancing and singing. Many are reminded of home when we hear the drum. Let me also thank our MC Mr. Roger Aitken.

During my speech, a Niigaane student will give a short Ojibwemowin presentation and Northland Eagles Hand Drum Group will perform. The youth are the future and I would like to recognize how much talent they bring to our lives. I'd like to extend a quick thank you to the Cass Lake branch of Western Bank for sponsoring the light breakfast served this morning. Lastly, I'd like to express my appreciation for the State of the Band Planning Committee. The planning committee started meeting back in May to plan today's event. Please join me in applauding everyone involved in making the State of the Band Address a success!

My fellow Band members, family and friends of Leech Lake, welcome to the 2015 State of the Band Annual Address. Thank you for joining us today. With hard work and dedication, the elected Reservation Business Committee strives to efficiently lead our 17 Tribal communities towards success. We are held responsible to ensure the productivity and effectiveness of our various Leech Lake divisions and programs, offering the best resources to Band members. As a result, we conclude this fiscal year with much to celebrate.

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Leech Lake Applies for School Replacement Funding from Interior Department

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe announced it has formally submitted its application to the U.S. Department of the Interior to replace its dilapidated Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School located in Bena, Minnesota. The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School's run-down conditions have been documented in the *Huffington Post*, *The New York Times*, and in a series of articles in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Rotten flooring, poor insulation, rodent infestation, broken heaters, and substandard and exposed wiring are just the tip of a very large iceberg that makes up the overarching adverse situation at the Bureau of Indian Education-funded school.

The LLBO's School Board received a signed letter of support for its replacement application from every member of Minnesota's Congressional delegation including, Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and Reps. John Kline, Tim Walz, Erik Paulsen, Betty McCollum, Keith Ellison, Tom Emmer, Collin Peterson and Rick Nolan.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chair Carri Jones stated, "We're looking forward to a speedy and affirmative reply from the Interior Department so our dilapidated school will be replaced. This fall, students will be returning to the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School facing horrible conditions, such as rotten flooring, poor insulation and rodent infestation. Their safety is at the top of our list of concerns, along with their education and future. In addition, we are particularly grateful to Minnesota's federal congressional delegation's letter of support, and their hard work on behalf of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and our kids." The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) announced earlier in the year that 78 BIE-funded schools have been determined to be eligible applicants for the No Child Left Behind Act new school replacement. In the coming weeks and months, the National Review Committee (NRC) will review the applications for school replacement, and then choose and invite finalist applicants to Albuquerque, MN to present their funding requests with the BIE.

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1. Form W-9
2. Enrollee Address / Update Request

Your signature and your MAILING ADDRESS are required on the Form W-9 to verify the data you provide. Fill out the forms legibly. You can either fax or mail the forms.

Mailing Address: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Accounts Payable
P O Box 60
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Fax Number: 218-335-3781

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If you have not received your 2014 Tax Rebate check, please complete the two forms listed above and send them to Accounting by mail or fax. Call Accounting at 218-335-3604. Speak clearly. Let us know you have not received your 2014 Rebate check. Leave your name, the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number and your telephone number. Do not leave any other message on this phone. Your call will be returned within 2 business days.

Leech Lake Reservation's 2015- 2016 Hunting & Trapping Season Dates & Seasonal Limits

Big Game Season & Seasonal Limits

- **White Tailed Deer** September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Bucks or Does *One (1) Deer Tag* Resident Non-Band Members
One (1) Deer Tag Leech Lake Enrolled Band Members

Note: The Leech Lake D.R.M. and the Minnesota D.N.R. are in the process of rebuilding the deer population after some tough winters a few years back. You can help speed this process by avoid harvesting adult does this year. Adult does are the most important deer in a population because they will usually have twins, and the survival rate of their fawns is higher. The faster we recover the deer population the sooner we can start issuing additional tags again. Thank you.

- **Black Bear** September 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015 (*One (1) per permittee*)

Small Game Season & Seasonal Limits

- **Rabbits and Squirrels** Continuous season - No limit
- **Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock** September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Common Snipe & Sora Rail *Daily Bag Limit: Six(6) Possession Limit: (12)*

Hunters are encouraged to use bullets that do not contain lead to prevent poisoning in humans and wildlife, like eagles that feed on gut piles.

Trapping Season Dates & Seasonal Limits

- **Beaver** October 10, 2015 to May 15, 2016 No Limit
- **Coyote** Continuous Season No Limit
- **Fox** October 10, 2015 to February 29, 2016 No Limit
- **Mink/Muskrat** October 10, 2015 to February 29, 2016 No Limit
- **Raccoon** October 10, 2015 to February 29, 2016 No Limit

The furbearers listed below require LLR trappers to obtain state export tags from the DRM office in Cass Lake. There will be a three (3) day grace period for tagging furs after the end of the season date listed.

- **Bobcat** November 14, 2015 to January 31, 2016 Limit: Five (5)
- **Fisher** November 14, 2015 to January 31, 2016 Limit: Three (3)
- **Pine Marten** November 14, 2015 to January 31, 2016 Limit: One (1)
- **River Otter** October 10, 2015 to April 30, 2016 Limit: Four (4)
- **Canada Lynx** NO SEASON. This is a federally protected animal, please report sightings to the Leech Lake DRM Biologist at 218-335-7421.

LLBO and EPA Talk Superfund Remedy

The Leech Lake Band invited Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) staff to Leech Lake to talk about the Superfund site, and if the EPA can meet the Leech Lake Band's specifications for the desired cleanup of the numerous toxins in the groundwater, lakes and the "vault" where sludge from a previous attempt at cleanup is stored.

Of course both sides differ when it comes to how they want the site cleaned up, and the bottom line is, the bottom line. Cost. Leech Lake wants a comprehensive cleaning of the site while the EPA is looking into remedies that don't bankrupt their budget.

Numbers that were thrown out at the meeting were anywhere from \$20million to \$150million to clean the site. Other significant issues concern the levels of toxins in the ground water, dioxin levels in fish, and, of course, health ramifications to the local population that live close by and who fish Pike Bay and Cass Lake and depend on the fish for sustenance. "This is a trust responsibility," said Chairwoman Carri Jones. "We have been waiting for a very long time for these remedies, and we are disappointed. This is why we are standing firm with regard to our standard for site cleanup."

Leech Lake is waiting for the EPA to complete its five year review of the site. The review should be available sometime this fall. "We are pleased that remedies are being sought to hasten the cleanup," said State Rep. John Persell. "The Band, the State, and the EPA are working together, and we hope to see progress on the issue soon." Background information was provided in the July 2015 issue (page 10) regarding the history of the site, and can be viewed online here: <http://www.llojibwe.org/news/news.html>

Area effected by pollution between Pike Bay and Hwy 371



2015 Leech Lake Reservation

Migratory Waterfowl Season

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day

Saturday, September 12, 2015

DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSER

Season Date: September 19, 2015- December 31, 2015
Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions: Daily Limit may not contain more than Five (5) Pintails, Five (5) Canvasbacks, and Five (5) Blackducks.

Possession/Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions- possession/transportation limit may not contain more than Ten (10) Pintails, Ten (10) Canvas backs and Ten (10) Blackducks.

GEESE - For Hunting Over Land or Water

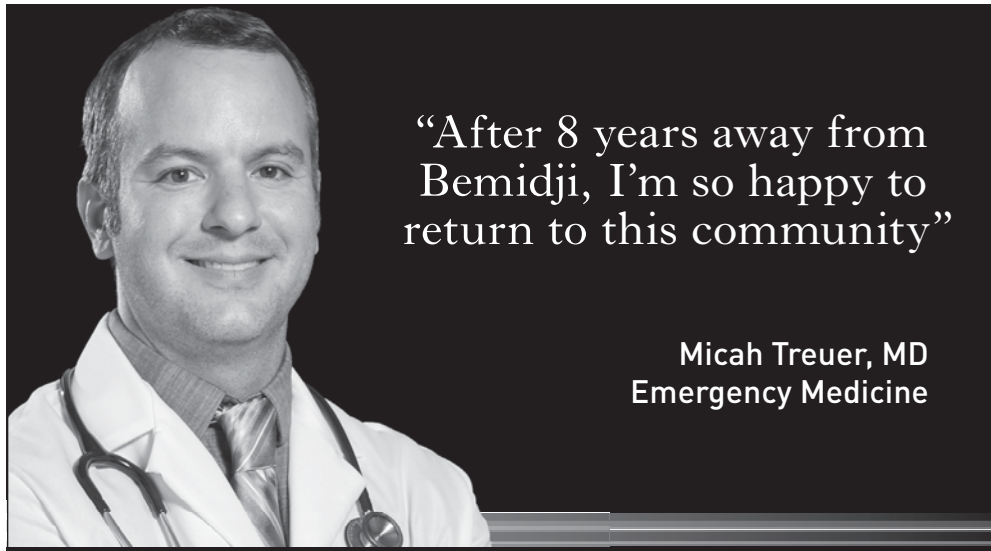
Season Dates: September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10). All species, in any sex or combination.
Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) All species, in any sex or combination.

General Regulations for the taking of migratory waterfowl

- The use/possession of lead shot loads when taking migratory game birds within the Leech Lake Reservation is prohibited.
- Shooting Hours- One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- The use of live decoys or baiting is prohibited.
- The commercial use of migratory game birds is prohibited.
- Waterfowl may not be taken from a watercraft while it is under motorized power.
- Hole in the Bog Lake and Drumbeater Lake are designated Wildlife Refuges and are restricted from any migratory game bird hunting.
- It is advised that all persons have a coast guard approved life saving device (PFD) on board while waterfowl hunting.

Leech Lake DRM Office
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18th Annual Battle Point Pow Wow

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2015

Friday: 7pm Grand Entry
8pm Princess & Brave Contest

Saturday:
Grand Entry at 1pm & 7pm
Princess & Brave Outgoing Specials
Round 2 Royalty Contest
Supper Break - Winners Announced
Team Dance
Father/Daughter Mom/Son Competition
Tony Smith Memorial

Sunday: 9am Walk/Run
Grand Entry 1pm
Competition Finals
Horseshoe Tournament
Tugowar Competition

Registration: Friday 6pm-8pm
Saturday 12pm-2pm & 6pm-8pm
Sunday 12pm-2pm

Showers & Firewood Provided.

Vendor Contact:
Diane Smith (218) 507-0842

For more Information Please Contact:
Leah Monroe - Pow Wow Committee
Member (218) 760-3127

Location: Battle Point Pow Wow
Grounds, Battle Point Drive, Fedral
Dam, MN 56641

Masters of Ceremony:
Pete White & Frankie Graves

Spiritual Advisors: Gus Greeting
Spears

Host Drum: Leech Lake Nation

Invited Drums: Big Red & Young
Kingbird

All singers need to register before each
grand entry. Must provide own chairs,
15 drums max 5 singers per drum
minimum

Arena Director: Gerald White Gordon
Finday

Office of the District I Representative Penny DeVault Monthly Report for July 2015

Representative: Winnie Dam Regular LIC Meeting at Winnie Dam-July 1, 2015
 All Staff: LLBO Quarterly Meeting at Ball Club-July 2, 2015
 All Staff: Annual Inger July 4th Celebration at Inger-July 2, 2015
 All Staff: Annual Ball Club July 4th Celebration at Ball Club-July 4, 2015
 Representative: Ball Club Regular LIC Meeting at Ball Club-July 6, 2015
 Assistant: Ball Club Powwow Committee Meeting at Deer River-July 7, 2015
 Representative: 2nd Annual Nat'l Native American Leadership Forum-July 7-12,
 Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-July 9, 2015
 Assistants: Wild Rice Festival Powwow-July 10, 2015
 Assistants: Inger LIC Elections at Inger-July 13, 2015
 Assistants: Duluth Regular LIC Meeting at AICHO-July 16, 2015
 All Staff: Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days Powwow/Youth Special/Parade-
 July 17-19, 2015
 Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-July 23, 2015
 All Staff: District I Community Assembly at Ball Club-July 24, 2015
 Assistants: Twin Cities Regular LIC Meeting at MIWRC-July 28, 2015
 Assistants: Youth Trip to Native American Night at Target Center-July 31
 All staff at LLBO Tribal Office in Cass Lake, MN verifiable through Empower
 Time System-all other days

- Tuesdays-Tribal Council Briefings
- Thursdays-Tribal Council Meetings

Upcoming Events

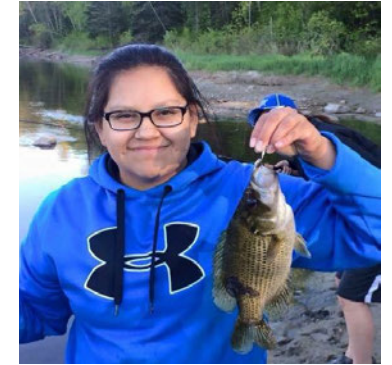
- ✓ Monthly LIC Meetings, continuous
- ✓ State of the Band Planning Meetings, continuous
- ✓ Inger LIC Elections-August 4, 2015
- ✓ Deer River LIC Elections-August 4, 2015
- ✓ Kids In Need Foundation Meeting-August 5, 2015
- ✓ MCT TEC Meeting at Northern Lights-August 11-12, 2015
- ✓ State of the Band at Northern Lights-August 20, 2015
- ✓ Duluth Backpack Event-August 22, 2015
- ✓ District I Backpack Event at Ball Club-August 24, 2015
- ✓ 35th Annual ChaChaBahNing Powwow-August 28-30, 2015
- ✓ Twin Cities Picnic/Backpack Event at Wabun Park-August 29, 2015

DISTRICT I OFFICE

Penny, DeVault-District I Representative
 Sarah Wakanabo-District I Executive Assistant
 Sondra Dahl-District I Executive Assistant

DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT AUGUST 2015

Nindaanis "Nina" Morgan is the District I Youth Spotlight for the month of August. Nina lives in the Cha-Cha Bah Ning (Inger) community with her mother and stepfather, Tana and Victor Robinson and her seven siblings. Her father, Brandon Bebeau and family lives in Ball Club. Nina will be entering her junior year at Deer River High School this fall where she is a very active and involved student. She plays basketball and volleyball and is in various clubs and committees, such as; Ogitchidah Club, LINK Crew, Upward Bound, and JOM Committee. In addition, she volunteers at the Inger Food Pantry and was a youth worker at the Leech Lake Education Division this summer. Nina is looking at attending college in Green Bay, Wisconsin and perusing a career as a pediatrician.



WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE NINA
 AS OUR SPOTLIGHT AND WISH HER
 THE VERY BEST IN HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Happy Birthday
 for the month of
August!

Wanda Evers	Linda Wilson	Russell Bryan Jr.
Joseph Bibeau	Paul Wakanabo	Cordell Whitebird
Reuben Goggeye	Timothy Holm	Norma Jackson
Donald White	Irene Denasha	Ramona Jackson
David Cloud	Yvonne Wilson	James Parks
Claudia Lyytinen	Irving Seelye	

Honoring & Celebrating District I Elders
 From District I Office PENNY, SARAH, & SONDRA

2015 Annual Report State of the Band

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This year's theme for State of the Band Address 2015 is the "Past, Present and Future." The Annual Report relays information, statistics, and updates for the past three years I have been serving in office. We hope this event highlights the tremendous progress the Reservation Business Committee has made in recent years while also describing future goals.

FINANCES UPDATE

I would like to begin my formal remarks with a financial update. Leech Lake is a major contributor to the local economy, providing approximately 2,500 government, gaming, Temporary Employment, Tribal College, and Housing Authority positions. Leech Lake is the top employer in our area and the Band takes great pride in providing so many jobs to deserving people!

I am pleased to report that on the government side, our spending came in at almost **2 million dollars under our budget projections**. Overall, the Band's divisions and programs stayed under budget for fiscal year 2015 because we implemented more rigid policies when it comes to our program budgeting and spending.

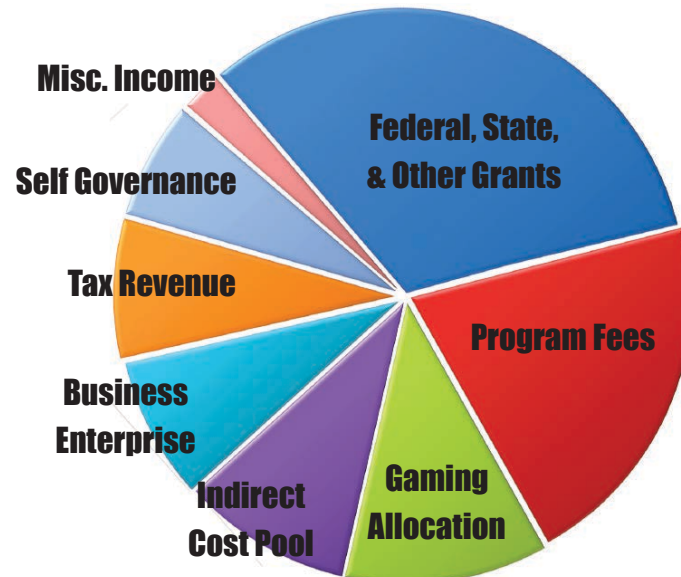
Almost 35 million dollars of our revenue for fiscal year 2015 comes from State, Federal and other agency grant funding. The Band's gaming allocation totaled over 12.5 million dollars this year. Meanwhile, our business enterprises including Che We and Northern Lights Convenience Stores revenue for 2015 totals just over 8.7 millions dollars while our tax revenue such as DRM licenses fees totals over 8.6 million dollars. Our finance and accounting departments handle a tremendous responsibility in tracking our Government finances so I'd like to thank those employees for their efforts.

On the gaming side, we have good news to share! After a couple down trending years Leech Lake gaming revenues have recovered. For the fiscal year, gaming revenue totals over \$12.8 million dollars, an increase of \$414,000 dollars compared to last year! Slot revenue, table games, and profitability gaming numbers are all projected to increase substantially in the coming year. Gaming has contributed over \$34 million dollars in payroll to employees in our local area.

The total revenue for Leech Lake tops out at over \$107 million dollars. The Band continues to seek additional funding and revenue to supplement our existing programs while also concentrating on strategies for Leech Lake to become even more self-sufficient.

REVENUE FY 2015

Federal, State, & Other Grants	\$34,781,613
Program Fees	\$22,356,066
Gaming Allocation	\$12,516,846
Indirect Cost Pool	\$10,413,555
Business Enterprise	\$8,742,259
Tax Revenue	\$8,601,068
Self Governance	\$7,250,506
Misc. Income	\$2,424,984
Total Revenue	\$107,086,898



PAST PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS

With the financial and gaming updates covered, I'd now like to turn your attention to the Band's general progress in recent years. The Reservation Business

Committee has worked on improving and building infrastructure throughout the 17 communities within Leech Lake's boundaries and beyond. Over in Duluth, a satellite office opened within the city in 2013 to offer resources and assistance to Band member city residents. A Local Indian Council board is elected to represent and give a voice to Duluth and Twin Cities Band members residing in metro areas. We continue to improve our ability to serve any and all of our Band members, whether they reside on or off Reservation.

In winter 2013, we opened the doors to the new Leech Lake Government Center located in Cass Lake. The Government Center houses multiple Leech Lake employees who are key to running efficient governmental and administrative duties. The new building represents Leech Lake's strong presence in the community. The U.S.D.A. has been instrumental in helping the Band obtain grants and funding to construct the new Government Center.

In another area of Leech Lake, District II Representative Steve White collaborated with community partners including Cass County staff, Tribal Roads, and Minnesota Congressman Rick Nolan's office to construct an improved bridge in Boy River. All parties worked together, lobbying multiple sources to secure the necessary funding in the name of pedestrian safety. The bridge was widened and cement barriers placed on the bridge itself to allow for safer fishing. The Band and Representative White continue efforts to construct a similar bridge in the Federal Dam community. In July 2014, the Band and Tribal Planning secured funding to build four new playgrounds in Jackson Village, Kego Lake, Oak Point, and Mission Communities.

In August 2014, District III Representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks and the Tribal Planning Division constructed a brand new Community Center in the Mission Community. The 4,800 square foot center provides another space for our various communities to gather for events.

The new public library is now open. With 9,000 feet and costing approximately \$2.7 million dollars, the new facility houses a learning center, a SMART classroom, conference room, study areas, and 56 computers. The Tribal College welcomes the community to use the new library as it is open to the public.

I am very proud of our government's dedication to building new partnerships and strengthening current ones. One of our strongest allies in the recent years has been Cass County. Without their partnership the Band would not be as successful or efficient as we are today.

The Reservation Business Committee and the Cass County Board of Commissioners first signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the Winter of 2012. The M.O.U. has proven tremendously successful to many Leech Lake divisions and for the County. The M.O.U. was renewed in April 2015 and provides a five year framework. The Band is currently exploring similar M.O.U.s with both Beltrami and Itasca Counties in the near future. Leech Lake is also coordinating with Red Lake to raise both of our Tribal flags in the Beltrami County Courthouse. As stated in last year's address, we have Leech Lake flags flying in both Itasca and Cass Counties.

The Band is so proud of our partnership with the Chippewa National Forest. Originally we signed a M.O.U. with CNF in June 2013, outlining a clear process for consultation and communication between Leech Lake and Chippewa National Forest. This past fall and winter, CNF and Leech Lake worked closely on many community events and fundraisers for the 2014 National U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Project. Thanks to cooperation between Chippewa National Forest, the Band, Synergetic Endeavors and

Choose Outdoors, we were able to raise enough funds to send 132 children and 30 elders to view the lighting of the Capitol Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. Chippewa National Forest and Leech Lake employees joined students in replanting 3 new tree seedlings to replace the white spruce brought to the Capitol.

NOW IN 2015 – COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Moving forward, open communication and collaboration has proven successful in many ways for the Band and I have no plans of slowing down. For the first time in Fall 2014, my executive assistants and Government Relations staff worked on establishing new absentee voting locations in Cass and Itasca Counties. Working with Cass County Auditor-Treasurer Sharon Anderson and Itasca County Auditor-Treasurer Jeff Walker, the Band increased ballot access and easier voting processes for Band members and the general public. The Cass County satellite office was located in the Leech Lake Government Center and opened to voting for 46 days! The Itasca County voting location was in the Ball Club Community Center and opened to voting for 14 days! We welcomed enrolled Band members and the non-enrolled public to vote at either location. Overall, 102 people cast their State and Federal election ballots in the weeks before and on Election Day in November 2014. After the election season ended, the U.S. Department of Justice released an announcement seeking legislation that may require state and local election officials to work with Tribes in locating at least one polling place on or near each Tribe's land for future elections.

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon has been an ally for Leech Lake. Mr. Simon supports early voting and same-day registration allowing easier access for voters. Both Mr. Simon and the Band also opposed voter Photo ID requirement legislation that would have created barriers for minority voters. We thank Mr. Simon for the work he does on behalf of Band member voting access. As evidenced by our progress of not one, but TWO voting locations on Leech Lake lands, we are already ahead of the curve. We hope to increase voter turn-out in the upcoming elections. The Band would like to thank non-profit Four Directions and Cass and Itasca counties for assisting Leech Lake with this positive endeavor.

I would now like to take a moment to offer our sincere appreciation for Marilou Chanrasmi, former President and co-founder of Leech Lake Legacy. Marilou and her team of dedicated volunteers have coordinated over 15 spay, neuter, and surrender clinics across the Reservation since Legacy's first clinic was held at Pike Bay Town Hall in March 2012. Marilou, Leech Lake Legacy, and volunteers continue to work closely with Community Service Officer Rory Haaland and the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department on veterinary services for reservation animals.

Over 2,200 animals have been transported and adopted out, over 1,000 animals spayed or neutered, over 50 animals have received specialty surgeries on-site, and hundreds of dog houses and thousands of pounds of dog food have been disbursed. Not only has she and her many volunteers helped service our four legged animals, Marilou has also connected Leech Lake with multiple other partnerships and resources. This past winter Marilou secured over 6,500 hats, mittens, boots, socks, and jackets to be handed out across our communities.

In the beginning of August, District I Rep. Penny DeVault, District II Rep. Steve White, and a variety of Leech Lake employees met with Marilou and the Kids in Need Foundation. This foundation is a national organization focusing on awarding teacher grants and resources, supplying children with school supplies, and responding to students affected by natural disasters.

The Kids in Need Foundation has supplied enough backpacks and school supplies to cover the needs of the 225 students expected to enroll at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Schools this school year. Both of our organizations believe it is crucial children are given the tools they need to succeed in education. Kids in Need also supplied numerous You-be Classpacks stuffed with school supplies handed out to area school teachers to use throughout the academic year. While we are just beginning to foster a partnership with Kids in Need, Leech Lake looks forward to collaborating in the near future.

The Band continues this type of networking to provide the best available resources for our Band members. I have witnessed that more resources become available for our Band members when we engage in community collaboration with outside entities.

NOW IN 2015 – LEECH LAKE INFRASTRUCTURE

One of my initiatives as Tribal Chair, as you may have noticed by now, is strengthening community collaboration. Another major goal for my leadership has been increasing local community infrastructure throughout the Reservation.

The Department of Resource Management has dedicated a fishing pier in the Onigum community to Leo Jordan. Leo Jordon served as a valuable Leech Lake DRM employee for over 20 years. Leo Jordon was one of the first Native American Cass County Deputy Sheriffs in 1972. Youth Division coordinated their Take-a-Youth Fishing Day in conjunction with the pier's grand opening this past June. Those attending the grand opening enjoyed a meal, fishing and boat and canoe rides. We'd like to thank Cass County for donating this pier at no-charge to Leech Lake.

Now, moving on from the Onigum community to Bena infrastructure. The Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home opened in May 2015 in Bena. The transitional home provides temporary housing and services for those seeking a residence. The Reservation Business Committee created a 10 Year Plan to end homelessness by developing new financial and housing resources to generate additional housing units and services from emergency shelter to affordable home ownership. The DeDe Losh Transitional Home is now open and houses up to 30 residents and families with one handicapped accessible unit.

Another large scale project soon to arrive in Cass Lake includes the new Leech Lake Opioid Treatment Facility, with the grand opening taking place at the end of this month. Revenue has grown substantially since the Opioid Treatment Program started in 2012. Today the Opioid Program is a self-sufficient program providing additional funding to 12 other Leech Lake divisions. Currently, the Opioid Program serves 110 clients. Once the new facility is completed, we will be able to serve over 200 community members looking to live a substance-free lifestyle. As the new facility opens, the Opioid Treatment Program hopes to implement an inpatient program, day care, more cultural activities such as sweat lodges and an aftercare program as this successful program continues to thrive in the years to come.

The Addiction and Dependency Program recently expanded the Men's Halfway House in Cass Lake. The Addiction and Dependency Program funded the expansion itself using the division's billing revenue. The Halfway House expanded from 6 beds to 30 beds, offering an alternative safe support system for chemically dependent men who want to live differently.

Moving forward, the Cass Lake Indian Health Services is currently under renovation and construction since May 2014. The two year project will add 28,000 feet and remodel 8,500 feet of space. Much of the interior will be updated, roofing replaced, and number of patient care rooms doubled. Construction is ahead of schedule and is expected to be complete by Fall 2016. Leech Lake is happy to assist with I.H.S. renovations to provide improved health care for our Band members.

In other health news, the groundbreaking for the new Elder Assisted Care Living Facility was held back in April. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community awarded Leech Lake a \$1 million grant to aid with construction and equipment. Over 21 healthcare and administrative job positions will be created upon facility grand opening in August 2016. The facility will provide housing for elders with medical care, assisted living, hospice care, physical therapy, nursing, and other healthcare needs.

The Health division has recently purchased and completed renovations for a fully mobile clinic to serve Band members residing in rural communities. The mobile clinic has already visited S. Lake and Kego Lake communities in its first summer of service. Various clinical services are conveniently provided right where our Band members live, ranging from health assessments, child care check ups, and prenatal appointments.

The Band is planning many exciting, innovative projects in the years to come. I believe this is an important step forward for future generations. I will end this year's State of the Band Address with the promise that we, as a Nation, will do everything in our power to continue improving our divisions and efforts on behalf of the Band members we serve.



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ADDRESS 2015



PRESENT INFRASTRUCTURES

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District I Updates in upcoming years

The Reservation Business Committee passed resolutions this summer allocating funding to construct **new community centers** in both Onigum and S. Lake! District I Rep. Penny DeVault allocated some of this funding to four district one communities to aid with smaller **community repairs or projects**. Winnie Dam, Deer River, Ball Club and Inger communities have identified basketball courts, street lights, picnic pavilions and community education classes as priority areas for this funding.

District II upcoming progress in the Communities

Meanwhile, District II has been coordinating with Leech Lake divisions, Cass County, and Minnesota Department of Transportation to obtain funding to construct a **new paved bike trail** along the Bena community. Over the past years, Band members in rural communities have experienced accidents due to lack of pedestrian safety on highway 2 and other routes.

Justice Center

The groundbreaking for the new Justice Center facility, a \$4 million construction project, was held in April 2015. The new Justice Center will be located directly behind the Government Building in Cass Lake. The new facility will have office space for the Tribal Courts, 2 court rooms, jury trials and deliberations, and probation along with space for the Tribal Police and Legal Department.

Gaming Expansions & Replacement

The Reservation Business Committee will review a White Oak Casino expansion plan and a Palace Casino replacement plan. Gaming is also seeking new business ventures for the Shingobee property near Walker as this location has great tourist potential in summer months.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Lobbying Update

Over the past year, we were extremely successful in securing important resources to advance, among other issues, the Band's important educational objectives. The Band worked with Senator Tom Saxhuag and Representative John Persell to secure \$250,000 in dedicated funding from State of Minnesota for the Niigaane Immersion Center and an additional \$1.3 million in one-time BIE per pupil formula funding.

We are still working very hard to secure funding for a New Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. The Bureau of Indian Education announced in mid-July that 78 BIE-funded education sites have been determined as eligible applicants for the No Child Left Behind Act new school replacement. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School is one of the sites invited to submit an application for funding. Ultimately, BIE is in the process of creating a new replacement school construction list. Leech Lake is putting in every effort to ensure Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig submits a strong application for BIE's review.

Health And Human Services Complex

The Reservation Business Committee has designated 10 acres of land located near the future Elder Assisted Care Facility as a Health and Human Services Complex through resolution. In the years to come, Leech Lake envisions this area to include more facilities to house both Health and Human Services divisions in one convenient location along with building more health amenities like elder housing.

Elder Assisted Care Living Facility

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FUTURE GOALS ACHIEVEMENTS

Little Miss Cass Lake 2015-2016

5 year old KAIDEN ADELLA MAE HOWARD was crowned "Little Miss Cass Lake 2015-2016" on Saturday July 25, 2015. Proud Mom is RyAnn Howard of Cass Lake, MN and proud Grandparents are Brenda Northbird of Cass Lake, MN and Stan & Leona Howard of Inger, MN.



LLBO WIC FOR September 2015 WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only
8:15a.m.-11:30a.m. and 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Monday- Thursdays are available for appointment in Cass Lake
WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS

1st Thursday, 3rd - Onigum Community Center Appointments 10a.m.- 1p.m.

2nd Thursday, 10th - Inger Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

3rd Thursday, 17th - Ball Club Comm. Ctr. Appointments 10a.m. - 3p.m.

4th Thursday, 24th - Bena Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

If you need to schedule a WIC appointment please call
218-335-8386 or 1-866-289-5995.



Wishing District II Elders a
Happy Birthday!
August Birthdays



Arnold Dahl (11)
Lyman Losh (13)
John G. White (23)
Debra Beaulieu (25)

Diane Hussing (18)
Scott Seelye (25)
Roberta Smith (23)

LEECH LAKE FOSTER CARE

6035 161st ST NW Cass Lake, MN 56633

We need Leech Lake Foster Care Homes. If you are interested in becoming a Foster Parent here are the basic requirements:

- ✓ Application & Pass UA
- ✓ Background check anyone older than 13 years old
- ✓ Physical exam
- ✓ Health & Safety Home Visit

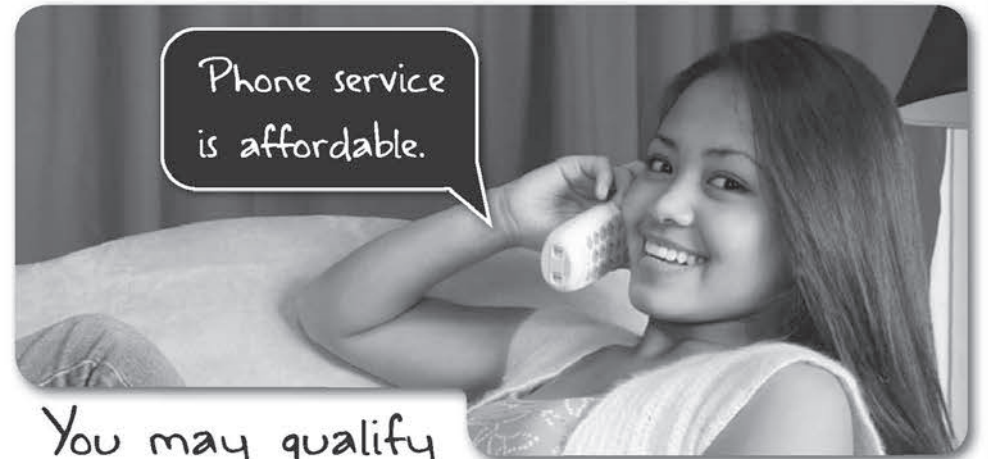
Options of types of Foster Homes:

- Regular
- Relative
- Respite
- Therapeutic
- Medically Fragile
- Emergency



Contact the L.L. Foster Care Department for more information:

Dorothea Cloud, Licensing Coordinator @ 218.335.3622
Natalie Wickner, Foster Care Specialist @ 218.335.7216



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Cindy Walhof | 800.630.7593 | arvig.com

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Update Director of Institutional Advancement

August 21, 2015

From Leech Lake Tribal College Administration

We are pleased to inform members of the Leech Lake Tribal College community and welcome Mr. Amarin Chanthorn as the new Director of Institutional Advancement.

Leech Lake Tribal College places high importance on Anishinaabe culture and values delivered through accredited higher learning education. The Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA) is responsible for all relations activities on the behalf of the college. These activities includes: alumni relations, capitol fundraising, donor and sponsorship, marketing, public relations, event organizer, and spokesperson for the college. Mr. Chanthorn is the third person to hold the position, following Mr. Kyle Erickson and Mr. Bill Blackwell, who are now with the Blandin Foundation and Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center, respectively.



Mr. Chanthorn is an alumnus of the college earning an Associate's degree in Business Management. He also attained a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources and is expected to receive his Masters of Business Administration from the College of St. Scholastica.

We congratulate Mr. Chanthorn as the new Institutional Advancement Director and we are looking forward to his leadership in advancing the college to better serve LLTC and its communities.

For Advancement news and updates, please refer to the college website www.lltc.edu or contact the college at (218) 335-4200.

Update on the President Search

August 21, 2015

From Amarin Chanthorn, Director of Institutional Advancement

We are pleased to inform members of the Leech Lake Tribal College community that our presidential search is in progress. Leech Lake Tribal College places high importance on Anishinaabe culture and values delivered through accredited higher learning education. To preserve the vision and mission of the college, we are excited for the return of Dr. Ginny Carney as the Interim President. Dr. Carney has previously served as the president from 2008 to 2012, and will continue to provide her leadership until the president search concludes.

Dr. Carney has extensive education background including a Ph.D. in English from the University of Kentucky. Her experiences have prepared her for the position as she understands the challenges our student's encounters. We are appreciative of Dr. Carney's assistance and contributions to the Leech Lake Tribal College as we search for the next president.

For president search updates, please refer to the college website www.lltc.edu or contact the college at (218) 335-4200.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

www.llojibwe.org and may: **drop off or mail documents to:**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633;**

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other
Native American Indian preference apply.

Please submit Cover Letter, Resume, Credentials, 3 Letters of Reference, and Transcripts for positions requiring any Degree above High School Diploma or General Education Diploma

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697;

email documents to: andrea.jones@llbo.org

LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application and/or documents before or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date the position is scheduled to close to be considered for a position.

Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

Complete packet Includes: Application, Resume, Cover Letter, & Refferences.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 11th, 2015

- Bemidji Pre School Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-134**
- Bena Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-133**
- Ball Club Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 15-132**
- Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 15-131**

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- 2 Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-091B**
- Ball Club Pre School Team Leader ~ Early Childhood~ Job Code: 15-094B**
- 2 Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader~ Early Childhood~ Job Code: 15-092B**
- 4 Pre School Teachers ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-088B**
- Bena Infant/Toddler Team Leader ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 15-093**
- 3 Mental Health Practitioners ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 15-090B**
- Program Accountant ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120**
- Assistant Controller ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-107**
- 3 Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081**
- 2 Full-Time LPN ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097**
- Part-Time RN PHN ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-073**
- Community Economic Development Specialist
~ Tribal Development ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-059C**
- 2 Tribal Planner/Developers ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 15-058**
- 3 P-T Bena Homeless Shelter Advoc ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 15-028**
- Tribal Assistance Manager ~ Tribal Assistance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-036**



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

115 Sixth Street NW. Suite E, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Business # (218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418



-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Heather Gogleye and Ferris Jessepe, Parents.

Court File No. CP-14-38

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 19, 2015, a **Voluntary Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Custody of:

T.J.K, Minor Child, DOB: 04/09/2014;

Lisa Gullickson, Petitioner,

And

Tamara E. White, Respondent.

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 4th, 2015, a **Petition for Custody and Parenting Time** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before **October 6th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**, the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Facility Center, Upper Level, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in a default judgment being entered against you, the respondents, at that time for the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Shamelia Wright, (Deceased), Mother; Donald Headbird,

Father of R.H., D.H., A.H, & D.H.; and

any man who claims to be the father of D.H.

Court File No. CP-13-26

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 8, 2015, a **Petition for Alternative Relief** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Sophia K. Budreau, Parent.

Court File No. CP-15-23

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 28, 2015, an **Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682, 3599 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In Re the Marriage of:

Tashina M Wakonabo,
Petitioners,

vs.

Bryan K Wakonabo,
Respondent.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. FA-15-104

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on May 6, 2015, a petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court. On **October 8, 2015 at 2:00pm** a Dissolution Hearing will commence in the Leech Lake Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, upper level, Cass Lake, Minnesota, to address the **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

If respondent fails to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter and Order for Default Judgment against you. If petitioner fails to appear, this matter will be dismissed by this court.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Danielle Birt, Parent.

Court File No. CP-13-33

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 6, 2015, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.



Obituaries



Judith “DoDo” Fairbanks

Judith M. “DoDo” Fairbanks, 58, of Cass Lake, MN died Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center.



Memorial services will be at 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Visitation will be held from 4-8pm, Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji. A wake will begin at 6:00pm, Thursday, August 27, 2015, at the Cass Lake Facility Center and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Fairbanks Family Burial grounds in Ball Club, MN. Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji assisted with the arrangements.

Judy was born May 1, 1957 in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of Charles “Chuckie” and Louise (Drumbeater) Fairbanks. She grew up in Ball Club, MN and attended school in Deer River. She graduated from the Deer River High School and then went on to attend the Bemidji Vo-Tech where she earned her degree in Administrative Assisting. She was always a hard worker. She worked as a secretary for a time before starting work with the Leech Lake Head Start. While there she became a Certified Cook. She worked for the Leech Lake band in many places including Head Start, the IHS Hospital, and the casino. She was creative and artistic, expressing herself through crocheting, sewing, and crafts. She was a talented cook who enjoyed making her family home made meals. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She’d go all out decorating for holidays and making home made cards and gifts. She loved to tease and joke around with those she loved.

She is survived by her companion of 19 years: Kirby Finn, Children: Mara M. (Jerry L. White Sr.) Folstrom, Francis Folstrom, & Misty Folstrom. Special Nephew: Emmanuel “Twiddz” Fairbanks. Grandchildren: MaRissa L. Folstrom, Daniel F. Drouillard, Tera M. Drouillard, Serayah L. Drouillard, AaMari M. Folstrom, & Paul A. Folstrom. Siblings: Annette “Babe” (Dave Sherman) Vaughn, Carol “Hato” (Harold Budreau) Fairbanks. Several Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings Debra Fairbanks, Charles “Beez” Fairbanks, and Geraldine Fairbanks.

Ricki Michelle Reese

Ricki Michelle Reese, age 48, “Memengwaa” which means “Butterfly” of Minneapolis, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 17, 2015 in Minneapolis. She was born on May 30, 1967 in Minneapolis, the daughter of Richard Samuel and Regina Marie (Sam) Reese.

Ricki was born the fourth daughter to Gina and Sam Reese, the baby, and she thoroughly enjoyed her place in the family, even as an adult. Born and raised in south Minneapolis, she made many, many friends. She had four children and five grandsons who she loved with all her heart. Ricki had



an amazing heart and a very generous spirit. She loved her friends and family. Although she didn’t have much, she loved buying them gifts, sending them cards, never forgetting a birthday or holiday. She had a special nickname for just about everyone. Ricki loved spending time with her family and friends. She loved to laugh and make other people laugh. She was very good at it. She had a sense of humor and no filter! She loved playing games with her grandchildren and taking pictures of them. Ricki loved being on the lake and if you had a boat, you can bet that she had been on it at least once. She had some serious struggles in her life but still managed a smile and a laugh. Her contagious laughter will echo with every memory. She will be deeply missed.

Those who passed on before are her parents; Regina Reese and Richard “Sam” Reese, step-mother; Lillian Reese, brother; Randy Leigh, nephew/brother; Jereme Kraskey, great niece; Helenarose, great nephew; Steven James Morrison-Reese, and the one that holds her heart, Keith Wayne Barry.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughters; Samantha (Mike) Larsen, Kayla Larsen, Tishana Shoberg and Korina Barry, sons; Terry Larsen, Jr. and Nicholas Larsen, grandsons; Curtis Silcox, Tristen and Monte Larsen, Cassious Jubera and Adrian Hague, sisters; Rina (Bud) Fonder, Rhonda Reese, Roxanne Monroe, Cindy and Josie Homesky, Lisa Bellanger, Crystal (Pat) Estey, Wendy (John) Whitebird, Yvette (Vernon) Kraskey, brothers; Sam (Mardelle) Reese, Jaymz (Ronda) Wilson and numerous nieces and nephews.

A wake service for Ricki will be on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Akina Community Church in Minneapolis. Another wake will begin on Tuesday, July 21st, at the Onigum Community Center and continue until the service on Wednesday, July 22th. Pastor Dan Pack will officiate. Pallbearers for Ricki will be Walter “Sam” Reese, Richard Reese, Michael Morrison-Reese, William “Sonny” Sayers, Lindsey Allen Sam,

Taylor Fonder, Michael Shaw, Theron “Bud” Fonder. Interment will be held in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency.

Ricki’s care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

Lyman “Bobe” Lowry

Lyman “Bobe” Lowry, 56, of Cass Lake, MN died Friday, August 7, 2015 at the Cass Lake IHS Hospital. Funeral services will begin Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the Cease



Family Funeral Home in Bemidji, Minnesota. Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, and one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery at a later date under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born on August 4, 1959, in Cass Lake, MN the son of Benjamin Sr. and Margaret (Butterfly) Lowry. He was raised and educated in Cass Lake. He was self-employed and loved to work in the outdoors. He built fish houses with his carpentry skill and was a talented mechanic as well. As an outdoorsman he enjoyed hunting, fishing, wild-ricing, and even tried to learn sailing.

He is survived by his: Children: Angela (Ben) Young, Christa (Anderson III) Brown, Kayleen Lowry, & Chantelle Fairbanks. Siblings: Sharon (Frank) DeClusin, Ruby Lowry, Vincent Lowry, Genevieve Lowry, Shirley Preston, & Ronald Lowry. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, parents, his brother Benjamin Lowry Jr., an uncle, and an aunt.

Obituaries

Cody S. Mitchell

Cody S. Mitchell, age 18, of Deer River, MN, died Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN.



Cody was born in 1996 to Jamie Mitchell and Kristine Mason in Grand Rapids, MN. He grew up and attended schools in Grand Rapids and was employed as a clerk at the Salvation Army Store. He enjoyed drawing, writing music, playing x-box, and being with his friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Steve Prebeck, Robert Mitchell and Mary Louise Mitchell; and aunt, Barb Gotchie.

Cody is survived by his mother, Kristine (Dan Norgord) Mason of Cohasset, MN; father, Jamie Mitchell of Cass Lake, MN; special aunt who Cody called "Mom", Wanda YoungRunningCrane of Deer River, MN; grandmothers, Nancy Prebeck and Thelberta Lussier both of Cohasset, MN; three sisters, Morgan Jensen of Cohasset, MN, Lakiesha YoungRunningCrane of Deer River, MN, and Lauren Gotchie of Inger, MN; one brother, Dale YoungRunningCrane of Deer River, MN; two half sisters, Nakomis Mitchell and Mataya Mitchell both of Cass Lake, MN; one half brother, Colton Mitchell of Cass Lake, MN; and many aunts, uncles, and special friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 16th at the Lone Eagle Center in Ball Club, MN beginning at 4:00 p.m. until the Traditional Funeral Service on Friday, July 17th at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) also at the Lone Eagle Center.

Barbara Jean Fineday

Barbara Jean Fineday, Di-bishkoo-asshiik, which means "Woman Who Stands Alone", age 68, of Cass Lake, began her spiritual journey on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the Cass Lake Hospital in Cass Lake with her family by her side. She was born on October 9, 1946 in Cass Lake, the daughter of Robert Fox and Agnes Fineday.



Barbara loved being with her family and grandchildren. She enjoyed listening to country music, going to play Bingo, going to pow-wows and ceremonies, going to the races, rummaging, making quilts, sewing, being in the outdoors, visiting with people, reading, cooking and going to play the slot machines at the Casino. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

The family that Barbara joins again are her parents; Robert and Agnes, siblings; Pat Jackson, Roberta Fox, Peggy Harris, significant others; Gabby Headbird and John Joseph Wind Sr.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory include her grandpa Louis Junco; children; Sheryl Hill, Marilyn Wind, Diane (Donald, Jr.) Wright, Gordon (Tuleah) Fineday, and Robert Fineday all of Cass Lake, and one daughter Dawn Fineday of Minneapolis and adopted son; Ken (Sarah) Thompson of Bemidji, siblings; Karen (Donald) Wind of Cass Lake and John Fineday of Sawyer. 21 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. The family request no cut

flowers, plants only.

A wake for Barbara will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 2015 and 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2015 and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service on Saturday, August 8, all at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Spiritual leader will be Mike Dahl. Pallbearers will be all her grandsons; Melvin Goodman, Donald Headbird, Jess Headbird, Allen Hardy, Amador Ocampo-Zamora, Sr., Travis Gale, Donald Wind, Sr., Donald Wright, Jr., Jerrin Wilson, Sr., Ernie Diver, and Ringo Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Sharon Brown, Nancy Whitebird, Louise "Weedy" Masten, Delores "Muckoos" Fineday, Shelly Goodman, Michelle Losh, Mel O'Brien, and all her granddaughters. Interment will be held in the Fineday Burial Grounds in Pennington, MN.

Barbara's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

Hildi Elaine Bogda

Bogda, Hildi Elaine, "CC Rider," 49, of Cass Lake, passed over into the spirit world on August 11, 2015. She loved spending time with her three babies (cats) and she enjoyed living by her special aunt, Dolly Evans.



Most of all, she loved riding her Harley motorcycle and watching the Minnesota Vikings. She is survived by her parents, Ted and Esther Bogda of Bena; sisters Heidi (Jason) Bilyeu of Cass Lake, Hedi Bogda of San Diego, CA, Coraleen (Dennis) Wallace of Philadelphia, PA, and Lillian "Izzy" Matthews of Bena; brother Waycee (Staci) HisHolyHorse of Rosebud, SD; niece Serena Cleveland; nephews Tyler Bogda, Dylan Cleveland and Donte Wallace; special aunts Luella Seeyle and Joanne Canty; numerous

family members; and her cats Summer, Handsome and Stormy. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents George and Mamie Humphrey; paternal grandparents Theodore and Clara Bogda; special cousin Wayne-jin Reyes; and many family members. The wake will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17th at the Veterans Building in Cass Lake and will continue until time of the funeral service at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cass Lake. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Bena, followed by a luncheon at the Veterans Building in Cass Lake.

Dianna Marie Donnell

Dianna "D a y l e" Marie Donnell, "Ain Dis Ah BaH CaH Con AMAGOOK", age 57, of Deer River, began her spiritual journey on July 15, 2015,



at her home in Deer River. She was born on November 29, 1957, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Leo and Margaret (Eisel) Donnell.

Dianna was an avid outdoorsman, she gathered berries, herbs, sage, and wild rice. She also enjoyed kayaking, and camping. She loved to spend time with her family and friends. Dianna was a great inspiration, often times getting people back into school. Education was very important to her. She took the time to teach all the little ones she came in contact with. Dianna was very handy, she built her own house in Olalla, WA and rebuilt her grandparent's cabin. She had such a love for animals and took in every stray animal that came her way. Dianna practiced the traditional ways and values. She was very proud of being a car repairman for the Burlington Northern Railroad. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The family that she joins again are her mother; Margaret, step mother;

Lucy Donnell, step brother; Marc Lyons, and half-brother; Eugene “Chunky” Sherman.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her father; Leo Donnell of Deer River, her spouse; Lauri Boren of Olalla, WA, brother; George (Jacque) Donnell of Cass Lake, sisters; Cecilia Donnell of Bemidji, and Mary (Andy) Chandler of Deer River, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Dianna will begin on Monday, July 20, 2015 and will continue until Tuesday, July 21, all at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club. Spiritual leader will be Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Dianna will be Sage Rojas, Mike Donnell, Michelle Schaaf, Tessa Donnell, Stein Haynes, and Kaeli Rojas. Honorary pallbearers will be Yvonne Wilson, Sherry Wilson, Rosanne Wilson, Tashina Mountain, Terri LaDuke, and Gladys Sherman. Cremation will take place following Dianna's services with ashes to remain with her family.

Dianna's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

Sherry Lee Palmer

Sherry Lee Palmer, 62, of Cass Lake, MN died Monday, August 24, 2015 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center surrounded by her family and loved ones.



Memorial services will be at 3:00 pm Friday, August 28, 2015 at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Cass Lake, Minnesota with Pastor Craig Smith officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake under the

direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

Sherry was born November 25, 1952 in Walker, MN, the daughter of Harvey and Bonnie (LaRoque) Frazer. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake, graduating from Cass Lake High School in 1970. She married Brian Erickson in 1970 and they spent 16 years transferring from base to base while he was in the military, Germany, California, Kansas and Oklahoma. They divorced and she moved back home to Cass Lake in 1988. She married Rob Palmer November 28, 1998 in Cass Lake. She worked for the BIA in Cass Lake and later Bemidji until she retired in May of 2013 as an administrative coordinator. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the United Methodist Church. She loved serving as a school board member of the Cass Lake-Bena School district from 1995- 2003 and from 2012 to the present. She was a natural athlete and had fun excelling in sports- golf, bowling, darts and went to nationals with several teams in softball. She enjoyed playing cards and going to the Casino to play keno and slots. She co-chaired the Miss Cass Lake and Little Miss Cass Lake pageants and had a special way at bringing out the best and funniest moments when interviewing the 4 to 7 year olds. She found great meaning in caring for her father in the last few months of his life. She had a twinkle in her eye that conveyed great humor and telling jokes, it was most evident since receiving the news of her pancreatic cancer in May and fighting hard in her battle against the disease.

She is survived by her husband- Rob Palmer of Cass Lake, her favorite cat- Baby One sock “Baby Kitty”, son- Matt (Donna) Erickson of Cass Lake, daughter- Mindy Sponsel of Durham, North Carolina, 3 grandchildren- Ryan Erickson, Kendra Erickson and Caylee Sponsel, sister - Luann Frazer, and brothers - Gary (Michele) Frazer and Henry (Vicky) Frazer, and her BFF- Terri Vail all of Cass Lake, mother-in-law- Violet Palmer, 3 sisters-in law – Liz Erickson, Barb Soukup, Robin Palmer, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Honorary Pallbearers are Caylee Sponsel, Ryan Erickson, Kendra Erickson, Terri Vail, Martha Hanson, Patty Olby and Emily Carner. Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

James “Jim” William Cloud, Jr.

James “Jim” William Cloud, Jr., age 74, of Old Agency, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Rochester, MN. He was born on May 17, 1941 in Cass Lake, the son of James, Sr. and Florence (Chief) Cloud.

Jim was a wonderful man who gave everything to his community and this showed in many ways. He was grandpa to not only his own grandchildren, but also for the Old Agency community. Jim was the director of the Leech Lake Men's Half Way House for many years and the people he helped were very important to him. Jim was still an active board member of the Mashkawisen Treatment Center in Sawyer, MN. He cared for people professionally from 1974 – 2008 as CD Counselor and then privately through his car sales around the local community. People would turn to Jim for advice on anything mechanically, because his knowledge about vehicles was unlimited. Jim loved to have fun and would tease anyone he came in contact with. He was an avid collector of things. He loved to feed the birds, work on cars, go for rides down Stony Point Road, and take the people he was helping on hunting escapades. Jim made everyone in his life feel special. He touched a lot of lives and will be sadly missed by the entire Onigum community and all who knew him.

The family that Jim joins again are his grandparents; Albert Chief, Sr. and Louise Munnell, his parents; Jim and Florence, a baby sister; Anita Cloud, son; Colin Cloud, grand baby; Baby Cloud-Goodman, one grandson; Travis Cloud

and a granddaughter Angel Cloud.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years; Eliza “Cookie” Cloud of Old Agency, sons; Merrill (Sandy) Cloud of Old Agency, and Scott (Simone) Whitebird of Cass Lake, daughters; Ronnie Gustafson, Coleen Gullickson, Dorothea (Randy) Cloud and Traci (Rick) Cloud all of Old Agency, brothers; Stanley Chief, Jr. and Melvin Hunt both of Old Agency, numerous grandchildren, and great grandchildren of the Onigum community.

A wake for Jim will begin at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20th at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, August 22nd at St. John's Episcopal Church in Onigum. Father George Ross and his assistant Bill Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers for Jim will be Donovan Cloud, Grant Gustafson, Rick Parkhurst, Joe Kingbird, Luiz Delarosa and Keith Tucker. His alternate pallbearers are Dan Oothoudt and Simon White III. His honorary pallbearers are Mel Hunt, Stanley Chief, Merrill Cloud, Scott Whitebird, Randy “B-Boy” White, Matt Hunt, Darwin Kingbird, Ronnie Gustafson, Coleen Cloud, Dorothea Cloud, Traci Cloud, Simone Fairbanks, Sandy Connors, Larry Madigan his Grandchildren and his Great Grandchildren. Interment will be held in the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency, Minnesota.

Jim's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com.





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