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Kids Perch Jerk Draws Large Crowds to Winnie

Over one thousand kids took part in the kids fishing tournament on March 7th, on Lake Winnibigoshish. Having been successful for years even when the weather has been terribly cold the Kids Perch Jerk attracted hundreds of parents to the contest just off Denny's Resort on Winnie with an above average weather forecast for the day. The wind was strong in the morning, however, as the afternoon approached the clouds started to break up, the winds softened, and the day turned out to be really fun for everyone.

Age groups from 0-5, 6-10, and 11-16 were all vying for the largest perch for their age class. Dozens of volunteers came out earlier in the week to set up the tent and help drill holes as well as help cook, weigh the fish and hand out the prizes to the kids. The Cass Lake Fire Department was on hand as well as other vendors to help make sure the day went well.

In all it was a huge success once again and a nice rounding out to the ensuing end of the ice fishing season and a great way to usher in the coming spring and warmer temperatures.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Awarded \$25,000 for Homeless Shelter

Leech Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded the \$25,000 Greater Minnesota Housing Fund Grant for the Leech Lake Homeless Shelter. Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF) was launched in April 1996 in a joint effort of the McKnight Foundation and Blandin Foundation to address the urgent need for decent, affordable housing in greater Minnesota.

The Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee (RBC), Tribal Council

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Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Lobbying Update



Dear Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Members –

I am writing to share some exciting news with you in relation to the Band's efforts to

replace the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig high school building. Over the last several years, we have been able to garner significant support from the U.S. Department of Interior, the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and elected and appointed officials in the State of Minnesota. It is a privilege to work with the Reservation Business Committee and the School Board on this very important effort and it is clear that our cooperative efforts are producing significant outcomes. Although we have yet to cross the finish line, I am committed to working with all parties on a new High School facility.

As you may recall, U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited the school last August and told us she would do whatever she could to help us replace the school. With this in mind and in an exciting step forward, President Obama sent his annual budget request to Capitol Hill on February 2, 2015 with the inclusion of approximately \$60 million which is set aside for the repair and replacement of Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. This is significantly higher than the President's request in years past. Although Congress still needs to appropriate funding for this particular account and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig high school needs to be specifically identified by the Department of the Interior to receive funding, we are confident that our Minnesota Congressional Delegation, specifically Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Senator Al Franken (D-MN), Congressman Rick Nolan (D-MN-08), and House Appropriations Committee Member Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN-04) have the support needed to get the job done.

In fact, I recently joined Dist. I Rep. Penny DeVault and Dist. II Rep. Steve White on travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with them regarding this very topic and am encouraged by what we discussed. Since this last trip and the release of the President's budget, there have been a number of significant actions taken by our Congressional Delegation.

On February 13 Congressman John Kline (R-MN) from Minnesota who Chairs the powerful House Committee on Education and the Workforce and his colleague Congressman Todd Rokita (R-IN) sent a letter to Dr. Charles Roessel – Director of the Bureau of Indian Education – suggesting that they were “deeply concerned by recent reports of the deplorable conditions of schools maintained by the Bureau of Education, particularly the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School in Northern Minnesota”. They indicated that they would hold a hearing in the coming weeks to further examine these issues and better understand what BIE is doing to address the situation occurring in schools under its jurisdiction.

On February 24 in a U.S. Senate Energy Hearing, Senator Al Franken (D-MN) used his allotted time for questions to ask Department of Interior (DOI) Secretary Sally Jewell to explain her agency's plan to rebuild the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School. The Secretary commented on her visit to the School and indicated that she is working hard through the channels afforded her to secure the necessary funding to replace the school. The very same week, Congressman Nolan (D-MN-08) and Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN-04) submitted an amendment for inclusion in H.R. 5, the Student Success Act which is the U.S. Houses attempt to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education program. Chairman of the House Education

and the Workforce Committee John Kline (R-MN) supported the amendment. The language amended the current stated policy of the United States with respect to the education of Indian children and reads “It is further the policy of the United States to ensure that Indian children do not attend school in buildings that are dilapidated or deteriorating, which may negatively affect the academic success of such children.” This amendment was added to raise additional awareness of the current condition of schools in Indian Country, particularly the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School.

During discussion of the amendment and on the U.S. House Floor Congressman Nolan made highlighted the need to replace the High School: “The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is cold and drafty in winter, hot in summer, and unfit for children and teachers in any season. Students endure rodent and bat infestations, roof leaks and holes, mold and fungus, a faulty air system, uneven floors, poor lighting, sewer problems, and dangerous electrical configurations.”

I will continue to travel to Washington and work with the RBC and the School Board to keep the pressure on the U.S. Federal Government to live up to their Trust Responsibilities and replace this school. With this in mind and on March 24, I will be traveling to Washington D.C. to testify in front of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee. A Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig student will also travel with us to provide testimony in order for the appropriations committee to hear first-hand how the school conditions have negatively impacted learning.

In addition, there has been a lot of recent interest from State lawmakers and appointed officials as it relates to the replacement of the school. Governor Dayton recently sent a letter to the BIE encouraging them to replace the school and lawmakers have and are preparing to introduce legislation aimed at assisting with the replacement of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School. I recently traveled to St. Paul and met with State Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, Senator Terri Bonoff, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative John Persell, House Minority Leader Paul Thissen, and Representative Tom Anzels. I am appreciative of their efforts and look forward to working with anyone seeking to improve educational opportunities in Indian Country.

There have been a number of positive media stories in recent weeks and months which have highlighted the need for the BIE to live up to their trust responsibilities and replace the school and it is my goal to continue building on this momentum. Local and national publications have released stories on the struggles of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school including Star Tribune, Huffington Post, Minnesota Public Radio and CBS. Many individuals across the nation are learning about this important issue as a result of the media attention. Students from the University of Norte Dame are currently setting up a school supply drive for Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig students. The Norte Dame students wish they could help more with the building conditions but are willing to help out in their own way to benefit the students.

It is an honor to report on the progress that has been made and reiterate to all Band members that I am fully committed to working with the RBC and the School Board to keep the momentum going and help bring this issue to a close with the construction of a new school.

Sincerely,

Carri Jones
TribalChair
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



Suspected Enbridge Leak at Site# L2 MP974.5

District II Notification

Dear Constituents,

On February 5th 2015 I received calls from concerned community members about a petroleum (pipeline) leak near our community of Bena, so I contacted our Leech Lake Environmental-Land Department immediately to see if there had been a report of a leak or release on the pipeline. The Leech Lake Environmental-Land Staff reported back that there was no report of a release or leak but they would investigate the reports immediately, they also informed me that there was an approved maintenance dig at #L2 MP974.5 near Bena, MN.

Leech Lake Environmental-Land Department Staff performed an environmental inspection of the site which included a walk over the entire dig site, inspection of dewatering mitigation measures, permit and documentation review. They found no evidence of a release and all environmental documentation was current and mitigation plans were on hand.

I was encouraged by the amount of community reporting that was received by not only my office but also Division of Resource Management. It is my hope that community members continue to notify Leech Lake Offices when they have reports of leaks or suspicious activity; please continue to help protect our environment and communities by contacting my office or contacting the Environmental-Land Department directly at (218)335-7400 and/or 218-308-0806

Miigwetch,

Steve White, District II Representative
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

First Powwow at Sanford Center

Saturday, April 4th, 2015 from 1pm – 10pm

Dancers Registration 10am - 2pm

Grand Entry 1pm and 7pm

Communal Feast 5-7pm

Two Step Dance & Category Dancing: 7-10pm **NO COST TO PUBLIC!**

Event End (Travel Song): 10pm

FOR THE FIRST TIME – In Bemidji, MN. On behalf of the Sanford Center, Northern Community Radio KAXE/KBXE FM, and KOJB 90.1 FM The Eagle, (with LLBO sponsorship) we are proud to announce, “The Sanford Center Bemijigamaag Powwow” will be hosted at the Sanford Center Arena / George W. Neilson Convention Center on Saturday, April 4th from 1pm – 10pm. Grounded in hundreds of years of rich culture and history, powwows are a cultural expression of the Native American people. Now for the first time, both Native and non-Indigenous people will have the opportunity come together to embrace each other’s cultures, and our states heritage in this Free Community event. In creating this event at the Sanford Center, patrons will now experience the tradition of POWWOW in its entire splendor including a communal feast. With the use of Jumbotron footage, camera operators, special arena staging, arena sound system, and live radio broadcast, this will truly be the first event of its kind in Minnesota!

POWWOW HOTLINE: 218-335-4457

District II Walking-Biking Trail Set to Begin

In yet another addition to infrastructure making how people get around in the District II area safer for Band members, a multi-use trail has been slated to begin construction soon in the Bena area. The first phase of the trail will run from Old Housing Road, where many Band members live, to the Big Winnie (Bena) store. “It’s just like what was happening out at the Boy River Bridge,” said District II Rep. Steve White. “I see many people walking too close to traffic along the road, and I just don’t want anyone to get hurt.”

Phase two to this project will include an additional multi-use trail that will go from Old Housing Road all the way to the iconic Big Fish restaurant to help keep people from walking along the highway.

Recently, the Boy River bridge was replaced with areas on each side of the traffic lanes, separated by concrete dividers, so that people can fish safely from the bridge. Currently there are passing lanes under construction on highway 2 between Cass Lake and Bena and Ball Club to help the flow of traffic making this stretch of road safer as well, and paving the local streets of Bena is another effort that is being addressed by the District II office.

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LL Tribal College Receives Award from Initiative Foundation

The Leech Lake Tribal College was honored to be awarded as the recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Nonprofit Initiative Award by the Initiative Foundation of Little Falls, MN. The award was a result of the work that the Leech Lake Tribal College completed through a grant awarded for the Financial Resiliency through Social Enterprise (FRSE) program. The program is designed to assist central Minnesota Non-Profit organizations to gain awareness and skills in earned-income, social enterprise, and social entrepreneurship to benefit the long term achievement of financial resiliency.

The LLTC Print Shop is capable of designing and producing work in a variety of sizes and styles, but needed assistance in developing a strong marketing and sales plan to reach its full potential. "The ability to work with a consultant, network, and spend the time thinking about planning out our business was invaluable," said Leech Lake Tribal College Grants Administrator Courtney Aitken Gifford. "A Native owned business keeps our money on the reservation where it is most needed." The result of the grant is a new and improved Bakitebii'iganiwigamig (The Print Shop) capable of designing and producing a variety of products such as business stationary, books and binding, as well as a wide array of marketing and advertising essentials.

The Initiative Award is an exclusive award. The Leech Lake Tribal College represented one of only four regional awards for excellence in leadership and community service. Leech Lake Tribal College President Dr. Donald Day spoke about its importance. "The award validates the work being done in building a business plan for our Print Shop," said Dr. Day. "The Print Shop will benefit not only the college, but the community as well."

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Homeless Shelter located in Bena

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had renovated a building to address the homeless crisis. The homeless shelter is centrally located on the reservation. The homeless shelter will have 30 beds available and one handicap unit for those clients that qualify for the services of the shelter. The shelter will have a commercial kitchen, laundry facilities, administrative services that are 24/7, transportation, and case management for clients.

The RBC Tribal Council has also secured funding from the Open Your Heart Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for a van and the Mardag Foundation is in the final process of determining if they will fund the shelter with an \$18,000 grant. In addition, the Tribal Council will be applying for funding through the Minnesota Office of Economic Opportunity Homeless Assistance Grants that will provide operational sustainability for the shelter.



Wishing District II Elders a
Happy Birthday!
March Birthdays

Francis Humphrey
Walter Chase, Sr.
Gerald Chase

Geraldine Gale
Esther Bogda
Deborah Tibbetts

From District II
Office Steve,
Michelle, & Lori

The Leech Lake Lynx Girls Team

Girls 5th grade team took First Place in Nevis, MN Tournament February 21, 2015. The Leech Lake Lynx is from the Cass Lake-Bena Public School District



Front Row: left to right
Raven Seelye
Baylie Brown
Taryn Frazer

Second Row: Left to right
Mya Reyes
Amira LaDuke
Krisalyn Seelye
Breanne Messer

Coach: (not in picture) Kristin Brown & Tate Frazer

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The Work Continues to Finalize Funding for District I Renovation



On February 24th, the Leech Lake Housing Executive Management Team met with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency staff to continue discussions of the terms for the funding offer MHFA extended to LLHA for the much needed District I Renovation project. Also in attendance were the staffs of BlueLine Development, Inc. and LeBeau Development who have been part of this redevelopment plan since early in 2013. The 30 year deferred loan funding will allow the LLHA to tear down and replace approximately 22 units and gut and redevelop another 4-5. LLHA is aiming for early July close the funding, and the final list of selected units will be available at that time.

The Housing Authorities' Executive Management Team attended a discussion group with MHFA and other MN tribal leaders regarding the upcoming Low Income Housing Tax Credit QAP (Qualified Allocation Plan), which is the application scoring guidelines for the 2016 and 2017 LIHTC funding rounds. The State has redefined the goal of the long term homelessness points in 2016 to favor families with children or unaccompanied youth (under 25) who are experiencing long term homelessness.

Tribes have until March 23rd to offer comment on the proposed QAP. MHFA encourages applicants to request technical assistance before submitting their final application, which is provided at no cost to the applicant. Applications are due in June of 2015 for the 2016 round and LLHA is currently in the planning and development process to submit an application to MHFA in June.

This application entails a Homeless Veterans Permanent Supportive Housing project, and will represent collaboration between Leech Lake Housing Authority, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Veterans Services program, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health and Human Services division. This is an exciting, innovative concept that demonstrates the importance of collaboration between tribal divisions. There are currently only three other tribal Veterans Supportive Housing projects in



the country, and the staff at Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and MN Department of Human Services were very excited that Leech Lake is joining this movement toward rethinking the solutions to long term homelessness.

Kids Perch Jerk 2015

Kids across the Leech Lake Reservation wait for this event all winter long year after year, this event surely is a special time for them. Every kid walks away with something including memories that they will have for a lifetime. One family's kids were so enthused about coming out for the event that they wrote a letter of thanks that we would like to share.



Tribal Chair Carri Jones & Calla Peterson who won the second place trophy and prize money

3/10/15

Dear Ojibwe tribal members and volunteers of the fishing contest, thank you for the toys and fishing poles. and my sister says thank you for the 2nd place trophy and more. Aiden and Calla Peterson



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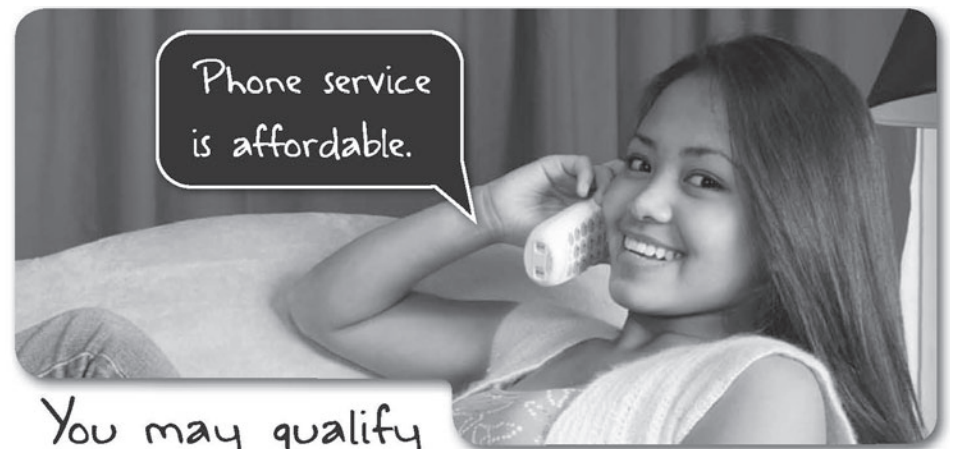
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A.L.G, DOB: 07/12/2011 and
K.R.G, DOB: 08/29/2012

Charles Grauman and
Arlys Grauman , Co-Petitioners,
vs.

Carla Gotchie, Respondent.

ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. FA-14-108

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on October 23, 2014, 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 respondents herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before April 30, 2015 at 1:30 p.m, the date of Continued 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.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues (Leech Lake Judicial Code, Title 2, Part II, Rule 5, Section C(5)) because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of January, 2015.
Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

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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

If you move, remember to file a forwarding address with your Post Office. The U.S. Post Office maintains forwarding address information on file for one year.

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.

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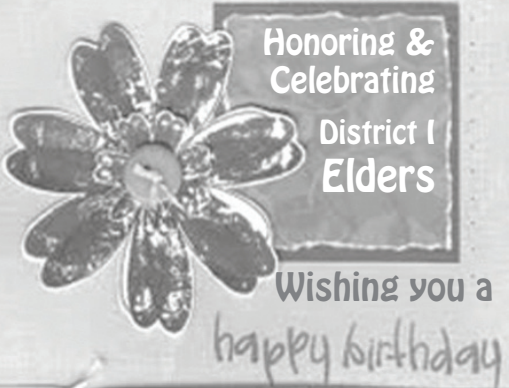
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From District I Office
Penny, Sarah, & Sondra

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Terrance Warner
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March Birthdays

Linda Bibeau
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Mike Brown
Guy Cloud
David Cronin
Lawrence Gotchie Jr.
Sarah Jackson
David Michaud
Terry Oothoudt



Kids Jerk PERCH 2015

Sponsored by the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council



Perch Jerk Contest The winners are listed below.

Boys 0-5 Weight Lbs

1 River Shady Jr.	0.55
2 Devin Geving	0.42
3 Izaiah Reich	0.39

Biggest Fish 0-5

Mason Finn

Girls 0-5 Weight Lbs

1 Gracie Finn	0.41
2 Calla Peterson	0.25
3 Gina Ritchie	0.25

Boys 6-10 Weight Lbs

1 Avrian Cross	0.45
2 Donovan Schmid	0.43
3 Tristan Therriault	0.39

Biggest fish 6-10

Logan Torrent .74 Perch

Girls 6-10 Weight Lbs

1 Sadie Geving	0.53
2 Taylor Grob	0.42
3 Grace Foix	0.4

Boys 11-16 Weight Lbs

1 Patrick Smith	0.77
2 Ronald Roy	0.73
3 Austin Smith	0.69

Biggest Fish 11-16

Alex Ash

Girls 11-16 Weight Lbs

1 Caira Pierce	0.29
2 Kenidi David	0.27
3 Lexi Winscher	0.26

**The 2016 Kid's Perch Jerk is already scheduled for
March 5, 2016. Save the date!**



District I Winterfest

The District I Office hosted their 2nd Annual District I Winterfest. It was a great day filled with food, fun, and laughter. We were so glad for the great turn out. We had nearly 200 community members from all over the district come spend the day with us.

We started the day off with lunch, Indian tacos and macaroni and cheese. We really wanted to encourage family attendance so we arranged activities for all ages. We had horse drawn sleigh rides and a "Guess the Candy" jar, as well as, bingo with prizes for all ages. We also had our first ever medallion hunt! Congratulations to the family of Candace Gotchie for finding the medallion and winning a family movie night basket complete with a DVD / Blu-Ray Combo Player, two movies, popcorn and snacks.

The District I office would like to thank everyone that came out and hope you had a great time. Also, to the staff that helped with the event and the Public Relations Department for the delicious lunch. The next District I event will be our Community Assembly in April. Hope to see you all there.



Ella Wilson was presented with a special gift as she was identified as the "Eldest Elder"



"Guess the Candy" Winner Cheyenne Wilson the jar had 567 pieces of candy

SLEIGH RIDES WERE A BIG HIT!



Medallion Hunt winners Candace Gotchie, Lindsay Wilson, Arryelle White, Amareah Gotchie, Michaela Tibbetts

Ball Club and Inger Regalia Making Class

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- 1st Thursday, 2nd - Onigum Community Center Appointments 10a.m.- 1p.m.
- 2nd Thursday, 9th - Inger Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.
- 3rd Thursday, 16th - Ball Club Comm. Ctr. Appointments 10a.m. - 3p.m.
- 4th Thursday, 23rd - 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.

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;

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

email documents to: andrea.jones@llbo.org

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 MARCH 27th, 2015

- Receptionist/File Clerk ~ Tribal Assistance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-034
- Onigum Infant/Tdlr Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-033
- Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-032
- Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Prevention Advocate ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-201C

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- 3 PT- Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates ~ Human Services ~ Job Code:15-028
- ENP Caregiver ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-132C
- Domestic Abuse Re-Education (DAR) Program Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-208
- 3 Special Needs Teacher Asst. ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-006
- Sales Person ~ CheWe Office Supply ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-018
- C.L. Pre-School Team Leader ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 14-171B
- Pre-School Team Leader Bemidji ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-143B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

- Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 14-001
- Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 14-000

FROM THE DISTRICT II OFFICE

If any District II Band members are unable to make it to our Cass Lake office or to any of the District II LIC meetings we can come to you for a meeting to discuss any issues that are of concern.

Please contact the District II office to make arrangements at:

218-335-8341 or at 218-335-8202.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Quarterly Meeting

*Sugar Point
Community Center*

Information Booths
available to the Public

Friday April 3rd, 2015 Starts at 10am

EASTER DINNER

- Ham/Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
- Wild Rice/Corn
- Frybread
- Cake/Jello Salad



DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT MARCH 2015

The District I office is proud to present Eugene “Opah” Jenkins as our youth spotlight for this month. Eugene is the son of Nate and Betty Jenkins and lives in the Winnie Dam community. He attends the Deer River High School where he is a senior and will be graduating this spring. He has played basketball and football and is recognized for being an outstanding athlete. After graduation, Opah will leave for basic training in July with the National Guard. He has expressed an interest in computers as a future career path. Family is very important to Eugene. He enjoys following the pow wow trail with his family and dancing during the summer. He also serves on the Winnie Dam LIC as the youth representative, alongside his mother and sister. The District I staff would like to wish Opah the very best for the future.



We wish you all the best in the future Eugene!

DISTRICT I ELDER SPOTLIGHT

This month the District I Office is proud to feature Mrs. Lorraine White from Inger, Minnesota as our Elder Spotlight. Lorraine was born and raised in the Cha-Cha-Ba-Ning area. She is married to Donald “Manny” White and raised eight children. She is extremely proud to be a retired LPN, who worked at various agencies around the area. She attended Itasca Community College where she graduated into the Nursing field. Lorraine began her training and career at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital, followed by becoming the Nurse for Leech Lake Headstart. After her family relocated to Grand Rapids, MN she began working at the Manor House as LPN. Lorraine was hired at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School as the School Nurse, where she worked up until her retirement. She truly enjoyed her time at the Bug School with all of the students watching them grow and mature into young adults. Lorraine’s hobbies include sewing, beading, quiltwork. She loves to spend time with her grandchildren and attending pow-wows with her family. Thank you Lorraine for being a hardworking, considerate and humble role model for all of us.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LORRAINE!

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

Assistant: BCLIC Regular LIC Meeting at Ball Club-February 2, 2015

Assistant: Youth Education Night at Inger-February 2, 2015

Representative: Constitutional Reform Meeting at Mille Lacs-February 3, 2015

Assistant: EAAC Planning Mtg at All Saints Indian Mission, Mnpls-Feb 4, 2015

Representative/Assistant: Community Drug and Prevention (C.D.A.P.) Mtg at Goodall Resource Center-February 6, 2015

Assistant: LLBO Youth Trip to MN Swarm Game, St. Paul-February 6, 2015

Assistant: LLR Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Community Mtg at Ball Club-February 9, 2015

Representative/Assistant: LL Tribal Council and LLHA BOC Mtg-Feb 11, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-February 12, 2015

All Staff: LLBO Career Fair at Northern Lights Event Center-February 13, 2015

Representative/Assistant: Youth Valentine’s Day Dance at Inger-February 14, 2015

LLBO Tribal Offices Closed-February 16, 2015

Assistants: S. Lake Food Pantry, Regalia Class Applications-February 17, 2015

Representative: LLBO Tribal College Board of Trustees Mtg-February 17, 2015

Assistant: Duluth LIC Regular LIC Mtg at AICHO, Duluth-February 19, 2015

Representative: TEC Sub-committee/Regular TEC Mtgs at St. Paul-Feb 24, 2015

All Staff: M.C.T. Legislative Dinner at St. Paul-February 24, 2015

Assistant: EAAC Silent Auction Fundraiser at Legislative Dinner-Feb 24, 2015

Assistant: EAAC Planning Mtg at Wellstone Center, St. Paul-February 25, 2015

Representative: Foundation Partners Meeting at Northwest Area Foundation, St. Paul-February 25-26, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-February 26, 2015

Representative: Planning Meeting with Government Relations Specialist re: Itasca County MOU-February 27, 2015

All Staff: 2nd Annual District I WinterFest at Ball Club-February 28, 2015

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
- ✓ Annual Kid’s Perch Jerk at Bena, MN-March 7, 2015
- ✓ C.D.A.P. Meeting at Ball Club, MN-March 11, 2015
- ✓ Elder Event: Story Telling and Traditional Foods at Bena, MN-March 12,
- ✓ Indigenous Elder Abuse Awareness Cnfrnc Mystic Lake-April 30-May 1, 2015

DISTRICT I OFFICE

Penny, DeVault-District I Representative

Sarah Wakanabo-District I Executive Assistant

Sondra Dahl-District I Executive Assistant

District III Monthly Report February 2015

District III Monthly Forum in March

District III Forum is coming up March 18 from 2:30-5 pm in Cass Lake at the Palace Casino Birch Room. We will discuss upcoming events in the District III area and program updates. All are welcome to attend, share a meal, hear updates and voice contributions.

Mii sa go ani-ziigwang, and so it is moving along into Spring here in Ojibwe country. As we come out of our winter shells, we endeavor to meet up with our relatives and friends at community events such as storytelling at Leech Lake Tribal College, celebrations of health and teamwork with our youth basketball leagues, and opening up our maple sugar camps. Keep an eye out for community activities to come together and celebrate the positive aspects and strengths of our Ojibwe relationships.

MN Swarm Native American Night Attendance

On February 6, we travelled to St Paul's Xcel Arena for the Minnesota Swarm lacrosse team's Native American Night. District III Representative's office organized the trip that took 70 youth and chaperones from all three Leech Lake districts to the event that evening. The Swarm won in an exciting overtime ending, and the kids got on the field to start off the second half of the game, by forming the tunnel for the teams to run through. Miigwech, miigwech to all who volunteered their time to chaperone and drive the kids to the game: Leech Lake Youth Division, LL Boys and Girls Club staff, Public Relations, and all of the Executive Assistants of the LL RTC Representatives' offices.

The Minnesota Swarm lacrosse organization offers a lacrosse camp called Lax 4 Life that we are looking at bringing into our Leech Lake area, and we invite you to come out to our forums to hear more about it. The goal of this camp is to inspire kids to have fun playing lacrosse so they can bring it back to their tribal communities to help with healthy decision-making and healthy activities.



Budget Committee meetings

Budget committee hearings held in February. Although attendance was light at our Friday night meeting at Mission Center on February 20, several Band members attended the DIII forum where the LLBO Accounting team presented the budgets to the community members for public input. Your voices and concerns are important to the transparency of our operations, and we thank you for coming out to hear and

for input. Burt Howard announced at the meeting that he will provide the information to LL Band members, and input can be sent to him at burt.howard@llbo.org or at 218-335-3633.

MCT Legislative Reception



On February 24, LeRoy attended the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's annual legislative reception and dinner, which gathers members of Minnesota's legislature and the MCT tribal members to celebrate tribal-state partnerships and activities. At the dinner, LeRoy shared a table with Minnesota Indian Education Director Dennis Olson and Minnesota Education Commissioner Brenda Casselius, during which he was able to discuss many of the priority issues of Minnesota's Indian Education activities such as:

- Increasing funding for the Success for the Future state Indian Education program, and transition from a competitive grant to a formula driven program to support additional districts and schools.
- Amending the language in the "Indian Education Act of 1988" to strengthen the roles and responsibilities of Indian Education Parent Advisory Committees and strongly emphasize school district accountability in meeting the needs of American Indian students through the World's Best Workforce legislation.

The following day, the Senate Education and the House Education Finance Committees held hearings on Indian Education in Minnesota, at which all of the priorities of the Education Commissioner and Consultative body of the Tribal Nations Education Committee were presented. The entire list of priorities on behalf of Minnesota's tribal nations can be found here at: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/AdvBCT/IndianEd/059584>

Local summer opportunities for youth in our area

Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi for High School Students July 13-17 & July 20-24, 2015 Two-week, overnight camp starts Mondays at 9 am and ends Fridays at 5:15 pm (weekends, campers return home). Pick up and drop off will be at **Oak Hall** at Bemidji State University.

Bemidji State University's Ojibwemowin Niibinishi Gabeshi (Ojibwe Summer Camp) is a program for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school who have a desire to learn more about the first people of Minnesota. Students will capture the essence of Ojibwe culture with an intensive language program. They also will read books, attend workshops and discuss shared assumptions about culture and communication. Bemidji State University students will serve as camp counselors, chaperoning students to daily activities and facilitating evening programs.

Bemidji State is offering a limited number of full scholarships to students who have a financial need. If interested in the scholarship, please provide a statement

attached to the application describing your interest. Send [application](#) by April 1, 2015 or until filled to: Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #5 Bemidji, MN 56601.

The program includes: overnight accommodations, meals, instructional costs, materials/books, recreational activities, camp t-shirt, and lifelong memories valued at \$500/week. Applications available at Tribal Government Center, or can be viewed at <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/summer/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2015/03/Ojibwe-Camp-Recruitment-Pack.pdf>

Scrubs Camp for High School Students June 16-17, 2015

<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/summer/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2015/03/Scrubs-Camp-Application-2015.pdf>

This two-day Scrubs Camp starts Tuesday, June 16, 2015 with check-in between 8-9 am and ends Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 5:15 pm. Pick up and drop off will be at Birch Hall on Bemidji State University's campus.

Scrubs Camp is a program for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school. Students who have a desire to learn more about health care careers and educational pathways, particularly those in the greater Bemidji region are encouraged to attend. Activities will be hands-on, dynamic, and fast-paced. Students will explore the dental lab at Northwest Technical College and participate in a site visit at Sanford Health located in Bemidji, MN. There will be many opportunities to network with faculty and health care professionals in the area.

Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College students will serve as camp counselors, chaperoning participants to daily activities and facilitating evening programs. The \$100 program fee includes: overnight accommodations, transportation to off-site facilities during the camp, two lunches, one dinner, one breakfast, camp t-shirt, and lifelong memories.

Scrubs Camp is offering a limited number of full scholarships made possible by Sanford Health. Students interested in scholarships must provide a statement attached to the application describing their interest. Send [application](#) by April 1, 2015 or until filled to: Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #5 Bemidji, MN 56601. Applications available at Tribal Government Offices or online at <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/summer/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2015/03/Scrubs-Camp-Application-2015.pdf> <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/summer/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2015/03/Scrubs-Camp-Application-2015.pdf>

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Denise Eligibility Worker- Family Unit
 Phone 218-335-3035 / LLBO Gov. Center Office #113

Cass Lake Contact hours are 8:00-4:30, Monday through Friday, by drop in or appointment. Both Robin and Katie determine eligibility for Income Maintenance programs. These programs include: **SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), **Minnesota Health Care Programs** (including Medical Assistance), **Family Cash** (including MFIP and DWP), **Emergency Assistance**, **General Assistance (GA)** and **Emergency General Assistance**.

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Obituaries



David Bruce Seelye



David Bruce Seelye, 62, of Bena, MN, whose Indian name is “Manidoo Binese” which means “Spirit Bird” of the Turtle

Clan, died Monday, February 2, 2015 at Evergreen Terrace in Grand Rapids.

He was born January 25th, 1953 in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Eugene and Luella (Matthews) Seelye. He was raised in Bena, MN. After graduating from Cass Lake High School, he entered the Army, serving with the 82nd Airborne. While in the service, he married Erica Bennett. They later divorced, and he returned to Bena. He then married Tammie Dunham-Davis. He began working for the tribe as a plumber, which led to him working with Leech Lake Heritage sites and he enjoyed doing archeology work. David loved hunting, fishing, ricing, trapping, and just being in the woods.

He is survived by his mother, Luella (Matthews) Seelye Children- Amanda Mink Lego of Brainerd, MN, Marcus Lyons of Bena, MN, Joshua Seelye, Sr. of Grand Rapids, MN, Nathan Seelye, Sr. of Grand Rapids, MN Siblings- Margaret Seelye Treuer of Bemidji, MN Lance Seelye of Bena, MN, 11 Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Seelye, Sr. Siblings- Eugene Seelye, Jr. Barbara Cleveland Infant sister, Gloria Jean Seelye Niece- Vanessa Cleveland

Casketbearers will be Zach Lego, Anton Treuer, Justin Seelye, Jesse, Seelye, Robin Canty, Sam Cleveland,

Tony Stangel, Lonny Stangel. Honorary Casketbearers will be All of David’s family and Friends. Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Rachel Lorraine Stangel



Rachel Lorraine Stangel, “Gaa-Ghu” of the Fish Clan, age 67, of Cass Lake, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2015 at

the Augustana Health Care Center in Minneapolis. She was born on December 31, 1947 in Cass Lake, the daughter of Hartley White, Sr. and Lillian (Paper) White. Rachel always enjoyed visiting with her family and friends. She also liked to play cribbage, cards, going to the casino and listening to her country classics. The family that she will be joining again includes her parents; Hartley and Lillian, brothers; Joseph White, Donald Pepworth, and Jon Johnson, sister; Patrice Johnson, daughter; Constance White, and one granddaughter; Deanna Kay White. Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory will be her significant other; Wally Smith of Cass Lake, sons; Tony (Kelly) Novak of Cass Lake, Jimmy Rowe of Minneapolis, Kenneth (Barb) Sean White of Shakopee, and Brandon White of Cass Lake, brothers; Gary Johnson of Cass Lake, and Hartley (Diane) White, Jr. of Longville, sisters; Linda Morris of Cass Lake, Donna White and her significant other Duane Kier of Longville, Peggy White of Minneapolis, Shirley White of Minneapolis, and

Jean Howard of Minneapolis, 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. A wake service for Rachel will be at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers helping to lay her to rest will be Brandon White, John Charnoski, Jr., Nathan Howard, Duane Carmona, Nicholas Howard, and Larry Wade. Alternate pallbearer will be Keith Carmona. Honorary pallbearers will be Judy Fairbanks, Maggie Day, Kelly Robinson, Gladys Chase, Shirley Young, Wyatt White, Rosalie White, and Hartley White, Jr. Rachel’s care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.

Seraphine Ann Chosa



Seraphine Ann Chosa, 62, “O Z A - W A A - K O O N Z” which means “Brown Bear Cub”, of

Cass Lake, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, February 8, 2015. Seraphine was born in White Earth, Minnesota on September 1, 1952 to John and Sophie (Fairbanks) Stone.

Seraphine was always a happy lady. She liked to play cards and go to the casino to play Keno. She enjoyed going to pow-wows. Seraphine liked cruisin’... and finding “short cuts”... that weren’t actually short cuts. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Sophie, a daughter; Stephanie, brothers; Marvin and William “Billy” Stone, sisters; Bernadine Stone, Geraldine Stone and Maxine Partridge and her special friend Richard Butz.

Seraphine is survived by her ex-husband Brian Chosa and Albert Cochrane, sons; Sean (Josie Feather)

Cochrane and Albert Foodge Cochrane, daughters; Sophie (Jeremy Smith) Cochrane, Jennifer Chosa, Bryanne (Derek) Washington and Stephanie (Michael Warrior) Chosa, brothers; Merlin and John “Bugg” Stone, sisters; Darlene, Betty Ann and Pauline Stone and Jolene Ajootion, special grand baby Janessa White, special nieces Candace White and Lorina Campbell, 28 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

An overnight wake and services for Seraphine will be at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Allen Hardy will be her Spiritual Leader. Pallbearers for Seraphine will be Michael Martin, Joe Campbell, O.J. Campbell, Koosh, Mike Newago and Ernie Dunn. Her honorary pallbearers are all her children, all her grandchildren, Judy Fairbanks, Sharon Declusion, Shirley and Ruby. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

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

Louis Lavern Jenkins, Sr



Louis Lavern Jenkins, Sr., age 75, of Cass Lake, passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Cass Lake Hospital with his family by his

side. He was born on July 28, 1939 in Cass Lake, the son of George and Elizabeth (Quincy) Jenkins.

Louis was a devoted husband whose favorite hobby was taking care of his grandchildren. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and he also liked to go fishing, ricing, netting, and snaring rabbits. Those family members that he joins again are his parents; George and

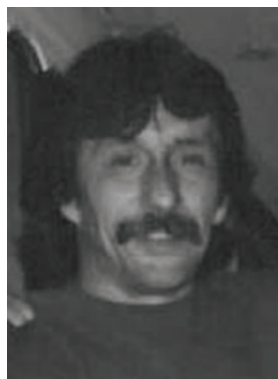
Elizabeth, brothers; Robert, Charles, Melvin Quincy, Royal Rock and an infant brother, Eugene, sisters; Genevieve, Rose, and an infant sister, sons; Lois Jenkins, Jr., Duane Jenkins, Richard Littlewolf Sr., Robert McKennett, and Robert Jenkins, grandchildren; Richard Littlewolf, Jr. and Darren Fisherman, Sr., also an adopted mother; Josie Ryan.

Family he leaves behind include his wife; Susan Jenkins of Cass Lake, son; Raymond (Cherlene) Jenkins, Sr. of Cass Lake, daughters; Louise McKennett of Cass Lake, Jennifer Jenkins of Cass Lake, and Shannon Jenkins of Minneapolis, brothers; James Ryan of Rapid City, SD, Sam Jenkins of Minneapolis, George, Jr. (Carol) Jenkins of Cass Lake, Maynard Jenkins of Bemidji, Tony (Audrey) Jenkins of Cass Lake, and Nathan (Betty) Jenkins of Deer River, 22 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

A wake for Lois will be at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Pallbearers will be Louis Jenkins III, B-Ray Jenkins, Jr., Raymond Jenkins, George Jenkins III, Jared Egan, and Donald Headbird. Alternate pallbearers are Derrick Hunt and Joe Bellanger. Honorary pallbearers will be all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Interment will be held in the spring at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Louis' care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.

Julian Charles Cutter



Julian Charles Cutter 62, of Walker, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2015 at his home. An overnight wake for Julian will begin at 5:00

p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015 and will continue until his 11:00 a.m. service on Friday, February 13, 2015 at

the Onigum Community Center, Walker, MN. Spiritual leader for Julian's service will be Steve Jackson. Arrangements are by Dennis Funeral Home, Walker, Minnesota.

Harvey Henry Roy Jr.



Born July 16, 1947 Cass Lake, Minnesota Died February 12, 2015 Cass Lake, Minnesota Harvey was born to Harvey Roy Sr. and Fern Roy

(Jackson) of Ponsford, MN. He attended Pine Point School and Littlefork High School where he graduated in 1967. After graduation, he attended Bemidji State University for a year, when unable to pay for school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War where he was honorably discharged. After qualifying for the GI Bill, he was able to go back to school and graduated from Bemidji State University (BSU) in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a minor in Political Science.

While at BSU, Harvey met his wife, Willa Beaulieu. When both finished school, they married in 1977 and made their residence in Cass Lake, MN, where Harvey served as a director at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. They had a son, Harvey Roy III in 1980.

After his divorce from Willa, Harvey worked for a time with the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the American Indian OIC in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also served as Principal and Head Basketball Coach at Nay Ah Shing School in Onamia, Minnesota, for a time.

Harvey was an avid sports fan, especially of Native American teams and players that excelled. He was an excellent track, basketball and football athlete in high school, where he excelled. He also was an outstanding golfer and won a number of Indian golf tournaments over the years. Harvey kept up with

politics and was very involved. He was especially proud of his time served with the United States Marine Corp in Vietnam and AIM. His other activities included serving on the American Legion Post 284.

Harvey is survived by his special friend, Diane Timmer, sons Corey Graves and Harvey Roy III, a daughter Jennifer Kingbird, his mother Fern Roy, numerous grandchildren, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his ex-wife, Willa Beaulieu, brothers, Kenneth Roy and Gerald Roy, and his father, Harvey Roy Sr.

An overnight wake for Harvey will be on February 16, 2015 and funeral service on February 18th all being held at the Pine Point School in Ponsford. Erma Vizenor will officiate. Those helping to lay Harvey to rest are Brandon Beaulieu, George White III, Leo Beaulieu, Robert Beaulieu Jr., Keith Roy, Gerald Johnson, Vincent White Sr. and Ken Roy. His honorary pallbearers will be all his family and friends. Military honors accorded by the Cass Lake American Legion. Interment will be in the Pine Point Cemetery at Ponsford, MN.

Ervin James Sargent



Ervin James Sargent, age 73, of Cass Lake, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji

with his family by his side. Erv was born on November 19, 1941 in Nay Tah Waush, MN the son of George and Sophia (Bellanger) Sargent-Lorenson. Ervin graduated from Warroad High School in 1959. Following school, he entered the U.S. Navy and later was honorably discharged. When he returned home he attended the Itasca Junior College, St. Cloud State and finally the Brown Institute for radio broadcasting where he graduated in 1967. In January 1968 he married

Carol White, they later divorced. Ervin married Eljean King on February 28, 1981 and they later separated. In 1967 Ervin started working for the Division of Indian Works and was a vital part in the development of the Minneapolis Regional Native American Center and was the centers first director. After some time Ervin made his way back into northern Minnesota where he worked for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe newspaper and the Bemidji Pioneer. Eventually he became the first director of the Bemidji Occupational Industrialization Center (OIC) and this is where he would later retire. Ervin enjoyed a very prosperous athletic career, starting with high school and it carried through college. In later years Ervin co-founded a Native American softball team called the Minnesota Chipps. This team traveled all around the US and won many National Championships. Ervin was a player, coach, referee and an umpire up until his health deteriorated. He battled many illnesses including beating cancer. The family that Ervin joins again include his parents; George and Sophia, siblings; Donna, Bernadine, William, Earl, Don, Anne, and Marlyce. Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory include his children; Sam (Mel) Sargent, Mike (Wendy) Mowry, Cara (Bruce) Dahl, Margret Mowry, Charlie (Carmen) Barrett and Coree (Jason) Swan, 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, brothers; Jerry (Gloria) Sargent, Frank Sargent, sister; Jean Smith, and his significant other for over 20 years, Marion Wind. A wake for Ervin will be at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Father George Ross and his assistant Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird will officiate. Pallbearers will be Ervin Swan, Jason Swan, Bruce Dahl, Alvin "John" Wind, Darryl "Duck" Drouillard, Randy "Peach" Holthusen, and Daniel Barrett. Honorary pallbearers will be Bev Jacobs, Edna Staples, Linda Fisherman, Duane Martin and all MN Chipps past and present. Interment will be held in the St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery in Nay Tah Waush. Military honors will be accorded by the Leech Lake Honor Guard. Ervin'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

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