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## Bena Bike Path Ribbon Cutting



There have been several projects whose main function is not only to improve the aging infrastructure on the Leech Lake Reservation, but to also improve the safety aspect of our infrastructure. Recently, a new bridge over the Boy River was built with room for fishing and wider lanes for parking, and a new walking/biking path was installed and speed limit lowered on the Palace Casino and Hotel road.

The most recent effort was in District II along highway two in the form of another walking/biking path leading from the Bena store to Old Housing Road (phase one). The new path will extend all the way from Old Housing Road to the Big Fish restaurant as the second phase is completed.

Several organizations helped the project come to fruition after the District II office outlined the goal. Leech Lake Roads department, DRM, executive admin staff, as well as several key staff played roles in helping the project along. Outside agencies include: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Michael Barnes, Ed Fairbanks, Carol Zoff, Holly Slagle, and Cynthia Bellefeuille. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Robert Potter. Cass County Engineer Dave Enblom, and Cass County Commissioner, Mr. Scott Bruns as well. Partners on the project are: MNDOT, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chippewa National Forest and Cass County.

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## The Leech Lake Band Would Like to Remember All Those Who Serve

As another Veteran's Day has come and gone and we would like to thank all of the men and women who have sacrificed so that we may sleep soundly in our beds at night. We honor you through all of the things that we do for others under the blanket of freedom that you all have helped secure for us, our children, our parents, our friends and neighbors. ~Miigwich...

"Let me be a free man. Free to travel. Free to stop. Free to work. Free to choose my own teachers. Free to follow the religion of my fathers. Free to think and talk and act for myself." ~ Chief Joseph, Nez Perce Indian Tribe.

"Thank You Veterans ...for stepping forward when others step back ...for placing yourself between us and danger ...for serving our country ...for protecting our freedoms" ~ The American People

To all our veterans, men and women, I salute you for the bravery of your actions. It is because of you, that the rest of us can sleep easy tonight, knowing that our country is safe and we are free. On this Veteran's Day, please remember to say a simple "Thank You" to those who have served to defend our country.

### LLBO Veteran Services Office

## Community Meetings Address Drugs, Alcohol, and Tennant Concerns in Local Communities

Over the past few weeks and months community members have been voicing their concerns about their communities. Last month in Boy Lake, and this Month in Prescott, these concerns were heard by staff from Housing, Tribal Police Department, Elder Advocates, and someone from a Neighborhood Watch program.

Things like transportation concerns and drug and alcohol abuse in the communities were brought to light and a meeting this month will hear an introduction for Neighborhood Watch. Issues such as these can affect most if not everyone in our close-knit communities where most if not everyone is known and a lot are related to one another. Another meeting is in the stages of being planned for in Inger in mid December. If anyone has any questions about upcoming meetings or other concerns please call Housing at: 218-335-8280 or 218-335-8364 (Esther Johnson).



## MIEA Honors Educators, Student, and Parents

The Minnesota Indian Education Association will celebrate its 31st year of existence in 2015. The White Earth Nation hosted the award ceremony and informational sessions in early November. A new "youth day" was created during this year's gathering where numerous cultural and academic activities were held.

Chairwoman Carri Jones was honored with the Outstanding American Indian Tribal Official award and was nominated by Leah Monroe. Additionally, David Jones Jr. and Tia Dahmen both won awards for Outstanding American Indian Athlete and are pictured here with Chairwoman Jones at the event in White Earth.



There were several honorees at the banquet where Leech Lake Band members received the lion's share of accolades. The other awardees included: Dennis Olson, Steven Briggs Jr., Jim Chase, Barb Swojhart, and Taylor Hanson were also honored. The awards were in recognition of excellence in the field of education in several capacities academics and athletics.

## Income Maintenance- Cass Lake Office Contacts:

### Cass County Health, Human & Veteran Services

Robin C. Eligibility Worker- Adult Unit  
Phone 218-335-3027 / LLBO Gov. Center Office #112

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.

## 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.**



## Indigenous Games at Leech Lake

On the evening of Tuesday October 27th, former Cass Lake-Bena Basketball Coach, Dan Ninham conducted an activity on Indigenous Games at Cass Lake-Bena Middle School from 4:30-6:30. This event was open to all and was a great opportunity for Phy Ed. teachers, students, and



anyone else with an interest in indigenous activities. Some of the games that were played include Inuit games, Pueblo kickball run, Ojibwe lacrosse, modern lacrosse, Oneida long ball, and Cree double ball. There was an opportunity to learn and play each of these games, which are very fun.

This event was

free of charge and was held at the MS Gym. Mr. Ninham has travelled around the Upper Midwest teaching these games. Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity and joining us. Also, we were encouraged by our students and families attending. It was a great learning opportunity! Miigwech!

The pictures posted in this article were taken at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. There was lots of students that stayed after to join in the games and to have fun!!



## New Optometrist at Cass Lake Indian Health Service Unit

Cass Lake Indian Health Service Unit wants to welcome Dr. Cassandra Lappegaard, Optometrist to our Medical Staff. Dr. Lappegaard had been practicing in Grand Forks, ND for the last 2 years. She provides total optometry care including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and referrals. She will also be prescribing glasses and contact lenses. The Eye Clinic will be using "Advanced Access Scheduling," starting Monday, November 16, 2015 and will offer a mix of scheduled and same-day appointments.

To schedule a same-day appointment, please call the Eye Clinic in the morning for available appointments for that day. If you need to schedule an eye exam, please call for available appointments (218) 335-3253. Reminder all diabetic patients should have a yearly eye exam!

Hours for the Eye Clinic are 08:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday thru Friday. The clinic will be closed on all weekends and Federal holidays.

## TAX REBATE ANNOUNCEMENT

This year all Band members will receive their Tax Rebate checks in the amount of \$500.00, an increase from last year. The check amounts were increased from the remainder of the Nelson Act of 1889 funding in reserves. Therefore, the tax rebate checks will not be taxed and children under the age 18 will have their checks released upon turning legal age.

An increase in gaming revenues also allowed for the Band to release a larger rebate this year. When gaming revenues are down, Leech Lake dedicates more State tax dollars to fund our programs. However, this year gaming revenues are up, thus allowing a larger Tax rebate.

## 2015 Tax Rebate Check Distribution

### Check Distribution Starts on December 3-4th, 2015

#### District III

Cass Lake 20/20 Bingo Room Dec. 3, at 10am - 7pm, 4th 10am-5pm  
Northern Lights Casino Dec. 3, at 10am - 7pm, 4th 10am-5pm

#### District II

Bena Community Center Dec. 3-4th 10am-6pm

#### District I

Ball Club Community Center Dec 4th, 9am-12pm

#### Metro Areas

Twin Cities Office Dec. 3rd 7am-7pm, 4th 8am-4:30pm  
Duluth Office Dec. 3rd 12pm-6pm

- Must bring identification or you cannot pick up your check
- Your check will be at the District you live in or the address on your check (which is the last known address accounting has had)
- All checks in the U.S. Mail batch will be mailed on December 9th. Checks in this batch can be picked up in Accounts Payable before that date.

For more information Please call your District Representative at (218) 335-8200

## Early Childhood Family Education

Early childhood family education works as a support and resource for families to help strengthen their ability to provide the best possible environment for their children across all areas of development. The ECFE program is based upon the premise that parents are the first and most important teachers of their children!

Parents and children participate in engaging activities that are educational in nature. They interact together thus strengthening the bond between parents and child. At times, there are break out sessions for parents to discuss topics of concern or shared interest. Typical topics could include sleep routines, nutrition, dealing with temper tantrums or a host of any topic that is related to the developing child. Parental input is encouraged. The ecfe program is under the direction of michelle traeger-nelson. She has an office at the cass lake early childhood center just east of the facility center.

### November/December Events

Positive Indian Parenting will be held on Nov. 25 and December 2, 9, & 16. Pregnant Mom's Socialization is scheduled for December 16. Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for December 7 - 11.

### January/February Events

Please watch for the upcoming events scheduled that include a Movie Night, Media & Technology, Read 'n Feed, Book Bingo, Extending Our Families Through Unity, and another Pregnant Mom's Socialization. For more information on these events and others please contact Michelle Traeger-Nelson by calling 218-335-8205 or check out the website at [www.llboearlychildhood.com](http://www.llboearlychildhood.com).

### ECFE In Action - What Does It Look Like?

**It involves parents and children interacting together to build a strong bond.**

There are three central aspects of the ECFE program.

1. Parent Discussion Time is facilitated by a licensed parent educator. This is a time for parents to discuss and support each other by sharing questions and/or successes;
2. Children's Activity Time where children learn and play together; and
3. Parent-Child Interaction where parents & children engage in meaningful activities together.

### Who Is Eligible To Participate?

These classes are available to all community members with children ages Birth to 5 years old. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming scheduled events and the classes that we currently offer.

## Herschel Ogema Basketball Tournament

The Cass Lake Youth Division and the Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club co-sponsored a basketball tournament on October 17 & 18 for youth boys ages 14-18. More than 100 boys participated in the event playing on 12 teams. When asked about the tournament Herschel stated, "Truly, what an honor to have this tournament in my name. How appropriate that on October 15 I start my chemo, but the show must go on. On the 16th I am there officiating and sharing great times with everyone." Thanks go to Gil Zamora and Claire Tsuji for cosponsoring the tournament. Herschel received a beautiful watch that will ensure he is never late! Thanks also are extended to Curtis Brown and Byron Wilson for being there both days to run the clock and keep score. There is Open Gym at the Facility Center and the B & G Club on Mondays from 6:00-8:00.

## Food Distribution Eligibility

### WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

All persons residing within the Leech Lake reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution Is an alternative to SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program).

### Eligibility requirements: Effective Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,110
2	\$1,445
3	\$1,780
4	\$2,126
5	\$2,489

### Each additional member add \$335

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

- A. Address- must verify residency.
- B. Income- most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
- C. Social Security Number(s)
- D. Tribal identification (if applicable)
- E. Legal land description of residence (if not a tribal member)

**Deductions: \*\*Must have proof that current payment has been made.**

\*\*Dependent care deduction are allowed for actual costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

\*\*Legally required child support payments to non-households members, documentation required.

\*\*Medicare, part B (medical insurance) and Medicare part D (prescription drug premiums).

\*\*Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense paid in excess of \$35.

\*\*Shelter/utility standard deduction of \$400 for households that incur at least one monthly shelter/utility expense.

A 20% deduction from gross monthly income is given for all households with earned income.

Home care meal related deduction for households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m – 4:30p.m.

**Distribution hours: Monday-Thursday 9am –11am & 12:30pm – 2pm**

No distribution on Friday's & last 2 working days of the month (Inventory)

Phone: (218)-335-2676 Toll Free 1-866-330-2576 Fax: 218-335-2152

All applications will be considered with out regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin or political belief.

## Wishing District II Elders a

*Happy Birthday!*

November Birthdays



**Bruce Bobolink (22)**  
**Clarice Rockboy-White (3)**  
**Agnes White (5)**

**Kenneth Whitebird Sr. (16)**  
**Franklin Bowstring (7)**  
**Winona Richardson (13)**



## DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT NOVEMBER 2015

The District I office is proud to present Tyrese Jackson as our youth spotlight for November. Tyrese is an admirable young man with a bright future of ahead of him. Tyrese is a junior at Deer River High School where he plays football, basketball, and baseball. Tyrese plays left guard and defensive end for the Deer River Warriors football team. The Warriors had a very impressive season this year; finishing the regular season with a record of 7-1 and advancing to play offs and finishing the season with a 8-2 record. Tyrese is also involved in the Deer River Campus Life group and employed at the Deer River Cenex. In his spare time Tyrese like to hang out with friends, snowmobile, ride four wheelers, hunt and fish. Tyrese has plans of attending college after high school where he will pursue a career in Physical Therapy.



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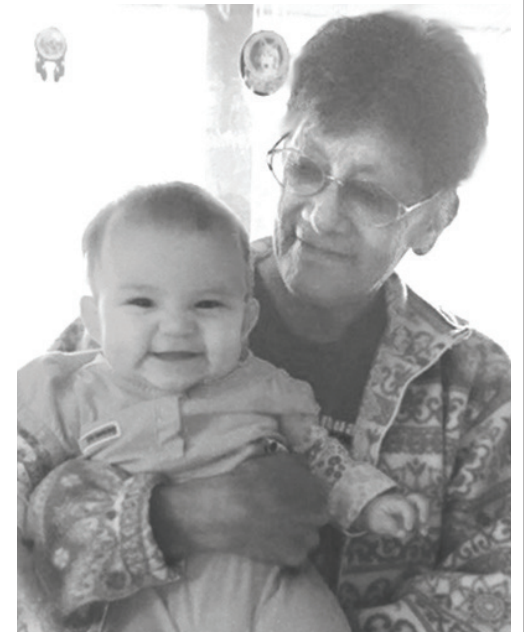
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## District I Elder Spotlight

This month's Elder of the Month is Mabel Roy from the Inger Community. Mabel has been a life-long resident of Inger where she has raised her three children. Mabel has been further blessed with sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Family is very important to Mabel, it is very apparent when visiting her home. She has many many pictures displayed of her beautiful family. She is pictured with her youngest granddaughter, the very adorable Alyssa. She is particularly close to her granddaughter, Vanessa who she has raised since she was two.



She is very proud of Vanessa who is currently a senior at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School and was chosen to represent her school at Washington DC and met Senator Al Franken. Mabel has held a variety of jobs throughout her life; she worked at a temp service for women in Minneapolis, the Inger Elderly Nutrition Program, and also at White Oak Casino for seven years when it first opened.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SHARE  
YOUR STORY, MABEL!

Honoring & Celebrating  
District I Elders

# Happy Birthday

for the month of  
**November!**

Donald Wilson	Mabel Roy	Warren Gogleye
Lucille White	Kathleen Miller	William Evers
Elizabeth Wakanabo	Selma Jackson	Donna Cloud
Genevieve Sperstad	Simon Jackson	Gary Charwood
Ralph Schaaf	Pete Hunt	Gerald Bowstring

From District I Office PENNY, SARAH, & SONDRA



## Resource Gathering at Northern Lights in Walker, MN



A resource fair and retreat was held November 4-5, 2015 at the Northern Lights Convention Center. A primary purpose was to bring together the recently merged Departments consisting of Health, Tribal Assistance and Human Services Divisions together, making it the largest LLBO department of approximately 350 employees, under the direction of Lenore Barsness.

Recruiting staff from each of the three Divisions. A planning committee was formed to help the effort of changing the service model into an integrated effort of healing.

Emphasis was also impact by supporting

given to having a positive positive attitudes and actions, indicating that negativity is a toxin to staff and the people of Leech Lake. The planning committee, was shaped on this premise of positivity. Since the merger did not include a budget, team members went to extraordinary efforts to solicit donations from businesses and programs with successful results. Everything from the meals and venue to door prizes was donated, contributing to a festive positive atmosphere for the employees. Team members included Vicky Goggleye, Eva Wilson, Marilyn Wind, Natasha Thompson, Sarah



Thompson, Rita Schuldt, Angela Estey, Diane Wright, Sheila Lyons, Jean Roper, Branden Fairbanks, and Gina Munnell.

By bringing staff together, a beginning was made to get acquainted with the various programs, services and service providers. The first day the resource fair consisted of 199 staff visiting each other's booths with exercises that challenged them to network in a way that would shape future collaborative care efforts. The Director is asking staff to create ways to embed in each other's programs so the people won't have to continue to go through the daunting effort of accessing the various services that can get confusing quickly.

213 employees participated in the second day; a retreat where employees were able to reflect, recharge and gain opportunities to explore self-care measures. Service providers are exposed to secondary trauma, experience compassion fatigue and even burn out, which causes staff retention problems and may reduce effectiveness. Because employee recognition is an essential factor in retention and motivation, the event closed with a traditional give-away to honor staff for their contributions in serving the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Employees also voted on a Mission Statement for the newly formed Department to be announced at a later time.

This event marks the beginning of a shift from working in isolated (communication) silos to meaningful collaboration that results in more holistic and effective care. Employee feedback on the event has been consistently positive with comments about getting to know each other and services, becoming more positive and having the time to manage job related stress.





## Second Harvest Donation

Tribal Chair Carri Jones and District I Rep. Penny DeVault met with Second Harvest Director Sue Estee to present the Leech Lake Band to their cause. Second Harvest provides nutritious snack packs to hungry school children in four counties. Over 25,000 packs will be given to over 2,500 kids across twenty three schools.



## State of the Band Survey Shows Overwhelming Cry from Community for Stiffer Punishment for Drug Crimes

Approximately 600 community members attended this year's State of the Band event at Northern Lights Casino on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A survey was completed by 214 attendees who answered 5 questions concerning Tribal Justice. Those 5 questions included the following:

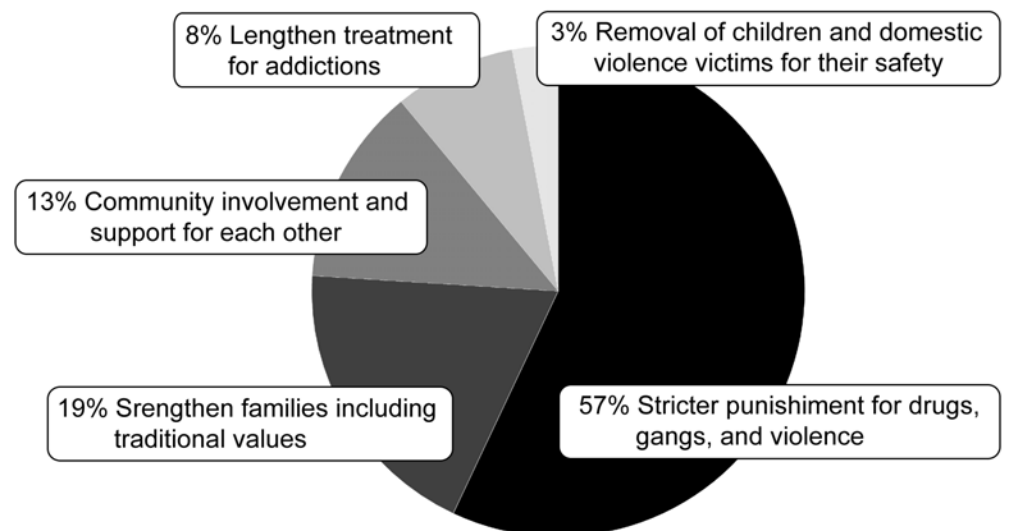
1. What recommendations do you have for ending our culture of violence, i.e., rise in crime, illegal drugs, and gangs?
2. What do you see as the biggest threats to the health and safety of our children?
3. What can we do to address the threats to the health and safety of our children?
4. What do you see as the cause of domestic violence?
5. How can we protect victims of domestic violence?
6. What are your recommendations for protecting babies from prenatal drug use by their mothers?
7. What should be done if anything with parents who use drugs while pregnant?

The results of that survey are shown in the pie chart below. The Tribal Government will use this data as evidence of the pressing need for additional dollars to address the critical issues impacting the safety and health of the LLBO Tribal members.

As a reward for completing the survey, the Tribal Courts gave each participant a chance to win a flat screen TV. The drawing took place after the feast. Thank you for your participation. If you would like to be involved with the strategic planning, please call Maggie of the George Tibbetts family at the Tribal Courts, 218-335-4418.



Tribal members from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe have hand harvested wild rice for generations. This is an Ojibwe right of passage handed down from our elders to our youth to help ensure one of our most important cultural traditions. Our wild rice is 100% natural and 100% organic. Revenues from the sale of wild rice goes toward purchasing next years crop from tribal members.





# TREATS FOR TOTS HALLOWEEN 2015

SAFE HALLOWEEN FUN FOR YOUR FAMILY  
NORTHERN LIGHTS AND PALACE CASINO





# Community Halloween Parties

Mission LIC Event, DII Office sponsored Sugar Point Event, & Oak Pt./Wilkinson LIC Event





## Grand Rapids Holds First Ever Indigenous Day Celebration!

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe took part in a historical event on October 12, 2015, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Previously, on December 15, 2014, the Grand Rapids City Council passed a resolution (No. 14-126) recognizing Indigenous People's Day the second Monday of October beginning in 2015. The Leech Lake Youth Division (Tobacco Prevention Program) had the honors of assisting on this day. Gary Charwood, Tobacco Prevention Program Coordinator, was the MC for this historic event. There were over 600 youth in attendance representing schools from Northland Community School, Deer River, Cass Lake-Bena, and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School brought dancers and singers, along with the Big Red singing group. Schools outside of the Leech Lake area in attendance included Grand Rapids School District, Floodwood Schools, and Hill City. LLBO is pleased to share this day with our neighbors to the east.

### Leech Lake Education Division Participates

Several people from the Leech Lake Education Division participated in the Indigenous Day Celebration held in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Gary Charwood, Tobacco Prevention Program Coordinator, served as the MC for the day. Dorothy Robinson, Scholarship Grants Officer, attended to represent the Education Division.

### Area Schools Attend the Celebration

Many schools in the Leech Lake area sent a contingent of people including youth to participate in the event. Students and faculty from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Deer River, Remer, and Grand Rapids Public Schools attended. LLBO extends congratulations to the school leaders who supported the event. It is an opportune time to teach about the accurate history of the Native Americans locally and nation-wide.



## Getting History Correct!

### Indigenous Day Celebration In Grand Rapids Is a Start Locally

A growing number of cities are working to abolish the traditional Columbus Day holiday and replace it with an acknowledgement that is more in line with the fact that millions of people were already living here when Christopher Columbus arrived. According to the Associated Press, Albuquerque, Anadarko, Portland, St. Paul, Seattle, Minneapolis, and Olympia are some of the major cities that have taken steps to recast the holiday as Indigenous Peoples Day. Kudos to Grand Rapids for joining them!

### Thanks to the Teachers Who Follow Up in Classrooms

Social studies teachers throughout the world are helping students to better understand the accurate history of the United States and this celebration affords them an excellent opportunity to do so.

## Youth Division Highlights

Fall has been a busy season despite the start up of the new school year. Students are eager to join in the many after-school and weekend activities sponsored by the area youth coordinators. Meet three of the Youth Area Coordinators.

### Cass Lake Area (*Natalie Lovelace*)

An All District Halloween Youth Dance was held on October 17 with close to 150 youth attending. There were games to play including musical chairs, limbo, potato dance, and several dance contests. Winners of the dance contests received \$20 Walmart or McDonald's gift cards. This incentive helped our older youth to participate. At the end of the event there were Night Scream tickets given to all youth participants. It was great to see so many young people enjoying themselves in a positive way. There was positive interaction between our older youth and the younger ones who tend to look up to them.

### Onigum Area (*Tracy Gale*)

A District II Culture Camp was held on October 18 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. This is always a highlight of our activities. John Atkinson, an elder in our community, served as the spiritual advisor for us. He often assists us in prayer, but also with our 'Life Skills' class and the 'Talking Circle.' For our arts and crafts portion of the camp, Ruth White, taught our youth how to make 'god's eyes.' Several of the youth enjoyed the activity so much they made more than one. Our Ojibwe language instructor, Paris Nicazio from Bemidji State University, was with us. She has wonderful support with the youth and manages to build in fun into all of the activities she brings. Watch for our upcoming camps that are held quarterly in different locations.

### 1st Annual Healing Walk

The 1st Annual Healing Walk took place on October 15, 2015, at the Facility Center gym from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This event was prompted by the 10th Anniversary of the death of Warren Tibbetts, husband of Nancy Kingbird. In pouring out her heart at a support group, Nancy talked about the healing needs of our Nation as a whole. This is in line with the loss and grief we share over the violence, suicide, and other deaths that we all experience. There were nearly 50 people who participated in the walk as they remembered a loved one. Three Police Officers supported us and carried a banner for this event. A dinner was served following the walk. MDH, LL Tribal Health, and Leech Lake Youth Chemical Dependency Prevention Programs cosponsored this event.



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## Local Indian Council Meetings Schedule

**Oak Point** 1st Sunday 4:00pm Oak Point Center

**Ball Club** 1st Monday 7:00 pm Ball Club Center

**Cass River** 1st Monday 6:00pm Pennington Center

**Kego Lake Boy Lake Smokey Pnt** 1st Wed. 7:00pm Kego Lake Cntr

**Bemidji** 1st Thurs. 6:30pm-8pm Oshki Manidoo Center, Bemidji

**Winnie Dam** 1st Thursday 6:00 pm Winnie Dam Center

**Cass Lake** 2nd Monday 5:00pm Facility Center

**Sugar Bush Buck Lake** 2nd Monday 6:00pm Palace Casino

**Inger** 2nd Monday. 7:00 pm Inger Center

**Bena** 2nd Tues. 6:00pm Bena Center

**Onigum** 2nd Tuesday 6:30pm Onigum Center

**Sugar Point** 2nd Wed 6:30pm Sugar Point Center

**S Lake** 3rd Monday 7:00 pm S Lake Center

**Mission** 3rd Monday 6:00pm Mission Center

**Duluth** 3rd Thurs. 5:00 pm AICHO Building (Former YWCA)

**Deer River** Last Monday 6:00pm Deer River Resource Center or Legion

**Twin Cities** Last Tuesday Women's Res Center. MPLS



## Caregiver Conference

*"Strategies for the Caregiver's Journey"*



**Saturday,  
December 12th  
9am - 2pm**

**Adult Day Services  
620 Carr Lake Rd, Bemidji**

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RSVP: [info@northwoodscaregivers.org](mailto:info@northwoodscaregivers.org) or 218-333-8265

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## LLBO WIC FOR December 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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> - Inger Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

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

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> - NO Bena WIC Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.  
Christmas Holiday No WIC

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

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**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-****Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

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

Jolaine Emmanuelle Bigbear and  
any man who claims to be the father of N.L.**Court File No. CP-14-30****NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 7, 2015, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights** 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.

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-****Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

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

Kimberly Ann Hunt, Edward Joseph Haines,  
and Simon Anthony White, III, Parents.**Court File No. CP-14-33****NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 6, 2015, a **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.

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT**

FAMILY DIVISION

**In Re: Estate of:****Gordon K. Headbird****DOB:08/20/1947,****DOD: 01/01/2011;****Decedent****NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED****PERSONS AND CREDITORS****Court File No. CV-15-65**

**IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a **Petition for Probate and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** for the above-named decedent was filed by Gordon Fineday, surviving son of the decedent. A hearing shall be held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, Upper Level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on the **23rd day of February, 2016, at 1:00 p.m**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within thirty days (30) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATEED this 2nd day of November, 2015.

Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-****Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

In Re the Custody of:

**A.P.B, Minor Child, DOB: 07/09/1998;****M.I.B, Minor Child, DOB: 08/10/2002.****CASE NO. FA-15-183***Leticia Rodriguez, Petitioner, And**Jason L. Dunn and Hector Gonzales, Respondent.***NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 2nd, 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 January 14th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m, the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court. 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:

Heather R. TeJohn and

Darryl J. Johnson, Parents.

**Court File No. CP-14-13****NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 15, 2015, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights** 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.

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT**

FAMILY DIVISION

**In Re: Estate of:****Lynett Ann Waldon,****DOB: 08-19-1951;****Decedent****NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED****PERSONS AND CREDITORS****Court File No. CV-15-66**

**IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named decedent, Lynett Ann Waldon, died October 8, 2014. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court on the 10th day of November, 2015 at 1130 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Nicole Matthews, surviving child of the decedent.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within thirty days (30) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATEED this 2nd day of November, 2015.

Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court





# Obituaries



## Michael Allen Pederson

**M**ichael Allen Pederson, age 52, passed away peacefully at his home in Minneapolis on Wednesday April 29, 2015. Mike was born on July 3, 1962 in Minneapolis



Minnesota. He moved to Redwood City California with his family when he was very young and lived there until 1995.

He liked to journal and looked forward to writing an account of his life. He faced many struggles in life and in his writings he gave us a glimpse into his inner spirit, a spirit that could withstand many hardships, a spirit that cannot be defeated even by illness or death. He liked movies: sci-fi, action, comedy, musicals, and drama. He loved to decorate his apartment. He liked to eat out with friends and to cook and try new recipes. He loved kittens and at times had one or two – he looked forward to getting a couple more.

Mike had a close relationship with his parents, and, in recent years, missed his mother very much. Mike was preceded in death by his mother Christine (Fairbanks) Pederson, and his grandmother Jessie (Fairbanks) Lyons.

He leaves behind his stepfather Vernoy Pederson, sisters Maryanna Harstad and Cheryl Pederson, brothers Duane Fairbanks and Dwight (Valerie) Pederson, and his nephews and nieces: Eli, Aaron, Louisa and Madison.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 16 at Gichitwaa Kateri Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

## Roxanne Goose

**R**oxanne RGOOSE, “Gaa Maa Wii Neigad Migizii” which means “Attacking Eagle” of the Awasaasi (Bullhead) Clan and a member of the



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, age 61, of Bemidji, began her spiritual journey on Friday, October 23, 2015 from the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji. She was born in Cass Lake, MN on December 10, 1953, the daughter of Michael and Ella Mae (Fairbanks) Goose.

Roxanne enjoyed spending her time sewing and beading. She loved dancing at powwows, going to bingo and taking long rides just to look at the scenery. Roxanne liked to put puzzles together and hang them on her wall, rummage sales and watching movies. Roxanne collected dream catchers for years, she had hundreds.

Family that welcomed her home are her parents; Michael and Ella Mae Goose, son; Matthew Goose, sisters; Ramona and Glenda Fairbanks, brother; Joseph Goose, niece; Danette Bruce, and other relatives.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her son Michael Goose of Minneapolis, sisters; Bonita Bruce of Walker and Georgia Faye, nieces; Angie Reyes, Carrie, Danita and Catherine Bruce, Jeanne and Vanessa Goose, Yvette and Ingrid Mesarina, Sandra Simons, Cathy Reyes and Cynthia Escobedo and Patricia Salazar, nephews; Richard Tallman, Anthony Goose, Cory and Curtis Hoffman, Jeff Goose, Sr.,

Jeff Goose, Jr., John Goose and Mike Escobedo, grandchildren; Randall Jones, Talon and Bridget Pierre, great grandchildren; Avianna Hoopman and Jayden Pierre, her baby Gaa Shi Genz (kitty), other relatives and many friends. An overnight wake for Roxanne will begin at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 25th and continue until her traditional service at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 27th all being held at the Veteran Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Anna Gibbs will be her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Roxanne are Cory Hoffman, John Goose, Dana Dick, Jeff Goose Jr., Levi Burris and Michael Reyes. Her honorary pallbearers are Jonessa Kingbird, Teddy RedWing, Helen Taylor-Condo, Rosalee Lovelace, Rosie Reed, Tina Goodman, Sylvia Gail, Corrine Goose, Laura Brown and Bob Jourdain. Interment will be in the Morgan Cemetery at Cass Lake following her Tuesday service.

Roxanne’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Samuel James Bellanger III

**S**amuel James Bellanger III, ‘Porker’, age 39, of Deer River, Minnesota began his spiritual journey from Grand Rapids, MN on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Samuel was born on May 31, 1976 in Savannah, Georgia, the son of Samuel Jr. and Barbara (Wakanabo) Bellanger Jr.



Samuel had a joyous spirit, he was constantly making everyone laugh and loved to joke around with them. Samuel loved hanging around with his family and friends, but he especially liked being with his nieces and nephews. He liked gambling at the casino, enjoyed listening to his music and watching movies. His all-time favorites were ‘Fast and Furious’ and scary movies. Samuel was

a ‘Facebook’ fanatic, he was obsessed with it! He would go to Valleyfair every chance he could. Samuel’s lifelong dream was to be a contestant on the game show “Family Feud”, he had his ‘family’ picked out, right down to who was going to be in the bonus round with him.

Those welcoming Samuel home are his father, Samuel Bellanger Jr., brother; Ryan Shawn Bellanger, maternal grandparents; Hubert and Josephine Wakanabo and paternal grandparents; Samuel Sr. and Ruby Bellanger.

Left behind to remember Samuel are his mother; Barbara (Wakanabo) Bellanger of Deer River, brothers; Brandon Johnson of Grand Forks, ND, Lance Johnson of Ball Club and Robert Fairbanks Jr. of Deer River, sisters; Angela (Cameron) Bellanger of Austin, TX, Miranda (Floyd) Bellanger of Ball Club and Robyn (Travis) Johnson of Ball Club, uncle; Paul Wakanabo, aunts; Holly Fairbanks, Brenda Bellanger and Candace Gotchie, special niece; Barbie, special cousins; Curtis Bellanger Sr., Dana Meza, Allan Smith and Andrew ‘Beaj’ Gotchie, nieces and nephews; Isaac, numerous cousins, other relatives and many friends.

traditional services for Samuel will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, being held at the Lone Eagle Center in Ball Club. Steve Jackson will be his Spiritual Leader. Helping to lay Samuel to rest are Jason Cash, Ryan ‘Chubbs’ Cash, Louis Deegan, Cameron Dick, Clayton Oothoudt and Dale Young RunningCrane. His honorary pallbearers are his nieces and nephews; Joaquin Vargas, Shawn Bellanger, Taylor Desjarlais, Barbie Desjarlais, Shane Desjarlais, Kristen Schaaf, Mathew Schaaf, Rhiannan Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Orion Johnson, Topanga Smith, Travis ‘LT’ Smith Jr., Trista Smith, RaShawn Smith, Landon Johnson, Isaac Fairbanks and Avaya Fairbanks. Interment will be in the Townsite Cemetery in Ball Club following his Thursday service.

Samuel’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



## Kelly Thompson Haugen

Kelly Thompson Haugen, age 52, of Cass Lake, passed away unexpectedly on November 2, 2015 at his home. He was born in Zumbrota, MN on April 6, 1963 the son of Cecil, Sr. and Fern (Morgan) Haugen.



Kelly spent his childhood in Zumbrota before moving to Cass Lake in 1976 with his parents and siblings. He spent the first part of his life traveling around the U.S. with his father and brothers working on the pipelines. After settling down at his home in Wilkinson, Kelly worked various jobs for Leech Lake Head Start as a cook and Bus monitor. He also worked for Leech Lake gaming at the Northern Lights Casino. Kelly had a passion for everything outdoors. He liked to go fishing and enjoyed going deer hunting with his siblings. He also liked to garden and working around his farm in Wilkinson.

The family that Kelly joins again are his parents Cecil, Sr. and mother Fern. Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are Jerry, Pat, Cecil, Jr., Brian, Tom, Shannon, and Threse Haugen, many nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Kelly will begin at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday November 3rd at the Veterans Memorial Building Cass Lake MN and continue until his 11:00 a.m. service on Thursday, November 5th at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake, MN. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Kelly are Tyrone Morgan, Jesse Dunn, Devin Smith-Haugen, Cecil Haugen Jr, Pat Haugen and Thomas Haugen. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his services.

Kelly's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Gordon Louis Northbird

Gordon Louis Northbird, 70, of Walker, Minn., died Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, at his home in Walker. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m.



Nov. 12 at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake. Interment will be at the Northbird family burial grounds.

He was born May 28, 1945 in Cass Lake, the son of Louis Sr. and Ardella (Stillday) Northbird. He was raised and educated in Cass Lake and graduated from Bemidji High School. He logged for a number of years and always enjoyed being in the woods, collecting and splitting firewood.

He married Shirley May-LaDuke and they raised a family together; they later divorced. He was a heavy equipment operator and made his career maintaining, plowing and building roads for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for years. He was instrumental in growing the Roads Maintenance Department of government over the years and was Roads Maintenance Supervisor of the Department.

He married Albertina "Peggy" Thompson in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were together for over 30 years when she passed away in September 2013.

He enjoyed and was known for his cooking. He also enjoyed watching sports, hunting, fishing, ricing, collecting coins and starting every day reading his newspapers the Bemidji Pioneer, the Cass Lake Times, the Walker Pilot and the Star-Tribune. He loved spending time with his family and joking around.

He is survived by his children, Stephanie Northbird of Cass Lake and Gordon (Charla) Northbird Jr. of Duluth; and his stepchildren, Stacy Strong, Teresa LaDuke, Geraldine Littlewolf, Faith Littlewolf, Connie Littlewolf, Rebecca Littlewolf and Sarah (Anderson) Jones.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Waaseyaa Martin, Nimis

## Women's Support Talking Circle

Join us every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday for a talking circle to come together with others starting **August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach to living well.



When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm Where: HD2 Building  
~Light Meal Provided~ 312 1<sup>st</sup> Street (Cass Lake)

## Grief Support Talking Circle



"Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday for a talking circle to come together with others experiencing grief starting **September 9th, 2015**. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach at healing."

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm Where: HD2 Building  
312 1<sup>st</sup> Street (Cass Lake)

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Martin, Nishiime Martin, Giiwedibines Martin, Zegaanakwad Martin, Faron Clark, Destinee Clark, Cheyenne Clark, Miranda Northbird, Jared (Theresa) Thompson, Natasha (Charles) Thompson, Allen (Josie) Strong and Simone Strong; great-grandchildren Camilla Thompson, Taylor Jenkins and Deandra Smith; step-great-grandchildren Ethan Smith, Dominic Smith and Aubrianna Strong; siblings Brenda Northbird, Melvina Northbird, Lois "Dolly" Northbird, Gene Northbird and Pat (Cheryl) Northbird; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Albertina "Peggy" Thompson, sister Arlene Northbird, brothers Louis Northbird Jr., and Gerald Northbird Sr., and great-grandson Tristan Thompson.

Condolences may be left at [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com).





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