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## Cass County-LLBO Hold Joint Meeting



Leech Lake Tribal Council, Cass County Board of Commissioners and top administrative staff at the biannual joint meeting.

### By Michael Chosa

WALKER, MN- The Leech Lake Tribal Council and Cass County Board of Commissioners recently held a coordination meeting at Northern Lights Event Center. The meetings are part of the 5 year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the two bodies in 2014.

The purpose of the MOU is to provide a framework for cooperation between the County and the Band for natural resource management, community development, economic development, and maintaining Ojibwe cultural life-ways. Under the MOU agreement they have agreed to meet at least twice a year to discuss activity in the focus areas and promote partnership in their government to government relationship.

Top level administrative staff from both governments attended the meeting. This included representatives from: Law Enforcement, Judicial/Legal, Roads, Health & Human Services, Land, and Environmental.

For each focus area, tribal and county officials presented a brief status update on joint ventures and cooperation between the agencies. They also outlined recent accomplishments and set goals for the future.

The following is a summary of each presentation:

### Law Enforcement

Tribal Police Chief Ken Washington and Cass County Chief Deputy Sheriff Erick Hoglund presented this section along with emergency managers Duane Oothoudt (LLBO) and Kerry Swenson (Cass Co).

- LLTPD now enters their own hotfiles directly. These include wanted/missing persons, stolen vehicles and stolen property. "Another step in which Leech Lake is taking more ownership and more responsibility as a newly formed tribal police department, only having existed for 16 years" said Ken Washington, Tribal Police Chief.

- The two agencies hold monthly sergeant meetings for information sharing purposes.
- The Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement is still in effect. A meeting is upcoming to discuss renewal.
- Drug Task Force coordination is ongoing
- Emergency Management:
  - Weatherwarn system is now automatically activated by National Weather Service. Previously, dispatch would manually activate sirens. The two departments can now also activate each others sirens.
  - Cass County and LLBO applied jointly and supported each others efforts in seeking relief aid from the state for storm damage in July.
  - A joint disaster preparedness exercise is scheduled for October 20th at WHA School. The tribe and county will coordinate a fully functioning sheltering exercise.

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## Groundbreaking for New Shingobee Island Project

By Michael Chosa



At the end of August, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Leech Lake Band's newest business venture. The property on Shingobee Island, which is about 1 mile west of Northern Lights Casino, is set to be redeveloped to serve as an on the lake sports bar. Leech Lake Gaming, who will be managing the property, have not adopted an official name for the business at this time.

The Shingobee Property has been a point of controversy for previous councils and as a result has been sitting dormant for the past 13 years.

"Getting the ball rolling on this has been a priority for me since taking office and we can thank the combined efforts of a unified tribal council for accomplishing this so quickly," stated Leech Lake Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. He went on to say "This property has a lot of potential both in its prime location and in economic opportunity for the band. We expect up to 50 new permanent jobs will be created as a result of this project."

The business is expected to offer a modern sports bar atmosphere, it will feature a full dining menu, full service marina and a gaming area. Patrons of the establishment will have the opportunity to arrive via boat, making it one of a select few businesses to offer this unique experience on Leech Lake.

LL Gaming Director Mike Auger said "This is a great opportunity for the band to invest in the local economy and create a new sustainable stream of revenue. We look forward to creating a new destination for patrons of the Leech Lake area."



Nor-son construction company has been contracted for construction and renovation of both new and existing facilities. Preliminary site work began in early September on landscaping around the site, parking lots and removal of outer buildings which are not part of the new proposal.

The Shingobee project is slated to open Memorial Day weekend in 2017.

## Leech Lake Emergency Manager Completes Certification

Submitted by Ken Washington, LLTPD Chief



Duane Oothoudt, Tribal Emergency Manager, receives his FEMA certification at the graduation ceremony.

On the 18th of August, Duane Oothoudt, Emergency Manager for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe graduated from the National Emergency Management Basic Academy. This accomplishment entailed 171 hours of classroom and online training with the Emergency Management Institute located in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The purpose for the establishment of a National Emergency Management Basic Academy is to support the professionalization of the field of emergency management with a structured and progressive framework for acquiring the knowledge, skills, and abilities to enter the field and grow to meet the challenges of an unpredictable and complex environment.

The National Emergency Management Basic Academy offers a foundational education in emergency management while providing an opportunity for participants to build camaraderie, establish professional contacts, and gain a common understanding of the roles, responsibilities, and authorities of an emergency management program.

## Free Healthcare Program Set to Come to Leech Lake Reservation in the Summer of 2017

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE, MN- The Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program will offer free healthcare to local residents in July 2017. The IRT program is an opportunity for military personnel to receive high quality, mission essential training while providing valuable services to local communities.

The application for the program was recently approved after being submitted by Cass Lake Indian Health Service in 2015. Preliminary planning stages got underway on September 13th & 14th, when members of the Air Force Reserve visited Cass Lake IHS. The initial "scoping mission" established the needs of the community, goals for the medical mission and team members scouted potential locations to serve as a "base" for operations.

The IRT mission will provide a host of medical services to the community. Basic non-emergency medical treatment will be available and other services such as wellness checkups, vision screenings, and hearing screenings are expected to be offered. Students will also be able to receive sports physicals for the school year. Dental services including fillings, x-rays and extractions are being planned. Additional services such as mental health screenings and oral surgery are being explored but have not been confirmed. Prescription glasses will be manufactured on site. Residents may remember the OneSite clinic that came to Cass Lake last September, this will be similar but the total number of services offered is much greater. More information will be published as plans are finalized.

A major problem on Leech Lake Reservation is transportation. The planning team is exploring the logistics of providing daily transport from our outlying communities to the site or possibly offering a rotating mobile clinic that will move thru the communities in order to reach as many people as possible.

Typical IRT medical missions last between 10 and 12 days, the tentative dates for Leech Lake are July 10th through the 21st, 2017. IHS anticipates this program will help fulfill some of the unmet needs to under served populations in the Leech Lake area.

To learn more about the Innovative Readiness Training program, visit <http://irt.defense.gov>.

## Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, and for Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Leech Lake Tribal Communities

*Severe thunderstorms, high winds, and flooding from July 19-21 caused damage resulting in significant debris removal costs*

ST. PAUL, MN – Governor Mark Dayton issued a letter authorizing up to an estimated \$3,291,585 in relief from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, and for the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Leech Lake Tribal Communities. The exact final reimbursements will be made from actual expense documentation. Severe thunderstorms, high winds, and flooding from July 19, 2016, until July 21, 2016, caused damage resulting in significant debris removal costs for the counties and tribal communities.

Aid from the contingency account will reimburse counties and tribal communities for public infrastructure repairs and clean-up costs. Under Minnesota law, the state will reimburse 75 percent of eligible costs for public infrastructure repairs and clean-up, with localities responsible for covering the remaining 25 percent.

Government	Damage Incurred	State Assistance
Aitkin County	\$304,300	\$228,225
Beltrami County	\$259,663	\$194,747
Cass County	\$415,082	\$311,312
Clearwater County	\$370,165	\$277,624
Lake County	\$243,655	\$182,741
St. Louis County	\$2,730,915	\$2,048,186
Fond du Lac Band	\$65,000	\$48,750
Bois Forte Band	Applying in conjunction with St. Louis County	
Leech Lake Band	Applying in conjunction with Cass County	

## National Native News Briefs

### Navajo Nation Files Suit Against EPA For Gold King Mine Spill

The Navajo Nation recently filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and others, in response to the Gold King Mine Spill in August 2015. The Navajo Nation alleges that the disaster could have been prevented and they are seeking compensation for damages.

Approximately three million gallons of mining wastewater were released from the closed mine in Silverton, Colorado as EPA contractors were attempting to remediate the site. The wastewater flowed into the Animas River, a tributary of the San Juan river which supplies freshwater to the Navajo Nation. Pictures of the orange colored rivers, which were declared off limits for drinking and agricultural use, made national headlines following the spill.

In the complaint, the Navajo allege that: "For nearly two days, the USEPA did not call, alert or notify the Nation that this toxic sludge had been released and was headed into their waters and land," they stated further, "Now, a year after one of the most significant environmental catastrophes in history, the Nation and the Navajo people have yet to have their waterways cleaned, their losses compensated, their health protected, or their way of life restored."

### New Traditional Foods in FDIPIR

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, USDA developed and finalized two purchase specifications for wild rice and wild frozen sockeye salmon fillets, and successfully awarded solicitations for both items in August 2016. The solicitation for wild frozen sockeye salmon was awarded to one vendor, Ocean Beauty Seafood. Salmon deliveries to the national warehouses are expected for late October through the end of December 2016. The solicitation for Wild Rice was awarded to two Native American vendors in Minnesota, White Earth Nation and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Wild rice deliveries to the national warehouses are expected the second half of October 2016.

In addition, USDA has been successful in receiving offers for bison deliveries over the course of the next 12 months. Vendors that received a contract include Intermountain Land & Cattle, Kiva Sun, and Native American Enterprises. Bison deliveries are anticipated to begin monthly in October 2016 and last through September 2017.

### Feds say they won't evict Dakota Access Pipeline Protest Camps

Federal officials say they won't evict the Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires camp, due to free speech reasons, even though it's on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers that many Native Americans believe is still rightfully owned by the Standing Rock Sioux under a nearly 150 year-old treaty.

"We're not leaving until we defeat this big black snake," camp spokesman Cody Hall said of the pipeline.

The gathering has been called the largest gathering of Native American tribes in a century, all there to protest Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners' \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline, which threatens tribally significant sacred sites and a river that's a source of water for millions.

# EDITORIAL

## Confusion, Uncertainty Following Stalemate at MN Chippewa Tribe Meeting

By Michael Chosa

The Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) held a special meeting at Grand Casino- Mille Lacs on September 22nd, 2016. What was supposed to be a quick meeting in order to swear in White Earth Chairman Terry Tibbetts and to elect the TEC Officers, turned into an all day affair.

Many issues and questions were brought to the attention of the TEC regarding proper procedure for electing the officers. But first lets look at a quick summary of the events that unfolded.

The TEC is composed of the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer from each of the six member bands. The TEC selects from within the group a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for two-year terms. The remaining officials act as board members.

Following nominations, a roll call election for the open officer positions resulted in 6-6 tie votes for

all offices (see table below), several rounds of secret ballot voting resulted in the same outcome.

At this point in the meeting, the issue was raised as to whether current President Norman Deschampe should be allowed to vote in the election.

A motion was passed to exclude the President from voting by adhering to the bylaws. Several TEC members voted against this motion, which was simply phrased as: "Motion to follow the MCT constitution". As a result of this, in the next round of balloting, Kevin Dupuis, Fond du Lac Chairman, was elected as President of the MCT 6-5, with Norman Deschampe abstaining.

As new President, he refrained from voting in the remaining elections and the following officers were elected: Ferdinand Martineau, MCT Vice President 6-5, Melanie Benjamin, MCT Secretary 7-4, and Dave Morrison, MCT Treasurer 7-4.

Now let's examine some of the issues that were raised.

### Should the MCT President be allowed to vote in the election?

The election was held during a special meeting of the TEC. According to the MCT Constitution Bylaws under Article I, Duties of the Officers of the Tribal Executive Committee:

Section 1. The President of the Tribal Executive Committee shall: (g) Not vote in meetings of the Tribal Executive Committee except in the case of a tie.

MCT Executive Director Gary Frazer in response stated, "Take a look at Article II, Section 5" which reads:

Sec. 5. Seven members of the Tribal Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and Roberts' Rule shall govern its meetings.

He stated further, "Robert's Rules

says that in election of officers, all members can cast a ballot. If you want to look at something look at Robert's Rules".

While he is correct in his statement, I consulted with the National Association of Parliamentarians. According to them, when an organization's bylaws conflict with Robert's Rules of Order, the bylaws will always prevail.

For reference, here is a citation from the 11th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*:

"the bylaws ... comprise the highest body of rules in societies as normally established today. Such an instrument supersedes all other rules of the society," (p. 14, ll 17-21)

Because the election was held during a meeting, it was the correct action to exclude the President from casting a vote. While this may not "feel right", it is the way the rules are written.

Was this taken into consideration when the constitution was written? Did the original writers consider that elections take place during meeting and is this the intended effect? These are questions that will need to be answered when considering constitutional reform.

### Election Procedures

There were two procedural issues regarding the methods by which the elections were being conducted that I would like to address,

First, was whether the roll call method of voting in the election was properly done. Normally during a meeting, a roll call vote is done by asking a question and members can either cast a "yes or no" vote. It was contended that the method of answering with your choice of candidate was improper.

Robert's Rules of Order provides the answer to this question in Chapter XIV:

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### ROLL CALL ELECTION RESULTS (First Vote):

	PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	
	N. Deschampe	K. Dupuis	F. Martineau	A. LaRose	M. Benjamin	C. Beaulieu	Dave Morrison	T. Mason
F. Jackson (LL)		X		X		X		X
A. LaRose (LL)		X		X		X		X
K. Dupuis (FDL)		X		X		X		X
F. Martineau (FDL)	X		X		X		X	
C. Chavers (BF)	X		X		X		X	
Dave Morrison (BF)	X		X		X		X	
N. Deschampe (GP)	X		X		X		X	
Den. Morrison (GP)	X		X		X		X	
T. Tibbetts (WE)		X		X		X		X
T. Mason (WE)		X		X		X		X
M. Benjamin (ML)	X		X		X		X	
C. Beaulieu (ML)		X		X		X		X

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### Law Enforcement Cont.

#### Upcoming goals:

- Exchanging training schedules in order to combine where possible.
- Explore grant opportunities for specialty equipment such as a hardened hostage rescue vehicle aka BEARCAT
- Update addresses and assign house numbers for emergency response in places such as Ryans Village.
- Continue cooperation and mutual help. Chief Deputy Hoglund gave a recent example: A high profile arraignment took place in Walker which required a heightened law enforcement presence. He arranged for Tribal Police to answer all calls in the northern portion of Cass County for the duration.

### Judicial and Legal

Representing LLBO at the meeting were Tribal Court Judges Megan Treuer and Paul Day. Cass County Representatives included Judges David Harrington and Jana Austad, Cass County Attorney Chris Strandlie and Cass County Probation Director Jim Schneider.

- Tribal Court connectivity has been confirmed with state systems.
- Tribal Justice Center is scheduled to be opened in October 2016
- Paul Day, Tribal Court Judge said "When we talk about jurisdiction, we're talking about who has authority, and so back in 1978 it was always in court and in litigation, citing a supreme court precedent or a federal law. Today we don't talk so much about who is in charge. Now what we are doing is just implementing it. Lets just look at this problem we have and see what we can do to fix it. That's the type of relationship we have."
- 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of LL Tribal Court. It also marks the 10th anniversary of the Joint Powers agreement and formation of the Wellness Court. Our Wellness Court was the first in the nation to be joint jurisdiction (state-tribal). "For every \$1.00 we spend on average, on the program as a whole, we get about \$2.06 back as a return on

investment. You see the impact that it makes on people's lives. Its probably one of my favorite parts of the job. To see the change that happens in people's lives." said Megan Treuer, Leech Lake Tribal Court Judge

#### Upcoming goals:

- Cass County would like to hold traffic court on select dates in the new Tribal Justice Center in order to alleviate some of the transportation issues faced by band members in traveling to Walker.
- Cass County Probation is also planning on holding meetings at the new Justice Center on a regular basis to reduce similar issues faced by their clients.
- Both sides plan to explore solutions to other transportation barriers to Cass County District Court.
- Heavy interest was expressed in exploring a Drug Court program similar to Wellness court
- Joint partnership in Diversion program between Cass Co and Tribal Court. This program targets first time, juvenile offenders and gives them a second chance.

### Roads & Trails

Dave Enblom, Cass County Engineer and Art Chase, LLBO Roads Director facilitated this portion of the discussion.

- Phase 1 of the Bena trail project completed. Phase 2 is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2017.
- Dual language (Ojibwe-English) informational signs are in the works. Dave Enblom reports that MNDOT has become interested in the project and these signs will be allowed to go up on major trunk highways in the state.
- Tribal and state tax agreements now help to support local transportation sales tax.
- Improvements to the Soo Line Trail between Cass Lake and Bena were completed.

#### Upcoming goals:

- Define additional walking trail projects near high volume roads. Bike trail project between Old Agency and Onigum is the next to be constructed. Upcoming plans for a walking trail along

CSAH 60 (Palace Rd in Cass Lake) are being prepared.

- BIA Safety Grant by LLBO is in the planning stages. Cass County is providing a letter of support to be included with the application packet.
- Continued joint funding of projects and sharing of five-year plans to promote strategic planning between the two governments. Example: addition of a pedestrian bridge at CR8 (Federal Dam) was funded jointly by two sources.

### Health & Human Services

Reno Wells, Cass Co Health, Human and Veterans Services Director along with Ed Franckowiak LLBO Human Services Director presented the following:

- Ongoing training for managers in respective departments to resolve differences in approach to services at the worker level.
- LLBO has an active role in the County Child Protection Screening Team.
- Reno Wells is attending the advisory committee meetings for LLBO, active in LLBO Pre Natal program.
- Cass County offices at LL Tribal Headquarters have been a huge success. "The amount of people that we see out of our Cass Lake sub office is phenomenal. Our average visits since January of this year, 247 clients that are coming to see three workers, an average of 82 per worker. In Walker we had 174, an average of 15 per worker." said Reno Wells, Cass County Director HHVS

#### Upcoming goals:

- Include ICWA funding aid in the 2017 Tax bill for those implementing Tribal, State, County agreements.
- Share design concepts for the LLBO Human Service Campus at Cass Lake which could include the County's offer to participate.
- Establish Merit System Personnel Testing at Tribal Headquarters. The merit system is a requirement from MN DHS for employees in social services and human services. This would expand employment opportunities for band members in these fields.

"ROLL-CALL ELECTION. Although unusual, an election can be held by roll call." (p. 443, ll. 18-19)

"the member ... when called upon, declares his or her vote... for each office to be filled." (p. 443, ll. 21-24)

So yes, the roll call balloting method was legitimate and it was conducted as prescribed by Robert's Rules.

Next, questions were raised surrounding the exclusion of Mr. Dupuis from the remaining ballots. Specifically, there were several discussions as to when he officially "took office", and how the remaining election balloting should have been conducted.

Once again, Robert's Rules provide clear guidance for the situation:

"TIME AT WHICH AN ELECTION TAKES EFFECT. An election to an office becomes final immediately if the candidate is present and does not decline" (p. 444, ll. 17-19)

"An officer-elect takes possession of his office immediately upon his election's becoming final, unless the bylaws or other rules specify a later time." (p.444, ll. 28-30)

In the end, as far as I can tell through my research, the elections were conducted correctly. A lot of time could have been saved and much confusion avoided had there been a copy of Robert's Rules on hand for the meeting. I suspect in the future that this will be the case.

One final note, the question was also raised as to which version of Robert's Rules the MCT Constitution should adhere to. This is explicitly spelled out at the beginning of the book and is updated with each new release.

From the latest edition:

"This Eleventh Edition supercedes all previous editions and is intended automatically to become the parliamentary authority in organizations whose bylaws prescribe "Robert's Rules of Order," "Robert's Rules of Order Revised," "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised," or "the current edition of" any of these titles, or the like, without specifying a particular edition." (p. vii)

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### MCT Tribal Executive Committee Election Results (FINAL) 09-22-16

#### President:

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#### Vice President:

**Ferdinand Martineau (FDL) def. Archie LaRose (LL) 6-5**

#### Secretary:

**Melanie Benjamin (ML) def. Carolyn Beaulieu (ML) 7-4**

#### Treasurer:

**Dave Morrison (BF) def. Tara Mason (WE) 7-4**

# Steve Hagenah Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship Established

*Members of the Law Enforcement agencies welcome \$10,000 donation from the Hagenah Family for establishment of the scholarship*



The Leech Lake Tribal College was honored by Becky Hagenah, the wife of former Law Enforcement Coordinator Steve Hagenah in receiving a memorial. The memorial will support the creation of a law enforcement scholarship, which will allow LLTC students to defray some of the costs related to MN POST Skills based training, the final step in their academic career to becoming a police officer in the state of Minnesota.

“Steve Hagenah had such a profound impact on the Leech Lake Area, first starting to work as a Cass Lake Police Officer, and ending his career with the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as a Special Agent. Steve solved numerous cases, and helped many people through difficult times in the community. But the most enduring part of Steve, was what

he did behind the scenes, to train, mentor and educate others. He had a great gift of connecting with people, and making them feel like they were the most important person in the room. He instilled his values to his students at the college. Many of whom recounted story, after story of how Steve had impacted them personally. Steve was a true law enforcement professional, and he will be missed. This scholarship is one way which we can continue to honor his tremendous legacy, and ensure that his ethos and humor is around for decades to come.” said Matt Stiehm, LLTC Law Enforcement Program Coordinator.

Friends, colleagues, alumni and current students were present to welcome the gift from the Hagenah family. “We write our obituaries throughout our lives;

Steve wrote his in a way that still has impact today. We are honored to have such commitment to our Law Enforcement Program and to the Law Enforcement communities,” said Dr. Erma Vizenor, LLTC President.

The Law Enforcement Program is one of the most successful programs at the College with many alumni working directly in the field of study. Graduates of the program are current Chief of Police, Sheriff, and Police Officers for various agencies. Others found employment in public sectors in administration and law.

Individuals who are interested in the Law Enforcement Program are encouraged to contact Matt Stiehm, Law Enforcement Coordinator at (218) 335-4200 or by email at matt.stiehm@lltc.edu. Please contact Student Services for more information on the admission process for Spring 2017 term.

Leech Lake Tribal College is accredited by the HLC, with the mission to provide quality education grounded in Anishinaabe values.

## Tribal Sovereignty Is No “Loophole”

**Submitted by Ernie Stevens Jr, Chairman National Indian Gaming Association**

WASHINGTON, DC- I am writing to respond to one of several articles that have been authored recently by Naomi Schaefer Riley in her attempt to generate interest in her new book. Riley had recent articles published in the Wall Street Journal (July article “The Loophole Economy Is No Jackpot for Indians” and a May article titled “Changing an NFL Team’s Name Won’t Fix Indian Schools”), the Atlantic (July “One Way to Help Native Americans: Property Rights”), and the New York Post (July “How Protecting Tribal Sovereignty Hurts Victims on the Reservation”).

Riley’s claim, that the federal government has created a “loophole economy” for Indian tribes based on gambling, ignores history and the basic facts about tribal governments in our federal system. Like tourists before her, Riley asserts that re-examining the status of Indian trust land and cutting back on federal regulations will cure all of Indian Country’s problems.

Riley’s ideas are misguided and dated. Her premise that “Native Americans hit the jackpot when a 1988 law ensured their right to run gaming” ignores history and fact. Indian gaming is an exercise of inherent sovereignty acknowledged in the U.S. Constitution. It is not the result of a federal legislative gift.

The United States Supreme Court, in 1987, affirmed more than a decade of Indian gaming operating under tribal government laws. One year later, state governments and commercial gaming interests pressed Congress to enact the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict tribal sovereignty and allow states to influence certain Indian gaming enterprises.

Riley’s proposal to re-examine the Indian land system to convey individual property rights is a dated re-run of the failed federal policies of Allotment and forced Assimilation of the late 1800’s. These policies resulted in the loss of more than 100 million acres of Indian lands, the taking of Native children from their homes, and the suppression of tribal religion and

culture.

Riley’s solutions for Indian Country are not-so-veiled plans to return to these policy failures. In short, she blames tribal sovereignty and culture for the economic and social issues facing Native communities.

Tribal sovereignty - the power of Native people to decide locally how to govern our lands - is the foundation of tribal economic growth. This foundation must be strengthened not attacked.

Tribal governments-working with Native entrepreneurs-are exercising sovereignty to start diversified enterprises that go far beyond gaming and contracting. The Native enterprises that Riley tags as “loopholes” - Indian gaming and contracting - serve as anchors for many tribal economies. These enterprises generate revenues that provide health care, housing, services for our seniors, and education for our children. These acts of self-determination must be fostered.

Riley correctly asserts that Indian Country is over-regulated. Tribal governments are burdened with federal regulations not imposed on state or local governments.

We do need meaningful improvements in federal laws and regulations that respect Indian tribes as governments and strengthen tribal sovereignty, not rules that weaken tribal governments or local control. Tribal leaders are actively working with Congress to reform laws that respect tribal sovereignty, cut down economic barriers, provide incentives for Native entrepreneurs to start businesses on Indian lands, and provide tribal governments with equal access to tools that other forms of government enjoy.

In the late 1800’s, tourists like Riley deemed themselves “Friends of the Indian”. They brought us policy attacks on sovereignty and culture. Sovereignty is our strength. Culture is our identity. Our ancestors fought and many died to protect both. We will not revisit these past tragic failures.

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## Native Governance Center and Bush Foundation Announce Eighth Cohort of Native Nation Rebuilders

*25 Citizens from 12 Tribes Join Program to Strengthen Skills, Serve Native People*

ST. PAUL, MN – The Native Governance Center and the Bush Foundation announced that 25 citizens from 12 of the 23 Native nations overlapping North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota were selected for the eighth cohort of the Native Nation Rebuilders Program.

The Rebuilders Program is the leadership component of a larger initiative launched in 2010 by the Bush Foundation to support tribes as they strengthen their governing capabilities. It was developed in response to elected tribal leaders who said engaged community leaders play an important role to influence and support tribal governments in achieving their Native nations' goals. Rebuilders consist of emerging and existing Native leaders who look to build leadership skills and nation-building knowledge. With this newest cohort, over 140 Native leaders call themselves Rebuilders.

In early 2016, the Bush Foundation transitioned delivery of the Rebuilders Program to the newly created Native Governance Center. The Center is an independent, Native led nonprofit that will continue to deliver nation building support to tribes in collaboration with and through support from Bush.

"Rebuilders are playing key roles working across the public, private and nonprofit sectors," according to Wayne Ducheneaux, executive director of the Native Governance Center. Ducheneaux who completed the program in 2012 and was subsequently elected to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council.

"The role and organization of tribal governments is evolving," said Rebecca Stratton, Program Director at the Native Governance Center. Stratton, a citizen of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, completed the program in 2011. She stated that many tribal governments have

been shaped by outsiders but in a turnabout, tribes are using inherent authorities to "redesign our systems to align with our vision,

expectations and values. The Rebuilders Program compliments this effort by sharing lessons from other parts of Indian Country and strengthening relations between leaders through a shared learning experience."

"The Rebuilders Program is one of the best examples of the Bush Foundation's commitment to invest in great ideas and the people who power them. We are thrilled to partner with the Native Governance Center to continue to grow and support this vital network of leaders," said Bush Foundation President Jennifer Ford Reedy.

Rebuilders will convene for four structured sessions during which they will also develop action plans to share knowledge with peers and their respective tribal governments. The sessions involve partner organizations and individuals with expertise in nation-rebuilding, organizing and issues specific to Indian Country. National partners include the Native Nations Institute ([nni.arizona.edu](http://nni.arizona.edu)) and the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development ([hpaied.org](http://hpaied.org)).

The Rebuilders' names and tribal affiliations are given here and on the NGC website. The next round of applications for a ninth cohort of Rebuilders will be announced in the summer of 2017. Learn more at the NGC website.

The Native Governance Center was launched in late 2015 to continue the nation building work begun by the Bush Foundation. It is a native led organization that assists Tribal Nations in strengthening their governance systems and their capacities to exercise their sovereignty. NGC's service area includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 sovereign, politically-distinct Native nations with unique governments, histories, challenges and opportunities. Learn more at [NativeGov.org](http://NativeGov.org).

### Native Nation Rebuilders Cohort 8

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**  
Rebecca Graves  
James Jones Jr.

**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe**  
Holly Annis  
Jill Kessler  
Robin LeBeau

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe**  
Helen Hart

**Lower Sioux Indian Community**  
Anne O'Keefe-Jackson

**Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation**  
Cheryl Abe  
Jared Eagle

**Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe**  
LeAnn Benjamin  
Catherine Colsrud  
Raina Killspotted

**Oglala Sioux Tribe**  
Nakina Mills  
Joleen Montileaux-Abourezk

**Rosebud Sioux Tribe**  
Lynne Colombe

**Spirit Lake Nation**  
Heather Lawrence  
Joshua Tweeton

**Standing Rock Sioux Tribe**  
Marlo Hunte-Beaubrun  
Jesi Shanley

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa**  
Jacob Davis  
Amber Mathern  
Marlene Schroeder

**Upper Sioux Community**  
Teresa Peterson  
Benjamin Rosaasen  
Sharon Pazi Zea

## BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Mary Trapp, Superintendent

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School staff met the week of August 29 through September 1, 2016, to plan and prepare for school year 2016-2017. High school staff continued the move into the main building from the old high school in preparation for the coming demolition of the old building. All teachers were excited to return to school and met throughout the week to receive updates on safety and security; to receive updates on reading strategies and use of grade level materials; and to organize and prepare their teaching space.



High school staff planned the first four days of school with a focus on working with students on team building, developing relationship skills, and easing the students' transition from the old high school into the Main School for 2016-2017. Teachers worked together to understand the purpose of advisory and ways to strengthen the advisory experiences for students.

Students met with staff for interviews that helped to clarify the purpose of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School: to learn about the Ojibwe culture, history, language, art, and dance. During the first week of school, students were assigned to advisory groups, with two teachers involved in each advisory. On September 8th and 9th, the high school students traveled to Mud Goose Lake to participate in ricing, prepare native food that included bonnik, learned about building fires, made knockers, and played a Warrior Game to build teams. All high school students and staff participated in the environmental activities, skill building and team building.

School wide assessments for fall began September 19 and continue through October 7, 2016. Students in first through eleventh grades will complete assessments in reading, math, and language arts.

It has been a great start to the school year for our elementary students and staff. This year we are focusing on continuing to build a safe, positive learning environment for all students through the incorporation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) and guidance from The Seven Teachings. Our school's goal is to recognize and acknowledge positive behavior to guide students to develop confidence, reach goals, and obtain success. We started implementing PBIS last year at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School and the results have been outstanding. Discipline referrals have decreased substantially, which allows for more learning opportunities within the classroom. The overall environment has become more welcoming and happy. We are pleased with the PBIS program and we continue to see the positive impact it is having on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School community.

Our school community continues to look forward to the design phase and building of the new high school, with completion date of July, 2017. We will keep information in the Debahjimon over the next few months as Tribal, school, and community leaders continue planning for a new school that will become the center of community activities.

Our Silver Eagle Pride Motto:  
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe

# LLTC Student Named American Indian College Fund Ambassador

Submitted by **Amarin Chanthorn**, Leech Lake Tribal College

## Indigenous Education

In today's modern society, it is difficult to continue the passing of tradition and cultural knowledge to the next generation. The fast-paced world leaves no room for what was, but only what is. The Indigenous youths have to struggle between connecting with the past, living in the present, and preparing for the future. As elder generations are increasingly leaving this world, the urgency of preserving history is vital to the language and cultural existence of the Indigenous people.

The Tribal Colleges movement spread throughout many tribal nations as a means to preserve and educate culture based on the tribe's own terms. Many of these colleges became recognizable names in education such as Dine College, Haskell University, Institute of American Indian Arts, and the local Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College with enrollment of over 2,000 students.

The Leech Lake Tribal College is one of these colleges that is trying to education and preserve the indigenous people's history and culture. Students who attend LLTC come from all walks of life and backgrounds. However, they all have intrinsic interests to discover who they are as a people and learn about their history from a non-colonial perspective. In this sense, LLTC provides a sense of belonging other colleges cannot.

Adriana Kingbird was a reserved and shy Ojibwe, who never felt connected to her culture at a Caucasian dominant high school. Though Ojibwe related courses were available at the high school, it was presented as an option, which was seemingly inaccessible to those it was intended to serve.

In her senior year, she transferred to Cass Lake-Bena High School where there was more of a connection to the local indigenous culture, as it was proudly exhibited and not a side note program. There she started to learn and immersed herself into the language and history of her people in an academic



setting.

Upon graduation, the reserved young lady followed her mother's footsteps and enrolled at the Leech Lake Tribal College. Her mother, an alum of the College, had significant success in her own right as a student. At the time, she was the only college student in Minnesota who was awarded a NASA internship. She spent weeks at NASA's facilities conducting research for the agency. She was the major influence in Adriana's decision to attend LLTC.

Adriana still considers herself a quiet, shy, and reserved person, but you wouldn't notice it based on her activities and accomplishments. She participates in many academic clubs, represents national organizations, active in sports, EMT certified, and a successful student. The transformations occurred, whether or not she recognizes it. She discovered and excelled at Ojibwemowin. She was able to surround herself with Ojibwe elders and instructors who are dedicated to preserving the language. She was exposed to, and took advantage of numerous opportunities to become comfortable and realize who she is as an Anishinaabe.

The future of the language

and culture are dependent on individuals like Adriana, who cares about the language and culture. Having access to learn from first speakers and elders is a necessity that needs to be cultivated; doing so in an academic setting enhances the vitality of influence the language.

The unique learning environment at LLTC and other Tribal Colleges is a purposeful practice of methodology to immerse and intermingle what once was and what is today. The Tribal College movement continues to progress as more tribal nations across the United States are seeking to educate and



**Adriana Kingbird**

assist in the overall preservation of Indigenous history and culture.

## Adriana Kingbird Named AICF Student Ambassador

The Leech Lake Tribal College is a non-profit accredited higher-education institution. For the past 25 years, the College has been providing academic services to students within the Leech Lake Reservation and surrounding communities. The College celebrated its 25th anniversary earlier this year as it evolves from a small extension based college into an institution of higher learning embedded into the local community.

The Fall's 2016 enrollment consists of nearly 300 full-time and part-time students between the Cass Lake and Red Lake campuses. This year's academic term is highlighted by new and returning students. One of these students is Ms. Adriana Kingbird, a returning sophomore who has made the most of her first year at LLTC where she participated in local and national clubs, being involved in academic teams, and represented LLTC at national gatherings.

Adriana was selected to take part in this summer's American Indian in Medicine immersion program at the University of

Minnesota Duluth, where she spent two-weeks on campus to learn about the medical field. The American Indian Higher Education Consortium also selected Adriana as the 2016-2017 Woodland Great Lakes Colleges Representative. She will be representing the great lakes and woodland Tribal Colleges within Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. (LLTC, Red Lake Nation College, White Earth Tribal and Community College, Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College, College of Menominee Nation, Bay Mills Community College, and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College).

To start this year's term, the American Indian College Fund has selected Adriana as the 2016 Student Ambassador. She will be traveling across the United States to represent the College and AICF for American Indian education, access to education, and financial support. The AICF is a non-profit organization whom in 2014-15 awarded over \$7.2 million dollars to American Indian students via scholarships, general support, fellowships and other academic programs. Most of LLTC students receive financial assistance from AICF.

Adriana is a third generation student at LLTC; she was preceded by her grandfather Robert Wright and mother Marie Lowry, who attained degrees at LLTC. She plans to transfer to Bemidji State University to major in American Indian Studies with goals to preserve the language, Ojibwemowin, as a teacher. She also has plans to attain her masters in similar area. Adriana is also a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B). She attained her EMT knowledge through Leech Lake EMS and completed her national exams in Duluth, Minnesota.

The Leech Lake Tribal College is an accredited two-year degree granting college. LLTC is accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission. Visit [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu) to discover what LLTC has to offer.



# Leech Lake Hosts Fed Up! Rally

It was one of many rallies held throughout the country on Aug 31 which was also International Overdose Awareness Day. Attendees learned about the drug epidemic affecting our community and released balloons bearing the names of friends and family who have been lost to the opiate epidemic.





# 20th Annual Battle Point Pow-wow







**Featuring Native Olympian & Gold Medal Winner Billy Mills!**



## Extension

**Beading Circle**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
Time: 5 -7 pm  
Room 113 Oak Hall

**Jam Session!!**

November 16 & 17  
Time: 5-8pm  
Drum Room

**Variety of Workshops**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month  
Time: 12pm -5pm  
Cedar Hall & Campus



*Free and Open to the Community*

*All Supplies & Materials needed will be provided. Potluck (bring dish to share)*

*Let's practice "Gaween Plastic", no bottled water - beverages provided*

*Contact Esther Humphrey*  
335-4247  
*with questions & ideas*

**Elaine Tibbetts shares Sewing talents & Knowledge**

Oct 19 & 20 - Vests  
Nov 16 & 17 - Moccasin Top  
Dec 21 & 22 - Hot pads/bowl protectors

Time: 5-8pm /Oak Hall 113

## Program

**Sewing Group**

Last Sunday of Month  
Time: 10am - 3pm  
Oak Hall Room 113  
*Bring a Project or Start a New One*

**Ribbon Skirt Making**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
Time: 5-7 pm  
Room 113 Oak Hall

**Making Medicines w/plants**

Last Sunday of Month  
Time: 10am - 12pm  
Drum Room  
*Participants will make a variety of balms & ointments to keep*

## SAMPLE BALLOT

**Beltrami County  
DFL  
Approved**

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS**  
September 23

In Minnesota you don't have to wait until Election Day - Vote early with an absentee ballot


UNITED STATES PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT	✓	Hillary Clinton & Tim Kaine
UNITED STATES CONGRESS	✓	Congressman Collin Peterson Congressional District 7
MN State Senate	✓	Senator Rod Skoe Senate District 2
MN House of Representatives	✓	Representative John Persell House District 5A

**Vote Early in Person:**  
You can cast an absentee ballot at your local election office (County Auditor) Visit: [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for hours and locations.

To see what your ballot will look like for your voting district go to: [myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us](http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us)

**Vote Early by Mail:**  
You can apply to have an absentee ballot sent to you in the mail.

- Apply for a ballot any time at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)
- Or pick up an Absentee Ballot Application at the Beltrami County DFL Office - 401 Beltrami Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN.
- If you are not registered to vote, you will get a registration application with your materials.



Paid for by Beltrami County DFL - Steve Nelson, Chair

# LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

[www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org) | 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

**Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more info**

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 7th, 2016**

- Driver Operator (2) ~ Tribal Roads ~ \$16.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-143
- Workforce Development Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-142
- Grounds Crew Driver ~ DPW/Facility Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-141
- Rover Driver ~ DPW/Facility Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-140
- Administrative Assistant ~ DPW/Facility Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-139
- Custodial ~ Human Services/OTP ~ \$12.50/hr ~ Job Code: 16-138 **BCA REQUIRED**

**Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ \$14.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-137**

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 14TH, 2016**

- Registered Nurse ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-125B

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

- Internal Audit Director ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-133
- Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-131
- Carpenter (2) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-122B
- Child Welfare Attorney ~ Legal/Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-115
- Cook - Sugar Point ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-111
- Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. Job Code: 16-101
- Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 16-098
- Cash Management Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 16-097
- Data Entry - Emergency Medical Responder ~ Health ~ \$11.50/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-096
- Training Officer - AEMT ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-095
- Part-Time EMT Attendant (7) ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-137B
- Cook - Cass Lake ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-087D
- Mental Health Therapist ~ Human Services/OTP ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-171
- Engine Boss ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-043B
- AOB Infant/Toddler Teacher (2) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ 16-032B
- Ball Club Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$10.25 hr ~ Job Code: 16-026B
- Program Accountant (3) ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120C
- Child Protection Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-018B
- Full-Time LPN (2) ~ Human Services/OTP ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097
- Cass Lake Special Needs Teacher Assistant (4) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-054
- Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081
- Part-Time Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates (3) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-028

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS**

- Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 16-000
- Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 16-001

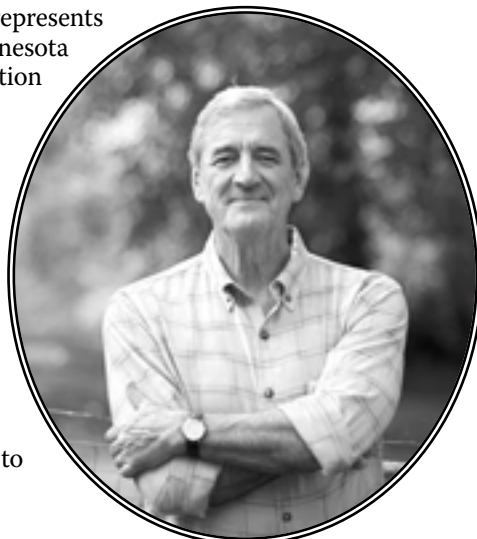
## Come on out and Meet U.S. Representative Rick Nolan!

U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan who represents the 8th Congressional District of Minnesota will be visiting the Leech Lake Reservation on October 11th, 2016.

Congressman Nolan represents Minnesota's northeastern region, which includes five Indian reservations.

He will be available for questions concerning government, public policies, leadership, and Native American Indian and Tribal issues.

All band members are encouraged to participate. Everyone is welcome!



### Tuesday October 11th, 2016

Northern Lights Event Center  
Walker, MN  
9:30am - 11:00am

&

Leech Lake Tribal College  
Drum Room, Cass Lake, MN  
11:30am - 1:00pm



# Obituaries

## Ayla Jewel Hamer



Ayla Jewel Hamer whose Ojibwe name is "Waabigoniis" which means "Little Flower", 5 ½ Month old daughter of Kelsey Armstrong and Scott Hamer, Sr. of Cass Lake, MN died Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital.

Traditional Funeral services were held Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Interment was at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake assisted the family.

Ayla was born March 19, 2016 in Bemidji, MN, the daughter of Kelsey Armstrong and Scott Hamer, Sr. Ayla loved bouncing in her activity center, playing with her cousin Kennedy, rolling and laughing. Ayla's beautiful smile with her smiling eyes and her bubbly giggles touched each and every one of our hearts. She will live in our hearts forever.

She is survived by her parents Kelsey Armstrong and Scott Hamer, maternal grandparents Candace Jones and Keith Armstrong, paternal grandma Caroline (Kelly Hart) Roy and grandpa LeRoy Hamer Sr., great grandparents James and Betty Armstrong, special aunts Kayla (Thomas) Roy, Penny (Rob)

Jones, Ellen (Ryan) Hough, Aunts Kari (Wesley) Armstrong, Kayla (Gordon) Armstrong, Kasey (Cliff) Armstrong, Kristine (Maxwell) Hamer Tonya Hamer, special uncles Wesley White, Clifford Beaulieu and Keith White.

She was preceded in death by her great grandmothers Adella Jones and Frances Masten, Great Grandfather Richard Jones, Ryan, Mary Ann Roy, Leona Roy. Honorary Casketbearers will be Kasey Armstrong, Kari Armstrong, Keira Jackson, Wesley White, Clifford Beaulieu Jr., Kayla Roy, Kayla Armstrong.

Active Casketbearers will be Keith White, Dewayne Hart, Abrielle Jones, Eliana Hough, Jiselle Jones, Elisia Brown.

## Tracy Lynn Gale



Tracy Lynn Gale, age 49, of Battle Point, Minnesota started her journey home on September 5, 2016. Her Ojibwe names are "Anamki Binesikwe" which means "Thunderbird Woman," and "Ogichidaaikwe" which means "Warrior Woman." She was born October 23, 1966, the daughter of Della Ann (Robinson) and Ronald Gale.

Tracy will be dearly missed and her absence will forever be felt. She was a very caring woman with a big heart

that helped everyone, anyway that she could. She was the backbone of the family and her home was open to anyone that needed a place to stay. She had been sober from alcohol for twenty-one years.

She graduated from Northland High School in Remer in 1985. After high school she went to work for the Leech Lake Head Start Program for 12 years and then was transferred to the Youth Division in 1999 and worked there until her passing. She enjoyed being with all of her children within the youth division.

Tracy's hobbies were dancing at powwows and traveling to Anishinaabe Quiz Bowl and Yamamoto Canoe Races. She liked softball, sewing, ricing, netting, picking boughs, gardening and going to the casino.

She is welcomed home by her parents; Della Ann Robinson and Ronald Raymond Gale, brother; Ronald Steven Gale, uncle; Andrew Johnson, nephew; Markell Steven Morris, and cousins; Terry Robinson Sr., Terry (Bubba) Robinson Jr., and Carrie Robinson.

She is survived by her sons; David Lee Chase, Jr. (Jasmine Jones) and Richard Norton, Jr., sisters; Lori Gale, Patricia Gale and Janice (Scott) Dahmen, brothers; Troy Bowstring and Travis Gale, grandchildren; her "baby" Valentine Chase, Jace Chase, Carleen and Cassidy Chase, aunts; Lavina (Frank) Marion and Stella Mitchell, uncles; Kenneth Gale, and Darrell (Karmen Urecker) Gale, step mother; Marilyn Bowstring, grandfather; Arthur Chase, and many nieces and nephews.

Traditional services were held Monday, September 12th at the Battle Point Community Center in Federal Dam. Steve Jackson was her Spiritual Advisor.

Pallbearers for Tracy were Richard Parker, Gary Charwood, Mike Mitchell, Steve White, Gerald White, Steven Dahmen and Enrique Goose. Her honorary pallbearers are Dennis Banks, Donald Geving, Ray Geving, AJ Gale, Andrea Goose, Shannon Robinson, Bev Beaulieu, Patricia Wade, Barb McClemick, Leah Monroe, Darryl Gale, Kenneth Gale, Marilyn Bowstring, Samantha Bowstring and her special honorary

pallbearers were the Korean's and "Leech Lake Rez" Softball Team and all her youth division children and staff. Interment was at Battle Point Burial Grounds at Federal Dam following her Monday Service.

Tracy'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)

## Fred Elmer Boswell, Jr



Fred Elmer Boswell, Jr., age 77, of Longville, Minnesota began his spiritual journey on Thursday, September 1, 2016 from his surrounded by his family. He was born on September 20, 1938 in White Earth, MN to Wilhelmina (White) and Fred Boswell, Sr.

Fred was born and raised in Ponsford. He played football for and graduated for Ponsford High School. After high school Fred joined the United States Army and was stationed overseas in Germany. While in Germany, he spent most of his free time in the boxing ring. After coming home from the Army, he became a logger in International Falls for a short while before moving to the Twin Cities. In Fred's younger years he liked to spend his time hunting and fishing. Fred could often be found scraping metals and tinkering with everything. There wasn't much he couldn't fix. Fred especially enjoyed being with and around his family and friends...who will all forever miss him.

Those welcoming Fred home are his parents; Fred Sr. and Wilhelmina, his wife; Gladys, daughter; Leah,

step daughter; Geraldine, brothers; Arnold and Lowell and sisters; Shirley Mae, Hazel and Phyllis.

He leaves behind his sons; Anthony and Fred III, daughters; Marla and Marion, brothers; David and Charles, sisters; Carol, Eleanore, Thelma, Anita and Linda, numerous other family such as nieces, and nephews and many friends.

Traditional services were held on Saturday, September 10th at the Battle Point Community Center in Federal Dam. Steve Jackson was his Spiritual Advisor. His pallbearers were Les Rushmier, Scott Damon, Richard White, Ronald White, Shawn Monroe, Shannon Monroe, Donald Geving and Raymond Geving. Fred's honorary pallbearers are all his children and grandchildren. Interment was at Boy Lake Cemetery at Boy River after services on Saturday.

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

## Vernon Dale Mitchell



Vernon Dale Mitchell, age 70, of Cass Lake, began his spiritual journey on Monday, September 5, 2016 at his home in Cass Lake. He was born on July 19, 1946 in Cass Lake, the son of Mike Mitchell and Helen Cummings.

Vernon was raised in Remer, MN. After graduating from Remer High School, Vernon joined the Marine Corp. He was honorably discharged after completing his service. Vernon lived in Minneapolis and worked as

foreman for Pioneer Paper Recycling Company for many years. At one point in his life, he worked in the woods with his father in Orr, MN. Later he moved to Cass Lake, MN approximately the late 1970's. He graduated from several programs on the Leech Lake Reservation. He lived in Stoney Point for years and lived his last five years in Prescott community.

Vernon was a very loving and caring person. He helped so many people and took care of so many people throughout his lifetime. He loved to laugh and joke at all times. He would hunt, fish, go ricing, set nets, enjoyed powwows and many other outdoor activities. He played football in high school and played softball in the summer. Vernon graduated from Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis as a Professional Baker. He loved to bake bread and was famous for his cinnamon rolls which he shared with family and friends. He was also an ace dancer and enjoyed entering dance contests oftentimes winning men's contests. He enjoyed going to casinos, bingo, family birthday feasts, Wisdom Steps Yearly Elder's Gathering, Elders Feasts and gatherings, and would meet Terry, Maxine, Alvin White and others every third Sunday at Northern Lights for the Buffet and playing casino coupon.

Vernon leaves behind his fiancé Cindy Hurd, son David (Rita) Mitchell, daughter Summer (Frank) Mitchell, son Kyle Mitchell, brother Terrance (Jolayne) Mitchell, sister Maxine Manypenny, sister Bernice (Ernie) Mitchell-Diver, grandson Tyrell Mitchell, adopted son Ryan (Jenny) Nabors, adopted daughter Stormi Hurd, nieces Taleeya (Gene) Lausche, BeeJay (Jeff) Smith, Wabi (Banjo) Mitchell, nephew Tony (Louise) Butcher, grandchildren Brenda and Casey, great grandchild Tyrell Mitchell, Jr., grandchildren (Cindy's side) Flower, Jeremy, Kaleb, Morning Star, Strong Wolf, and great grandchild Animikii Thunder.

Family that passed before Vernon are his mother, Helen Cummings, father Mike Mitchell, brother Joseph Mitchell, nephew Tomah Lausche, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held on Friday, September 9, at the Veteran's

Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Reverend George "Boomer" Collins officiated.

Pall Bearers: David Mitchell, Kyle Mitchell, Tyrell Mitchell, Ryan Nabors, Levi Sagataw, Jeff Brown, Alternate Pall Bearers are Anthony Butcher, Jerome Mitchell. Honorary Pall Bearers: Larry Hardy, Ronald Burnette, Frank Schaaf, Elizabeth Cummings, Kenn Mitchell, Shirley Layman, Willis Burnette, Ernest Ryan, Terrance Mitchell, Joe Jones, Tim Goose, Bob Hurd.

Interment was at the Boy Lake Cemetery in Boy River, MN. Military honors were accorded by the Leech Lake Honor Guard at the cemetery.

Vernon'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](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Ray "Chick" Oothoudt



Ray Charles Oothoudt, age 73, of Onigum, Minnesota passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids on September 27, 2016. Ray was born the son of Elizabeth (Bebeau) and Clayton Oothoudt, Sr. on May 27, 1943 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ray "Chick" was raised in a big two story house along with his five brothers near Deer River. His school days were spent in Deer River and if he wasn't in school he was either spending time in the woods or working for his father. Ray bought his first car at the age of 12 and spent a great deal of his high school years racing cars. It was said that he would go through them like candy. He decided not to

graduate high school, but instead to enlist in the U.S. Army. After being honorably discharged he moved to Minneapolis where he met his soon to be wife Frieda and her three sons. Ray raised them as his own and in 1969 his and Frieda's first son was born and they were married. They moved back home to Leech Lake and had two more sons and two daughters. Ray worked as a mechanic for a short period of time then moved to owning his own business as a contractor, providing very well for his wife and children. At the age of 42, ray found his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and continued to serve him until he was called home. Ray had a huge heart and would lend a helping hand to anyone in need regardless of the cost. He was very well known and loved in the community. Ray loved his life and his pride and joy were his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will never be forgotten and greatly missed. We are at peace knowing that he is with the Lord. We are very honored to have called him our Father.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents; Clayton, Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty", brother; Marlon, four grandsons; Thunder, James, Jason and Eric and a great granddaughter; Zendaya. He is survived by his wife Frieda (Smith) Oothoudt, his eight children; Steve, Joseph, Patrick, Daniel, Francis, Aaron, Rosalynda and LaVae, brothers; Clayton, Jr., Tim, Terry and Doug, sister; Carol "Penny", 36 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and a special daughter; Emmilee Smith and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A wake for Ray began, Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and continued until his 2:00 p.m. funeral service on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> all being held at the Onigum Community Center.

Pastor Mark R. Olson officiated. Helping to lay Ray to rest was Leroy Gale, Roman Oothoudt, Charles Oothoudt, Mathew Frazer, Duane Oothoudt and Kevin Rico. Alternate pallbearer was Jeremiah Smith. His honorary pallbearers were Vince Rock, Owen Beaulieu, John Smith, Carl Frazer, Wayne Smith, Terry Smith, Frank Schaaf, Dion Oothoudt, Wesley Oothoudt, Dylon Oothoudt, Monica Oothoudt, Rosa Oothoudt, Marissa Oothoudt, Dalyla, Deondre, James Jr., Triston

and many other friends too numerous to list. Interment was at the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency immediately following his service.

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

## Terrance "Chopper" White



Terrance "Chopper" Roy White, Sr., age 64, "Bi Dwe we' Ana Kwad" which means "The Noise Before The Storm" of Remer began his spiritual journey on September 28, 2016 from Sanford Hospital in Fargo North Dakota with his family by his side. He was born on May 23, 1952, the son of Gladys White and Samuel Goose.

Chopper worked in Minneapolis as a union carpenter before moving to Leech Lake. After moving here, he worked various jobs for the Leech Lake Reservation, O.O., D.N.R., Bug-o-nay-ge-shig school, and L.L. Housing Board. He also worked at Remer School as a language instructor of the Ojibwe language and went on to hold Traditional Circle. He lived the Ojibway way of life by teaching his family values, life skills, hunting, harvesting and netting. He was also mentoring many young adults and keeping them going down the red road. His elder teachers were Porky W., Hartley W. and Johnny Mitchell, they gave him this knowledge. He enjoyed going to pow

wows with his family, it meant we were going camping and visiting in other camps. He became a softball coach to the team Rez Boyz. Then changing to the Ojibwe Braves. His lifelong friend and relative Guy Greene was very close to him. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Welcoming Terrance to the spirit world are his parents: Gladys and Samuel, sisters; Geraldine Sayers, Carol Goose and Patricia Monroe, brother; Kevin Goose, grandparents; Daniel and Rose White, aunts; Marion Burns, Vivian White and Rose Wind, uncles; Robert Johnson and Richard White and many other family members.

Those he leaves behind are his wife; Eva White of Boy Lake, children; Josette (Michael) Staples of Bemidji, Terrance White, Jr. of Boy Lake, Cory White of Boy Lake, Christopher (Andrea) White of Cass Lake and Jacob White of Boy Lake, sisters; Iolanthe and Eva Goose and Loretta Monroe, brothers; Anthony (Marilyn) Boswell and Rick Goose, grandchildren; Daven, Devery, Danica, Clifford, Michael Jr., Lyla, Dakota, Alinna, Isabella, Saige, Lydia, Carissa, Christopher Jr. and one on the way, aunties; Nancy, Helen, Ruth and Diane, uncles; James, Daniel and Kenneth Sr. and other relatives.

A wake for Chopper began, Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and continued until his traditional services at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> allheld at the Battle Point Community Center in Sugar Point. Steve Jackson was his Spiritual Leader.

Pallbearers for Chopper were Frank Graves, Daniel "Boomer" Jackson, Curtis Jackson, Steve White, Donald Geving, Andy Jackson, Lance White, Daniel "Baby Dan" White III, Aaron Boswell and Ben Moe. Alternates are Vincent White and Henry GreyHawk. His honorary pallbearers were all of his grandchildren, the "Ojibwe Braves", Leech Lake Housing Authority and the Leech Lake Honor Guard. Interment was in the Boy Lake Cemetery at Boy Lake.

Chopper'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)



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

16126 John Moose Drive NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
(218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418

Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court  
Honorable Megan E. Treuer, Associate Judge of Tribal Court

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Rikki Blue-Robinson, Petitioners,  
vs.  
Terry Robinson Jr., Respondent.

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF  
CHILD SUPPORT ACTION

CASE NO. FA-15-179

DATED: August 25, 2016

YOU, RESPONDENT Terry Robinson Jr., ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on November 10, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to an defend against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Support and Income Withholding filed the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

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

**Crystal Fisherman and Richard Laroque**, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-26

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 9, 2016, an **Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

In Re the Custody of:

**H.M.S. Minor Child**, DOB: 10/22/2014

Petitioner,

and

**Dallas W. Smith**, Respondent,

CASE NO. FA-16-93

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 6th, 2016, a **Petition for Custody and Parenting Time** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court immediately. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. Failure to contact the Court may result in a default judgement being entered against you, the respondent, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

Dated: September 29, 2016

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Guardianship of:

C.R.B. Jr., Minor Child, DOB: 0412012000

K.L., Minor Child, DOB: 04/19/2002

Lawrence Day, Petitioner, And  
Christopher Braun Sr., Respondent,

CASE NO. FA-16-164

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 12th, 2016, a **Petition for Guardianship of a Minor** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before October 25th, 2016 at 9:00 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 the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

Dated: September 26, 2016

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

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

Miranda Butcher (Deceased), Hector Gonzales, and  
Jason Dunn, Parent.

Court File No. CP-15-43

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 4, 2015, a **Child/Family Protection Petition** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent.

Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682, 3599 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

**In Re: Estate of:**

**Jami Jo-Ann Headbird,**

Decedent

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED**

**PERSONS AND CREDITORS**

**Court File No. CV-16-111**

**IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named decedent, Jami Jo-Ann Headbird, died 08/19/2016. A hearing was 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Shari Headbird-Archambault; surviving mother of the decedent.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 4th, 2016, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Shari Headbird-Archambault, 6745 Blue Granite Lane NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jami Jo-Ann Headbird, 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 ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016,

/s/ Jacquelyn Wright  
Court Administrator  
Leech Lake Tribal Court



# Leech Lake Elderly Nutrition Program

**Do you qualify for Title III or Title VI services?**

**\*Title III- age 60+ (Native and non-Native)**

- Includes spouse (legally married) regardless of age or race
- Congregate and Home delivered meals

**\*Title VI (part A)-age 55+ (Native only)**

- Includes spouse regardless of age or race
- Congregate and Home delivered meals

**\*Title VI (part C) Caregiver program-age 55+ (Native only)**

- Unpaid family member providing care to an elder(s)
- Grandparents providing legal care to a child(ren) under the age of 18 yrs
- Congregate and Home delivered meals

***There are several services provided by Caregiver program Title VI part C:***

***Please contact our Cass Lake Office for more information at 218-335-8314 (ENP Manager) or 218-335-7112 (Title VI Caregiver Advocate)***

**6-10pm MONDAY NIGHTS**  
1 entry for every 10 points earned on Mondays (2am-10pm)

MONDAYS	PRIZES	ON TICKET NIGHT GIVEAWAYS
Oct 3, 2016	Cash and Slot Play Night	Drawings each hour between 6-9pm
Oct 10, 2016	Cash and Slot Play Night	3rd Place – \$50 Slot Play
Oct 17, 2016	Ticket Night - LIONS	2nd Place – \$100 Slot Play
Oct 24, 2016	Cash and Slot Play Night	1st Place – \$200 Cash
Oct 31, 2016	Ticket Night - CARDINALS	Final drawing between 9-10pm
Nov 7, 2016	Cash and Slot Play Night	3rd Place – \$50 Slot Play
Nov 14, 2016	Ticket Night - COWBOYS	2nd Place – \$100 Slot Play
Nov 21, 2016	Cash and Slot Play Night	1st Place – 1 pair of Vikings tickets & \$100 Cash
Nov 28, 2016	Ticket Night - COLTS	<b>ON CASH AND SLOT PLAY NIGHT GIVEAWAYS</b>
Dec 5, 2016	Cash and Slot Play Night	3rd Place – \$50 Slot Play
Dec 12, 2016	Ticket Night - BEARS	2nd Place – \$100 Slot Play
		1st Place – \$250 Cash

Note: Winners who are wearing an NFL Jersey at the time of drawing will also receive a \$50 Cash Bonus Prize.

Management reserves all rights.

## October 2016 WIC Calendar

### WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only  
8:15 am-11:30 am & 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Monday-Thursday in Cass Lake

### WIC CLINICS IN OUTLYING COMMUNITIES

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Thursday, 10/06- Onigum Community Center | Appointments 10am-1pm |
| Thursday, 10/13- Inger Clinic            | Appointments 10am-2pm |
| Thursday, 10/20- Ball Club Comm. Ctr.    | Appointments 10am-3pm |
| Thursday, 10/27- Bena WIC Clinic         | Appointments 10am-2pm |

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

# Community Submissions

## Feeling the Bern at the Democratic National Convention

By Melissa Olson

Senator Bernie Sanders, in his pursuit to become the Democratic nominee for President of the United States, earned my support when he campaigned on the issue of healthcare



as a right—and not a privilege for those who can afford to purchase it. I attended the Democratic National Committee in Philadelphia this past July as a pledged delegate for Bernie Sanders from Minnesota's 5th Congressional District elected by my neighbors in Minneapolis. Minnesota's delegate tally at the convention—47 for Bernie; 42 cast for Secretary Hillary Clinton—reflected Minnesota's wide support Bernie.

Standing in the convention hall affirmed once more that invisibility is not a superpower for everyday Native people. Out 4050 pledged delegates at the convention, 65 were Native. Sanders support for issues important to Native people was also reflected in the number of Native delegates who cast their vote for him: Of the 65 Native delegates who attended the convention 58 supported Senator Sanders. It was moving sight to see Native people deliver their states' respective votes. It was good to see Deb Haaland, a Dine woman, chair of New Mexico's Democratic Party deliver New Mexico's vote during the roll call vote. Together with Clinton delegates, the Native presence at the convention made a convincing argument that Native people could participate in party politics without undermining tribal sovereignty. tallies.

Another favorite moment came a couple of days later when legendary center for the Los Angeles Lakers and political activist Kareem Abdul Jabbar took center stage and introduced himself to the crowd, "Hi everyone! My name is Michael Jordan, and I'm here with Hillary. I say that because I know that Donald Trump couldn't tell the difference!" Having fun poking at Trump was not reserved for those on stage. In Minnesota circles, fellow delegate from Minnesota's 8th

Congressional District Tharen Stillday told us that she refuses to call Trump by name and refers to him simply as "the hairball."

A more serious moment unfolded when Minnesota's representative from the 5th Congressional District Keith Ellison addressed the threat posed by a Trump presidency when he spoke to the combined delegations of Minnesota, Tennessee, and Michigan at breakfast on Wednesday morning of the convention. Inspired by the presence of delegates from Tennessee, Ellison began, "Many of you know me as a city guy from Minneapolis, but many of you don't know my mother is from rural Louisiana." He went on to describe the violent realities posed by the Ku Klux Klan to his mother's life, and the current threat posed by Trump's refusal to disavow the support he's received from white supremacists throughout his campaign. Ellison's speech inspired a lot of very productive conversation among Minnesota's ninety-plus delegates regarding how they might vote in November.

I was at the convention center waiting at a phone charging station when a Clinton delegate who happened to notice my Feel the Bern campaign button walked over to ask me, "What's it going to take for you to vote for Hillary Clinton...?" I responded kindly, "My Mom taught me... Respect is a minimum, it's not the entire goal. At the very least, if Hillary wants my vote, she should show up on issues I care about." Some of those issues had been addressed in the Democratic Party's new platform. By the time the convention was over Hillary Clinton had announced that she would support free tuition at public colleges and universities for families who made less than \$125,000 a year—another Bernie victory!

## Oothoudt Completes Basic Training

Aaron Oothoudt will be completing his basic training this month. Aaron is a Cass Lake Native that attended the Cass Lake School until 2011, he then graduated from Trek North in 2016.

He spent his spare time as a competitive Archer, running in Cross Country and Track, during the winter months he tried his hand at Cross Country Skiing, he is also an avid hunter. For several years he was an active member of Civil Air Patrol. He also participated in the youth employment program and for several summers worked alongside Mile Smith at the half way house and Jeff Harper with Department of Resource Management learning much about the environment and traditional Native American values from them. He has a deep sense of obligation to serve his country, which led his decision to join the Army and become a medic.



## Family Get Together- Onigum

By Kathy Frazer

Today, as we celebrate our annual Family reunion, we honor our uncle Frank Gould, who was a favorite to many of us. He was a very kind, loving, and generous man, everyone called him Uncle, even some that weren't related. He would go out of his way to help anyone who needed it. He also loved children very much. Always making sure they had Christmas presents, especially mom's children very much. Several times he would call and ask mom if she had enough money for gifts, then he would give me his credit cards and let me use his truck to take mom shopping for whatever she needed.

He was a well decorated serviceman earning several medals of honor during the Korean Conflict, he was stationed in the Philippines and often talked of a wife and children he had over there, although we were never able to track them down.

Uncle Frank was the youngest child of Joseph and Maggie Gould.

We will always remember him as a happy, smiling, and jolly man.

Every Sunday we had a nice dinner at mom's and he always brought the meat; chicken, beef roast or pork chops. He loved meatloaf. Now that our mom is gone we all sure miss those Sunday dinners. There were at least 20-25 people plus our kids, playing together outside.

That is why we try to have a family gathering at least once a month to keep our family ties together. We are all getting older and the younger people should really listen to what we have to say about life's lessons. We are not as crazy as many think.

We all have learned a lot from our elders, so to all you younger people, I say go visit the elders, they can't get around so good, I'm sure they would appreciate a visit from you, which is what I used to do – visit my elders.

## Band Member Crowned Miss Outstanding Teen Northern Lakes



Photo Credit: DGL Photography

Boozhoo, my name is Wabin Agiizi Goo Ikwewag (Morning Spirit Women) and my English name is Lori Kingbird-Martin. I am an enrolled member of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

I have been competing in the Miss Outstanding Teen Pageant for 3 years and on September 24th 2016, I became Miss Outstanding Teen Northern Lakes. The Miss America's Outstanding Teen program is a sister program of "Miss America" and promotes scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement of our nation's youth.

My platform is titled "Water is Life". My goal is to work with organizations that relate in promoting clean safe water and to assist in educating our community about preserving and keeping our water safe. Miss America's Outstanding Teen, Inc. has chosen Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) as the official national platform to further reinforce the efforts that have been so successful on the national level for The Miss America Organization. Each year, Miss America's Outstanding Teen, in addition to bringing awareness to her personal platform, is the Teen Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as she raises funds and awareness for both CMNH and the MAOTeen Organization.

I've worked very hard for this title and I'm looking forward in working with MAOTeen organization, our local organizations and my community to get my platform heard. Miss Outstanding Teen's Year of Service should be an exciting, busy, and an important year in my life. I shall work towards being an exceptional, charismatic young woman who leaves an inspiring and enduring impression on everyone I meet.

I will be competing for Miss Minnesota Outstanding Teen at the state level in Minneapolis coming this June. The winner will advance to the national level as Miss America Outstanding Teen.

During my reign, I look forward in making appropriate appearances, working with youth and bringing awareness to the importance of clean water to our community. Most importantly, a personal goal of mine is to be an inspiration and a positive role model for our tribal youth. I want to prove that a youth from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe can accomplish their dreams and remind them to never give up on their dreams.

Miigwech, Lori

### LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Regular Quarterly Meeting

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Bena Community Center**  
**October 15, 2016**  
**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**



**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT LINDA AT 335-4285**

### HONORING & CELEBRATING DISTRICT I ELDERS

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Shari Bebeau	Steven Jackson	Florence Parker
Viola Bellanger	Charles Michaud	Bernard Robinson
Milton Cambell	Geraldine	Irving Seelye Sr.
Francis Garbow	Nason-Dodge	Henrietta Skog
Thomas Howard		Gerald White

FROM DISTRICT I OFFICE PENNY, SARAH, & SONDRA

### WISHING DISTRICT II ELDERS A

## Happy Birthday!

## OCTOBER

Richard Johnson	Leona Shaugobay	Roger Fairbanks
Clara Smith	Iolanthe Goose	Marilyn Losh
Diana Stangel	Patricia Moose	Bryan Finn
Michael Tibbetts		Brenda Greene



# Treats For Tots

**Safe  
Halloween  
Fun For  
Your Family  
Ages 12 and Under!**

**Monday, October 31st  
Three Climate Controlled Locations**

**Walker, MN  
Event Center  
Northern Lights Casino  
4 pm - 7 pm**

**Cass Lake, MN  
Boys & Girls Club  
4 pm - 7 pm**

**Deer River, MN  
Morse Town Hall  
4 pm - 7 pm**

**Featuring the newest and  
most popular candy!  
Children 12 and Under Only**



## GET A GIFT SUNDAYS

**October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Earn 50 points from 2am-11pm  
and receive a featured gift.\*



### ENTERTAINMENT

**UFC FIGHT NIGHT MMA**  
Saturday  
**October 22nd**  
Tickets: \$48/\$58/\$68

**THUNDER  
DOWN UNDER**  
Saturday  
**November 12th**  
Tickets: \$20, \$28

**The  
Country  
Revolution  
Tour**  
Saturday  
**December 10th**  
Tickets: \$25/\$29/\$39

**PURCHASE TICKETS:**  
Call 1-877-544-4879 or visit  
[northernlightscasino.com](http://northernlightscasino.com)

All tickets include \$5 casino Free Play offer.



# Happy Halloween



**From the Leech Band of Ojibwe**