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Quarterly reports prepared by the Leech Lake Tribal Council detailing their activities in the past 3 months.

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Pictures from Winter Fest 2017 held in each district last month presented in full color.

## Quarterly Meeting Held in Sugar Point



## Warm Weather Results in Cancellation of the 2017 Kids Perch Jerk

The Annual Kids Perch Jerk scheduled for Saturday March 11th, 2017 on Lake Winnibigoshish has been canceled at this time. The Leech Lake Tribal Council after consulting with LLBO Events and Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, made the tough decision to cancel the event. Rapidly deteriorating ice conditions and the warm forecast for the next few weeks were cited as major concerns.

“The Perch Jerk is an eagerly anticipated gathering for our kids and the decision was not arrived at lightly. While we regret the need to cancel this event due to the poor weather conditions, it is the responsible choice we had to make in order to ensure the safety of the participants”, said Steve White, LLBO District II Representative. “We plan on moving the event date back into February for next year which will hopefully allow us to avoid a similar situation.” He further stated that, “Funds for this event will be used to host a fishing event for kids in early June. The Kids Perch Jerk will return in 2018.”

Many people have purchased raffle tickets as part of a fundraising drive for this event. LLBO Events will draw winners for the previously announced prizes on March 10th, 2017 at 12pm. Winners will be posted to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facebook page, on our website [www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org) and in the Debahjimon newspaper.

More details for the newly announced kids fishing event in June will be released as they become available.

For more information, contact LLBO Events at 218-335-8351.

In early January the Leech Lake Tribal Council held their regular Quarterly Meeting at the community center in Sugar Point.

First on the agenda was the quarterly report from Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. followed by the financial report from Secretary-Treasurer Arthur LaRose which included the latest financial data from both government and gaming operations. The quarterly reports from each member of the Tribal Council can be found beginning on Page 4 of this issue.

A number of resolutions concerning enrollments were also passed at the meeting. These included new enrollments, ineligible enrollments and transfers both to and from the band. As is customary, new employees hired in the past quarter were introduced and welcomed at the meeting.

Also on the agenda were short presentations from each division director in attendance on their activities over the previous three months.

The revised organizational chart was presented with each attendee receiving a copy to review. Following a discussion which included feedback from the audience, a motion was passed to table approval of the chart until the requested revisions were made. The Council passed and approved the chart with those revisions later in January. The new organizational chart can be found on Page 9 of this issue.

Finally, time was given for audience members to address the council directly with their ideas and concerns for the band.

The quarterly meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation.

**The next quarterly meeting will be held on Friday April 7, 2017 in District I at the Community Center in Ball Club, MN.** The meeting will begin at 10:00 am with lunch served at 12:00 pm. All band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## LLBO's Duane Oothoudt Selected as "Emergency Management Professional of the Year"



Cass Lake, MN- On February 7, 2017 Emergency Manger for the Tribe, Duane Oothoudt was selected by Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management Director Joe Kelly as Emergency Management Professional of the year.

Kelly cited Duane's involvement with the Leech Lake Tribal Council decision to jointly submit an application for emergency relief with Itasca County following severe storm damage which impacted the Ball Club area last July. This joint request allowed Itasca County to receive reimbursement that they would not have qualified for without the tribe.

Leech Lake was the first tribe to receive benefits under the Minnesota State Disaster Reimbursement Program as a result of this. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe also received recognition for cooperating with Cass County in a similar fashion when another severe storm caused damage in the region later that same month.

Duane Oothoudt was also recognized as a key player for establishing the Tribal Emergency Management Performance Grant Program in Minnesota. This new funding opportunity has the potential to benefit all eleven tribes in our state. The Department of Emergency Management and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe played a crucial role in the establishment of this grant.

Congratulations Duane!

## Land Buy-Back Program Set to Come to Leech Lake in Fall 2018

*Program works to restore Indian lands, strengthen Tribal communities*

Cass Lake, MN- Leech Lake Band Members and other descendants who hold land interests on the Leech Lake Reservation can expect to receive offers in the fall of 2018.

The offers will be issued by the Department of the Interior as authorized by the land consolidation component of the *Cobell* Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

Individuals who choose to sell their interests receive payments directly into their Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts.

In order to receive a purchase offer for your fractional land interests you must register as a willing seller with the Land Department at the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management. Joseph Fowler has been designated as the main point of contact for Leech Lake, he can be reached at 218-335-7414. Levi Brown has also been designated as an alternate contact. Please contact them if you have any questions.

The Land Department is also requesting assistance with locating Leech Lake Band Members on the whereabouts unknown (WAU) list, located on their website at <http://www.llojibwe.org/drm/index.html> (see "Leech Lake WAU" under the "Unclaimed Cobell Payments" section). If you or someone you know is listed on the WAU, please contact the Office of Special Trustee (OST) at 218-751-4338 to update your information.

Furthermore, they encourage people to contact them for details regarding land interests they may hold and general information regarding the Land Buy Back Program.

**What is fractionation? Why is it an issue?**

Fractionation refers to divided ownership of Indian lands and is the result of land parcels (allotments) passing to numerous heirs over generations. The land itself is not physically divided; rather, the heirs of an original allottee own undivided interests in the allotment. Many allotments now have hundreds and even thousands of individual owners.

Divided ownership makes it difficult, if not impossible, to use the land for any beneficial purpose. In order to make decisions regarding the use of a given tract of fractionated land, a required percentage of the individual owners must consent to the decision. As a result, fractionated allotments often lie idle rather than being utilized for agricultural, recreational, cultural, commercial, or even residential purposes. Even when a lease or permit can be obtained, highly divided ownership often results in individual owners receiving only nominal lease returns. A significant portion of landowners earn \$25 or less in annual income from their fractional interests in allotments.

**What happens to land after it is purchased?**

When landowners choose to sell their interests through the Program, those interests will remain in trust, but ownership will be transferred to the tribe with jurisdiction over the land. Landowners should review their offer packages, including the deed, which will indicate the tribe with jurisdiction over the land. This effort strengthens tribal sovereignty by unifying lands for tribal benefit and use, such as economic development, housing, and cultural preservation.



## U.S. State Dept Elects to Hold Public Meeting Off Reservation, LLBO Disappointed

Cass Lake, MN- The Leech Lake Environmental-Land Department (LLELD) is disappointed by the failure of U.S. State Department to hold a public meeting in Cass Lake, MN regarding the proposed expansion of Enbridge Line 67.

For the past two months the LLELD has requested a meeting to be held on the Reservation because two other federal actions related to the project – the Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant of Easement and the Chippewa National Forest Special Use Permit – would have direct potential impacts to the people living in the Reservation area, which includes non-tribal members as well. The U.S. State Department officials decided instead to hold the meeting in Bemidji, MN. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe states that this is neither inclusive nor accessible for the people on the reservation.

Leech Lake Environmental-Land Department official Levi Brown said, "Our concerns are based on the principles of public involvement and community awareness. In 2009 when Line 67 was constructed, the public was given notice that in accordance with the 2009 SEIS, 485,000 barrels per day would cross through the area and now that number is nearly doubled to 900,000 barrels per day per the 2017 SEIS. This is a dramatic increase. The residents of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and Chippewa National Forest deserve to know that the potential of accidental release would be much more impactful. We encourage those who can to participate and engage in this very important community meeting, but by holding the meeting at its current location we believe that it brings into question the integrity of the 2017 Line 67 SEIS."

### Leech Lake Tribal Police Department 2016 Illegal Drug & Seizure Statistics

Submitted by Kenneth Washington, Tribal Police Chief

|                 | 2016          | 2015          |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash Seized     | \$38,922      | \$9,909       |
| Vehicles Seized | 2             | -             |
| Firearms Seized | 22            | -             |
| Marijuana       | 725.26 grams  | 1199.07 grams |
| Cocaine         | 12.51 grams   | 0 grams       |
| Methamphetamine | 1082.07 grams | 1690.52 grams |
| Heroin          | 105.96 grams  | 11.42 grams   |
| Suboxone        | 4 pills       | -             |
| Gabapentin      | 437 pills     | 952 pills     |
| Oxycodone       | 100 pills     | -             |

Prior year statistics provided for comparison where available.

**Total Search Warrants executed: 28**

**Approximate total value of all drugs seized in 2016: \$148,678,82**

*Note: This total is an estimated value and prices of illegal drugs commonly rise and fall throughout the year depending on a variety of factors. These numbers also do not reflect illegal drugs that are collected for destruction only purposes nor does it reflect drug totals that are purchased by Agents throughout the year.*

## National Native News Briefs

### US Army Corps Grants Final Easement in Dakota Access Pipeline Fight

The Army recently granted Energy Transfer Partners formal permission to lay pipe under Lake Oahe, clearing the way for completion of the 1,200-mile, \$3.8 billion pipeline. ETP spokeswoman Vicki Granado confirmed that construction resumed "immediately after receiving the easement." Workers had already drilled entry and exit holes for the crossing, and oil had been put in the pipeline leading up to the lake in anticipation of finishing the project. "The estimate is 60 days to complete the drill and another 23 days to fill the line" Granado said.

The Corps launched an environmental impact study on Jan. 18, but President Donald Trump signed an executive action six days later telling the Corps to allow the company to proceed with construction. Legal experts have disagreed on whether the Army can arbitrarily change its mind because of the change in White House administrations.

Standing Rock Sioux attorney Jan Hasselman has said that tribe will try to block the lake crossing in court, with likely arguments that further study is necessary to preserve tribal treaty rights and that it's part of the legal process for the company to obtain final permission to finish the pipeline.

Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault said in a statement that the tribe is prepared to keep up the battle in the courts, "to fight against an administration that seeks to dismiss not only our treaty rights and status as sovereign nations, but the safe drinking water of millions of Americans."

### U.N. Investigator Says Native American Rights Were Violated by DAPL Law Enforcement

An official with the United Nations says the rights of Native Americans in North Dakota are not being respected by the state. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz is the U.N.'s special investigator on the rights of indigenous peoples.

She says authorities used unnecessary force and that the reports of the cleanup in the county have been blown out of proportion. She also says the Standing Rock Sioux tribe was not consulted on major issues.

North Dakota Gov. Burgum says the state is focused on maintaining peace, protecting the environment and restoring a good relationship with the tribe. Tauli-Corpuz's report will be given in September to the U.N. Human Rights Council.

### Oklahoma Tribe Sues Oil Companies in Tribal Court

The Pawnee Nation filed a lawsuit in its own tribal

court system recently, accusing several oil companies of triggering the state's largest earthquake that caused extensive damage to some near-century-old tribal buildings.

The tribe alleges that wastewater injected into wells operated by the defendants caused a 5.8-magnitude quake in September and is seeking physical damages to real and personal property, market value losses, as well as punitive damages.

The case will be heard in the tribe's district court with a jury composed of Pawnee Nation members.

"We are a sovereign nation and we have the rule of law here," said Andrew Knife Chief, the Pawnee Nation's executive director. "We're using our tribal laws, our tribal processes to hold these guys accountable."

Curt Marshall, one of the attorneys representing the Pawnee Nation, said the lawsuit was filed in tribal court primarily so that the Pawnee Nation could assert its sovereignty.

"The tribe has jurisdiction over civil matters to enforce judgments within its jurisdiction, including judgments over non-Indians," Marshall said.

### Interior Secretary Zinke Says He Respects Tribal Sovereignty

Newly-minted Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke pledged he would devote more resources to national parks, boost the morale of department employees and bolster the sovereignty of American Indian tribes.

A fifth-generation Montanan, Zinke also sent an email to the department's 70,000 employees telling them that he had spent years working on public lands issues and was dedicated to protecting America's natural heritage.

An employee with the Office of Indian Affairs from Montana's Northern Cheyenne tribe played a veterans honor song on a hand drum as Zinke approached the department in Washington, following his confirmation. In his email, Zinke noted that he was "proud to be an adopted member of the Assiniboine-Sioux from Northeast Montana," and that his commitment to respecting tribal sovereignty and the rights of U.S. territories "is not lip service."

Zinke made it clear in his note that he was adamantly opposed to selling off federal lands, as some congressional Republicans had proposed, but he wanted to give Interior employees more flexibility in how they operate.

"We serve the people, not the other way around," he wrote. "Washington has too much power. I think we need to return it to the front lines."

# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## Chairman Faron Jackson Sr.

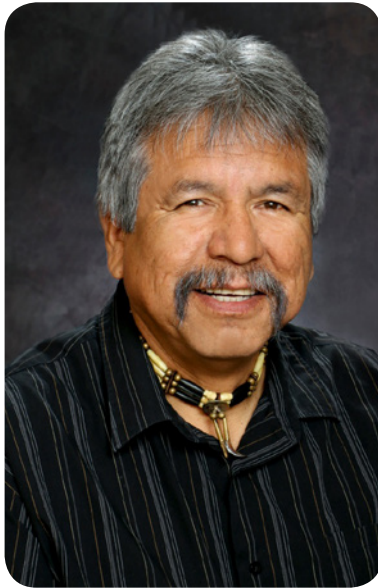
Boozhoo, my relatives, friends and community members,

This quarter has made way for a lot of exciting and productive projects along with interaction from our staff and constituents in and around our reservation. Though this we have had the opportunity to meet with our Division Directors and our Local Indian Councils.

We also had meetings to look at our communication system, not only with our newspaper and radio but with input again from staff and community members that has led to plans for a Community Center in Onigum. This is a continuation of efforts to get centers in all parts of our reservation. Development has been difficult with funding, site location and of course community input. Granted this is in Onigum but will be a place – as will future centers – where other communities can take part in meetings, sporting events, Pow Wow's and a base of interaction as a means to adjust some of the social problems associated with a place for our youth. Some of the council and staff did have the chance to tour other reservation buildings along with the Sky Dance Casino at Turtle Mountain to get ideas and an understanding of how other reservations incorporate their culture so we can use those ideas here at home.

Our national election was also part of the makeup here for our reservation and supporting a candidate at a national level gives way for us to be included in talks and dialogue on various issues and laws that affect Indian country here, as well as national issues. We will continue to monitor issues with our Governance staff, along with scheduling talks at the state and national level to include our lobbyists. During Congressman Nolan's campaign, I with other reservation tribal elected officials had the opportunity to address a block of voters to amplify our stance here in Minnesota, reflective of all Indian tribes.

We all had the opportunity to take part in our Holiday gatherings here,



from the Halloween parties where our staff participated and joined in the festivities of candies and entertainment at the Casinos and the Boys and Girls Club here in Cass Lake. Our "Toys for Tots" (actually toys donated by Leech Lake) give away was an exciting and fun time and the Events staff did a great job in following up and taking the lead to get toys to our children. Our Elder Christmas Party at Northern Lights was another great success with participation from the Twin Cities and Duluth areas.

I have been fortunate, as your Chairman to attend various conferences and meetings on your behalf and to advocate and to maintain a presence at the Tribal, State and Federal level. Our Tribal Executive Committee meetings reflect on us as a band and affords us through my office to speak and address issues reflective of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) and us as Leech Lakers. I sit on the Natural Resources Subcommittee and take direction and suggestions from our Division of Resource Management staff to make sure our interests here at home are taken care of and by extension all of the six (6) reservations that make up the MCT. Another conference that I attended was the Elder Abuse Awareness Conference at Northern Lights. We as a reservation need to continue to promote our stance and awareness

for the betterment of our elders. We are also looking forward to completion of our Elders Home within the next few months.

A few other meetings of importance to Leech Lake was the Boys and Girls conference addressing various issues and suggestive direction on how best to serve our membership and what is the manner to best fit our makeup here within an adaptive means while maintaining our culture in present day interactions. This followed with Federal Indian Law Training that addressed various topics including:

- Indian Law and Policy
- Indian Land
- Federal Trust Doctrine
- Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction
- Tribal Civil Jurisdiction
- Indian Civil Rights
- ICWA Changes

All these were and are consistent with what we as a council address in our daily interactions, not only with the outside world but with us as a people. Most of the training systems are here for us as a reservation to understand our federal relationship along with our gaming enterprise and how best we can serve our Leech Lake people.

We also had meetings with the out station offices of Minneapolis and Duluth. Both offices are in need of adjustment to better serve the needs and wants of our reservation constituents in the urban and rural areas. Some of the suggestions that come from these offices are an echo of what we do here on the reservation within our program limits. We do rely on our gaming funds – although restrictive – to serve our constituents along with some additional billing dollars within our program budgets. We are of course allowing for adjustments, good and bad, and understand the difficulty of providing services from a distance. We will continue to meet with both offices along with representatives and staff to make it a priority to attend their Local Indian Council meetings, as do I, as schedule permits.

Following up with this, was a meeting we had to better understand the billing process for our reservation.

There are many programs that we bill for so all of us can take care of our health, our dental and use as a means to address other issues that affect us and our families. We have been attempting to capture all monies for services and adjusting our ways so not to miss any opportunity to bill the appropriate agency so we can further care for all within our area. This has been a source of revenue as well as an understanding that certain programs can and do bill and to assure that there is no overlap or missed opportunities.

Debahjimon did an excellent article on the Enbridge pipeline discussion at the Facility Center and we elected officials and staff did participate but allowed others to voice their concerns, objections and input. The council does oppose a renewal of the current pipeline and I and a few other staff attended an informational session at the DNR so we too can better understand our stance of keeping our natural resources safe from pollution. We will continue to keep on top of this for us from our representatives and staff.

Our appointments to various boards and commissions are what we as a people need to understand that our best needs and wants are to be put forth and allow us to progress without trying to gain individually or for a small group to dictate without consultation from the reservation people. With this we have made an appointment to the State Indian Child Welfare Association as well as other appointments. We as a council are also looking at some of the other boards and commissions that have representation that are lacking in attendance or making decisions without the knowledge of the council. We had the Native Nation Institute do a training at the Palace with an understanding that we need to fit our best people in positions for the benefit of all, not just a few. An economic overview was also presented with their findings and some programs and staff have been addressed on resources better fitted with an outsourcing of services.

I was also a part of the Minnesota Indian Education assembly that attended their annual conference

along with supporting District II representative who received an Outstanding Council Person of the year award, which was well received and reflects that Leech Lake does support education at all levels.

One item of note that my office has dealt with, is our snow plowing. When more snow accumulates in our driveways all of us council receive calls and comments on how we can fix this. Be assured that we did gather all who are responsible to plow and have put together a team that with some adjustments will get the snow plowed. Be aware that we have many places of business near and far, along with our homes, that are relatively isolated. Our administration staff is also aware and will take the necessary steps to alert the staff when there is a late start or closure of all offices.

I would also like to recognize our Veterans as we did on Veterans day with free meals and ceremonies. We have quite a few staff that are Veterans and we must understand that they have and deserve to be acknowledged and brought forth with the respect, when they are employed here by the government or in our gaming enterprise.

In closing, I just want to say, lots of issues come to our attention, and I realize they are all important. We all have to work on these with the processes we have in place. As employees of Leech Lake we all have responsibilities– following our GAPP policy, is important! Our jobs here on Leech Lake are a privilege to all of us. Let us continue to work hard and to serve our members with a courteous and respectful attitude.

This first 9 months as Chairman has been very challenging and rewarding. Let's not be afraid of change. To stay the same without improving our Reservation is not leadership. Let us continue to look forward in a positive and optimistic light. By working together I believe we can make many positive things happen here on Leech Lake.

Miigwetch,

Faron Jackson, Sr.



# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## Secretary/Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose

Boozhoo- Good Morning, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

The Band’s 2016 annual audit is currently in progress and is scheduled to be completed by March 31st, 2017, as required by Band bylaws and federal regulations.

Resolution No. 2017-37 was passed to approve the Band’s annual operating budgets for fiscal year (FY) 2017. Budget vs. Actual reports indicate we are at an approximate 50 percent revenue and expenditure level.

The FY 2018 budget process will begin with budget submissions by

each division director and will follow with public meetings. Each public meeting will be coordinated with each district’s representative. All Leech Lake citizens are invited for questions and comments at these meetings.

The annual sales tax reimbursement checks were distributed in the month of December. This year the amount distributed was \$250 for each citizen of Leech Lake for a total cost of \$2.4 million. This amount varies each year due to budget constraints. Each child under the age of 18 also receives this amount deposited into a pooled investment account (known as the “Minors Trust Fund”). As each

child reaches the age of 18, they are paid all amounts deposited on their behalf since the inception of this fund in December 2012.

In a matter relating to the Band’s Employee Health Insurance Fund, the Band is working closely with Indian Health Service to designate the Band’s Employee Health Insurance Fund as “Payor of Last Resort”. Services provided to eligible employees of the Band by the Indian Health Service in Cass Lake will be paid from the Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Fund which pays at Medicare like rates, and is a much lower rates than the rates currently charged to the Band by outside service providers. The

Band will work closely with IHS in the event service levels are effected and remedial funding is necessary.

The band has received a Federal Class Action Settlement, Ramah Navaho Chapter vs Jewell, separated into two amounts: \$1,605,507 designated for the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School and \$2,176,661 designated as the Band’s share. This settlement is for the Department of Interior’s underpayment of contract support costs for the programs contracted through the BIA and/or the Office of Self-Governance. The full claim information can be viewed on the website located at <http://www.rncsettlement.com>ments



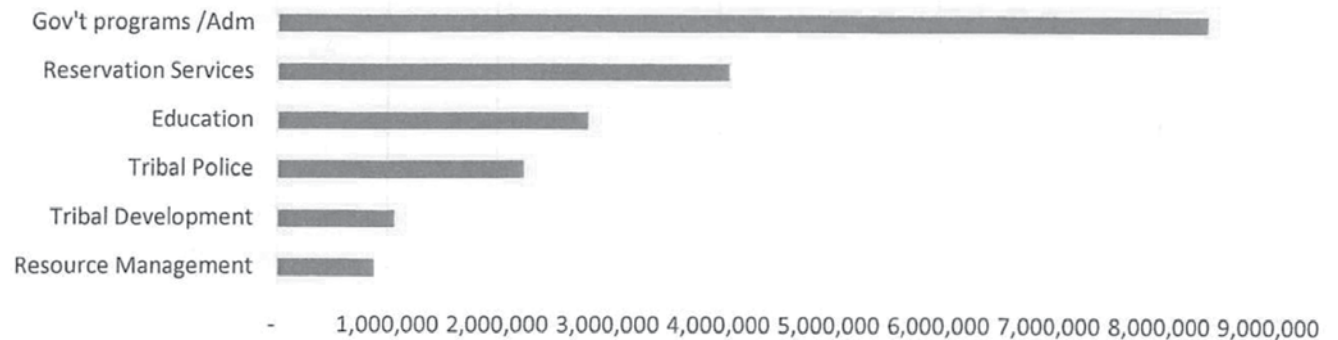
## LLBO GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL OPERATIONS REPORT 2ND QUARTER FY 2017



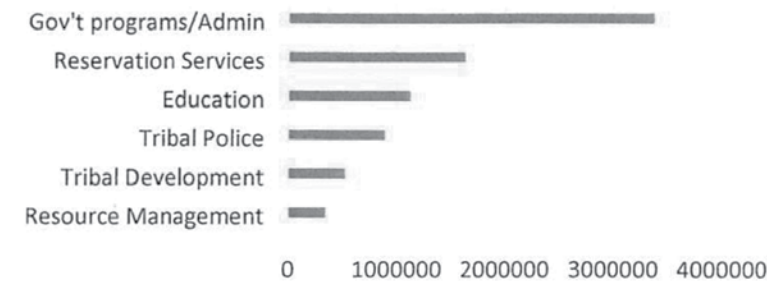
Revenue received by the Band from the State of Minnesota via the Tax and License Agreements for the current fiscal year is as follows:

|                | Current Yr  | Prior Yr     |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sales Tax      | \$1,716,784 | \$3,010,993  |
| Cigarette Tax  | \$822,252   | \$2,829,578  |
| Liquor Tax     | \$47,233    | \$171,334    |
| Gas Tax        | \$291,474   | \$1,170,000  |
| DNR            | \$2,689,227 | \$2,815,897  |
| Gaming Revenue | \$4,725,903 | \$13,126,489 |

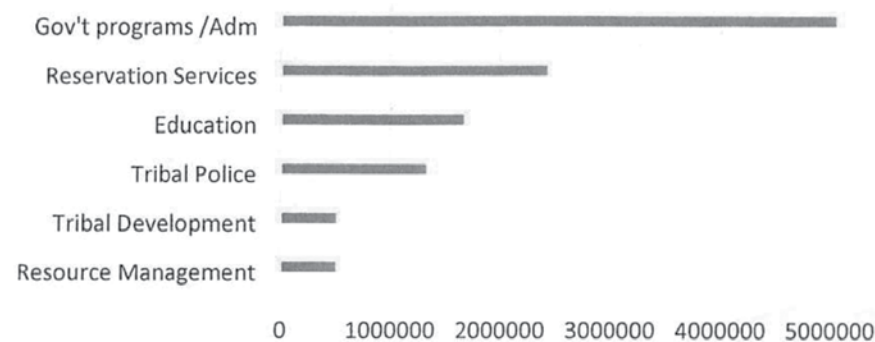
### TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING AND TAX-DNR REVENUE



### DISTRIBUTION OF TAX-DNR REVENUE



### DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING REVENUE



### Other Budget Contributions:

- Tribal College.....\$199,210
- Boys & Girls Club.....\$129,000
- LL Financial Services....\$103,000
- Honor Guard.....\$33,282
- Cass Lake Food Shelf.....\$12,900

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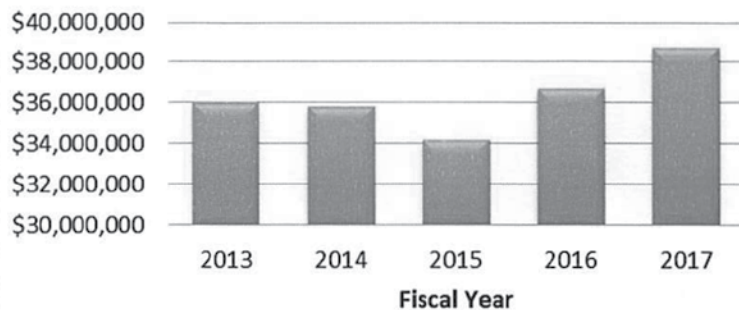
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### Summary of Gaming Operations For Quarter Ending December 2016

#### Revenue

Gaming revenue continues to see growth through the second quarter. Total revenue for fiscal year 2017 totaled to \$38.7 million through November compared to the prior year which totaled \$36.7 million. This is close to \$2 million growth in revenue over the prior year.

Revenue 5-Year Comparison  
YTD Ending 11/30



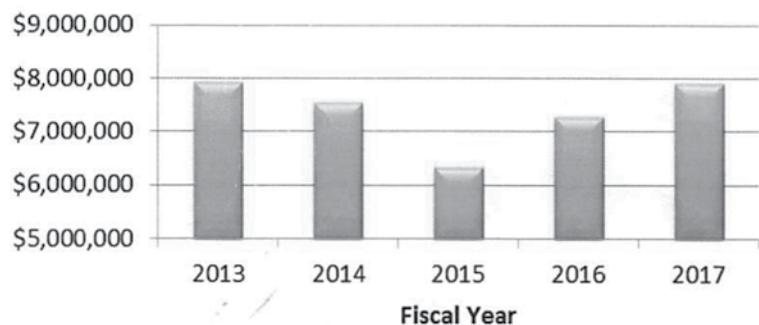
#### Expenses

Operating expenses for Gaming are up \$965 thousand through November 2016 compared to prior year, as were Cost of Sales which are up approximately \$667 thousand. Payroll expenses are down about \$261 thousand over the prior year. Overall, expenses are up about \$1.37 million compared to prior year. Factors that play a role in are the sale of cigarettes at low cost, and the Get a Gift Sunday promotions.

#### Net Profit

Net Profit through November has increased from \$7.28 million last year to \$7.9 million this year, which is about a \$620 thousand increase. Although expenses were up, revenue was up as well and that resulted in net profit to increase compared to the prior year.

Net Profit 5-Year Comparison  
YTD Ending 11/30



#### Forecast

Revenues continue to increase over prior years. To improve Net Income, Leech Lake Gaming would need to look at control operating and payroll expenses. The Shingobee project continues to move forward as Leech Lake Gaming has secured funding with expectation that the project will be completed in late spring/early summer 2017. This project is expanding our business to increase revenue, and bring more jobs into the area.

## District I Representative Penny DeVault

Aaniin nindinawe maaganidog nim-inwendam ji waabamin inagoog ampegish gimino ayaam giinawaa noongom. (Hello my relations I'm glad to see you. I hope you are all well today.)

I would like to review our second quarter with you, October-December 2016. I would like to begin by expressing my ultimate gratitude to the District I community members, Local Indian Councils: Ball Club, Deer River, Inger, S. Lake and Winnie Dam. I would also like to recognize my two Executive Assistants, Sarah Wakanabo and Sondra Dahl. Together we are fulfilling our mission of: "Working together to strengthen our community & improve the way of life for our community members." As a whole, the LLBO Tribal Council is also striving to improve the way of life for us all. We have had several promising working sessions, which I hope we continue to do, along with some strategic planning sessions where we are setting the stage to accomplish our long-term goals.

October- This month was filled with community Halloween parties brought to you by our Local Indian Councils and Treats for Tots, sponsored by Leech Lake Gaming. I am always thankful that we are able to work together to provide our children with fun, safe activities.

November- Again thanks to the help of our Local Indian Councils and Public Relations staff, we were able to provide Band Members with a turkey and wild rice just before the Thanksgiving holiday. We also, distributed the tax rebate checks directly to band members at the Ball Club and Inger Community Centers. This helps to alleviate the transportation issues faced by many of our rural constituents throughout the district.

December- As always, the cherished Annual Elder's Christmas party was very well attended and our Elders enjoyed their special day. The LIC's also held many of their own celebrations in their individual communities. We also successfully held the annual "Toys for Tots" distribution just before Christmas.

We have worked with our Local Indian Councils to identify and prioritize the individual needs of each community. In this process we have established a strategic plan for District I that outlines a list of achievable goals for each community. Community centers, old and new, are top priorities in all communities. We have made significant progress in the S. Lake community as the LIC, various LL Divisions, and outside agencies have come together and purchased the old Eagleview School. We are currently in the planning and design phase and look forward to a



spring construction. In Ball Club, we would like to focus on the old community center that currently houses the Elderly Nutrition Program. We would like to upgrade the building to provide a more modern, safe, and effective place for our Elders to come enjoy their daily meal. Some of the beginning steps have already taken place, such as the initial walkthrough and evaluation, we are currently in the process of drafting a design and the accompanying budget. In Inger, we are looking into an expansion of their current community center to better serve the growing population in that area. I applaud the Inger LIC for taking initiative to reach out to funding sources beyond the tribe to help secure this necessary improvement. In Winnie Dam, we have been working closely with the LIC and LL Planning to establish a plan to construct a whole new building to be used for their community center, as sadly, they are currently without one. In Deer River, the LIC has discovered a building that is for sale and they have begun the negotiating and purchasing process with the help of the LL Land Department. There are many other needs we will be looking to meet in each area; these are just the major infrastructure projects we are currently working towards. I encourage all community members to attend LIC meetings and the District I Assemblies (held quarterly)

### HONORING & CELEBRATING DISTRICT I ELDERS



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Dianna Kingbird     | Charles Morrision |
| Josephine Brown     | Leona Wakanabo    |
| Delores Lanham      | Samuel Johnson    |
| Helen Bryan-Johnson | Edith Wilson      |
| Katherine Sheffield |                   |

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

|                 |                   |                      |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Lorraine White  | Terrance Warner   | Lawrence Gotchie Jr. |
| Mike Brown      | Linda Bibeau      | David Michaud        |
| Terry Oouthoudt | Guy Cloud         | Adeline Bowstring    |
| Rose Robinson   | Marilyn Bowstring | Margaret Bryan       |
| Sarah Jackson   | Eldon Bowstring   |                      |

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# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## District II Rep. Steve White

to voice concerns so we can try to meet the needs of all our band members.

I was fortunate enough to attend the most recent meeting of the Inger Local Indian Council, where it was proposed to bring Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe programs to the outer communities on a monthly basis to help combat transportation and financial issues faced by residents and to make services more accessible. The LIC and myself identified five programs we will ask to help kick off this program. The programs discussed were: ICWA, Family Preservation, TERO, TAP and Veterans Services. To help reach as many community members as possible we thought it best to hold these days on Food Pantry days in Inger and S. Lake. Also, in speaking to Jason "Barney" Robinson, the need for jobs was discussed. As a result we will be asking Human Resources for both Gaming and the Government side to conduct monthly application intake in our communities for our Band Members.

Also, at a recent tribal council meeting we voted unanimously to add the Tribal Council to the pool from which random drug tests are selected from for Band employees. Several different band members brought this idea forward and I am happy to report that we have fulfilled this request.

We are proud to be hosting the upcoming April Quarterly Meeting here in District I. I encourage all band members to come out and take this opportunity to interact with me and the other members of the tribal council. The meeting will begin at 10 am on April 7th, 2017 at the Ball Club Community Center. I hope to see you all there.

In closing, I would like to offer you my thoughts and prayers as we know all too well the challenges our people face. I'd like to personally thank you for showing us anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

Respectfully,  
Penny De Vault,  
District I Representative

Aaniin! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and spent valuable time with their loved ones. As we enter the new year I'd like to wish everyone healthy and prosperous days to come.

Since our last quarterly report the divisions and RBC have continued diligently working on several new and continuous projects to benefit the livelihood of the people of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

The October to December quarter is always a busy one for my office, our LLBO staff and the entire community. We held a multitude of events throughout our district. I'd like to say thank you to all the volunteers, Local Indian Councils and other community members who make these events run so smoothly.

In October our LIC's put together some great Halloween parties in each of our communities. These events were very well attended and the ones that I made it out to were filled with smiling kids, which is always great to see.

Turkeys and wild rice were delivered during Thanksgiving week. Once again I can't thank the LIC's enough for their support and contributions. An average of 80 turkey's were delivered in the three areas covered by LIC's which are: Bena, Sugar Point and Boy Lake/Kego Lake/Smokey Point.

In early December we distributed the annual Tax Rebate checks throughout District II and immediately began planning for our Christmas activities. The Christmas holidays are always very busy for us. Once again the Tribal Council fully funded the "Toys for Tots" event. In District II we distributed our toys from the Kego Lake Center on December 21st. The turnout for this event was exceptional and I am proud to do this for our communities every year. In addition to "Toys for Tots", The District II LIC's held Christmas parties in each of the communities. Finally we also held the Annual Elder's Christmas Party at the Northern Lights. All of



these events serve to remind me of why I ran for this office in the first place. It's a great honor to see so much joy from our band members.

As many of you know, we regretfully were forced to cancel the Kids Perch Jerk on Lake Winnie this year. The February thaw brought much higher temps than normal. As a result, the ice conditions on area lakes were far from optimal. As reports of vehicles breaking through the ice continued we made the tough decision to cancel the event for the safety of all involved.

We will be allocating the funds reserved for Perch Jerk as well as all the donations and fundraising monies into a new event. Tentatively scheduled for June 10th at Stony Point Resort in Cass Lake, we will be holding a kids fishing tournament. This will allow us to give away all the bikes and various other prizes which were already purchased for this year's Perch Jerk.

Reminder to all of our residents to update their addresses with the District II Office so we can distribute information to you effectively and in a timely manner. Also, if you are a District II Elder and you haven't received your birthday coupons within your birthday month please call and let my assistants know, we will be happy to add you to that list. Miigwetch!

## District III Rep. LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III

Boozhoo Waagosh indizhinikaaz makwa indoodem. Greetings fellow Band members!

I am pleased to bring you this brief report highlighting a few of the important issues I have been working on over the last quarter.

### New Organizational Chart

The Tribal Council approved a new organizational chart after making slight adjustments following feedback from the January Quarterly Meeting. You can view the new version on Page 9 in this issue of the Debahjimon. Anytime a new administration begins working here on Leech Lake, it is important for us as the Tribal Council to clearly communicate to employees and Band members any subtle changes made to the Band's structure. This helps to alleviate any confusion over the chain of command and clearly define the roles and responsibilities for each division and program. There were not many major changes from previous years; mostly we tried to bring a higher level of efficiency to the organization by shifting programs with common ties together under the same division. It took slightly longer than expected but we are satisfied with the results we are seeing.

### Endowment Fund

I know I have written about the Endowment Fund many times in the past. I will continue to promote this initiative here and in my interactions with people on a daily basis. I believe this is a very worthy cause, which will have a lasting impact on the education of our people. We have had accounting send out the donation forms with payroll checks already this year, and we are seeing some positive results from that. It is a good initial step towards growing this fund; I would like to continue to expand on the fundraising efforts to try to capture more outside dollars. Especially highlighting the fact that this is a separate investment for the tribe. These dollars do not sit in a program account or in a CD at the local bank. The funds will go into a separate investment vehicle that will



potentially provide scholarships for perpetuity. Another major bonus is that these donations are tax deductible, for those who need deductions. The endowment fund is a 501(c)3 not for profit entity.

One note I made when we passed the resolution establishing the fund, is my desire for the Tribal Council to establish some matching funds where we can match the funds raised by the Education Division throughout the year up to a certain threshold. Ultimately, I want to grow this fund to the point that every Leech Lake student who applies for post-secondary assistance receives it. If we reach that point, I would like to see the maximum scholarship amount per student raised. It's just a matter of coming together and deciding how to reach our goals in the most effective way possible. This is a very strong start in heading in that direction.

### New Palace Casino

As many Band members may be aware, plans are being drafted to build a new Palace Casino on the Hwy 2 Frontage Rd in Cass Lake (LeRoy's Minnows, Old DPS Building, LL Gaming Area). We are still in the very early planning stages for this, a feasibility study has been completed but nothing has been finalized. I have not heard a lot of

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**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
190 Sailstar Drive NW Cass Lake MN**

**Tribal Gathering Rights  
Leech Lake Division of Resource Management**

Recently there have been concerns over Band member's right to gather firewood. It is important for Band members to remember that our rights are not granted by any government. The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management has been delegated the authority to enforce tribal laws within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservations.

*A treaty is "not a grant of rights to the LLBO but a grant of rights from them." The purpose of a treaty was not to give rights to the LLBO but to remove rights they had. LLBO have many rights in addition to those described in treaties. In fact, any right not expressly extinguished by a treaty or federal statute is reserved to the tribe. This fundamental principle of Indian law is known as the "reserved rights doctrine."*

When Band members exercise their rights we are also preserving those rights and it is the responsibility of all Leech Lake Band members to protect these rights. The LLDRM has always had the policy of developing laws that are relevant to tribal use and impacts to our resources that make sense to the way we are using our resources.

The Division of Resource Management has received calls from citizens asking if they can harvest firewood for personal use. The ANSWER to that question is tribal members can lawfully gather firewood for personal use on all public lands (LLBO, State, National Forest, County, Etc...) within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. If any individual has any questions about this issue or is interfered with while exercising these rights please contact Levi Brown at (218)308-0806 or Jaime Mitchell (218) 368-4767.

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Levi Brown, Director  
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**District III Report** Continued

opposition from community members towards the idea at this point. The latest figures that have been presented, is an investment of \$40-\$50 million towards the construction of this new Casino-Hotel project. This represents a major investment back into an establishment that has done very well for the Band over many years. The Palace has provided a lot of jobs, revenue and income for our reservation in its history. The existing building is on a downward spiral and the conditions are deteriorating rapidly.

I have firmly taken a position on this matter, which is that I will only support it if we hold a referendum vote and allow our citizens to make the final decision. Leading up to the referendum I would like to see several community meetings held throughout the reservation and possibly in our urban areas of Duluth and Minneapolis to allow our Band members time to ask questions, voice their opinions and receive information about the project. I want this process to be as transparent as possible while also ensuring that facts are being discussed among our people rather than rumors.

**Mission Bridge Fishing Pier**

As the weather has started to warm up, I am reminded that spring is coming very soon. With that in mind, I want to remind you that a new fishing pier was installed last fall near the Mission Bridge. At the time, it was rather late in the year and we did not do a ribbon cutting or other type of celebration. We are planning on coordinating with DRM to hold a small event there in May, possibly around the Fishing Opener weekend. We will publish more on this as the details are ironed out. I hope to see a lot of use for the new pier, in the past I have observed people fishing under the bridge at that location. The new pier is a more family friendly environment with space to accommodate a larger number of anglers. I also know that the fishing is pretty good in that area and there's a good chance you might catch me and my family out there casting around this spring.

**Food Shelf Donation**

The Cass Lake Area Food Shelf is a local nonprofit that serves the Cass Lake community. It is located on the west side of the Food Distribution building. The need in our community for this type of food assistance is substantial, unfortunately due to our proximity to Bemidji, they do not receive a lot of donations from supermarkets in the area because they send most of their items to the Bemidji Food Shelf. Therefore, they are continually in need of donations to keep their doors open and their shelves stocked. I am proud to announce that I have pledged \$5,000 per year for the next four years for a grand total of \$20,000. I recently dropped off my first contribution along with a few other community members (see photo). This came about a result of discussions I had on the campaign trail last year regarding food security and food sovereignty in our community. I know that often times eating healthier is more expensive and prohibitive for some of our people. My intention is that this will create opportunities for disadvantaged members to reliably access healthy food that will enable healthier lifestyles and in turn a healthier community.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for our LIC members in District III. We held a multitude of events last quarter and without them, they would not have been possible. The commitment and dedication they have shown to their communities is outstanding. Chi-Miigwech!

Leroy Staples Fairbanks III, District III Representative

**Donations to Cass Lake Area Food Shelf**



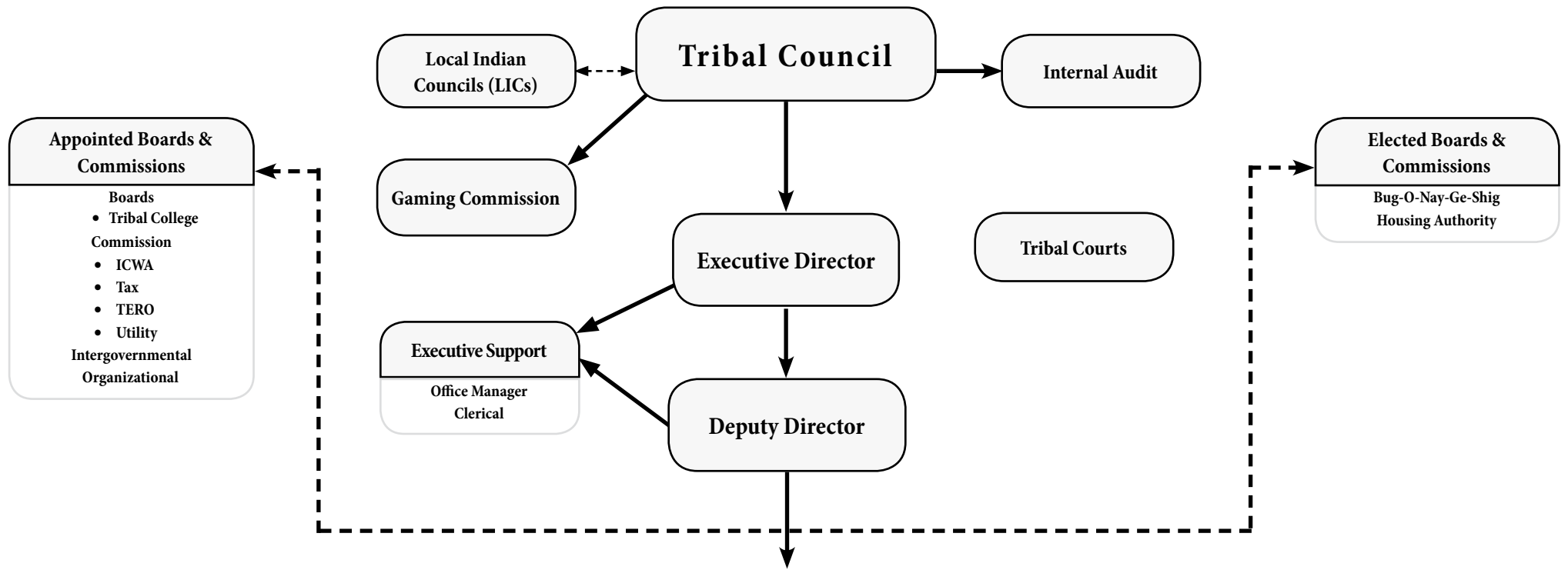
(L to R) Susie Roy Director Food Distribution, Lenny Fineday, Leslie Harper, Levi Brown, Amanda Shongo and Dist III Rep. LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III recently stopped by the Cass Lake Area Food Shelf and made several generous donations to the program. The food bank serves Cass Lake area community members and it is located on the west side of the Food Distribution building. For more information you can reach them at 218-335-7837.



# LLBO Revised Organizational Chart

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE  
Rev. 01/17



*Administrative Divisions*

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- Reservation Services
- Roads & Construction
- Public Safety
- Tribal Development
- Resource Management
- Human Services
- Health Services
- Education

*Administrative Departments and Programs*

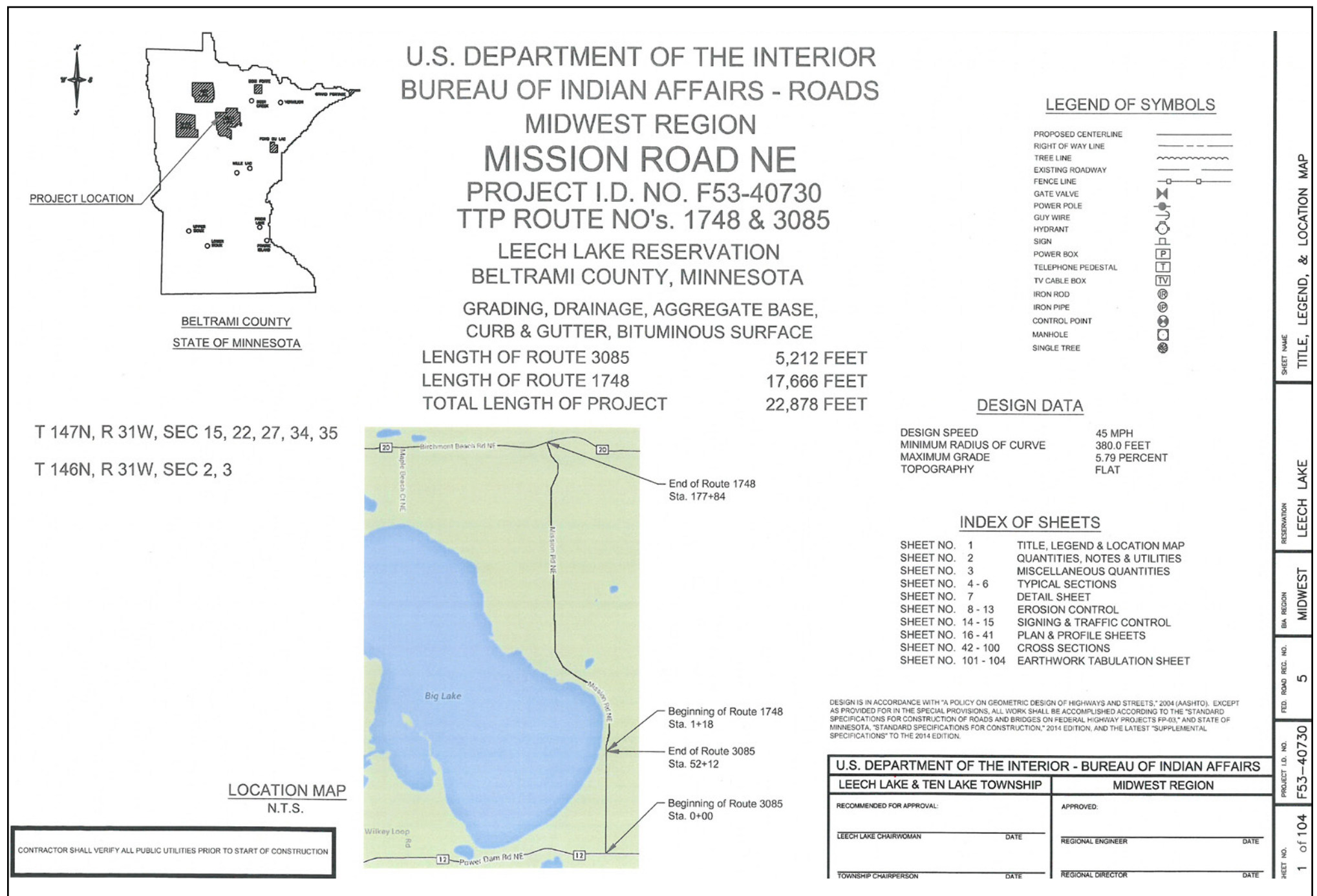
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# LLBO Roads Announces Upcoming Paving Project for Mission Rd NE

## Tentative Project Timeline



No thru traffic will be allowed during construction. Detours will be put in place. For more information contact the LLBO Roads & Construction Division at 218-335-3598.







## SNOW SNAKES COMPETITION HELD AT DIAMOND POINT PARK

BEMIDJI, MN – On Friday, February 17, a Gooni Ginebik, or traditional Ojibwe Snow Snakes Competition, was held between Cass Lake-Bena and Red Lake middle schools. The competition took place at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji and was hosted by Leech Lake Tribal College with support from Watermark Art Center and the American Indian College Fund.

Roughly 40 kids participated in the event. Individual students won first, second and third place medals in four categories: precision, distance, rolling hoops and artistic merit. Cass Lake-Bena took home the traveling school trophy for the third consecutive year; the trophy has been awarded at Snow Snake Competitions for the last 8 years.

For the competition, students create a “snow snake” by harvesting hardwoods, typically two inches wide, and painting the throwing stick in fun, creative colors and symbols. The snake is glided down a snow trough or track towards a target ring. Whichever snake stops closest to the center target garners the most points. The game is centuries old and was a popular winter sport played by many Native American tribes in the Midwest.

“This activity is unique in that it creates an intersection of athletics, creativity and history,” said Karen Goulet, program director of Watermark’s Native American Gallery. “We were thrilled to have the competition in Bemidji and look forward to expanding this event next year.”

Thanks to BSU American Indian Resource Center and the City of Bemidji for accommodations.



## LOCAL STUDENT MITAKAMIZI LIBERTY NAMED CANDIDATE IN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Mitakamizi Liberty, a graduating senior at TrekNorth High School, has been named one of more than 4,000 candidates in the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.5 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2017. Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 53rd year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation’s most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year’s senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness

in America’s youth. All Scholars are invited to Washington, DC in June for the National Recognition Program, featuring various events and enrichment activities and culminating in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 800 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and activities.

The United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by Executive Order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our Nation’s most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, up to 161 students are named as U.S. Presidential Scholars, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students. The Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people.













# NATIVE NATIONS NIGHT AT SANFORD CENTER

Leech Lake Secretary-Treasurer Arthur "Archie" LaRose along with White Earth Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts and Red Lake Rep. Robert "Charlie" Reynolds took center ice for a ceremonial puck drop as part of the evenings festivities.

## Bug O Nay Ge Shig school held several special events as part of their culture week

Larry Yazzie, a well-known fancy dancer in Indian Country, demonstrated the eagle dance as well as the fancy dance. Native American musician Star Nayeaa spent an afternoon and evening working with students to produce a video about building love and youth empowerment. The Dakotah/Ojibwe dance troupe also came to the school and demonstrated various dance styles along with the history behind each style. Culture week culminated with an all school pow-wow on Friday. (Photos submitted by Mike Schmid)





# LLTC Student & Faculty Spotlight

## Molly Tibbetts



My name is Molly Tibbetts, I grew up in Cass Lake, Minnesota and I graduated from Cass Lake- Bena High school in May of 2009. I chose to attend The Leech Lake Tribal College because I wanted to go to a school that accommodated my children's schooling as well. The courses at Leech Lake Tribal College have helped me accomplish my Associates of Arts degree without having to worry about the stress of college life. Being a part of this college has been an honor and having the resources within the school has helped me achieve more than I could have ever imagined. I love that our faculty are open, and will support you when you're in a rough patch. The Leech Lake Tribal College community is like a family to me now, and no matter where I go I will always carry them with me in the future. Val, Matt and Kelly in the wellness center have been my backbone through each semester and my instructors have been pushing me to become a better person. After graduation, I plan on attending Bemidji State University, and completing their Social Work courses. I would have never made it this far by myself, so I gratefully thank each and every one that has crossed my path here at the Leech Lake Tribal College. You all have inspired me to become more than I was when I started college here.

## Alicia Bowstring



I grew up in Onigum and I live for my son and husband; they are my driving force. The reason I chose Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC) is because I heard a lot of good things about LLTC and I heard about how hands-on all the Instructors are and how everyone is so welcoming and friendly at the college. I am a double major in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in STEM; and Law Enforcement. The things I like about LLTC is, as I mentioned before, how friendly all the instructors are, and how much they believe in one's potential. There are so many instructors who have helped me at the college and so many who really believe in me.

After graduation I plan to attend Bemidji State University and work towards my Master's. Then I plan to come back and apply all that I have learned and work for my people of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Alicia Bowstring



## Nathaniel Shotley



Thank you for the honor of being selected January's Student of the Month for Leech Lake Tribal College. I really appreciate it. It motivates me to keep doing my best here at school.

I grew up in Saint Paul and pretty much lived there my whole life. My mom is from Leech Lake and so we always visited at least once a year while I was growing up. It was a big change from being in the city and it made me appreciate all things that northern Minnesota has to offer. I decided to attend LLTC because I heard that it was a good school and I live not too far away from campus. I moved up here from the cities in July, I wanted to get away from my normal routine down there and do something new. I worked down there ever since I was a teenager and I always had goals of going to school but I never got the chance because my life was always busy. So when I made the decision to move I had to lay out my options as to what I would be doing while up here. I heard about LLTC and decided that it would be the perfect time to enroll back in school after being away for so long. I appreciate the fact that LLTC is a smaller school and that I can have conversations with my instructors whenever I want to. I also like how the school incorporates culture into a lot of the curriculum.

## Ryan O'Leary



Boozhoo! My name is Ryan O'Leary. I am the Business Instructor at LLTC. I was asked to write this article and share about my academic background, my academic program, and anything else someone might find interesting. I was also directed to keep it short so I'll try!

First, a little bit about myself. I am an enrolled tribal member of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe here in northern MN, yes, even with a last name like O'Leary. For much of my working career, I have served Indigenous people in some capacity. A significant portion of my work has been with my tribe, working both as a tribal government administrator and as a tribal economic development board member.

Before I began my work career, I attended the University of Denver on a Division I hockey scholarship. My childhood dream was to play professional hockey and I was drafted by the Calgary Flames right after my senior year in high school. Unfortunately, I blew out my knee my junior year in college and even though I had an agent and contemplated a pro career after college, I decided to quit. After graduating with a business degree, I eventually went on to complete a masters' degree in Business Management from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. My next educational mountain to climb was law school. I attended Hamline Law School in St. Paul for about a year and a half and decided it wasn't for me and pursued other interests. I eventually went on to graduate with another masters' degree and a doctorate degree in non-business related areas.

When I found out about the Business Instructor job opening toward the end of 2015, I was immediately interested for a variety of reasons. First of all, earlier in my life someone made the comment to me that they thought I would be a good teacher. That has stuck with me and with all my education, I've wanted to be involved in teaching post-secondary education for some time.

Secondly, as a tribal member, I have a deep interest in helping other tribal members live a better life, or what some would refer to as the "good life". Third, my family and I enjoy living in this area even though we don't like bitter cold weather. My children are able to play hockey in the Bemidji youth hockey program and we are able to live in northern MN somewhat close to where I grew up. Lastly, as I have worked at LLTC now for over a year, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed getting to know faculty, staff, and students.

I feel that the business program here at the college is very versatile and can open up many career opportunities. Current business students find a lot of courses interesting. They includes ones like Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Human Resources, Business Law and Business Communication. These are just some of them.

If you would like to know more about the program and are interested in it, please send me an email at [Ryan.oleary@lltc.edu](mailto:Ryan.oleary@lltc.edu) or stop by my office. Miigwech!

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## DISTRICT 1 YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

### JAMAAL BAIRD & ASHLEY DROTTS



Jamaal Baird and Ashley Drotts were chosen the 2017 MSHSL EXCEL winners representing Deer River High School.

The MSHSL EXCEL Award can be awarded to one Jr. Boy and Girl in each MN school who have shown excellence in Athletics, Fine Arts, and Community Service Local winners will then go on to represent their High School at the state level. MSHSL state winners will be announced in February.

Congratulations Jamaal and Ashley!

## DISTRICT 1 ELDER SPOTLIGHT

### HELEN BRYAN-JOHNSON



Helen and her Grandson

It is a true and distinct honor to spotlight Leech Lake Elder, Helen (Charwood) Bryan-Johnson.

Helen is highly respected elder from the S. Lake community. It is where she grew up as a child and raised her own family. Being the mother of seven and grandmother and great-grand mother to many, family is very important to her. Helen attended school as a child at Squaw Lake and Blackduck schools, she then attended college at Itasca Community College. Helen worked as a Headstart teacher for 18 years.

Helen is a member of the S. Lake Local Indian Council and Pow Wow Committee, enjoys attending pow wows and other spiritual gatherings, and helps organize the Spiritual Run every summer. A few of her hobbies include gardening, quilting, and making rugs.

Helen has a very unique story to share in her role in altering the economic outlook in Indian Country. In 1974, Helen and her husband received notice from Itasca County that they owed the county \$14,795 in taxes for their mobile home in S. Lake. As a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe she challenged the taxes as the home was on reservation land. She contacted Leech Lake Reservation Legal Services Project and from there changed the lives of every generation of Native Americans across the country. Helen's case was taken to the Minnesota Supreme Court where it was established that Public Law 280 was not designed to eliminate all restrictions on the state as they dealt with Indian Tribes, meaning the State's jurisdiction did not cover civil matters and was put in place to combat crime on reservations. Helen's case was a monumental win for Native American's everywhere! The ruling played a huge impact on taxation laws and opened the doors for the billion dollar Indian Gaming industry.

Bryan v. Itasca County is considered a landmark case and has been cited by legal scholars, debated in law schools, and discussed in high school and college text books. I strongly encourage anyone to research the case. Helen's story was also featured in Dan Truer's book, "Rezlife."

Thank you for sharing your story, Helen.

WISHING DISTRICT II ELDERS A

*Happy Birthday!*

FEBRUARY

Giiwedini Biindige (12)  
Rose Marie White (21)

Lawrence Seelye (14)  
Carol "Penny" Stangel (26)

MARCH

Francis Humphrey (5)  
Walter Chase (28)  
Gerald Chase (29)  
Geraldine Gale (13)

Esther Bogda (1)  
Deborah Tibbetts (8)  
Doreen Morgan (4)

FROM DISTRICT II OFFICE STEVE, MICHELLE, & AMOS

## LLTC Student of the Month- Shotley

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I am always looking to learn and I have learned a lot already through the activities that this school is involved in. I am a Liberal Education major with a STEM emphasis. After I leave here I want to get into a four year college and get a degree in counseling or social work. I have worked at a few non profits before and I really enjoy working at a place where there is change happening. I figured that combining my experience with my education will land me right where I plan to be as far as my career goes. I also felt at a disadvantage not having a degree and working at different places.

Nate Shotley



## 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: Updated Jan 2017

| Household Size | Monthly Income Limit |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1              | \$1,147              |
| 2              | \$1,492              |
| 3              | \$1,837              |
| 4              | \$2,193              |
| 5              | \$2,567              |
| 6              | \$2,941              |
| 7              | \$3,287              |
| 8              | \$3,634              |

**Each additional member add \$347**

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

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

#### **Deductions: \*\*Must have proof that 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 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Distribution hours: Mon-Thurs  
9–11am & 12:30 – 2pm**

No distribution on Friday's & last 2 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.

# New Report Highlights Impacts of Opioids on Minnesota Tribal Communities

*Report summarizes lessons learned from the Tribal-State Opioid Summit, recommends strategies to collaboratively address this issue moving forward*

ST. PAUL, MN – A new report highlights the impacts of opioids on Minnesota Tribal communities across the state. The report, a summary of the Tribal-State Opioid Summit that took place last fall, points out strategies that are working now, and makes specific recommendations for how state and tribal leaders can continue to partner to address the issue of opioid addiction afflicting Minnesota communities.

“Since 2000, deaths from opioid overdoses have increased by 430 percent in Minnesota. While the makers of these prescription painkillers are making billions in profits, Minnesotans are dying and our public health system is overwhelmed by the demands for prevention, treatment and recovery,” said Lt. Governor Tina Smith.

“Minnesota is taking some important first steps, but we need to do more. I welcome this report, as tribal and state leaders continue to partner in this work. But then we need to take action, this legislative session, to respond to the scourge of opioid addiction, and help to the hundreds of Minnesotans who need it.”

Last fall, Gov. Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith partnered with Minnesota's 11 tribal nations to convene the Tribal-State Opioid Summit, to develop strategies for prevention, treatment and recovery.

The 2017 Tribal-State Opioid

Summit Report recommends a number of strategies to address the issue of opioids in Minnesota, including strengthening partnerships between tribes, the state, and the federal government; supporting cultural engagement and other culturally-focused services; and improving treatment and prevention efforts throughout the state.

The report highlights strategies that are working now, and makes specific recommendations for how state and tribal leaders can continue to partner to address the issue of opioid addiction afflicting Minnesota tribal communities.

The report focuses on the following categories:

- Prevention and Treatments
- Prenatal Exposure
- Prescription Monitoring Practices
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Summit Evaluation

You can read the full report online at <http://bit.ly/2mLbYkk>

Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda:

Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

Opioid deaths have increased 430 percent in Minnesota since 2000. Eighty percent of Americans addicted to heroin started out taking prescription pain medications. Governor Dayton's budget, An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota, includes funding to improve statewide tracking of overdoses in Minnesota so law enforcement and health officials can respond more quickly and effectively. It also would invest \$4 million for Minnesota's Tribal Nations and urban American Indian communities to fund prevention programs to reduce opioid addiction.

*"In Minnesota, opioid deaths have increased 430 percent since 2000"*

Nationally, since 2000, deaths from opioid overdoses have increased 200 percent. In Minnesota, opioid deaths have increased 430 percent over the same period, disproportionately affecting women and Native Americans. An estimated 80 percent of Americans addicted to heroin started out taking prescription-pad medications.

#### **About the 2017 Tribal-State Opioid Summit Report**

The 2017 Tribal-State Opioid Summit Report summarizes the discussions and outcomes of the 2017 Tribal-State Opioid Summit.



# Obituaries



## Billie Jean Tibbetts



Billie Jean Tibbetts, 40 years old, of Federal Dam, Minnesota began her spiritual journey with her family by her side from her home on Monday, January 30, 2017. Billie was born in Cass Lake, MN on August 15, 1976 the first born and oldest of six children to Mike and Debbie (Campbell) Tibbetts.

Billie enjoyed being with family and friends visiting and telling jokes. She had an awesome sense of humor. She had a never-ending supply of jokes. She enjoyed going to pow-wows and listening to old country and pow-wow music. Billie love going for car rides and going to the casino. She had a heart of gold. She was always helping out someone in need and truly loved animals. Billie made friends everywhere she went.

Billie spent her last few months at home with her mom and dad, her children, sisters and brothers, nieces, and nephews playing and joking around.

The family Billie is welcomed by are her grandparents; Vernon and Helen Campbell, Wayne "Sonny" and Claire "Tootie" Tibbetts, Uncle's; Billie Boy and Pug Lyons, Aunt; Sandy Campbell.

She leaves behind her parents; Mike and Debbie Tibbetts, children; Steph (Darren) Jordan, Leo Jordan, and Robin Jordan, Jr. siblings; Mike (Katie) Tibbetts, Jr., Jessica (Louie) Tibbetts, Sara (Keith) Carmona, Nicole Tibbetts, and Cameron Seelye, nieces and nephews; Rebecca Tibbetts, Alyssa Thompson, Danielle Tibbetts, Dante Hanson, Dakota Hanson, Gage Allen, Makayla Allen, Keith Carmona, Jr., Rian Tibbetts, and George Mitchell, Jr., numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A wake for Billie will begin at 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 3rd and continue until her 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, February 4th 2017, all being held at the Bena Community Center, Bena, Minnesota. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Billie will be Robin Jordan, Jr., Cameron Seelye, Darren Stone, Keith Carmona, Sr., Victor Thompson, Roberto Gonzales. Her honorary pallbearers are Jessica Tibbetts, Sara Tibbetts, Nicole Tibbetts, Gina Fairbanks, Theresa Jordan, Bev Jordan, Margaret Jordan, Fredita Oothoudt, Kathy Frazer,

Jean Beaulieu, Janice Gale, Steve White, and Robin Jordan, Sr. Interment will be in the Battle Point Burial Grounds, Federal Dam, Minnesota following her Saturday service.

Billie'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)

## Genevieve Beaulieu



Genevieve Beaulieu, "Waskonahgook Ikwe" which means "Lightning Woman" age 64 of Bemidji, MN, began her spiritual journey peacefully at her home on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 with her family by her

side. She was born on September 30, 1952 in Belcourt, ND, the daughter of Peter and Della (Allery) Houle.

Genny met David Beaulieu in 1972 and was married in 1985 at their home in Bemidji. David and Genny had been together for 44 years until her passing. She was a strong woman who enjoyed following in her traditional customs. Genny was an avid sewer of jingle dresses, enjoyed her bead work and other cultural crafts. She was a huge boxing fan who liked to attend her children's boxing matches. Genny was also a race car fan, a chief mechanic for David, helping him sell cars, and handling all the computer work that was needed. She also enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to the casino, traveling, and dancing at many pow-wows all over the state. Genny was an outgoing lady who was up for anything. Everyone who knew Genny was her Best Friend! She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Genny is welcomed home by her parents; Della Rosalie Houle-Smith and Peter J. Houle, one son; George Beaulieu, brothers; Dominic Houle, Linus (Mickey) Houle, Gary -(Peter) Houle, John P. Smith, sister; Elizabeth Houle, and many other relatives.

The family Genny leaves behind

are her husband of 44 years; David Beaulieu, daughters; Sherry Houle of Bemidji, Renee Houle of Ponemah, daughters/granddaughters; Jenny Lea Houle and Genny Lynn Houle, brothers; Dennis Houle, Bemidji, Douglas Houle (Julie) Cedar MN, Harry Houle (Danette) Belcourt, ND, sisters; Judy Lenior (Kenny) Port Angles, WA, and Annadine Houle Cass Lake, MN

A wake for Genny was on February 2, 2017 and continued until the 12:00 p.m. service on Saturday, February 4, 2017 all held at the New Mission Community Center in Cass Lake. Rev. Mark R. Olson officiated. Pallbearers for Genny was Joseph Fairbanks, Howard Hardy, Sevron Gotchie, Bill Staples, Bobby Jo Houle, and Devin Smith. Honorary pallbearers was Annadine Houle, Sydney Beaulieu, Michael Anderson, Georgie - Kai Houle, Sydney Barrett Beaulieu, Michelle Anderson, Baby Nate, Dominic Houle, Nathaniel Houle, Jason Anderson, Jenny Lea Houle, Genny Lynn Houle, and all of her nieces and nephews. Interment held at the Sugar Bush Cemetery, Bemidji following the service.

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



## Cass Lake Grief Support Talking Circle

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

Time: 5pm-6pm Where: HD2 Building

312 1<sup>st</sup> Street (Cass Lake)

**Light Meal Provided**

**"Join us for a talking circle to come together with others experiencing grief. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach at healing."**

## Womans Support Talking Circle

1st & 3rd Monday's of the Month  
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Where: HD2 Building  
Light Meal Provided



## Onigum Grief Support Talking Circle

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: Onigum Community Center  
Light Meal Provided





## Lorin Allen Losh



Lorin Allen Losh, 22 years old, of Remer, Minnesota passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He was born on February 23, 1994 in Bemidji, MN, the son of Darrin Charles Losh and Evelyn (Tanner) Evans.

Lorin was a very special young man who was taken way too soon. Lorin loved his children and his family beyond words and enjoyed spending time with them every chance he got. He was always there for you if you needed him always made you feel better when he said "I got you"! His smile was infectious..and ever since he was a youngin', he always had one on his face. Some of Lorin's favorite things to do were riding in his truck listening to music, shooting guns, fixing cars and making breakfast for others. Lorin was loved dearly and will most definitely be missed.

Family that Lorin meets again are his father; Darrin Losh, brother; Jesse Evans, Jr., maternal great grandparents; Kate and Thomas Sherman, paternal great grandparents; Irene and Charles Losh and many other family members.

Those left behind to carry on Lorin's memory are his mother; Evelyn Evans of Bemidji, children; Darrin and Laila Losh of Minneapolis and Nina Losh and Mia Robinson both of Remer, special friend and mother of Nina and Mia; Savannah Hinsz of Remer, friend and mother of Darrin

and Laila; Jessica Robinson, brothers; Joshua (Jade) Losh of Bena and John (Sandy) Evans of St. Cloud, grandmother; Gladys Chase of Bena, grandfather; Leonard (Marolyn) Losh of Cass Lake, aunties; Kelly (Bam) Losh, Linda Losh and Nancy Johnson, uncle; Duane Losh, special cousins; Levi Losh, Alex and Derek Gould, great aunties and uncles, other relatives and too many friends to list.

An overnight wake for Lorin will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and continue until his 1:00 p.m., funeral service on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> all being held at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Lorin will be Alex Gould, Levi Losh, Joshua Losh, Tyler Losh, Derek Gould and Branden "Brando" Villeneuve. Alternate pallbearers are Nicholas Sherman, Austin Morris and Bijah Brown. His honorary pallbearers are Donny Losh, Jade Nicazio, Katie Gould, Tessa Losh, Jayda Long, Yasmine Long and Miles Anderson. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Bena, MN immediately following his Friday service.

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

## Roger Aitken



Roger Thomas Aitken, 74, of Walker, passed into heaven in Albuquerque, NM on Saturday, February 11, 2017 with his wife, Linda, and daughter, Nina, at his side.

Roger was born in Cass Lake on June 29, 1942 to Charles and Pauline (Day) Aitken. He was a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. His Indian name was "Misk-quah-nah-guad" – Red Cloud. His pre-school years were spent in Onigum where he enjoyed a great deal of time with his grandfather, Richard Day. Roger had many fond memories of his grandfather, talking often of the time he spent with him going to Walker by boat in the summer and by horse and sleigh in the winter. Later, the family moved to Walker, a community he loved, where he lived during his school years, graduating from Walker-Hackensack High School in 1960.

Roger then attended the Haskell Indian Institute in Lawrence, KS, where, in 1962, he completed a two-year program in baking. In the Roger style, he formed lifelong friendships with many H.I. students from across the U. S. Roger was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1964, and served honorably during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Leech Lake Honor Guard and Post 2001 American Legion.

Upon his return from the military, Roger worked for a few years in the Twin Cities until he decided to honor his mother's wish for all her children to obtain a college degree. In 1973, he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and Sociology from Bemidji State University (BSU).

A lifelong commitment to volunteering and education, he served 20 years on the BSU Alumni Board of Directors; the BSU Foundation Board; two BSU presidential search committees; the Chairman of the Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Directors; the Walker Area Community Board; the Leech Lake American Legion Post 2001; and the Walker Area Foundation. Roger was honored as one of the Bemidji State University Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni in 2003. This award is given as the

Association's highest honor. He was instrumental in the growth and development of the Leech Lake Tribal College and BSU's American Indian Resource Center.

Roger had a long and successful career as a leader and proponent of the advancement of tribal sovereignty and self-governance. Roger started his career with the Indian Education Section of the MN State Department of Education, an exciting time during which a major Federal Indian Education law was passed. Among other tribal positions, he served as the Executive Director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for several years, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs--Minnesota Agency, and was the first Executive Director of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

Roger loved sports. In both high school and beyond, Roger was a great athlete as well as a sports fan. He was a standout in high school football, basketball, and baseball, and continued playing at the Haskell Institute. While in college, he played many years on the famed Onigum Nighthawks basketball team winning numerous events and tournaments. He also became an accomplished golfer and played events in Minnesota as well as in the Southwest. He and Linda made many golf trips together enjoying each enormously. (Roger was a fan of various Minnesota sports teams, however, his passion was for the Vikings.)

Roger loved his friends and was a catalyst to keep them together. He maintained close contact with many of his high school and college classmates, they were always in the forefront of his thoughts and actions, and he greatly enjoyed arranging events for them. Roger especially enjoyed hosting BBQs at his and Linda's home and he excelled in walleye preparation.

Most of all, Roger loved his beloved family - wife Linda, daughter Nina, son Todd, grandchildren and siblings. He also loved his Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with that knowledge, we are assured that he is now in Heaven and that, one day, we will see him again.

During his final days, Roger was surrounded by his family and the many friends who travelled the long distance to New Mexico so they could be by his side, he also had hundreds more with him on social media, and thousands more in prayer groups in Minnesota, and throughout the country. Linda, Nina, and Todd are deeply grateful for the tremendous support given to them from their family, their friends, and their caregivers--the hospital staff and new Albuquerque friends, who provided loving care for Roger and for his family during this very difficult time.

Roger is survived by his wife, Linda, daughter, Nina Nicole, son, Todd (Ina) DeLack, step-son, Stacy Dorvinen, sisters; Sandee (Steve) Haugene, Terri (Joe) Aitken Thompson, and brothers; Larry (Polly), Joe (Margo), and Bob (June), grandchildren; Taylor Dorvinen, Jayden DeLack, Christian Dorvinen, Brandon and Darren EinBerger, nieces and nephews, and by the many friends who loved him. Roger's special pal was Nina's dog, Mika. Roger and Mika enjoyed spending time in the woods, grouse hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Duane and Bobby (infant).

A visitation for friends and family will be held at the Calvary Church in Walker from 5 pm to 8 pm on February 27, 2017 with a time of sharing starting at 6:30 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Calvary Church in Walker on February 28, 2017 at 11 am with Pastor Mark Widman and Pastor Craig Smith officiating followed by internment at Evergreen Cemetery. Following internment, lunch will be served at the Calvary Church.

Casket bearers are friends: Carvin Buzzell, Jeff Wallin, Jerry Downs, John Claude, Ken Anderson, Matt Hunt, and grandsons: Jayden DeLack and Christian Dorvinen.

Honorary casket bearers are Roger's 1960's classmates of Walker-Hackensack High School.

Arrangements by the Dennis Funeral Home of Walker [www.dennisfuneralhome.com](http://www.dennisfuneralhome.com)



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr 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

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN  
TRIBAL COURT

### In Re the Guardianship of:

A.L.C.L.A, Minor Child,  
DOB: 03/15/2015

Yvonne Armstrong & Matthew  
Armstrong, Petitioners,

And L.C. Wesley Armstrong &  
Andrea S. Bushey, Respondents,

Court File No. FA-17-19

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 27, 2017, a **Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor)** 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.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

Dated: February 1, 2017

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN  
TRIBAL COURT

### In Re the Guardianship of:

B.L.K. Jr., Minor Child,  
DOB: 08/11/2002

Brenda White & Carol Johnson,  
Petitioners,

And Brandon L. Kingbird Sr. &  
Renee Jenkins, (Deceased),  
Respondents,

Court File No. FA-17-11

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 20, 2017, a **Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor)** 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.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

Dated: February 6, 2017

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN  
TRIBAL COURT

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

Michelle TeJohn, Custodian;

Heather TeJohn and Darryl Johnson,  
Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-09

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 12, 2017, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian/parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN  
TRIBAL COURT

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

Caitlyn Roy, Joseph Littlewolf,

and Bradley Larsen, Parents.

Court File No. CP-14-44

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on February 8, 2017, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN  
TRIBAL COURT

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

Michelle Hunt, Parent.

Court File No. CP-16-42

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 21, 2016, an **Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN  
TRIBAL COURT

### In the Matter of the Guardianship of:

Damon Lee Boyd, DOB: 12/17/1984

Louis A. Boyd, Petitioner,

Court File No. FA-17-08

### Damon Lee Boyd & Other Interested Parties,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 12, 2017, a **Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Adult)** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the above-named person. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to contact the court the Judge may find that guardianship is needed.

DATED: February 10, 2017.

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

### In Re the Marriage of:

Sara Jean Tyndal, Petitioner,

David Eugene Tyndall, Respondent.

CASE NO. FA-16-28

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above has filed a legal action against you, **David Eugene Tyndall** asking for **Dissolution of Marriage and other relief**. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your answer in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive NW Cass Lake, MN. A Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as requested for by the petitioner.

DATED: January 5, 2017.



**LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

**In the Matter of the Guardianship of:**

W.J.B., Minor Child, DOB: 12/08/2004  
J.J.B., Minor Child, DOB: 06/14/2006  
Kenneth Louis Mitchell, Petitioner, And  
Charlene Boswell &  
Putative Father of W.J.B. & J.J.B.

Court File No. FA-17-39

**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 May 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Judicial Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. 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: February 23, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

**In Re the Custody of:**

V.A. M., Minor Child, DOB: 05/30/2002;  
Desirae Goose, Petitioner, And  
Gabrielle Budreau, Respondent

Court File No. FA-17-16

**NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 27, 2017 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 file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before May 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Judicial Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in a default judgment being entered against you, the respondents, at that time for the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

DATED: February 23, 2017

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**

**Miijim Gosha Mashkiki**

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Leech Lake Health Division Nutrition Program

Tues. March 14th, 2017  
11:00 am to 2:00pm

Facility Center Gym  
Cass Lake, MN

Celebrate National Nutrition Month

Contact:  
Rita Schuldt 335-4546  
Amanda Shongo 335-4524

# 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 MARCH 17TH, 2017

*CD Counselor Trainee ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-043*

*Lead Technician ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-042*

*Activities Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-041*

*Driver/Laborer (4) ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-040*

## THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MARCH 24TH, 2017

*Deputy Director ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-052*

*Head Cook ~ Health ~ \$13.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-051*

*Onigum ENP Kitchen Helper Driver ~ Health ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-049*

*PT Rule 25 Assessor ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-048*

*Adoption/Foster Care Specialist ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-047*

*Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-046*

*Mental Health Practitioner (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-045*

*Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-044*

## THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

*CD Traditional Cultural Advisor ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-035*

*Onigum Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-032*

*PT EMT Attendant (5) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-028*

*Men's Halfway House Technician (4) ~ Human Services ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-027*

*LPN ~ Human Services/OTP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-025*

*Heating Technician ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-021*

*Lead Investigator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-020*

*Cass Lake Cook (2) ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-016*

*CD Counselor ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-004*

*Inger Cook ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-180*

*Twin Cities Office Supervisor ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-168B*

*Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-162*

*Internal Audit Director ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-133*

*Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-098*

*Cass Lake Special Needs Teacher Assistant (4) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-054*

*Ball Club Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-052B*

*Registered Nurse ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-047C*

## THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

*Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 17-000*

*Pt Cashier/NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 17-001*

## Foster Homes Needed

On the Leech Lake Reservation

Leech Lake Foster Care is in need of loving foster homes within our reservation's boundaries. Please consider opening your hearts and your homes to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.



### BASIC REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

Residence on/near Leech Lake Reservation,  
Member of Federally Recognized Tribe App.,  
Home Safety Assessment, Physical Exam,  
Background Check, & Drug Screening

### TYPES OF FOSTER HOMES NEEDED:

**\*\*Regular \*\*Relative \*Emergency**  
**\*\*Therapeutic \*\*Medically Fragile**  
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### PLEASE APPLY AT:

L.L. Child Welfare Foster Care  
6035 161st St. NW,  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
Main Office: 218-335-8270



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For More Information Contact:

Julie Gordon  
Youthbuild Coordinator

218-335-3775 OR 218-368-2329

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**APRIL 7TH, 2017**  
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**MEETING BEGINS AT 10:00 AM**  
**LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00 PM**



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**Colleges & Universities \* Funding Agencies**  
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**PLEASE CONTACT ROSELYNN FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**ENTERTAINMENT**



**Queensryche**  
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**March 18th**  
Tickets: \$15/\$25/\$35



**KEITH SWEAT**  
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**April 6th**  
Tickets: \$48/\$58/\$68



**The Marshall Tucker Band**  
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**April 8th**  
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