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April 3, 2018 is the date of the Primary Election on Leech Lake. See full notice for more information.

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2018 State of the Band Address



The Leech Lake Tribal Council pauses for a quick photo immediately following the Chairman's Address.

WALKER, MN- The 2018 State of the Band Address was delivered by Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. on Friday, January 5th, 2018 at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center.

More than 400 Band Members attended the event along with numerous officials from different county, state and tribal organizations. State Senator Justin Eichhorn and State Representative Matt Bliss who represent a large area of the reservation attended as well. Federal Legislators Senator Amy Klobuchar and Congressman Rick Nolan sent their greetings and comments via video, as their schedule in Washington D.C. did not allow them to attend in person.

Leech Lake Elder Mike Smith along with his son, Michael Joseph Smith Jr. provided a blessing and invocation for the event.

The Leech Lake Honor Guard posted colors on stage and the Big Red Drum group provided tradition songs and drumming throughout the day.

Gary Charwood served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and Guest Speaker LLBO Band Member, Lenny Fineday delivered a speech on his views of what it means to be a Leech Lake Band Member from his perspective.

Chairman Faron Jackson Sr, took center stage and delivered a wide ranging speech covering a variety of initiatives under way including efforts to combat the opioid epidemic, economic projects such as the new Palace, Shingobee, and efforts in education to promote kids to learn Ojibwe, among many others.

The overall theme of the State of the Band Address was "We are all in this together". Video of the speeches delivered are available on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facebook page (see more info to the right).

Following the Address, lunch was served to all those in attendance. The January regular Quarterly meeting was also held in the afternoon.

Watch the State of the Band Address from Chairman Jackson, as well as the speech by Guest Speaker Lenny Fineday on our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/LeechLakeBandofOjibwe

under "Videos"
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DRM News Update: New Equipment And TAAMS System Expand Capabilities In The Land Department

Submitted by Levi Brown, Division of Resource Management



Leech Lake Division of Resource Management Employees (L to R) Della Kingbird, Joseph Fowler and James Frazer display one of many historical documents being digitally preserved with the new equipment.

CASS LAKE, MN- Recently, the Leech Lake Environmental-Land Department has taken two huge steps forward in modernizing its administrative capacity. First, by purchasing and putting into service a large scale scanner and plotter and second, implementing Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS).

The reason for this acquiring this new technology was to address any security concerns that community members might have with preservation of our historical documents. With copies only available in paper form, they could become damaged or destroyed over time and potentially lost forever.

Most of Leech Lakes historic land documents are printed out on over-sized survey drawings or land descriptions maps which are old and starting to deteriorate. "We have hundreds of them" says GIS Specialist James Frazer, "At housing alone there is an entire room full of historic surveys and maps that need to be cataloged and stored digitally".

All of the data and information

on Leech Lake lands will now be stored in both digital scan and hard copy versions on site, and also on a secure cloud drive to ensure safety in case of disaster. The images that are scanned are of the highest quality and are legible at even the finest scale. These images can even be reprinted in their original size if needed. Once scanned, the images can also be utilized in GIS software to help analyze, edit and even create new data.

What is TAAMS?

The Trust Asset Accounting Management System better known as TAAMS is a Department of the Interior records database. According to the Office of the Special Trustee, available TAAMS modules include:

- TAAMS Title – maintains and tracks land title documents, including supporting revenue distribution, invoicing, acquisitions and all legal details relating to land transactions; provides easy access to title information
- The TAAMS Title module contains both current and

distributions using captured payment information

- The TAAMS Leasing module tracks leases of Indian assets. BIA converted leasing data from BIA's old, multiple legacy systems to TAAMS. Selected data interfaces with TFAS to ensure that both systems have accurate and complete title, leasing and financial information.
- TAAMS Reports – provides for customized reports in areas such as land utilization, title status, owner inventory, lands available for leasing, chain of title history and distribution of income

Currently LLBO has three employees; Levi Brown, Joseph Fowler and Della Kingbird, who have federal credentials which allow access to the federal records system called TAAMS.

historical titles. Some historical titles in the system date back to original land grants. The legacy Land Record Information System (LRIS) was fully converted to the TAAMS software in January 2006.

- TAAMS Leasing – establishes, tracks and manages various contracts, such as surface area, mineral, rights of way and range; automates invoicing, collections and revenue

In the past, if a community member wanted access to their trust records it could take months to get that information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Now with the new capacity of the Land Department, Mr. Fowler, who is our TAAMS expert is able to access the same information in a matter of minutes.

Any questions about trust records, please feel free to contact Joseph Fowler at 218-335-7400.



Joseph Fowler, TAAMS Expert Leech Lake DRM

Primary Election Notice

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the LEECH LAKE Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on April 3, 2018 to fill the following positions: Secretary-Treasurer, District I Committeeperson, District II Committeeperson.

ELECTION DATE: April 3, 2018

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 AM

POLLS CLOSE: 8:00 PM

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER- 4 Year Term

- Donald "Mick" Finn, Sr.
- Arthur "Archie" LaRose (Incumbent)
 - Arlund Wakefield
 - Stephen "Steve" Howard

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT I COMMITTEEPERSON- 4 Year Term

- Calvin Goggeye
- Kyle Fairbanks
- Burton "Luke" Wilson
- Rose Robinson
- Robbie Howe

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT II COMMITTEEPERSON- 4 Year Term*

- Janice Dahmen
- Steve White (Incumbent)

** ONLY two (2) Candidates, No Primary Election.*

**Both will move on to the General Election in June 2018.*

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I:

Ball Club Community Center
31627 County Rd #39
Deer River, MN

Inger Community Center
53736 County Rd #146
Deer River, MN

S. Lake Community Center
59979 County Rd #4
S. Lake, MN

OFF-RESERVATION:

BEMIDJI:
Bemidji City Hall
Chamber of Commerce
317 4th St NW
Bemidji, MN

DULUTH:
Trepanier Hall
212 W 2nd St
Duluth, MN

LEECH LAKE TWIN CITIES:
Mpls American Indian Center
1530 E. Franklin Ave
Minneapolis, MN

DISTRICT II:

Bena Community Center
15032 Old Housing Drive
Bena, MN

Smokey Point- Kego Lake
Community Center
6159 Kego Lake Trail NE
Longville, MN

Sugar Point Community Center
10051 Battle Pt Dr
Federal Dam, MN

*****ABSENTEE VOTING*****

GENERAL ELECTION BOARD
Che We Building, SE Corner
115 6th St. Ste. E
Cass Lake, MN 56633

DISTRICT III:

Cass Lake- Dikinaagan Center
16120 60th Ave NW
Cass Lake, MN

Mission- Community Center
Osprey Ln
Cass Lake, MN

Onigum- Community Center
8825 Onigum Rd NW
Walker, MN

Cass River- Community Center
1731 Scenic Hwy SE
Pennington, MN

Oak Point- Community Center
5468 170th St NW
Cass Lake, MN



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Receives Grant for Local Energy Project

Community-focused clean energy effort will take shape throughout 2018



CASS LAKE, MN- It is an energizing start to 2018 for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who received a \$4,600 Seed Grant from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) today.

“We’re very excited to learn about the grant award,” said Brandy Toft. “This project, the Leech Lake Solar Master Plan, will assist us in furthering our endeavors for sustainable implementation for current and future generations.”

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will develop a Solar Energy Master Plan for all primary Tribal facilities. This Master Plan effort will, for all subject Tribal government facilities:

1. collect annual energy use data, calculate EUI and performance evaluation against ENERGY STAR/B3 peers;
2. evaluate the viability of solar PV;
3. develop a detailed solar PV concept design, calculate annual energy generation possible, and develop preliminary project budgets;
4. develop a Solar PV Master Plan report summarizing all findings, identifying Tribal economic development potential of solar pv development, and propose a solar implementation plan for Tribally owned facilities.

The award is one of 39 grants given to innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in communities across Minnesota. These awards mark the ninth round of Seed Grants from the group, totalling over \$1 million to 300 projects since 2006. A complete list of funded projects can be accessed at <http://mncerts.org/2018grants>.

“CERTs provides these Seed Grants with two primary objectives in mind,” said Lissa Pawlisch, CERTs Director. “First, to encourage implementation of community-based clean energy projects across the state. Second, to provide an educational forum for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and their economic, community, and ecological benefits.”

Leech Lake Youth Appointed to MN Governor's Steering Team

Early in December, two youth delegates from Leech Lake traveled to the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, MN for the initial meeting of the Minnesota Tribal Youth Gathering Steering Team. The delegates were officially appointed by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton during the meeting.

In November, notice of an essay contest was sent to the nine school districts on or near the Leech Lake Reservation. From the multitude of entries submitted, two youth were chosen to represent Leech Lake on the Steering Team. The chosen delegates were:

- **Cierra Wittner**, Leech Lake Band Member and Senior at Cass Lake Bena High School, and;
- **Jaydyn Johnson**, Leech Lake Band Member and Junior at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School

Cierra and Jaydyn will work with the rest of the steering team to help plan the 2018 Minnesota Tribal Youth Gathering which is set to be held in July of 2018. Each of the eleven tribes in Minnesota along with educational organizations in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area selected two delegates each to represent them on the committee.

The steering team will meet 1-2 times per month in St. Paul leading up to the Tribal Youth Gathering in July. More information on the Minnesota Tribal Youth Gathering is available below.



The following information was provided by Governor Mark Dayton's Office:

About the Minnesota/Mnisota Tribal Youth Gathering

Native American youth face some of the most challenging disparities and barriers to success in the country; but their cultures, communities, and nations also provide them with tremendous strength and resilience. This is what inspired President Barack Obama to launch the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative in 2014—a nationwide call to action to strengthen resources for Native youth and build new platforms for their success across sectors.

The Minnesota/Mnisota Tribal Youth Gathering (MYTG) will

be the first state gathering in the nation to take place as part of the Gen-I initiative. Our goal: to recognize and amplify the positive work Minnesota Native youth are doing to improve their communities, learn from them, and build a platform to inspire other Native youth across the state. Participants will have the opportunity to share their stories and work together with state leaders to create a brighter future for their generation and generations to come.

Proposal for the Gathering

We propose a statewide gathering for a full day of Native youth leaders in July 2018 with approximately 200-500 participants. To be eligible for participation, youth will be asked to take the Gen-I Challenge to make change on both the state and national levels.

By leading this effort, the governor's office will directly elevate the voice of Native youth and strengthen their role as advocates about the policies and decisions that impact their lives. It is also an opportunity for our state to build on the success of the national Gen-I initiative and inspire other state leaders to do the same.

To organize this effort, the Governor's Office will form an advisory council composed of a small and diverse group of delegates from tribal youth councils in the state. We will also involve strategic members of the administration who can coor-

dinate across agencies, and other partners who can provide technical assistance and communications support. One such partner is the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) at the Aspen Institute, a core partner with the White House on the original Gen-I pledge and White House Tribal Youth Gathering.

With support, we can identify key officials across both the private and public sectors who can share information about their programs and how they can support Native youth. They can also participate in high-level dialogues with Native youth leaders, who can provide input to strengthen these programs and propose new solutions based on their experience in their communities.

Key Areas to Address at Gathering:

- Education

- Health and Nutrition
- Juvenile justice
- Language and Cultural Revitalization
- Housing,
- Youth engagement

More about the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) Initiative

The Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative focuses on improving the lives of Native youth through new investments and increased engagement. This initiative takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to ensure all young Native people can reach their full potential. Gen-I helps improve the lives of Native youth by promoting a national dialogue and policies and programs to mobilize and cultivate the next generation of Native leaders. Key programs address: education, health and nutrition, juvenile justice, housing, and youth engagement.

Gen-I was launched on the heels of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama's visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Nation in North Dakota where they had the privilege to meet local youth who shared their struggles and also their inspiring stories of hope and determination. Upon their return to the White House, the President told his staff to "find new avenues of opportunity for our Native youth . . . [because] if we do, there's no question of the great things they can achieve – not just for their own families but for their nation and for the United States."



2018 MN Chippewa Tribe Election Calendar And Changes To Election Ordinance

CASS LAKE, MN- The position of Secretary-Treasurer along with two representative seats will be decided on the reservations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe during this years election. On Leech Lake, the District I and II Representative seats are due for election along with the Secretary-Treasurer position. Any candidate who captures more than 50% of eligible votes cast during the Primary Election on April 3 will be declared the winner. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes on Primary Election Day, The top two candidates for each position will face off in **the General Election which will be held on June 12, 2018.**

The Tribal Executive Committee made several changes to the Election Ordinance in December 2017, The most significant was a change made to the order in which candidates will appear on the official ballot. Previously the candidates were listed by the order in which they filed. This often led to a rush at Tribal Offices when they opened on filing day. Under the amended ordinance, candidates will now be ordered on the ballot by a random lottery drawing. The word "Incumbent" will also be shown on the ballot behind any Tribal Council Member seeking reelection to their position.

Other changes include establishing a work schedule for Election Boards and a change in requirements for automated balloting systems. The balloting change was requested by the Bois Forte Band and supported by smaller tribes due to the financial burden placed on them by the automated balloting requirement. They will now have the option of hand counting ballots if they choose to.

Full text of changes to the MN Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance as passed by the Tribal Executive Committee in December:

- Page 8, Section 1.3 (F)
Order on Ballot

Each Band governing body shall prepare a list of duly certified candidates for each position. The order of placement on the ballot shall be determined by lottery. The lottery shall be performed in public. If a candidate is the incumbent for the position, the word ("Incumbent") shall appear on the ballot after the candidate's name. The list of duly certified candidates and the order of placement on the ballot shall then be submitted to the Tribal Executive Committee.

- Page 11, Section 1.7 (A)
The Band governing body shall establish a work schedule sufficient for the Board to fulfill its duties.

- Page 14, Section 2.1 (A)(1)
Removed language and added language.

Election for Band Governing Body positions may be conducted by using an automated ballot tabulating system that meets the standards in Section 2.2. When a Band governing body chooses not to use an automated ballot tabulating system,

Read the full Election Ordinance online at:

https://www.leechlakenews.com/2018_election_ordinance

ELECTION CALENDAR 2017 – 2018

Regular Election

December 20, 2017	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for other RTC office.
January 8, 2018	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat.
January 11	Election Announcement
January 12	8:00 a.m. – Opening of period for filing for office.
January 22	Close of filing period
January 30	Selection of Election Court of Appeals Judge (For certification of candidate)
February 9	Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC.
February 13	Challenge certification or non-certification to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.
February 14	Complete record of all documents related to challenge submit to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by 4:30 p.m.
February 14	Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.
February 14	Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate Election Contest Judge.
February 15	Decision of certification or non-certification or within 48 hrs. of appeal.
February 20	Notice of Primary Election and Posting.
February 22	TEC provides ballots for Primary Election.
March 30	Notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.
April 3	Primary Election (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
April 4	General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)
April 5	General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.
April 6	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
April 10	4:30 p.m. – Deadline for Contest of Primary Election. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).
April 11	(Results, if Allowed or 9th or 10th. If earlier request) Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed
April 20	Deadline for Decision on Contest
April 23	4:30 p.m. – Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision. (or within 3 days of decision on Contest)
April 26	Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals. (Or within 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal)
April 30	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal. (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)
May 10	Last Day for Decision on Appeal. (10 days from hearing on appeal)
May 11	Notice of General Election
May 11	TEC provides ballots for General Election.
June 12	General Election (Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
June 13	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
June 14	General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
July 9th	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.

Korina Barry, Leech Lake Band Member, Announces Candidacy for MN House Seat



MINNEAPOLIS, MN- Leech Lake Band Member Korina Barry has recently announced that she will be seeking the District 62B seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Current incumbent, Susan Allen (Rosebud

Sioux) decided she would not seek reelection in the 2018 election cycle.

Korina shared the following message in a press release:

Boozhoo, mino-gigizheb. Korina Barry indizhinkaaz zhaaginaashimong. Waabaninoodikwe anishinaabemong. Makwa indoodem. Gaa-zaagaskwaajimekaag indoon-jibaa.

Hello, good morning, my name is Korina Barry. My spirit name is East Wind Woman. I am bear clan and I am an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

I am here today to announce my run for House Representative for District 62B. I grew up in south Minneapolis, and have resided in the Field neighborhood for 3 years.

As an Anishinaabe woman who grew up in poverty, I have experienced a great deal of adversity in my life and have embraced many challenges, including overcoming obstacles to accessing a college education.

Additionally, I come from a long line of strong and resilient women. My relatives have fought for survival; they continue to fight every day for their basic human rights and equal opportunity. I have watched and supported my mother through some of the most unthinkable and life-changing events.

I want a better future for people, like my mother, and other fellow community members who are struggling, who feel like their voices are silenced and forgotten. I am dedicated to fighting for greater equity and access to opportunities to succeed for our most underrepresented communities.

As a woman of color, as an Anishinaabe woman, I believe I am the best candidate for this position. My lived experiences, both challenging and beautiful, have shaped who I am and what I am passionate about today.

My campaign will be about advocating for policies that will make a difference for people experiencing the impact of inequities and harmful policies, and being their voice at the Legislature.

Connect with Korina Barry:
Email: Korinafor62b@gmail.com
Facebook: [fb.me/korinabarryfor62b](https://www.facebook.com/korinabarryfor62b)
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/korinabarry>

Leech Lake Tribal College Receives Grant To Increase Capacity For Environmental Education



Leech Lake Tribal College is pleased to announce it has been awarded \$100,000 from the American Indian College Fund (AICF) Scholarly Emergence for Environmental Design and Stewardship (SEEDS) program to increase capacity to prepare students for environmental careers, and to inspire community engagement with environmental issues in the Leech Lake area. The SEEDS program at LLTC will be led by Vikki Howard, Dean of Academics and faculty member Melinda Neville.

“With this support from AICF, we can strengthen and refocus our efforts at building environmental awareness about climate change and other challenges in our communities,” said Vikki Howard. The grant will assist faculty earning their advanced degrees, integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge in STEM curricula, and redevelopment within math and forestry curricula. Additionally, the AICF grant will fund LLTC’s summer internship program, supporting students and faculty engaged in place-based environmental research.

LLTC President, Dr. Patricia Broker, says that, “The American Indian College Fund is one of the greatest supporters of Tribal Colleges. The SEEDS grant will help us meet our broad mission of serving the Leech Lake Nation as we work to develop our leadership in the area of environmental stewardship.”

To learn more about opportunities to support the Leech Lake Tribal College and its mission to provide accredited education grounded in Anishinaabe values, please contact Ryan White at (218) 335-4229 or ryan.white@lltc.edu or by visiting our website at www.lltc.edu.

Womans Support Talking Circle

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

Where: HD2 Building
Light Meal Provided



Leech Lake Band Files Lawsuit Against Opioid Manufacturers

CASS LAKE, MN – On December 19, 2017 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe approved the filing of a lawsuit in federal district court against six of the nation’s largest opioid manufacturers—including Purdue Pharma, Cephalon, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and the three largest distributors of prescription drugs—McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmersourceBergen Drug Corporation.



The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe alleges that these companies used deceptive marketing tactics with the intent to maximize profits while minimizing both the addictive nature of these drugs, and the health risks to patients.

The highly addictive nature of opioids, which are powerful painkillers, has led

to a major public health crisis in Indian Country.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control show that in 2014 Native Americans had

the highest rate per 100,000 people of opioid overdoses.

In the four-county area containing Leech Lake’s tribal lands, the number of opioid-

related deaths has increased dramatically.

“The opioid epidemic has taken the entire United States by storm. Its impact has been particularly heavy here in Indian Country. Our tribal communities have endured many challenges and adversities in our history and found a way to survive. The crisis caused by the proliferation of opiates throughout our communities is the newest threat to our way of life,” said Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr.

“We hope this lawsuit will help to bring further attention to this major issue and ultimately make sure the major opioid manufacturers, who have put their corporate profit margins over the lives of our people, are held accountable for their actions.”

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Miijim Gosha Mashkiki

Food is Medicine

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Education Booths
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Leech Lake Health Division Nutrition Program

Tues. March 20th, 2018
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

LLTC Student & Faculty Spotlight



Colin Eagle

Boozhoo, My name is Colin Eagle, I am 25 years old with 2 children. I am a member of the Mille Lacs Band and I live here in Cass Lake. I chose to attend Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC) because it is close to home and I felt like I could belong here.

I'm pursuing a degree in Liberal Arts with a STEM emphasis. I am the current President of the LLTC Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) CLUB and American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES). I am honored to represent the college and our people at the regional and national AISES conferences.

We also are planning some FUN nights with the community in order to expand children's thoughts on S.T.E.M. Fields, and attending college in general. My plans after college is to attend BSU and obtain a Computer Science degree, also continuing the fight for our children on different fronts.

My advice to anyone thinking about attending this college, DO IT. It's a great place to start in anyone's education. It will get you ready to take on a four year college. You'll feel like you belong because the staff and faculty are aware of our culture, and want nothing but success for all of us.



Lori Barrow

Most of us who work in the natural resources field share a few common characteristics—we were exposed to nature at a young age. I am no exception. Even though I grew up in farm country, I was always running to the little patch of woods that shaded a tiny creek in our back yard.

When the weather turned warm, the cottonwoods would start filling the air with what looked like tiny, white snowflakes. Snowing in May? No, my dad told me, those are the seeds of the cottonwood tree.

Although some view it as a nuisance tree, to me those tiny seeds sparked a world of curiosity into the quiet beauty of trees.

Perhaps it was the hours spent sitting side-straddle in an old white oak— or the feeling of being part of something bigger than myself—whatever the feeling, ever since I can remember I have always found my peace in nature.

From childhood's wonder, it is perhaps no surprise that I chose a path in natural resources as both a forester and social scientist.

Boozhoo, my name is Lori Barrow, and I recently joined the staff and faculty at Leech Lake Tribal College as the Earth Systems Science Research Coordinator.

In this role I strive to support student learning experiences by planning engagement activities, coordinating group meetings such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Club, and help students navigate some of the complexities of college.

Although I am new to both northern Minnesota and this position, I have already noticed two things:

One, I am continually overwhelmed by the towering pines

and beautiful lakes of the Northwood's.

Two, the passion and commitment of staff, faculty, and students here at LLTC are unlike anything I've ever experienced.

I have watched faculty members, like my colleague Melinda Neville, teach in the classroom, prepare late into the evening, and participate in student research while still being involved in the community. All the while, I know this is the experience of many of our faculty and staff.

This is a place where it's obvious that faculty and staff put students first, and I'm truly humbled to be a part of that experience.

Prior to moving to Minnesota, my experiences have been fairly diverse. From working on a volunteer-based, wildlife monitoring project to serving as the communication and outreach coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service, I tend to consider myself a generalist more than a specialist and—because I am curious about too many things—one could say I am a life-long learner.

I hold two master's degrees in natural resource management and social forestry from Southern Illinois University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, respectively.

When not staring at the intricate maze that is bark or contemplating the perfection of a pinecone, one can usually find me and my partner, Corey, meandering through the woods with our dogs. Be it his good nature or innate ability, Corey is also currently teaching me to play the country-fiddle.

Perhaps someday I will share that talent with those in the area, as for now—count yourself lucky I keep that particular hobby at home!



2018 BSU Native Nations Night



Leech Lake Band Member Robert Aitken sang the National Anthem. The Leech Lake Honor Guard also posted colors at the event.



White Earth Chairman Terry Tibbetts, Red Lake Representative (Little Rock) Charlie Reynolds and Leech Lake Chairman Faron Jackson before the ceremonial Puck Drop.



Obituaries



Ce'Liina Hart



Baby Ce'Liina AaliZandra Hart was born at Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota on December 10, 2017. Born at just 25 weeks gestation, Ce'Liina was a fighter, she was transferred to the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital where later that day the Creator called upon her. She is the daughter of Bonita Goggleye and Alexander "Zander" Hart.

Our dearest little angel, you came into our lives for a short time. Shared your love-then the Creator came, as you were needed. Grandmothers needed a little hand, seeing you they chose you, not to hurt us or make us cry, as you will be forever with us.

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her great grandparents; George and Maggie Goggleye, David and Lena Cloud and Alice Smith, aunts, uncles, and other family.

Those she leaves behind are her parents; Bonita Goggleye and Alexander "Zander" Hart of Cass Lake, sisters; Sierra, Ciana and Symonne, brother; Simon, grandparents; Norman and Delores Goggleye and Boy and Nancy Hart, aunts; Sadonna, Dawn, Vicky, Anndrea, Jessica, Alisha and Lorreena, uncles; Norman, Sam, David, Lance, Kenneth, Larry, Casey and Jason, many cousins and relatives.

An overnight wake for Baby Ce'Liina was held Wednesday, December 13, 2017 and continued until her 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Thursday, December 14th all held at the veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Allen Hardy was her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Baby Ce'Liina were James Roper and Keenan Norris. Her honorary pallbearers are all her aunts and uncles. Interment was in the Inger Cemetery at Inger, MN immediately following her service.

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

Charles Braman



Charles Frank Braman, "Manidoo-ininii" which means "Spirit Man", age 52, of the Bear Clan and Cass Lake, Minnesota entered into eternity on January 9, 2018 at Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN with his family by his side. Charlie was born July 23, 1965 to Marilyn E. Smith and Hubert "Bud" Braman.

Charlie was born and raised in Minneapolis, MN until his middle teens. He traveled the pow-wow trails for a few years until he settled down in the Leech Lake Reservation area. Charlie did many jobs that included mechanic work, masonry, carpentry and much more. Charlie loved his family and enjoyed cookouts, family gatherings and visited his children every chance he had. He was very humorous and would give his last dollar just to put a smile

on your face. Charlie had very big heart and always tried to help others. He will be missed by many.

Charlie will be joining his mother; Marilyn Smith, paternal grandparents; Roy and Iva Braman and maternal grandparents; Paul and Margaret Smith and stepson; Jason Cross.

Charlie will be leaving behind his partner of 18 years; Debra Adams of Cass Lake, his children; Amber May of Red Lake, Wabinokwe Braman, Charles Braman and Menwewebines Braman all from Grand Portage, Bryan and Chanelle Braman from Bemidji, Brandy Braman of Cass Lake, stepchildren; Tammy Adams, Christopher Cross, Mary Cross, Joshua Cross, Marie Cross and Michelle Smith, father; Hubert "Bud" Braman, Sr., siblings; Linda Deegan of Minneapolis, Von White of New Mexico, Hubert "Buddy" Braman, Jr. of Walker and 22 grandkids.

A wake for Charlie was held Thursday, January 11th and continued until his funeral service at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2018 all held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN.

Reverend Harold EagleBull will officiated and traditional drum singing was provided by Dylan Adams and Alden Fairbanks. Pallbearers for Charlie were Bryan Adams, Fred Fairbanks, Charles Braman, Jim Harrison, Jr., Ben Braman and Charles Jones. Alternate pallbearer was Rogers Davis. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment was in the Mission Cemetery at Mission, MN following his Saturday morning service.

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

JoLeen Paul-Wilson



JoLeen Marie Paul-Wilson, 43, of Cass Lake, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in her home. She was born on June 24, 1974 in Cass Lake to Lois White and Melvin Burnette. Joleen was a blackjack dealer for Leech Lake Gaming and was a former dealer at Mystic Lake Casino.

She was a super Mom and Auntie, who loved her daughter, Malayah and special niece, Olivia very much. She enjoyed spending time with her daughter and nieces and nephews, music, and Spanish music. Joleen was very determined with whatever she was going to do, and was very generous and big hearted.

Those she will join are her step-father, Richard White, aunt, Rosie Brown, grandmother, Emma Burnette, cousin, Dora "Biskit" Keezer, uncles, Kippy Wilson, Bobby Wilson and Delmer "Joe" Staples and niece JoDee Mae Hope Ducheneaux.

Those she leaves behind are her husband, Christopher Paul; daughter, Malayah Wilson; mother, Lois White; father, Melvin Burnette; special niece, Olivia Ducheneaux; brothers, Joseph (Connie) Wilson Sr., Benjamin (Raechel) White Sr., Alvin (Pam) White, Marvin White and Calvin White; sisters, Delia Mae (Joseph Dx) White, Becky Gregory and Margaret Brown; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A wake for Joleen will began at 7 PM Saturday, December 9, 2017 in the Veterans Memorial Building at Cass Lake. The wake continue d until her funeral service Monday, December 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Father George Ross officiated.

Pallbearers for Joleen were, Fred Keithley, Alex Ducheneaux, Traci Benjamin, Nicole Staples-Michaud, Michael Allen and Alvin White. Alternate pallbearer was Michael Harrison. Honorary bearers were Hailey White, Raechel Premo, Joe Ducheneaux, Josiah White, Benjamin White Jr., Olivia Ducheneaux, Joseph Wilson Jr. and Pam Mitchell.

Following her service, Joleen was laid to rest at Prince of Peace Cemetery, Cass Lake/ Mission.

Lori Christianson

Lori Mabel Christianson (Barsness), Amikwe "Beaver Woman", of the Bear Clan, age 59, began her spiritual journey on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the St. Cloud Hospital. She was born in Hibbing, MN on April 27th, 1958 the daughter of Vernon Barsness, Sr. and Dona Mae Wilson.

Lori was a very sweet natured person who was very sentimental. Her heart was easily

touched. She was a favorite auntie amongst her nieces, nephews and even her grandnephews. Lori was the fun auntie who was also very proud of her own children. She had a strong spiritual belief and always felt that her family was very important too. As much as she loved her family, her family loved and watched out for her. Lori loved cooking, baking, gardening and animals of all kinds. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.



The family that Lori joins again are her parents; Vernon and Dona, and one brother; James Guernsey.

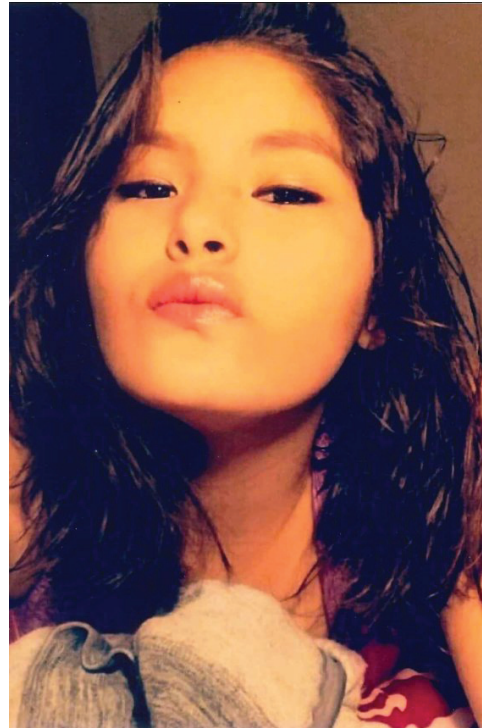
Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her son; Jesse (Stephanie) Wiley of Big Lake, daughters; Angela (Matt) Wiley-Dolecki of Big Lake, and Erin Christianson of Minneapolis, sisters; Lenore Barsness of Cass Lake, and Mary Guernsey of Mora, brother; Vernon (Linda) Barsness, Jr. of Cass Lake, grandchildren; Alexis Lockwood, Maci Dolecki, Paisyn Wiley and Halle Wiley.

A wake for Lori began at 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 15, 2017 and continued until the 10:00 a.m. service on Saturday, December 16 all held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake. Spiritual advisor was Allen Hardy. Pallbearers for Lori were Nicholas

Stauffenecker, Zachery Barsness, Matt Dolecki, Javon-Taye Rodgers, Jadya Titoe and Rory Snetsinger. Her children would like to extend honorary mention to the Rosengren Family, Stephanie Wiley, the Dolecki Family, Patty Kirscht and Family, and Caroline Christianson. Interment was held in the Mokahum Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service.

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

Monica Salas-Raisch



Monica Rose Salas-Raisch, 14 years young, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Friday, January 12, 2018. She was born in Bemidji, MN on May 2, 2003 to Lila (Raisch) Salas.

Monica loved her makeup which she learned how to do from her auntie Kimberly. She was a loving young girl who loved everyone. She loved hanging out with her brothers Joaquin and Thommis. Monica liked to walk to town with her friends while listening to music, singing and dancing along the way. When Monica hung out with her girls they would do their nails, laugh, joke, have lots of fun and do TBH videos. She was known for her great personality and beautiful smile. Monica loved to play in the rain, especially with Melissa. When she visited her "partner in crime", Tyler, they enjoyed messing around with people, play fighting and wrestling, talking all the time, staying out late, getting into mischief and having fun. Monica loved helping others, writing poems, drawing, taking selfies, taking pictures

with her friends and family, photo bombing, spending time with her family and having heart to hearts with her aunties. Bossy and Flossy...

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her grandmas; Patty Washington and Laura Raisch, grandpas; David Raisch and Charles Raisch, uncles; Jose Washington, David Raisch and Dion Staples, her great grandparents and many other relatives.

Those saddened to see her go are her mom; Lila (Anthony) Salas of Cass Lake, brothers; Thommis and Joaquin Raisch and Justin Richards, Jr., sisters; Kailoni Bemodes, Alisa Thompson and Alaina Richards, aunties; Alicia (Lee) Day, Kimberly (Justin) Raisch, Christine Raisch, Rebecca (Patrick) Lowry, Christyna (Stephen) Foster and Shawna (Adam) Pokonowski, uncles; Raul (Brandy) Washington, David Staples and Daniel Washington, Sr., father figure; Chavez Wind, Sr., partner in crime; Tyler Lowry, numerous cousins and too many friends to mention.

A wake for Monica began at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 18th and continued until her traditional service at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 20, 2018 all held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Steve Jackson "Waa-maajaa'iwed" was her Spiritual Advisor. Those helping to lay Monica to rest were Lee Elk Nation, Justin Barnett, Richard Budreau, Jr., Isaac Raisch, Trent Jones and Terry Jones. Alternate pallbearers were Tyler Lowry, Raul Washington, Dan Washington and Michael Washington. Her honorary pallbearers were Lila Salas, Alisa Thompson, Kailoni Bemodes, Alaina Richards, Joaquin Raisch, Thommis Raisch, Valerie Washington, Justin Richards, Jr., Karla Thompson, all her aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews and all her close friends. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following her Saturday services.

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

Walter Brown

Walter Samuel Brown, "Moonie" age 56, of the bear clan, began his spiritual journey on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 in Old Agency. He was born on November 17, 1961 in Cass Lake the son of Charles and Hazel (Reese) Nordmarken.

Moonie grew up in Minneapolis, and earned his GED. Soon after, he joined and served in the United States Army. Following his service, he came home to be with his family. Moonie was always a sharp dresser who

always took care of himself. He liked going to the casino and being with his nieces and nephews. Moonie loved the Vikings and was a big fan. His hobbies were fishing and netting. Moonie will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.



The family that he joins again are his step father; Charles, sister; Kari Nordmarken, grandmother; Margaret Rice, numerous uncles and relatives.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his mother; Hazel Nordmarken of Old Agency, brothers; Robert Brown and Jay Nordmarken both of Onigum, sisters; Kim Brown of Minneapolis, and Krisi Nordmarken of Onigum.

A wake for Moonie will began at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 22nd, 2018 at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center. A Mass of Christian burial was held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker with Father Tim Lange officiating. Pallbearers were Bob Brown, Tony Brown, T.J. Brown, Isaiah Nordmarken, Justin Nordmarken and Areccio Brown. Honorary pallbearers were all his relatives. Interment was held at Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Old Agency.

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



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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Dora Keezer (Deceased) and Jerald L. Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-19

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 24, 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 parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Ann Harrison and Jerald Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-19

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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Brittany L. White (f.k.a. Littlewolf) and Jacob J. White, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-31

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 1, 2017, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights** 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.

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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Teri L. Litzau and Bradley S. Cloud, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-14

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Court File No. CP-16-14

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Senoah A. Molash, Gregory A. Wind, and Harry E. Helps, Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-26
NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 25, 2017, 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.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Kymberly M. Hare and Jerald L. Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-13-10

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Debra Bruce,

Legal Custodian; Teresa Bruce, Non-Custodial Parent.

Court File No. CP-14-35

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 10, 2017, a **Petition for Long-Term Foster Care** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian/parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Kymberly M. Hare and Jerald L. Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-15-48

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LEGAL NOTICE Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Chantel M. Novak, Kyle R. Dunn, and Christopher D. Finn, Jr., Parents.

Court File No. CP-15-26

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 27, 2017, **Petitions to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody (2 separate petitions)** 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.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Teri L. Litzau and Kenneth N. Litzau, Jr., Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-14

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How can the Working Family Credit benefit me?

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Do I qualify for the Working Family Credit?

To qualify, you must file a 2017 Minnesota Income Tax return, qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, and be a full-year or part-year Minnesota resident. Also, your income from 2017 must be less than the following:

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1	\$45,100	\$39,600
2 or more	\$50,500	\$44,900

Example. Daryl and Theresa are tribal members who live on the reservation where they are enrolled members. They are married, have two qualifying children, and earn \$30,000 in combined wages working on the reservation.

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To learn more, go to www.revenue.state.mn.us and type Working Family Credit in the Search box, or call 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free).

Can I get free tax help?

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Leech Lake Tribal Police Department 2017 Illegal Drug & Seizure Statistics

Submitted by Ken Washington, Tribal Police Chief

	2017	2016
Cash Seized	\$9,963.00	\$38,922.00
Vehicles Seized	0	2
Firearms Seized	17	22
Processed Marijuana	894.77 grams	725.6 grams
Cocaine	115 grams	12.51 grams
Crystal Methamphetamine	989.26 grams	1082.07 grams
Heroin	201.85 grams	105.96 grams
Suboxone	2 doses	4 doses
Gabapentin	359 pills	437 pills
Oxycodone	-	100 pills
MDMA/Ecstasy	5.84 grams	-

Prior year statistics provided for comparison where available.

Approximate total value of all drugs seized in 2017: \$156,115.35
Total Search Warrants executed: 26

*Please note that this total is an estimated value and prices of illegal drugs commonly rise and fall throughout the year depending on supply and demand, quality, etc. The numbers above also do not reflect a total of illegal drugs that are collected for destruction only purposes nor does it reflect drug totals that are purchased by Agents throughout the year.



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FT Shelter Advocate ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-020
Land Use Administrator ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-019
Water Resources Technician II ~ DRM ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-010B
Intake Screening Worker ~ Human Services/OTP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-005B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MARCH 1, 2018

Claims Specialist ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-018
PT EMT ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-017
Water Resource Technician I ~ DRM ~ \$16.50/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-016
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Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-008
Diabetes Program Registered Dietician ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-003
Mental Health Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-202
Program Accountant ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-197
Accounting Clerk/Medical Cost Management ~ Finance ~ \$14.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-196B
Rule 25 Unit Technician ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-195
Program Accountant ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-180
Maternal Child Health Nurse (3) ~ Health ~ \$28.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-178
PT Community Health Representative ~ Health ~ \$11.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-171
FT Community Health Representative ~ Health ~ \$11.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-170
Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-157
Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-156
Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-151
WIC Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-150
Custodial Grounds Crew Driver (2) ~ DPW/FM ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-139
Women's Halfway House Technician (3) ~ Human Services ~ \$12.00/hr. Job Code: 17-124B
Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-098C
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-090
Registered Nurse (on call) (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-076
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WHAT WILL YOU DO?

KEEP THE CASH OR RISK IT

WEEKLY DRAWINGS
6pm-11pm Fridays & Saturdays
FEB. 16-MARCH 24

- (2) \$250 Cash Drawings Each Hour.
- Spin For A Chance At \$2,000!*

SUPER SPIN GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS
5pm-10pm March 25th

- (2) \$500 Cash Drawings Each Hour.
- Spin For A Chance At \$5,000!*

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PROGRESSIVE Payouts

1 CASH DRAWING HELD EACH HOUR

IF WINNER IS NOT PRESENT, THE CASH PRIZE AMOUNT GETS ADDED TO THE NEXT DRAWING AND A CONSOLATION FREE PLAY HOT SEAT WILL BE HELD

WEEKLY
6pm-11pm Fridays and Saturdays
FEB. 16-MARCH 24

TIME	CASH	CONSOLATION FREE PLAY
6pm-7pm	\$500	\$200
7pm-8pm	\$500	\$200
8pm-9pm	\$750	\$300
9pm-10pm	\$750	\$300
10pm-11pm	\$1,000	\$300

GRAND PRIZE
5pm-10pm Sunday
MARCH 25

TIME	CASH	CONSOLATION FREE PLAY
5pm-6pm	\$1,000	\$400
6pm-7pm	\$1,000	\$400
7pm-8pm	\$2,000	\$600
8pm-9pm	\$2,500	\$600
9pm-10pm	\$3,000	\$600

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GET A GIFT SUNDAY

Earn 50 points from 2am-11pm and receive a featured gift.*

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*While supplies last. Free Play will be given if gift is unavailable. Management reserves all rights.

REZ Comedy NIGHT

TATANKA MEANS • ERNEST TSOSIE • JAMES JONES • ROB FAIRBANKS

MARCH 2
FREE SHOW

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The Music of Country Great JOHN CONLEE

MARCH 22
TICKETS: \$10/\$15/\$20

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The Purple Xperience

A Tribute to Prince

MARCH 23
TICKETS: \$8/\$12/\$16

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Air Supply

APRIL 6
TICKETS: \$36/\$45/\$54

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ROCK THE NIGHTS AT NORTHERN LIGHTS

8 TRIBUTE BANDS

JUNE 15 & 16
TICKETS: 2 NIGHTS FOR \$10/\$15/\$20

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KICKIN' IT OLD SKOOL 4

JULY 14
TICKETS: \$38/\$58/\$71

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