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2018 General Election Special Insert

Special removable section features candidate essays, election calendar, polling information and more.

Road Construction Page 3

Two major road projects starting this month will impact travel in Cass Lake and Ball Club.

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A look at some of the events taking place over the 2018 Memorial Day weekend.

Governor Dayton Vetoes Bill Removing Wild Rice Water Protections



On Wednesday, May 9, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton vetoed an attempt led by State Senator Justin Eichorn (R-Grand Rapids and State Representative Dale Lueck (R-Aitkin) to remove a state water quality standard designed to protect manoomin (wild rice).

In a letter to MN House Speaker Kurt Daudt, Governor Dayton called the bill “an extreme overreach that eliminates important protections for wild rice”, and “attempts to exempt Minnesota from the federal Clean Water Act”, a violation of federal law. He also stated “Wild rice is very special to Minnesota. It is essential to the culture and spirituality of many Native American Tribes in our state.”

The sulfate standard was adopted in 1973 after a study was released showing highly detrimental effects to wild rice growing in waters with a high level of sulfates. Sulfates are a type of mineral salt that are often released into waterways as a by-product from mining activities and wastewater treatment operations.

The sulfate standard limits discharges to 10 milligrams per liter in waters where wild rice grows. The rule has rarely been enforced over the years, mostly due to the high cost of sulfate treatment which would be incurred by mining companies, cities and towns.

Attempts to move toward enforcement have faced legal challenges. In 2010, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce sued the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) when it signaled a move towards stricter enforcement of the rule. Since the early 2000s the Environmental Protection Agency has been pressing State Regulators to enforce the rule at the request of Minnesota Tribes and Environmental Groups.

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LLBO RELEASES STATEMENT ON ENBRIDGE LINE 3 RECOMMENDATION

Admin Law Judge Recommends Line 3 Replacement only if it follows RA-07, which crosses the Leech Lake Rez

New developments regarding Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement project were revealed in April.

Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ann O'Reilly issued a non-binding recommendation which stated that a new Line 3 oil pipeline should only be approved if done "in-trench". This means following Enbridge's current pipeline corridor through the Leech Lake and Fond Du Lac Reservations.

The ruling will be sent on to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for consideration.

Last summer, the MN Department of Commerce also submitted testimony to the PUC saying the proposed project was not needed.

The PUC is expected to issue its final ruling regarding the Line 3 replacement project on June 21, 2018.

In the 436 page document filed April 23, 2018, Judge O'Reilly stated: “Just like the Commission cannot bind the federal government, the Commission does not have the authority to require the Indian Tribes to permit the replacement of Line 3 within the Reservations.”

Meanwhile, Republicans continue to push bills in both the House and Senate to bypass the

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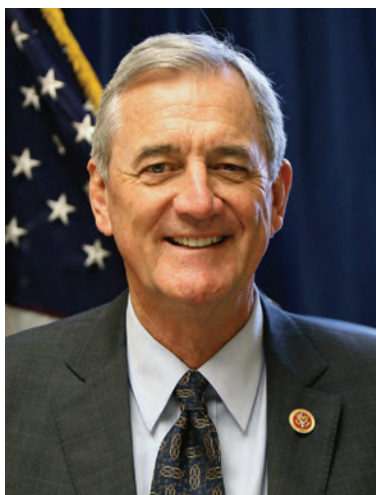
“Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act” Introduced in U.S. Congress

U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan (MN-8) introduced H.R. 5529, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act, into Congress on April 17, 2018. This companion bill is identical to S. 2599 which was sponsored in the Senate by Minnesota Senator Tina Smith on March 22, 2018.

The legislation would see more than 11,000 acres of land in the Chippewa National Forest transferred into trust for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

At issue is a series of Secretarial Land Transfers made between 1948 and 1959. These bills address approximately 11,760 acres of land which were transferred from individual allotments on the Leech Lake Reservation to the United States Forest Service for inclusion in the Chippewa National Forest. During this period the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) wrongly interpreted an order from the Department of the Interior (DOI), which led them to believe they had the authority to sell tribal land without the consent of a majority of the landowners. The practice came to an abrupt end in 1959 when the Secretary of the Interior advised the BIA that they were illegal and ordered them to cease the transactions.

A 1986 Supreme Court Decision (UNITED STATES v. MOTTAZ, 476 U.S. 834) ruled that landowners who had lost land in this manner were prevented from seeking



legal recourse due to a 12 year statute of limitations clause in the Quiet Title Act of 1972.

The bills acknowledge this decision but also recognize the ruling of a Federal judge who stated that the land could be restored to tribal trust status for members through an act of Congress.

The bills include several restrictions on usage of the land, including a ban on gaming activities and a stipulation that commercial forestry activity be managed in accordance with applicable Federal Laws.

The next step will see the bills referred to the appropriate committees in their respective chambers for debate. If passed by both the House and the Senate, it would then require the signature of the President of the United States to become law.

[CHAPTER 293]
AN ACT
To authorize the sale of individual Indian lands acquired under the Act of June 18, 1934, and under the Act of June 26, 1936.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized in his discretion, and upon application of the Indian owners, to issue patents in fee, to remove restrictions against alienation, and to approve conveyances, with respect to lands or interests in lands held by individual Indians under the provisions of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), or the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967).
Approved May 14, 1948.

1948 Congressional Act which amended the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act to allow the Secretary of the Interior to authorize transactions involving tribal lands, these transactions are often referred to as "Secretarial Land Transfers."

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permitting process and authorize the pipeline construction outright. The MN House of Representatives passed, H.F. 3759 by a vote of 74-51 on May 15. The bill would "terminate" commission proceedings and authorize construction of the project.

In response to a similar move made last year by MN Republicans, Democratic Governor Mark Dayton released a statement saying he would veto the bill. Dayton said that Enbridge Energy's \$7.5 billion Line 3 pipeline replacement should be vetted by the Public Utilities Commission before it gets approval to begin construction. He is widely expected to treat this newest attempt in the same manner.

The following statement was released following publication of the judge's decision:

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is disappointed in the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) O'Reilly's ruling on April 23, 2018 that recommends in-trench replacement of Line 3. This recommendation ignores environmental justice issues inherent to the current corridor as well as environmental risks associated with in-trench replacement that were not adequately addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has honored the wishes of the citizens of Leech Lake to ensure that our waters and resources are protected. In 2012 Enbridge LLC asked to cross the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. After reviewing the congested corridor and being told by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe they must find a new route around, Enbridge agreed to take their pipeline on a route away from the reservation.

ALJ O'Reilly's recommendations are nothing new for our tribe that struggles to find and enact environmental justice and security for abundant water resources that the current Line 3 crosses. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been burdened with the old Line 3 since the 1960's, so with no action Leech Lake – and 10% of water within Minnesota –

will continue to bear the burden of this substandard pipeline till at least 2029. The recommendation further drives the message that it is ok to put pipelines on reservations and that risk is acceptable.

Line 3 Replacement is now being recommended to stay on the reservation because the risk to Tribal lands is acceptable. Judge O'Reilly stated, "In trench replacement will: (2) isolate Environmental risks of an oil pipeline to an existing, active pipeline corridor; (4) avoid establishing a new oil pipeline corridor in a particular sensitive region of the state that could be used, in the future, for additional pipelines." The judge has made this horrific recommendation without even holding a single ALJ hearing on the Leech Lake Reservation and gave a recommendation on a route that has not had the same level of environmental review.

Tribal Nations are unique, and not all issues faced by one tribe are shared by all tribal nations. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe focuses on the needs of our people and we do not speak for any other tribes or special interest groups. Leech Lake has made our position clear through the entire process. In the absence of formal authorization, no outside special interest groups speak for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. We are disappointed that the ALJ O'Reilly is being commended by special interest groups for the recommendation to approve Enbridge's Certificate of Need- but only if it is on an Indian reservation. The ALJ's recommendation is an anti-sovereignty, one-sided stance that considers Minnesota's needs only, but puts undue burden on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to hold the risk of the pipeline replacement and to revoke the permit.

Now that the permitting process moves to the next step, we hope that there is serious rebuttal. This is a clear attack on sovereignty and Tribal communities. We hope people see this recommendation for what it truly is and stand with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and other tribal nations who have pipeline risks threatening their lands.

Camping in the Chippewa National Forest Notice to Leech Lake Band Members

Submitted by Ben Benoit, LLBO Environmental Director


Often people think that the Treaties the Native Americans signed with the United States Government “gave” rights to native peoples. This is a misconception. In fact, most treaties took away rights, land, and also limited the land base where Native peoples could practice these. Treaties extinguished Indian title to the land and made it possible for the U.S government to govern former Indian Lands. The rights that natives retain are called “Reserved Rights” and this is a fundamental doctrine of Indian Law today. Under the doctrine of reserved rights the courts have consistently ruled that any right not explicitly extinguished by a treaty or federal statute is considered to be “reserved” to the tribe.



What does this mean for Leech Lake Tribal Members as we begin another summer? Well it means that we maintain right to responsibly gather, free from interference, and the only government that has the authority tell Tribal Members how to gather on Leech Lake Reservation is our own Leech Lake Government. Thinking beyond gathering also means that Tribal Members have the right to occupy the land to exercise these rights outside of other government’s requirements. This includes Forest Service campgrounds.

The Forest Service, in recognition of these rights, has opened all Forest Service campgrounds within the Leech Lake Reservation for free use by all Band members and resident Indians. There is still work being done on campground rules, regulations and the enforcement of them.

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After completing, detach proof of payment stub and deposit envelope into box provided.

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Example: How to fill out USFS Campground Fee Envelope for Tribal Members

There are also some logistical issues still being resolved with the online registration system that the forest service uses. Some sites will be reserved and those sites will be clearly marked. Be respectful of that and do not try to utilize those marked sites. Although use of the campsites is free and we are exempt from the length of stay rules, we should behave responsibly and remember that responsible use of all our resources will keep these campsites clean and available for seven generations.

If you have questions please call Rich Robinson, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management Director at 218-335-7400 or Ben Benoit, Leech Lake Environmental Director at 218-335-7417.

Summer Road Projects Begin

Detours will be in place for Palace Road in Cass Lake and on Highway 46 near Ball Club



Construction begins May 14 on Palace Rd project in Cass Lake

A collaborative project between the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to reduce crashes on Highway 2 and Cass County Road 75/Bingo Palace Road in Cass Lake began on May 14.

“We’ve been developing this project with MnDOT for a couple of years now,” said Art Chase, Leech Lake Tribal Roads director. “The intersection has been a sustained crash location and this innovative design is going to make it much safer.”

The intersection redesign, called a Reduced Conflict Intersection, improves safety by significantly reducing crashes and fatalities. In other parts of the country these intersections are often referred to as a J-turn, R-cut or Michigan left. According to the Federal Highway Administration these types of intersections reduce severe crashes by over 70 percent.

“The main difference with the new design,” said MnDOT project engineer Luke Johanneck. “Will only affect drivers on County Road 75 that want to make a left onto Highway 2 towards Cass Lake. Those drivers will now have to make a right, travel 800 feet then make a U-turn.”

Highway 2 will remain open during construction, although lane closures and a speed reduction will be in effect. Motorists on County Road 75/Bingo Palace Road will be detoured to County Road 149.

Visit the project website to view a map of the new layout along with further details on Reduced Conflict Intersections at mndot.gov/d2/projects/2018/hwy2-casslake.

Highway 46 detour near Deer River begins May 21

Motorists on Highway 46 will encounter a detour between Deer River and Itasca County Road 39 beginning Monday, May 21 as a 10-mile construction project begins.

The detour follows Highway 2 and County Road 39 at Ball Club. Local access will be maintained for those that live along the project area, but the replacement of four centerline culverts will alternate which areas are possible.

The southernmost culvert located near the intersection with Highway 2 will be replaced first. When complete, the culvert work will move north to the next location.

Along with culvert replacement, crews will reconstruct Highway 46 by replacing the entire pavement surface and adding four turn lanes. Construction will take place throughout the project at the same time crews are replacing culverts.

Residents and motorists can view a project map and keep up to date with the current schedule on the project website www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/2018/hwy46-deer-river.

Hawkinson Construction is the contractor \$4.14 million project. It is expected to last through July, weather permitting.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store.

Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Arthur "Archie" LaRose

Remarks delivered at the April 6 Quarterly Meeting in Bena, MN



Boozhoo and welcome to everyone who has made it here today. I would like to start off by sharing how honored I am to be here as your Secretary Treasurer.

It is that time of the year where we ask the public to please come and offer your comments or ask any questions regarding the Band's annual budget process at the public hearings scheduled within your respective district. Take care and for your review are summaries for our LLBO Accounting Division and our Leech Lake Gaming Operations.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Annual Audit Report for fiscal year 2017 is complete and submitted to the Federal government by the deadline of March 31, 2018. The audit was conducted by RSM, LLP formerly McGladrey, Inc. The Tribal Council will review the financial statements and findings of the audit results to recommend and implement corrective action plans where needed. We are in the fourth quarter and Fiscal year 2018 is coming to a close June 30, 2018.

All revenues and expenditures are monitored and reported to upper management to ensure they remain within the allocated levels. The Fiscal year 2019 Budget Process is

underway with the requests for budgets from each Division Director. According to the LLBO Budget Ordinance, public hearings to gather input for the FY 2019 Budget are scheduled to take place: April 9, 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Bena Community Center in Bena, MN; April 10, 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN; and April 11, 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN.

Notices will also be posted on the LLBO website and Facebook page.

The FY 2019 U.S. President's Budget proposal proposes elimination of the Low Income Energy Assistance program, and reductions to BIA and HUD funded programs. These proposed cuts would have a serious impact to our funding levels and we need to keep monitoring this process and develop an alternative plan should any budget reductions take place. The Band received \$1.3 million for FY 2017 and 2018 Energy Assistance program benefits administered with the State of Minnesota. The Band subsidized the Energy Assistance program this past winter with an additional \$300 thousand dollars from the General fund coffers due to the extreme cold weather conditions.

Other programs that provide to assistance and services to our members include:

Tribal Assistance Program

- \$1.3 million in benefits and operating costs - FY 2018
- \$1.7 million in benefits and operating costs- FY 2017
- \$1.5 million in benefits and operating costs - FY 2016
- \$1.3 million in benefits and operating costs- FY 2015

Temporary Employment Program

- \$567 thousand in benefits and operating costs - FY 2018
- \$812 thousand in benefits and operating costs - FY 2017
- \$836 thousand in benefits and operating costs - FY 2016
- \$1.2 million in benefits and operating costs - FY 2015

Constituent Services Programs {Well & Septic. Heavy Equipment O&M, Vehicle repair, Solid Waste. Housing Services)

- \$3.4 million in benefits and operating costs - FY 2018
- \$5.1 million in benefits and operating costs - FY 2017
- \$4.8 million in benefits and operating costs- FY 2016
- \$4.8 million in benefits and operating costs - FY 2015

Tax Rebate

- \$1.9 million in benefits - FY 2018
- \$2.2 million in benefits - FY 2017
- \$4.5 million in benefits - FY 2016 (included other settlement funds)
- \$1.8 million in benefits - FY 2015

Minor Trust Fund

- \$172,000 in benefits - FY 2018
- \$252,000 in benefits - FY 2017
- \$91,000 in benefits - FY 2016
- \$84,000 in benefits - FY 2015

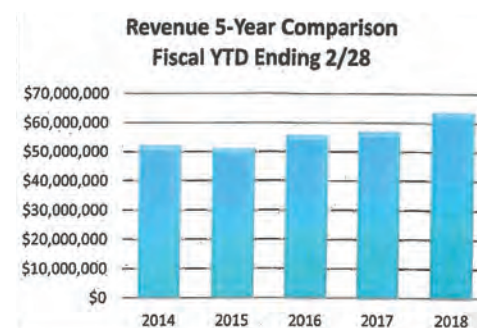
The Minor Trust Fund account statements will be mailed by April 30, 2018.

The Band also provides funding for programs that contribute to the community as a whole and not directly to an individual, such as the Pow-wows in each community, the Kid's Perch Jerk, the Twin City and Duluth offices, the Honor Guard, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Tribal College, as well as many more administrative programs.

Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations Quarter Ending March 2018

Revenue

Total revenue through February 2018



total \$63.9 million compared to February 2017 which totaled \$573 million. Revenue increased by approximately \$6.6 million from fiscal year 2017 to 2018 through February 2018: \$5.5 million of that increase is due to the small businesses, Che We Express, Che We Supply, Northern

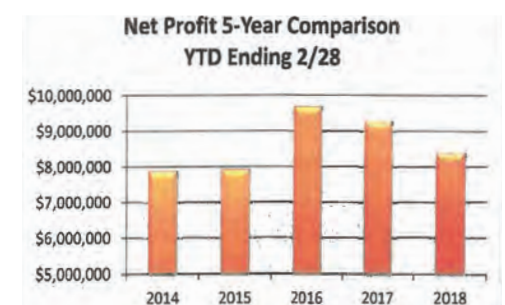
Lights Express that moved to operate under Gaming and new business Shingobee on the Bay.

Expenses

Total expenses through February 2018 were approximately \$55.4 million, which is approximately an increase of \$7.5 million compared to 2017. \$6.4 million of that increase are caused by the small businesses. Through February 2018, Cost of Sales equaled \$13.8 million, payroll totaled \$25.1 million and Operating expenses were \$16.5 million.

Net Profit

Net profit for period ending February 2018



equaled \$8.4 million compared to the prior year at \$9.3 million. That is a decrease of approximately \$883 thousand. Of that decrease the small businesses accounted for \$916 thousand loss, and the startup of Shingobee accounted for an \$820 thousand loss. We are seeing an increase in revenue at Shingobee with the addition of slots, and additional slots are planned in the near future.

Forecast

Gaming revenue and net profit have increased slightly compared to prior year. The small businesses have brought a good increase in revenue, but decrease of net profit. Payroll and Cost of Sales have an effect on the net profit, which will need to be monitored in order to see an increase to bottom line. Gift shop revenue at each casino has increased over the years due to selling cigarettes at a low price. Although this causes a loss at the gift shops, it is increasing the cigarette tax revenue to the Band with an estimate of \$1.8 million of revenue for the period July 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

What's Happened to the Snowshoe Hare?

Submitted by Steve Mortensen, Fish and Wildlife Director, Leech Lake DRM

Where have all the snowshoe hare gone? This is a question biologists at the Reservation Division of Resources Management (DRM) as well as many elders have been asking. To answer this question the DRM began a research project, funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners, to investigate snowshoe hare distribution and habitat requirements, with the ultimate aim of developing forest management recommendations that would increase hare on the reservation.

Snowshoe hare were historically an important food source for tribal members, especially in the winter when other sources of fresh protein would have been difficult to come by. They are also an important food for a myriad of other species, including the Canada lynx, which cannot survive without access to abundant hare. When hare are abundant, they also have the ability to alter the composition of trees, brush, and herbaceous plant species by browsing. Collectively, these characteristics make hare a “keystone species”, and when keystone species are lost or substantially reduced, entire ecosystems can be negatively affected.

In the northern part of their range, snowshoe hare populations fluctuate cyclically, with a peak in numbers about every ten years. However, in the southern portion of their range, these cyclical fluctuations tend to be less pronounced and regular; the last big peak in hare populations on the reservation occurred in the late 1970s. When snowshoe hare numbers are low, hare are typically restricted to patches of high quality habitat that provides the cover and structure necessary for them to avoid predators. As their population increases they will be forced to move out into other types of habitat that also must have sufficient cover so they can avoid most predation. Finally, if the population increased high enough that they can out reproduce predation pressure the popu-



The snowshoe hare using the cover of the thick forest floor for cover from potential predators.

lation rapidly increases and you can find hare in almost any forested habitat. The high number of hare will result in increases in the number of predators that quickly reduce hare number to the point that most of the surviving numbers will only be found in the really high quality habitats. At this point the cycle starts over again.

In order to determine hare habitat needs we live trap hare and place a small radio transmitter that is attached to a collar around their necks. Using a special radio receiver we are able to track and pinpoint hare locations, and over the past three years, we've recorded hundreds of locations and measured the habitat where hare were located and where they were not. Analysis of these data is underway, but preliminary results strongly suggest that hare prefer habitat with a high density of cover. By tracking



Snowshoe Hare running off after transmitter has been attached.

the hare we also get information on what types of cover they use, how large an area they utilize, and causes of mortality. Each spring we also resample a series of permanent plots within the territories of hare to estimate population density, because habitats with higher hare densities are probably higher quality. We are also conducting surveys for snowshoe hare across the entire reservation so we model hare presence relative predator activity, snow depth,

terms of tree species, tree age, and structure than they were historically. In this part of their range, snowshoe hare should be found in almost all types of forests that have a significant conifer component. Hare can be found in very young forests, or very old forests, but the common link is that there needs to be sufficient hiding cover to avoid predators. This structure can be in many forms including fallen logs that are up off the ground, brush piles, tip-up root

and vegetation. All of this information is analyzed and incorporated into models that help us to answer questions about hare populations and the habitat they use.

Early results suggest that at the landscape level we have altered forested habitats such that they no longer provide sufficient cover and structure to enable hare to avoid high predation levels. The forest types found on the reservation are much simpler in

balls, low conifer branches, thick young conifer, grass clumps, or thick willow alder clumps. In our study sites, where hare are found, it is not uncommon to have in excess of 450 square meters of hiding cover per hectare. To put this into perspective this equals about 2,000 pieces of one foot by one foot pieces of cover spread over the playing surface of a football field. In forest stands where hare are rare or not found we have seen cover numbers as low as zero with most stands having less than 400 square feet of cover per acre.

If on completion of this research our findings confirm that hare rely on cover, and that there is insufficient cover availability across the reservation, what can be done to improve habitat for snowshoe hare? First of all, we'll need to increase the structural complexity of our forest because the current practice of flattening tree tops, taking most trees and generally “cleaning” up the understory, while potentially making the forest more attractive for humans, makes it less suitable for forest wildlife species. Forests should be a bit messy and littered with dead and dying vegetation, and from a wildlife perspective the most important trees in the forest are not the straight, fast growing one, but the older decadent ones, some of which are dead, dying, and falling over because these trees provide the structure, cavities, and nutrients needed by wildlife.

We face many challenges in providing habitat for wildlife species, but in the case of snowshoe hare we know we can make a difference by making slight alterations to the way we use our natural resources. We simply need to provide more diversity in our forests and this can be done by leaving and encouraging structural diversity or letting the forest age longer. This would not only benefit hare, but a whole host of other species like grouse, songbirds, and fur-bearers, thus increasing their availability for traditional tribal utilization.

LLTC Dean of Students Selected For Aspen Presidential Fellowship For Community College Excellence

Highly-Selective Program Expanding Talent Pipeline Amid Looming Shortage of Community College Presidents

Michelle Saboo of Leech Lake Tribal College has been awarded the prestigious Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence, a leadership program aimed at preparing the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions across the nation to help students be more successful both in college and in the workforce.

The fellowship is awarded by the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, D.C. that aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes.

LLTC President Broker said "It gives me great pleasure to learn of the selection of Michelle Saboo to participate in the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence program for the upcoming year! Michelle is a young woman full of promise for the future and this experience in leadership training will provide her with opportunities, new tools, and insights that will help to position her to be among the next generation of leaders within the Tribal College movement."

Saboo and the 39 other Aspen Presidential Fellows will embark on a 10-month fellowship beginning in July 2018. Delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, the Fellows will be mentored by community college leaders who have had outstanding results for their students, learn from national experts about ways to use data to make their students more successful, and learn how to create strong external partnerships with K-12 schools, four-year colleges, and employers in their community.

The Aspen Fellowship responds to a growing need for a new generation of leaders who are well-equipped to meet the challenges facing community colleges:

- Nationally, nearly 80 percent of sitting presidents plan to retire in the next decade.
- Traditionally, the path to college presidency has excluded women and people of color: Currently, 71 percent of sitting community college presidents are white and 64 percent are male.
- The incoming class of Aspen Presidential



Michelle Saboo, Dean of Students

Fellows is composed of 65 percent women, 43 percent people of color and represents institutions of varying size and geographical spread.

Michelle was selected through a rigorous process that considered her abilities to take strategic risks, lead strong teams and cultivate partnerships, and focus on results-oriented improvements in student success and access.

With the average community college enrolling about 14,000 students, each Fellow who becomes a president has an opportunity to improve outcomes for hundreds of thousands of students over his or her career. To date, 22 Aspen Presidential Fellows are now sitting community college presidents at institutions that collectively serve more than 300,000 students nationwide.

The Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence is supported by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, College Futures Foundation, ECMC Foundation, Greater Texas Foundation, the Joyce Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Going Back To School: A Family Affair

Well, I'm really not sure where to start off the article, because we do so many things together as a family. I guess when Margaret decided she wanted to back to school, at Bemidji State University in the fall of 2016 to take up the courses in Ojibwe Culture and Craft, would be the place to begin. When she started attending classes, I would drive her there, drop her off, go about taking care of the things that I needed to do, then eventually pick her back up. As the semester progressed, she would tell me about the things that she was learning in class, which piqued an interest in me, being a major in history. However, a lot of the things that I'd learned in history were a distortion of the true events. So, rather than running around town, I started to hang around the American Indian Resource Center. By talking to some of the students, I started to understand things in the correct way. Much to my amazement, the facts of the history of America turned out to really be sanitized to make it seem glorious, when in reality, it was stained in the blood of the atrocities of genocide. With these newfound facts, I decided I wanted to know more of the real, unadulterated truth, thus leading me to sit in on the Ojibwe Culture course. Having done this, I decided I wanted also to go back to school and begin to learn more. Margaret went on to take Federal Indian Law where she learned about the depth of control and mistreatment that have been forced on the indigenous people of America throughout the centuries.

Over the next summer, we attended different Ojibwe functions, taking in more knowledge and facts. One



seen as having value and worth in the eyes of the younger students. That spoke volumes to us and encouraged us to continue to come here. LLTC became our 2nd home. At the end of the semester, we decided we wanted to come back to LLTC and take the Ojibwe Language

with Bob Jourdain.

event was a Tuesday night community gathering at Diamond Point Park where we met Ann Humphrey, representing Leech Lake Tribal College. Ann proceeded to tell Margaret about a program that was offered at the college for seniors over 55 years of age that offered one free 3 credit course per semester. She told Margaret that they like to have their Elders on campus as role models and to encourage the other students. Ann mentioned that when she went to college, she missed seeing her elders and having them around. That had impacted her so much that she really encouraged Margaret to consider going to LLTC.

Margaret mentioned it to me. We discussed it and decided that because we were water protectors, we really wanted to learn more about this environmentally sensitive subject. We decided to take the Freshwater Studies course, taught by Melinda Neville. At that time, we were taking one class at BSU and one at LLTC. We fell in love with the staff and students here at LLTC and felt at home. Being a smaller college the classes were more intimate. We seemed to fit right in. I, Tom, was a little concerned as I am nonindigenous and was not sure how I would be received. I found everyone to be respectful, very helpful and pleased I was here. What we experienced here at LLTC was nearly overwhelming at times, as we were respected as elders and

Back in 2015 Margaret lost her youngest daughter to breast cancer. During her illness, the Creator brought a young Ojibwe woman into our lives who needed a family to love and nurture her. We adopted her, and now she is our daughter. We then became the grandparents of her 5 wonderful children. Misty wanted to go to college also but felt she couldn't afford to, and because her kids were in school, she didn't see it in her future. Since we were going to take the Ojibwe Language, we encouraged her to go with us. She didn't know her identity through her culture or the Ojibwe Language, which we felt would be enriching to her and her children. At the last minute, she decided to join us. The three of us are now in Bob's Ojibwe Language class and learning together. Misty is very surprised at how well she is doing. She had heard some of the language from her grandparents but not much. Her children are learning how to count in Ojibwe along with her. It is so exciting for us to see Misty blossoming into the confident, strong woman she is. We are so proud of our daughter and very glad that she is discovering her identity as an Anishinabe. We are learning together as a family, not just the three of us, but as a larger family entity with Misty's children, our grandchildren and our LLTC family. Miigwech.

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Submitted by
Mike Schmid

AVIATION SPEAKER AT BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL

Larry J. Leffel, CW3 U.S. ARMY, retired Chief Warrant Officer, recently spoke to 7-12 graders at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. His career included a wide range of aviation experiences all over the world, first as a helicopter mechanic, then a helicopter pilot and later as a U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt (Warthog) pilot. He retired after 23 years in the U.S. Military. He displayed his uniforms and medals and talked about his experiences. He also showed several informational video clips of both helicopters and fighter jets in action. He is pictured above with a few of the students who enjoyed his presentation.

After the presentation, students pose for a quick photo with retired Chief Warrant Officer Larry Leffel.

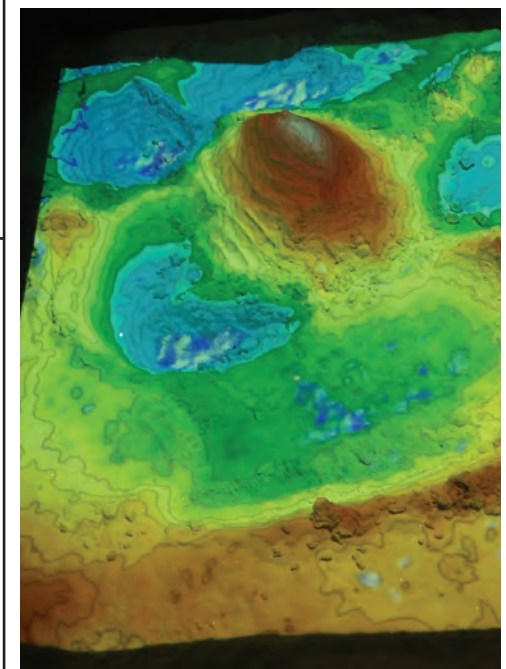


Bug O Nay Ge Shig 11th grader Stuart Smith along with his Math teacher Corey St. Peter built a 3D Augmented Reality Sandbox for one of Stuart's school projects. The school's Vo Tech department and I.T. Department assisted in the build to truly give Stuart a "Pathways" learning experience. In the following weeks Stuart will be giving presentations to the K-6 classrooms and the School Board on his project. Stuart and Corey hope to see the sandbox used in geography classes, cultural studies of ancestral lands and an orienteering elective.



Throughout the school year, these Bug O Nay Ge Shig 6th graders have served as Elementary Leaders and have helped out with PBIS. It is apparent that they take pride in their leadership role and are always quick to offer assistance. The younger students look up to them and are looking forward to reaching 6th grade to become the leaders of the elementary. Thank you for your dedication.

(Pictured Left to Right) Andy Carter, Adrian Morrison, Kyla Jourdain, Nataley Headbird, Rubianna Littlewolf, Tyren Headbird, Payton Goodman-Thunder, Violena Belcourt



What is a 3D Augmented reality sandbox? A mixed real / virtual system where users can create a topographic surface by shaping sand, which is then color-mapped and augmented with topographic contour lines and simulated water using a Kinect 3D camera and a data projector.



Students in the Career Exploration Class at Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School had the opportunity to visit the Leech Lake Head Start and the Leech Lake Justice Center recently. They learned about careers and qualifications in the areas of law, early childhood and law enforcement. Presenters were Grace Elliott, Lee Turney and Mike Reyes. The students are pictured in the LL Tribal Courtroom.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE HONOR GUARD
MEMORIAL SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

Group 1
Leave Bena@ 8:00 AM East Side

8:20 AM Waboose Bay Cemetery (Bena)
 8:40 AM Ryan's Village Cemetery (Bena)
 9:15 AM Battle Point Cemetery
 9:45 AM Zion Cemetery (Boy Lake)
 10:10 AM Boy Lake Cemetery
 10:40 AM Arlington Cemetery (Boy River)
 11:10 AM Rock Cemetery (Break)
 11:40 AM Fairview Cemetery (Federal Dam)
 11:50 AM Wreath In The Water At The Bridge
 12:30 PM Fairbanks Cemetery
 12:50 PM Bowstring Cemetery (Inger)
 1:05 PM Spike Cemetery (Inger)
 1:45 PM Pine Grove Cemetery (Max)
 2:10 PM Round Lake Cemetery (S. Lake)
 2:20 PM Washington Cemetery (S. Lake)
 2:40 PM S. Lake Cemetery
 3:15 PM Davis Cemetery (S. Lake)
 3:50 PM Windom Cemetery (Pennington)
 4:10 PM Fineday Cemetery (Pennington)
 4:30 PM Northbird Cemetery (Pennington)

Group 2
Leave Teal's@ 8:00 AM West Side

9:00 AM Traditional Cemetery (Stoney Pt Rd)
 9:20 AM Episcopal Cemetery (Onigum)
 9:40 AM Old Agency Cemetery (Cath. Onigum)
 10:00 AM Traditional Cemetery (Pine Pt/Onigum)
 10:10 AM Break-Northern Lights (15 Mns)
 11:30 AM Leroy Fairbanks (Tower Hill)
 12:10 PM Ellis/Wakanabo Cemetery
 12:30 PM Morgan Cemetery (Oak Point)
 12:50 PM Chippewa Bible Church Cemetery
 1:10 PM Brown Eagle Cemetery (Oak Point)
 1:25 PM Goggleye Cemetery (Oak Point)
 1:50 PM Tanner Cemetery (Oak Point)
 2:30 PM Thompsonville Cemetery (Cass Lake)
 3:25 PM Chief Boyd Cemetery (Buck Lake)
 3:40 PM Morris Cemetery (Buck Lake)
 4:05 PM Mission Cemetery
 4:25 PM Wilson Cemetery (Cass Lake)
 4:40 PM Fairbanks Cemetery (Cass Lake)
 4:55 PM Mokahum Cemetery (Cass Lake)

Group 1 & 2

5:30 PM Veterans Memorial Wall Ceremony
 5:45 PM Dinner At Palace Casino
 7:00 PM Grand Entry Leech Lake Powwow

Memorial Day Schedule
Monday, May 28, 2017

9:00 AM Cass Lake Legion Ceremony
 10:00 AM Pine Grove Cemetery - Cass Lake
 10:30 AM Frohn Cemetery
 11:00 AM Faris Cemetery
 12:00 PM Water Front Ceremony
 12:00 PM Prince Of Peace Cemetery
 1:00 PM Bena Cemetery

LEECH LAKE MEMORIAL DAY POW WOW

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GROUNDS **CASS LAKE, MN**
 FRIDAY - SUNDAY **MAY 25-27, 2018**

Emcees

Danny Seaboy
 and Dave Northbird
Spiritual Advisor
 Lee Whitefeather Sr.

Host Drum

Young Spirit
Co Host Drum
 Big Red

Grand Entries

Friday **7 PM**
 Saturday **1 and 7 PM**
 Sunday **1 PM**
Registration
 Friday **6 - 8 PM**
 Saturday **12 - 2 PM**
 and **6 - 8 PM**
 Sunday **12 - 2 PM**

Specials

Men's Grass
 \$300, \$200, \$100
 Women's Fancy
 \$300, \$200, \$100

Feast held on Saturday
 and Sunday at **5 PM**



Vendors Contact

Paula Morris **218 368 7759** Connie Littlewolf **218 760 1688**

The Leech Lake Pow Wow Committee will not tolerate any drug or alcohol use while on property. Fighting or gang related activities such as displaying gang colors, bandanas, cap and other gang related attire to promote a negative atmosphere will not be allowed. Any violators will result in removal from the Pow Wow grounds by security and / or onsite law enforcement personnels. The Leech Lake Pow Wow Committee is not responsible for accidents, damages or stolen items.

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders



May Birthdays

District I

Micheal Kirt
Detra Lyons
Ruby Rogers
Robert Roy
Melvina Sherman

Francine Smith
Norma Wilson
Sandra Charwood
Robert Fairbanks
Carol Gogleye

From the District I Office
Penny, Sarah, & Sondra

District II

Bonita Strong-Desjarlais
Terri Gogleye
Guy Greene III

Tony Stangel
Joe Chase
Donna White

From the District II Office
Steve, Amos, & Michelle

Rose Gotchie
Kim Hanson
Lisa Jackson
Barbara Kannas

Dolly Boyd
Helen Smith

**all coupons must be used
within Birthday Month**

Lawrence Aitken
Carmen Roybal
Mark Allen
Tim Schulman
Sheryl Babineau
Donald Smith
Leonard Budreau
Ronald Staples
Muriel Crawford
Michael Staples
Calvin Day
Terri Veo
Cynthia Fairbanks

District III*

Deborah White-Huesers
Deanna Fairbanks
Edward Wilson
Karen Fineday
Diane Fisherman
Linda Fisherman
Gordon Geving
Lawrence Hardy
Helen Headbird
Patrick Jackson
Norma Ducheneaux
Robert Wakanabo
Darrell Johnson

Roberta Johnson
Pauline Johnston
Joseph Jones
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Obituaries



Traci Cloud



Traci Jolynne Cloud, 24 years young, of Bemidji, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on April 10, 2018. She was born on November 14, 1993 in Bemidji, MN to Allen and Cheryl Cloud.

Traci was a very charismatic, social and outgoing woman who was loved by many people. She was the type of person who could talk to anyone, even complete strangers. Her personality was such that even if it was the first time you had met her, you felt like you'd know her for years. Traci loved taking pictures and was very photogenic herself. She worked while going to school. Traci loved and was very passionate about her job as a Carpentry Apprentice, following in her father's footsteps. When she wasn't working she loved raising her son K'Allen and going to family gatherings. Traci was an avid video gamer who enjoyed her late nights. She has left us too soon and we will miss her dearly. Traci is welcomed to the spirit world by her father; Allen Cloud, brother; Justin Cloud, grandpa; Lynas T. Cloud, uncles; Douglas Cloud and Ronald "Butch" Johnson.

Those left behind to forever cherish her memory are her mother; Cheryl Cloud of Cass Lake, son; K'Allen L. Shaugobay, sisters; Ann M. Cloud, Crystal Cloud, Cierra (Alden Fairbanks, Jr.) Cloud and Catrina (David Staples, Jr.) Cloud all of Cass Lake, brothers; Jonathon Cloud and Peter Cloud IV both of Cass Lake, grandma; Barbara B. Cloud of Red Lake, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

The wake for Traci will begin at 7:00 p.m.,

Friday, April 13th and continue until her traditional service at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15th all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Steve Jackson will be her Spiritual Advisor. Those laying Traci to rest will be Randall Cloud, Ronald Cloud, Spencer Whitefeather, Mark Cloud, Douglas Dick, Jr. and David Staples, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are Maurice Rodriguez, Shane Dunn and Stanley Chief. Her honorary pallbearers are Jonathon Cloud, Michael Cloud, Peter Cloud IV, Allen Cloud, Douglas Cloud, Ronald "Butch" Johnson, Justin A. Cloud and all her family and friends. Interment will be in the Oak Point Cemetery at Oak Point, MN following her Sunday services.

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

Lance Robinson



Lance Gene Robinson, age 15, of Cass Lake, MN, began his spiritual journey on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at his home.

Lance was born on June 20, 2002, in Minneapolis, MN, and was raised by Joseph and Arlene Fairbanks. He lived in Bena, MN, and then moved to Cass Lake in December of 2011. He went to Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School

and enjoyed basketball and football as well as going to the movies, spending time with his nieces and nephews, and chilling with his family and friends.

Family members waiting to welcome Lance home are his brothers, James Howard, Johnathan Howard, and Jeff Keezer; uncle, Adrian Dunn; and sister-in-law, Shamelia Wright.

Lance is survived by his parents, Joseph and Arlene Fairbanks; brothers, Myron Howard, Darold Madigan, Jay Fairbanks, Donald Headbird, Jess Headbird, Pete Headbird, Gary Keezer, and Anthony Howard; sisters, Amber Dunn, Karina Dunn, Tina Brown, Tina Headbird, Rachael Howard, Larissa Howard, Elissa Howard, Melanie Jourdain; nieces and nephews, Johnathan Howard, Junior Dunn, and Diamond Whitefeather, as well as many more; girlfriend, Jade Cloud; and numerous cousins and friends. Blessed be the memory of Lance Gene Robinson.

A wake for Lance will begin at 1:00 pm, Sunday, April 8, 2018, and continue until his traditional service a 1:00 pm, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Lance will be, Dave Curry, Tony Reyes, Frankie Robinson, Darold Madigan, Donald Headbird, and Jay Fairbanks. Alternate Pallbearers will be Waase Jourdain, Tyren Headbird, Dylan Headbird and Jaiden Jourdain. Honorary Pallbearers are all of Lance's Friends and Family. Interment will be in the Sugar Bush Cemetery at Sugar Bush Township.

Lance's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Jolene Goose



Jolene Annette Goose, "Waaseyigad asini ikwe" which means "Shining Stone Woman", 47, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her spiritual journey on April 19, 2018 from the Cass Lake IHS Hospital in Cass Lake, MN. Jolene was born on January 27, 1971 in Cass Lake, the daughter of Joseph and Rosetta "Marlene" (White) Smith.

Jolene grew up and attended school in the Cass Lake Area. When she was a little girl and into her teen years, she traveled all over the United States and Canada with her mom and dad (Johnny) to pow-wows. Jolene loved little children. She didn't have children of her own, but she was a very loving auntie to all her nieces and nephews and loved them like they were hers. Jolene spent a lot of time on her phone, enjoyed going to the casino to play Keno, which was her favorite, and was very talented at making birch bark crafts. We will miss you deeply.

Family waiting to welcome Jolene to the spirit world are her father; Joseph Goose, step-father; Johnny Smith, grandparents; Mary and Clarence White and Rose and Paul Goose, nieces; Marlene and Julie Weyaus and nephew; Aaron Caillier.

She leaves behind her mother; Marlene Smith of Cass Lake, sisters; Corinne Goose and Andrea Lyons both of Cass Lake, brother; Tim Goose of Wilkinson, auntie; Clarice White, nieces; Shauncie Hanson, Jamie Weyaus, Kendra and Sandra Goose, nephews; Myron Iron Lightning, Jr., Elias, Simon, Travis and Quannah Goose, James, Julian and Walter Weyaus, Jr., many cousins and a lot of friends.

A wake for Jolene will begin at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 23rd and continue until her traditional service at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 25th all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Nathan and Tony Jenkins will be her Spiritual Advisors. Pallbearers for Jolene will be Steven Richardson, Elias Ryan Goose, Stewart Gale, John Smith, Jr., Adrian White, Myron Iron Lightning, Jr. and Eli Raisch. Her honorary pallbearers are Jen Chosa, Stacy Sweeney, Annie Ortle, LeeAnn Roy, Laurie Raisch, Dawn Staples and Berta M. A private family inurnment will be in Ryan's Village Cemetery at Bena, MN at a later date.

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

Rose Reed



Rose Marie Reed, age 72, of Cass Lake, began her spiritual journey on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the Walker Rehab Center in Walker, MN. She was born April 18, 1945 in Red Lake the daughter of Joe and Julia (Martin) Dick.

Rose worked numerous jobs throughout her life. She was a taxi driver in Minneapolis and her last job was working at Leech Lake Housing Authority. Rose enjoyed gardening, beading, crocheting, and playing bingo. She loved the outdoors, riding around the back roads, just being in nature.

The family that Rose joins again are her husband; Hank L. Reed, parents; Julia and Joe Dick, son; Douglas Dick, daughters; Sandy and Sharon Howard, sisters; Patsy Beaulieu, Deana and Ellen Dick, brothers; James John "Skunk" Dick, Joe, Melvin, Tony and Lester Dick, and two nephews; James and Jonathan Howard.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her sons; John Dick and Willard Reed, many grandchildren and great grandchildren of which she raised four; Larrissa Howard, Elissa Reed, Kimberly Dick and Roberto Gomez.

A wake for Rose will begin at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, April 14, 2018 and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Monday, April 16, all held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake. Spiritual Leader will be Mike Smith. Pallbearers will be Roberto Gomez, John Elmberg, Doug White, Doug Dick, Jr., Lee Fier and Harold Fier. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Beaulieu, Robert Fier, Kimberly Dick, Delores Fineday, Leann Dick, Shana Woodworth, Barb Beaulieu, Maureen Beaulieu, Tina Beaulieu and all her grand kids. Inurnment for Rose will be held in the Fineday Cemetery in Pennington at a later date.

Rose'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

Walter Hardy

November 23, 1985-April 19, 2018
Walter Dan Hardy III was born November 23, 1985, to Kathleen Renee Smith in St. Paul, Minnesota. His spirit name was Pte San Tokaheya which means Leading White Buffalo. He was an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe and lived most of his life in western South Dakota among Lakota people.

Walter died unexpectedly of a heart attack on April 19, 2018 in Martin, South Dakota. He is survived by his sisters Geraldine Hardy and Paula Hare of Cass Lake, Minnesota, nieces Shania Buck, Davie Lynn Hare, Miley Hare; nephews Lordez Hardy, Joel Hardy, and David Hare, Jr., all of Cass Lake, Minnesota; fast friend and fishing buddy Pete Janis of Martin; his father of 30 years Mark Butterbrodt, MD; aunts Gerri Howard of Inger, Minnesota, Clarice Cloud, Beverly Smith, Vicky Smith, Marilyn Smith, Tracy Smith, Alberta Smith, Patricia Smith and Diane Smith; uncles Ejay Smith and Herb Smith, all of Red Lake, Minnesota; aunts Mary Ann Jackson of St. Paul, Minnesota and Lynn Hublou of Brookings, South Dakota; uncles Bob Butterbrodt of St. Paul, Minnesota and John Butterbrodt of Granite Falls, Minnesota; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his biological father Walter Hardy Jr., his mother Kathleen Smith, his maternal grandparents Herb and Delores Smith. aunts Thelma "Rosie" Smith and Marjorie Smith, uncles Gary Smith and Clinton "Cootie" Smith, and cousins Curtis Cloud, Roxianna Cloud, Gary Smith and James Smith.

Traditional Lakota ceremonies were conducted by Guy Red Owl, Richard Two Dogs, and Richard Broken Nose. His Anishinaabe family in Minnesota kept a spirit fire going for four days, followed by a feast. Funeral services were conducted May 1, 2018 by Father Ed Hunt, assisted by lay reader Janet Speidel, at St. Katharine's Episcopal Church of Martin. His ashes will be interred next to his mother in Redby Community Cemetery in Red Lake, Minnesota at a later date.

Walter graduated with a G.E.D. from Oglala Lakota College. He was a voracious reader, an excellent self taught golfer, and an avid fisherman. He enjoyed a wide circle of friends through his love of video gaming. He was a meticulous and hard working gardener and landscaper. A scholarship has been established in his memory in Red Lake, Minnesota.

Theodore Littlewolf

Theodore Dale Littlewolf, age 63, of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away on April 28, 2018 at the St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, MN. Theodore was born in Bagley, MN on March 6, 1955 to Joseph and Catherine (Martin) Littlewolf.

Ted worked various jobs until the time of his illness. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, laughing and joking around. Ted loved spending time outdoors, going to the casino and going to family gatherings. He will be sadly missed by his family and others who knew him.

The family that Ted is reunited with are his parents; Joseph and Catherine Littlewolf, brother; John Littlewolf, sisters; Emma Baker, Elizabeth Whitebird and Ruth Littlewolf, brothers-in-law; Gilbert Starr, Louis Jenkins, James Baker and Harvey Bellanger and many other relatives.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons; John Clifford Littlewolf of Chandler, AZ, Gary Littlewolf of Duluth and David Smith

of Solway, daughter; Alicia Smith of Solway, brother; James (Cheryl) Littlewolf of Bagley, sisters; Marilyn Littlewolf and Mary Bellanger both of Cass Lake and Susan Jenkins of Bemidji, ten grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

An overnight wake for Ted will begin at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 3rd and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, May 4, all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pastor Mark Peske will officiate. Pallbearers will be Allen Brown, Matt Brown, Michael Brown, James "Beaver" Littlewolf, Jr., Justin Littlewolf and John Johnson. Alternate pallbearers are Raymond Jenkins, Sr. and Marvin Littlewolf. His honorary pallbearers are all his nieces, nephews and friends. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his services.

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



May 24th 2018

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: M.E. R. W., Minor Child, DOB: 05-23-2007 Delia M. White, Petitioner, and Jolene Wilson (Deceased) & Putative Father, Respondent

Court File No. FA-18-01

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 10, 2018, 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 June 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Custody of: J.L-W., DOB: 09-17-2013; Jennifer Smith, Petitioner, and Melissa Smith & Kevin Lyons, Respondents

Court File No. FA-16-237

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a(n) Trial in the above-entitled matter will be held on June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Tribal Justice Center, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable

Paul Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court. **You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing.**

If the petitioner fails to appear at the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above date and time for the hearing, the matter may be dismissed by the Court.

If the respondent fails to appear at the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above date and time for the hearing, default judgment may be taken against you at that time and the requested relief may be granted to the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in three 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 determination concerning your child.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Custody of: J. LW. DOB: 06-03-2008 D. LW., DOB: 03-09-2010 D. LW., DOB: 03-14-2016; Paul A. Wakanabo, Petitioner and Melissa Smith & Kevin Lyons, Respondents

Court File No. FA-16-238

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a(n) Trial in the above-entitled matter will be held on June 14th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Tribal Justice Center, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court. **You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing.**

If the petitioner fails to appear at the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above date and time for the hearing, the matter may be dismissed by the Court.

If the respondent fails to appear at the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above date and time for the hearing, default judgment may be taken against you at that time and the requested relief may be granted to the petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Matter of the Estate of Lyman William Lowry DOB: 08-04-1959 Decedent

Court File No. CV-16-18

NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Lyman William Lowry died 08-07-2015. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the February 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Genevieve Lowry, surviving sister of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on February 29, 2016, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Genevieve Lowry, 1610 Irvine Ave. NW Bemidji, MN 56601 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lyman William Lowry, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Estate of: Elizabeth Ann Whitebird, DOB: 08-29-1939 Decedent

Court File No. CV-16-103

NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Elizabeth Ann Whitebird, died May 7, 2014. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the day of September 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Beverly Whitebird, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 27, 2016, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Beverly Whitebird, PO Box 959,

Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Elizabeth Whitebird, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Estate of: William Watts Wakefield, DOB: 03-07-1917 Decedent

Court File No. CV-17-119

NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, William Watts Wakefield, died August 5, 1997. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the day of November 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Arlund Wakefield, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on November 9, 2017, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Arlund Wakefield, 6532 144th St. NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Wakefield, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Matter of the Estate of: Patricia Lou Wakefield, DOB: 05-03-1951 Decedent

Court File No. CV-17-120

NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Patricia Lou Wakefield, died February 6, 2007. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the day of November 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Arlund Wakefield, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on November 9, 2017, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Arlund Wakefield, 6532 144th St. NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Wakefield, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days

from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Estate of: Debra Lynn Rushman, DOB: 12-13-1965 Decedent

Court File No. CV-17-125

NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Debra Lynn Rushman died April 15, 2017. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the day of November 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, De-**

termination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Craig Cloud, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on November 9, 2017, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Craig Cloud, 52549 Guthries Bay Rd., Squaw Lake, MN 56681 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Debra Rushman, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of

Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Chantel M. Novak and Aaron M. Fairbanks, Parents.

Court File No. CP-18-12

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 27, 2018, an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court; and on May 9, 2018, 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.

Dayton Vetoes Wild Rice Bill

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A new rule was proposed in 2015 by the MPCA but was eventually rejected by an administrative law judge.

Dayton urged lawmakers to put forth a new proposal in the next 12 days. In a statement released yesterday, he said: "In 2011, the Legislature directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to develop a new sulfate standard, one that would both protect wild rice and also support jobs and economic development. In the remaining 12 days of this Legislative Session, I urge Legislators to forge that kind of responsible solution, which respects the federal law, provides needed regulatory certainty, and protects our priceless wild rice and water resources." The State Legislature is set to adjourn on May 21, 2018.

The full text of Governor Dayton's letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I write to inform you that I have vetoed HF 3280, the Wild Rice Bill, because it is an extreme overreach that eliminates important protections for wild rice, attempts to exempt Minnesota from the federal Clean Water Act, and ensures ongoing litigation that will prolong, not relieve, the current regulatory uncertainties.

Instead, I urge Legislative Leaders to use the remainder of this Session to bring the different stakeholders together and forge a resolution that respects the federal law, provides regulatory certainty to affected companies and municipalities, and protects our priceless wild rice resource for future generations.

Wild rice is very special to Minnesota. It is essential to the culture and spirituality of many Native American Tribes in our state. In 1973, the state set a 10 mg/L sulfate standard to protect wild rice. That standard has proven to be extremely difficult to implement, due in part to the current costs of sulfate treatment. Furthermore, recent scientific studies have questioned whether the sulfate limit needs to be that low in all wild rice waters to provide the protection it needs.

However, the bill passed this week by the Legislature does not solve the law's implementation challenges or provide regulatory certainty to those industrial and municipal operations affected by it. Instead, it throws out all we have learned about wild rice and sulfate and takes Minnesota backward in our efforts to balance the necessary protections of wild rice with the economic imperatives of jobs and environmentally sound industrial progress.

The bill you have sent to me is in direct conflict with federal law. If enacted, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) would have to submit scientific evidence to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that demonstrates how the state can repeal its current 10 mg/L sulfate standard and still protect wild rice. This puts the Agency in an impossible bind, as the research it conducted - at the direction of the Legislature - demonstrated the need for a sulfate standard to protect the growth of wild rice. Furthermore, if the Agency tried to issue any permits after the Legislature repealed the 10 mg/L standard without EPA approval of that repeal, municipalities and businesses seeking new permits could not expand or modify their discharges, creating additional regulatory limbo and litigation. Without a scientifically defensible basis for the repeal of the existing standard, the EPA should have to rule that it violates the Clean Water Act.

In 2011, the Legislature directed the MPCA to develop a new wild rice standard. Now, however, some Legislators have decided- based upon their own subjective analyses - that they do not like the science. In response, they have attempted to abolish the standard and pretend that it solves the problem.

This Legislature can do better. Minnesotans - including those whose cultural, environmental, and economic interests are invested in this complex issue - deserve much better. I, for one, believe strongly that working together, we can achieve a more ideal, workable, and sustainable solution for all the people of Minnesota.

For these reasons, today I am vetoing HF 3280 immediately to provide adequate time to resolve this issue during the remainder of this Legislative Session.

Tribal Enrollment to Provide Tribal IDs at Urban Offices

The Leech Lake Tribal Enrollment Office will be visiting the Duluth and Minneapolis Urban Offices to provide Band Members with Tribal Identification Cards. This event was postponed and then canceled in March, it has now been rescheduled on May 29 and 30, 2018 . The Enrollment Office Staff will be in Minneapolis on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 10:00am until 6:00pm at the Leech Lake Twin Cities Office and in Duluth on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 11:00am to 5:30pm at the AICHO/Gimaajii Building (ID printing will be in the LLBO Duluth Office).

In order to receive your Tribal ID you must provide at least one of the following items:

- Minnesota Identification Card
- Valid Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- Certified Birth Certificate

There is no charge for your first Tribal ID or replacement of an expired Tribal ID. All other replacements require a \$15.00 fee payable via cash, check or money order.

Name changes require valid documents as proof and any Tribal ID's issued will remain valid for four (4) years.

For more information call Leech Lake Tribal Enrollment: Bobbi 218-335-3601 or Tammy 218-335-3602

Tuesday March 29, 2018
10:00 AM -6:00 PM

Leech Lake Twin Cities Office
1113 East Franklin Ave, 210B
Minneapolis, MN

Wednesday March 30, 2018
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM

AICHO/Gimaajii Building
202 W 2nd St
Duluth, MN 55802



2018 Leech Lake Pow Wow Schedule

May 25 - 27 Memorial Day Traditional | Cass Lake, MN Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Pow Wow Grounds

June 15 - 17 S. Lake Traditional | S. Lake, MN

June 29 - July 1 4th of July Traditional | Cass Lake, MN
Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Pow Wow Grounds

July 20 - 22 Miigwitch Mahnomen Days Traditional | Ball Club, MN

July 27 - 29 Onigum Traditional | Onigum, MN

August 24 - 26 ChaChaBahNing Traditional | Inger, MN

August 30 - September 2 Labor Day Traditional | Cass Lake, MN
Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Pow Wow Grounds

September 14 - 16 Battle Point Traditional | Battle Point, MN

Bids Wanted for Powwow Regalia

The District III Office is seeking bids for powwow regalia needed for the Fourth of July PowWow Give Away. Submit separate bids for each regalia set outlined below. Regalia can be of any style.

Bids are being sought for:

- **(2) Sets of Regalia (1 boys, 1 girls) for ages 3-5**
- **(2) Sets of Regalia (1 boys, 1 girls) for ages 6-8**
- **(2) Sets of Regalia (1 boys, 1 girls) for ages 9-11**

How to submit your sealed bid:

- State bid amount, age group, your contact information and affix signature. Place document in envelope and seal.
- Name and address of the bidder must be shown in the upper left corner of the envelope.
- The phrase "**SEALED BID ENCLOSED: D3 REGALIA**" must be shown in the lower left corner of the envelope.
- Bids must be postmarked by May 24, 2018 or delivered in person to the Purchasing Office by 4:30 PM on May 24, 2018.

Mail to:

LLBO Purchasing
Attn: Daniel Brown
190 Sailstar Dr NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Sealed bids will be opened on May 29, 2018 and the winning bidders will be promptly notified. Regalia must be completed by June 15, 2018.

Any questions relating to the Regalia Items can be directed to the District III Office at **218.335.3020**. Questions related to the sealed bidding process can be directed to LLBO Purchasing at **218.335.8200**

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MAY 25, 2018

Project Development Assistant ~ Tribal Development ~ \$17.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-073

Project Accountant ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-072

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MAY 18, 2018

Halfway House Technician (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-071

Cash Management Clerk ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-070

Associate Tribal Attorney ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-069

Police Officer (2) ~ DPS ~ \$21.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-048B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Youth Activities Coordinator (6) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Various Locations

Opioid Treatment LPN ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-056

Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054

Intake Assessment Mental Health Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-052

Economic/Community Development Mgr ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-043

Journalist ~ Public Relations ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-024

Infant Toddler Teacher (2) ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-042/041

Water Resource Technician I ~ DRM ~ \$16.50/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-016C

Youthbuild Construction Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-013

Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-008

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

Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-157

Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-058

WIC Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-150

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

Tribal Grant Writer ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-068

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

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- \$4,700 In Cash.

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For every 75 points earned select a campfire critter at our promotion kiosk and win up to \$100.

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Earn 50 points and receive a featured gift.*
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AUGUST 24
TICKETS: \$25/\$35/\$45

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE **GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE ESSAYS**



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

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VOTE
TUESDAY
JUNE 12TH



LEECH LAKE GENERAL ELECTION
SPECIAL REMOVEABLE INSERT



Incumbent

Arthur "Archie" Larose

To all Band Members Boozhoo and Chi-Miigwech. With your support I received 47% of the votes in the Primary Election. The second top vote getter Mick Finn is the same opponent I defeated with 57% of the vote in the 2014 General Election. With your continued support and vote we will win again.

So thank you for the courtesy and positive visits you shared with me. I have accomplished the commitments I made in previous elections and will when re-elected Secretary / Treasurer continue working to make Leech Lake a better place for all of us. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve in leadership positions on Leech Lake for 14 years. I humbly ask for your continued support as we move to the General Election scheduled for June 12, 2018.

As you know false accusations regarding my past were mass mailed to voters this election by Mick Finn. This included that I was not eligible for certification. I would not have been able to serve these last 14 years or been certified to run in all previous elections if this was true. These accusations were exposed as lies. **TRUTH WINS OVER LIES EVERY TIME.**

I have helped accomplish much during my 14 years of service including Hotel Credit Card Policy-set tribal rates and removed credit card requirement for hotel stays by band members. I fought to have this removed because so many of our band members do not have credit cards and can't afford them. Radio Station - KOJB 90.1 "The Eagle," Treaty Rights - I serve as Board Chairman of the 1855 Treaty Authority Board established in 2009 and will continue to protect our right to exercise our retained treaty rights. Temporary Employment Program, Tax Rebate \$250 dollars for Christmas.

During this current administration we are working on the following; New Cass Lake Casino, Hotel & Event approved by Referendum that will open summer 2019. Tribal Housing Initiative to help meet our housing needs, Education Endowment, Workforce Center to provide job skills, career help, and work-force job training programs in collaboration with Education, Human Resources, Tribal College, Gaming, Housing Authority, and other partners., Women's Treatment Center in S. Lake, Veteran Cemetery, Shingobee On the Bay Restaurant bar, slots, liquor store, boat slips, New Health Division Building, S. Lake Community Center, 28 bed Assisted Living Center / ENP Facility, Improved Transit System.

We have put a strong focus on workforce development / job training, construction trades, healthcare, and education. We started an education

endowment to make it easier for our young people to go to college and vocational-technical schools. We need workers on the reservation in the construction trades and in the healthcare field. We have several clinics and we have a new assisted living center and we know that there is a need for additional assisted living units and skilled nursing. That need will stay strong for a long time, good job opportunities. We want to be able to provide elders with safe housing with services they need to continue healthy lives.

We have a great need for construction trades from plumbers', carpenters', electricians, HVAC, masonry and heavy equipment. We are looking at a Housing Initiative that includes starting our own construction company. This will create jobs here on the reservation building the housing that is needed. We have a young population that needs work and by starting apprenticeship programs and training programs in the trades doing actual construction we will help improve lives by starting them on good career tracks that provide steady work and incomes for them to support their families. We see this as a win-win because homeownership is still very low and we have a homelessness issue. We would also like to see our people start small businesses and help develop a strong economy here on the reservation.

Child care workers are needed which will continue to grow and provide a strong job market for a long time. Especially as we grow the number of jobs in the casinos and with other job in health care and construction.

As I see our families and friends struggle it strengthens my resolve to work harder to combat the social problems, high unemployment, poverty, and addiction rates. The opiate crisis has resulted in tragic deaths, destroyed families. So we need treatment facilities. It is too hard for families to help in the recovery process when their loved ones have to go away for treatment. Addictions are also increasing the number of children in Out-of-Home-Placement (OHP). We need to look at addressing that issue.

Also we need to strengthen our culture, revive our language and lifeways that make us strong so that we can continue as a people to practice and exercise retained and inherent rights and make sure that our sovereignty is always protected and respected.

I believe one of our greatest needs is having in place long-range goals. **SHORT-TERM PRIORITY:** Revive sports and recreation - implement Little League Baseball and Softball for both youth and adults; Basketball for both youth and adults 8 - 9 months out of the

year and Boxing for both youth and adults 8 - 9 months out of the year. Wellness Center - sports and athletic activities is a priority need to build healthy active lifestyles for our families and children. We need to get our people back to being active, exercising, and eating healthy. The key to long healthy lives.

I have come to understand over the years that real leadership is about experience, commitment, honesty, and trust. It is about looking ahead and being prepared, building community, taking care of those in need, and strengthening our tribal ties as a People. I also think for many of us as we get older thinking and planning seven generations out becomes a greater priority.

I take my leadership responsibilities very serious. As a tribal leader I always conduct myself in a professional and respectful manner because a responsibility of leadership is to always be a role model. As a grassroots reform candidate I never forget where I came from or the struggles we face.

Being on the tribal council takes team work, good communication skills, consensus building on major issues. We have lots of issues to address; constitution re-form, blood quantum, poverty and numerous social issues including addictions and Out-of-Home Placements, lack of land, lack of housing, need jobs, businesses, education.

I will always stand strong in fighting for a better life for our people. I have helped many band members in many ways throughout my years in office and will continue to be there for the people. **GO TO THE POLLS & VOTE ARCHIE LAROSE FOR SECRETARY / TREASURER.** Call for rides to the polls or questions & concerns: 218-203-7281. ■

Secretary Treasurer Candidate Essays

To the Good People of Leech Lake:
I am pleased to formally announce my candidacy for Leech Lake Secretary / Treasurer. I did not come to this decision lightly, and it was only after much contemplation, reflection, and discussion with fellow Band members that I made this decision. When I left office in 2014, I did not think I would ever seek to return to office; however, the activities of the last four years have compelled me to once again throw my hat in the ring. I am looking forward to this campaign and I wish all involved the best. Most importantly, I hope the best outcome for our people.

I am a United States Navy Veteran. My experience on Tribal Council includes four years as District III Representative and three years as Secretary-Treasurer. I am aware of the issues that have to be dealt with when or if I am to win this election. I will hit the ground running.

Over the past few weeks, I'm sure many of you have taken notice of what has been happening with the certification issue regarding the candidates for Secretary / Treasurer. It is disappointing that inconsistencies in our governmental decision-making once again mean different rules apply to those in power than to those out of power. I strongly disagree with the certification decision reached by a majority of the Tribal Council on a 3-2 split vote. All appropriate documentation was timely provided, but the information never made it to the Court of Appeals thanks to skewed interpretations that hurt the people of Leech Lake in the long run. Despite these glaring irregularities, we press on and forward, to wage a campaign that will restore hope and trust to the people of Leech Lake. You deserve nothing less!

Toward that end, the focus of my campaign is on restoring trust between the people and our tribal government. That trust has been eroded over many years, and even more so in the last four years. Our people simply do not trust our government. Our government should serve our people and our long-term interests. However, our government serves an elite few who have clung to power through manipulation, lies and false promises. I realize the work of restoring trust in our government is a very significant task, but one that we must undertake if we ever hope to realize our full potential as a self-governing people. The government must serve those who are governed, not the other way around.

There are several examples that show the level of distrust between the people and the government. The decades of false promises, sham "referendums," the out of control spending, the secrecy in decision-making, political hirings and

firings, and on and on. There is no trust because there is no consistency. There is no consistency because we have five (or really three) people who make the rules whatever they want the rules to be on that given day. We must and we will change this.

I will work to end the practice of "three signatures." This practice has been used to basically create law, spend money and hire / fire without any deliberation, planning or decision-making. It's an extremely poor way to operate a government, but it's the way we've operated at Leech Lake for years. It must end.

I will work hard to ensure that the Tribal Council is not above the law, but that the decisions and actions of the Council comply with and implement the law. If we have individuals who think they are above the law, we are only asking for trouble in the long run. We must all play by the same rules, we must all work together to make things better for our people.

One of the most serious issues we are facing is the drug problem, which I will address immediately. We will have a plan for a treatment program and we will do everything to make this possible. There is not a family on our Reservation that has not been affected by drugs. The options that are currently available are clearly not working. Families are being decimated by the drug epidemic. I will not stand idly by and do nothing.

There are many more things that I will focus on if elected as your Secretary / Treasurer. Education, elders, housing, human services, economic development, financial planning for the future - all of these will be my priorities. The fact is we are still facing many of the issues that we were facing four years ago. There has not been much progress in any of these areas. But if we have a government we can trust, we can begin moving forward on all of these issues, working together to help create a brighter future for us all.

I am the only candidate running for Secretary / Treasurer who has a proven track record of independent leadership while bringing people together for the common good. I will continue on that track and work with you, the Band membership, to make Leech Lake strong, vibrant and secure! Together we will create a government we can trust! There are many challenges ahead, but I know that we are strong enough to endure, overcome, and walk in victory together as a people. Please vote Donald "Mick" Finn for Leech Lake Secretary / Treasurer in 2018.

Miigwetch! ■



Candidate

Donald "Mick" Finn



Greetings Everyone! I want to start off by thanking you all for the wonderful support you displayed for me in the Primary Election. The time you took out of your day to vote shows that you care about the future of Leech Lake. We have one more round to go **GENERAL ELECTION is JUNE 12, 2018. Let's grab a friend or four and head to the polls! WE CAN DO IT!**

I've been feeling very positive with our talks, ideas, stories and laughs we've shared. I've learned a lot from hearing the thoughts and concerns we all share; very common ones amongst a lot of us. That's what we need to understand, that we are one and a community full of caring people. Our hearts want the same outcome for our peoples in the long run. Let's continue in a positive way to tackle issues and keep our minds focused. If I move on to becoming your next District I Representative. I want to invite any, and all District I Band Members to be part of the next 4 years as we create a community that we are all proud to live in. We will work on innovative ideas, visit and revise the old, target common interests and build on the things that have been working for our community. I invite you to be part of something special... many of you know what my family has went through the last few years. The love and prayers I received from the District I Community compelled me to want to give back in a unique way. When something like this touches you and you pull through, you have a sense of getting a second chance in a way. With this second chance I want to dedicate my next 4 years to moving our community towards a unifying purpose.

Candidate
Robbie Howe



We all are aware of the problems we face, so there's no need to pound that drum. What we need to focus on is what we're going to do about these problems as a community. One person can't fix things, it takes a community. In the old way that's how we survived, it took a community to keep moving forward and helping our people survive. Please join me in not just talking about the problems we face but finding ways as a community to unite our families in our fight for survival.

Community Wellness is my focus, Love thy neighbor, especially the children. Everyone used to watch out for each other and it seems to be quite the opposite at times, and that really bothers me. I can remember when during our local pow-wow each household would get a slip from the Local Council / Pow-wow Committee. I slip of paper, on this paper it had only a few words written, it said 4 - dozen rolls. This would be used for the feasts they would cook for the community and our guests. I was a young single parent at the time, but something as simple as buying a bunch of dinner rolls made me feel like a part of our community - I was proud to bring those rolls up there! Everyone deserves to feel a part of our community.

Communication will be key if I am elected. During our visits with both local and urban area residents it has come apparent that we need many tools to be able to conquer the problems we come across in our communities; Mental Health issues, Substance Abuse, Child Welfare matters, Juvenile Support Systems, Childcare, Crisis Teams & Community Security, Employment Opportunity, Elder / Veteran needs, Housing - including Repair and Renovations, Traditional Teachings / Gatherings, Funding / Grants...this is just to name a few. We have had great dialog concerning all the above matters, many, many great ideas that won't go unnoticed if I am elected.

I will be leaning on our Local Indian Councils as I feel they are great community advisors and should have a say in important band business / issues at hand. I urge you all to take part in their monthly meetings so that you too can have the information spoke on. I would like to have easy access for our people when it comes to resources and programs available. Also, as band members you have the right to see program information, records and financials on how our reservation is doing. If you have a question or concern bring it forward to a member of your Local Council or District Representative, your voice is so very important, I'm sure they will find you answers.

I will be having Community Gathers in May, and we will be doing outreach to let you know of the times and places. Kids

will be welcome and have activities to do as we have our visits. There is so much we need to talk about still. By having these Gatherings, I urge you to ask me anything you'd like to know or haven't had the chance to address with me yet. Let's be open and honest ~ it's the only way.

Please use your right to vote! District I Voters, let's show everyone the compassion and power we have in numbers we have at the Polls, **VOTE ROBBIE HOWE FOR DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE!** Good Luck to my opponent, and more importantly my friend Rose Robinson. Also, Good luck to the District II Seat and Sec. / Treas. seat candidates. **■**

District I
Candidate Essays



Candidate

Rose Robinson

Boozhoo, Leech Lake Tribal Members – First, I would like to thank you, the District I voters! I appreciate your support! Miigwech, Thank you!

One of the reasons I decided to run for District I Representative for Leech Lake is the love I have for our community. I have had the privilege of watching our community grow in many positive ways, from having hand pumps to running water. I am blessed to be able to live in the home my dad built. He made sure our family would have a place to live for generations to come. Our communities and families all helped one another in many ways. Families had gardens, hunted and fished, raised chickens and pigs, did seasonal activities like ricing, tapped trees for maple syrup, picked berries and so much more. Every family member had a role and a purpose. **WHY AM I TELLING YOU THIS?** These family and community activities have provided me with the values necessary to be in a leadership position. A leader looks out for the people, and looks to the people for guidance and support. **WE** must always be planning for our children, what do we want for them and the ones yet to be born? We have many great people working in our programs, providing essential services, we must continue to strengthen current services and infrastructure. It's our responsibility to do what we can, whether we are elected officials or not, **HOWEVER**, elected officials have a greater responsibility as they are expected to make decisions at a state, federal government level, with the future of our community and families in mind. I believe utilizing our own Anishinaabe teachings when conducting the business of our tribe would greatly enhance outcomes and improve community opinion of tribal leadership.

Following are our teachings of Debwewin (Truth), Dabasendizowin (Humility), Zoongide`win (courage), Gwayakwaadiziwin (Honesty), Manaaji`idiwin (Respect), Zaagi`idiwin (Love) Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom). I encourage you to research the meanings behind these words, the guiding principles of the Anishinaabe.

I bring my experience of serving on several boards of organizations that serve our people; most recent has been on the Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees, where I served as Chair and committee member. I have also served as Chair and committee member on the American Indian Chemical Health, Mental Health, and Indian Child Welfare State of Minnesota Advisory Committees as a Tribal and Urban Representative. **WHY SHARE THIS?** I want you to know I have experience of working as a leader and a participating board member in these vital

organizations that serve our people. As an appointed tribal representative on state advisory boards, I attended state advisory meetings to represent the position of the tribe on policy issues, legislative issues and funding for programs. **WHY SHARE THIS?** I know from experience how critical it is that our tribal nation be involved at all these levels of local, tribal, state and federal government. State and Federal legislation will always impact our tribal community services, both in a positive or negative way. Every job I've held has involved working for our anishinaabe people. I've worked at LLBO / Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig as a teacher, LLBO Human Services administrator, and family advocate. As Indian Child welfare program specialist, at the State of Minnesota I administered a \$1.5 million dollar child welfare grants program to tribes and urban Indian programs. As Executive Director at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC), a multi-million dollar agency, I was responsible for the administration and program services that included housing (apartments), Substance Abuse treatment, for women in different stages of recovery, which included services to pregnant women. The agency also provided case management and support for families involved in the child protection system and also provided a specialized Early Childhood program. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Masters in Social work. I believe this combination of life and work experience provides me with a greater sense of vision for our tribal nation, which includes District I and Leech Lake Reservation as a whole.

I believe in Open and Honest Communication. It is of utmost importance that we trust our leaders. One way to build trust is to improve communication methods to the people about government operations and services to the people. Listening to some of our community members, there seems to be a common theme of "not being heard," or a feeling of being ignored. This contributes to feelings of despair, depression, frustration and anger. We have the potential to ensure that our community members feel like they matter...because everyone matters. Listening to all the great ideas from the community about improving communication and services is exciting! It doesn't always require new money, just a different way of doing things. We have local community leaders with excellent ideas about healthy ways to support youth and families

I am committed to the Empowerment of our families and community, to assist families to strive for a better quality of life, to create hope. It is essential that we help our families reach their potential, to assist to overcome institutional barriers on and

off the reservation. Our systems must be more supportive to those individuals that are making efforts to live a better lifestyle, tribal and non tribal services must be responsive to the needs of our community. Priorities of the community should come before priorities of a select few...I will always encourage and support involvement of the people, and will always inform the people of all current and future initiatives. Leaders have a responsibility to the people, leaders are elected to be a voice for the people, to provide and sustain what little resources we have left. What will our children and grandchildren have in the next fifty years if we don't plan with thoughtfulness and integrity?

I believe in educating our communities about tribal government structure and roles and responsibilities to members. I want to encourage more involvement in tribal politics. We must encourage, train and support our young adults to become involved in leadership, to train future leaders to truly govern for the people, to truly care and plan for the future, to truly understand our constitution and how the constitution guides our leaders once they become council members. A tribal nation should not model our tribal government after US government. The US government system is a top down "me first" way of governing, and this model keeps us down as a people. It is of great importance that we strive for continued higher education for our people, to be educated about our history and the tremendous losses that occurred during the treaty era. As tribes, we must continue to look at the blood quantum issue, if we continue the current way of identifying ourselves, technically, we will no longer exist.

Mentorship is essential for our long-term sustainability for services and most importantly to continue to enjoy our tribal Identity and existence. As tribal leaders, we must ensure that our band members are educated and given experience to maintain and build on current resources. We must retain our knowledgeable and experienced staff.

I'm committed to support Language and Cultural ways of our Anishinaabe communities. Language and Culture are intertwined as our values and teachings are in the language. I'm committed to support ongoing activities and efforts to preserve these valuable healing ways.

Just like all of you, I want to see a good future for all our people; it's time for us to work together toward that good future. The only promise I can make is to use my experience and care to best serve our people. I will continue to ask for your input. Your agenda is my agenda. Vote on June 12, 2018 for: **ROSE ROBINSON FOR DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEECH LAKE!** ■



Incumbent
Steve White

Boozhoo Family & Friends
My name is Steve White; I am requesting your continued respect & support to remain on the Leech Lake Tribal Council as your District II Representative. I have been honored to hold this position since 2010. I have been a lifelong resident of the reservation besides relocating to the Twin Cities for a brief time to attend & graduate from St. Paul Technical College with my Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning degree. Since then my family made Bena our home but now reside in Sugar Point with my wife of 30 years.

As your District II Representative for the last eight years my experience has given me extensive knowledge of Tribal Government. I also have the ability to make better choices and more favorable results for everyone on our reservation. I have many accomplishments but to name just a few:

- Assisted in securing the funds for the new Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School
- Aided with securing funds for the construction of the Sugar Point Community Center and Head start
- Worked with state, county and tribal officials to secure money and complete the Boy River Bridge
- Completed the Bena Pavilion with the support of other tribal programs, it is located between the Bena Community Center and Lake Winnibigoshish
- Worked with the Health Division to secure a clinic in the Kego Lake Community Center
- I served as the Chairman of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Natural Resource Subcommittee
- I was recently appointed to sit on the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Education, Health & Human Services Subcommittee
- Continue cooperation with leading vendor Reinhardt Foods to contribute over \$121,000 for LLBO post-secondary scholarships
- Secured funding for Phase 1 of the Walking / Bike Path located in Bena from Old Housing to the Big Winnie Store RV Park & Campground
- Received funds to pave the road in the Nuthill Housing

I have helped accomplish many positive projects in my eight years I have served as your District II Representative that benefitted the Leech Lake Band Members. I have also set goals for the next four years and just an idea of what some of them are:

- Drastically improve programs for the youth of District II. Currently we do not have a Youth Coordinator for any area of District II. This hurts my heart. I believe the children are our future. For them to have little to nothing to occupy

their time while not in school is a shame and in all actuality an embarrassment. I strive for our children's success and am working on filling the Youth Coordinator positions in my area. I am also working on implementing programs so that more youth can participate in cultural activities such as netting, ricing, and sugar bush.

Working towards improving Tribe's infrastructure such as:

- Start Phase II of the Bena Walking / Bike Path which will be from Old Housing to the Big Fish in Bena. Which will start soon and will be done by Fall 2018. Phase III will start in 2019 and will continue the Path from the Big Winnie Store RV Park & Campground to the Winnie Dam Road.
- I am continuing my relationship with Tribal, County & State Officials to secure funding for a new Federal Dam Bridge with a Pedestrian Bridge just like in Boy River. Every day I see a lot of people that have to walk on the bridge or highway to get to other fishing spots or just too simply look into the river. This is very dangerous for everyone being that the speed limit is 40 mph in this area. So receiving a newly remodeled bridge will make this area very safe for all the people that utilize it from day to day.
- Secure funds for curbs and gutters in the Bena community. Funds have already been secured for paved streets but I then asked for curbs and gutters to be installed with the paved streets so construction will not start until 2019.

There are so many more goals I have set for the next four years but this can only be so long. I will continue to be available for all District II constituents that may have questions, concerns, comments and any ideas.

I am asking for your consideration to allow me to remain on the Leech Lake Tribal Council as your District II Representative. It would be an honor and a privilege to continue to keep your trust and respect.

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RE-ELECT STEVE WHITE DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE ■

District II Candidate Essays

How has our time become valued in direct correlation with the physical materialistic items we desire. How does somebody value our time for us and place a monetary value on it? When did the natural resources of this Earth become valued in paper?

My name is Janice Gale Dahmen and I'm running for District 2 Representative. I was born raised have moved to Alaska but now reside in the Federal Dam area. I have 9 of the best kids ever and they all have the best parents in whole world, me, Scott and Izzy Dahmen, they all have had to go through our struggles in life but guess what we all did a dam good job, we have had ups and downs and they all love each other and will be together as a family no matter whattough love and issues we faced and what they went through drugs alcohol the things nobody wants to know admit, but I'm honest and I will not bash nobody and nobody should judge anyone. Life is... what you make it, what you want it to be and we made mistakes can't change but we all have kids who graduated and from college, and raised by family that is why I am the backbone of ours...my sisters were and now they passed on I have to step up and teach them, all of us together (Scott, me and Izzy) I am still learning and I been sick with pre colon cancer and diabetes. So I have to say this, I know how it goes it's at election time and I make nobody campaign promises but one to all of you...I am a hard worker, business oriented have my degree and I have talent, I am a ambitious woman who is smart beautiful and can take anything or challenges. I can make it happen or I can show you how it is done and I promise I work out for my heart and people. I empower them and I am a woman with a voice for you.

The first point I would like to make is about our own government systems. There is a lot of unaccounted systematic approaches that we take. Many funds that we have available to our members for developing business is lost. We do not account for it all of the lost that we take as we handle large loans to members who are of a select few. We should be distributing this even to our small business loan request so that each member has the ability and the opportunity to expand their own private businesses so that we can create a stronger economic structure on a reservation.

I want to take the traditions that were taught to me by my family and my grandmother, and to be able to pass them down to the next generation to come, I believe our traditions and our language and teachings from our culture and heritage is of utmost importance to be taught and learned and passed on to our children. We need to invest time and look out for our next generations to come. I have learned from birchbark basket making from Grandma Lillian, and

how she raised my dad and Aunt's and uncle's how strong she was and teaching us kids how to jump in the kettle and parch wild rice with a new pair socks in the back of my aunty Stella's. She always talked to us kids in Ojibwe and teaching the old ways to us, skills to hang on to and the tools we needed. We cannot have the technology and new ways of life (internet and technology) that may make our lives easier and accessible, but not make our children be physically active and communicate with us. With this I mean we need to have more opportunities for them with starting our own mentoring programs, our own camps for kids to go to and develop a place for them to unite with our elders to learn the "old ways and language and traditions" from our elders and our band members who have so much knowledge and heart's desire to give.

I want to see our council work together on utilizing the community centers with more opportunity for these centers and build our youth a camp. Develop a camp for families to unite and learn together these traditions and to be focused on our epidemic of Diabetes, heart disease, Cancer, etc. These diseases have hurt our generations of people for many years and our children always seem to be forgotten. I look forward to seeing what we can do for them, with building a place with a swimming pool and exercise center for our elders and our youth, but think centrally located for all to come together central so everyone can utilize it maybe in Bena. There are struggles with the alcohol, drugs, gambling, taking children away from parents, and as a result we need to go back to working together as a family a tribe for, by listening to one another and looking for the old ways to survive. I am running to be a leader to make a difference between enrollment issues to empowering our people... women and men with encouragement and create new opportunity, by listening to all of our band members how we can do this.

We in our communities have expressed interest and questions to why haven't the casinos bought our earrings, birch bark, native crafts and sell them again there. What is to be done to the World of Christmas building, are there plans for it and our tourism. Generation of revenue for our band members to sell their crafts to our tribes and other tribes.

We have a need for a Boy Lake Center or larger one somewhere, I am just saying it would be a goal of mine and to have better water, help our elders with more services than we have by taking care of them in ways such as making things a little easier, I am not forgetting Duluth and Minneapolis offices and people either, I know we need lots more but my next question is why do we not open a recycle center for regenerating the garbage from the casinos and our reservation housing

to encourage jobs, keeping environment clean etc. REGENERATE MONEY!!

I have been trying to reach everyone and visit with you all and if I don't I will try to. I am a positive person and a hard worker, I have no reason to be negative and I promise to listen to all of you and be a voice for you and most of all I care for you. We need many things and I know the struggles of our families and kids need to be focused to have more.....by jobs and summer programs and even a camp for our elders to teach them, from diabetes to language, build our own camps, we have so much talent and people who want to teach our young generation our old ways of life. We need daycare in District 2, and others, that is affordable. Our community suffered loss and I lost a lot of family, my two sisters and uncle, community members but we stuck together as a family and stayed strong, that is me and I have a good heart and I am a hard worker, community member who will work hard for all of us. We need to have change, by giving someone else, younger generation a chance to make a difference for our communities I am that woman who will be working hard to be your voice and listen and I am the backbone of my own little family, and you all know that I am a hard worker, Mother who knows the struggles we face today, this is the "only promise" I will make to all of you, I need you to support me and I look forward to your vote June 12th, 2018...



Candidate

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2018 Leech Lake Tribal Council General Election Information

Election Date : Tuesday June 12, 2018

Polls open from 8 AM until 8 PM

Leech Lake Election Board

Will be open for Absentee Voting

Saturday, May 26

8 AM - 4.30 PM



MAY 11th

**Notice of General Election.
T.E.C. provides ballots for
Election.**

JUNE 12th

**General Election (Polling
Places open from 8 AM until
8 PM).**

JUNE 13th

**General Reservation Election
Board certifies results of
Election prior to 8 PM.**

JUNE 14th

**General Reservation Election
Board publishes Election
results.**

JULY 9th

**Winning Candidates assume
office by the operation of law,
unless sooner seated, or the
election is subject to the Court
of Appeals.**

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

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

DISTRICT III

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

Mission
Community Center
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

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

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Absentee Voting Information

In order to receive an absentee ballot, voters can fill out an absentee ballot request card provided by a candidate or submit a written request to the Election Board. Written requests MUST contain the following information:

- Full Name
- Mailing Address
- Physical Address (if different)
- Date of Birth
- Voting District
 - A District must be declared on your request in order to receive an absentee ballot, failure to provide one will lead to significant delays
 - District cannot be changed without establishing residency (see “Establishing Residency” below)
 - Out of State voters who have not declared a district in a previous election shall declare a district to vote in
 - Out of State voters are not eligible to select a new district if they have chosen one previously without meeting the residency requirements outlined below

Voters can also cast an absentee ballot in person by visiting the Election Board office. Absentee voters must bring an acceptable ID when voting in person. Ballots are not permitted to leave the Election Board office. The only exception is if there is a voter that is unable to vote in person (handicapped, elder, etc.) Those voters are able to sign a form requesting assistance to vote and a minimum

of two Election Board members will walk the ballot out and assist the voter.

Acceptable Identification for Voters

*Must have acceptable ID – No vouching

The forms of identification that may be used by a voter who appears at a polling place to vote on Election Day include:

- Official Valid Tribal Identification Card of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; or
- A current and valid photo identification card issued by the State of Minnesota or the United States government; or
- Military ID; or
- US Passport or US Passport Card

Establishing Residency

*A voter must have resided within that district for at least (30) days immediately preceding the election.

The forms acceptable to establish residency:
An original or copy of a current utility bill; or
An original or copy of a current bank statement; or
An original or copy of current government check; or
An original or copy of current paycheck; or
An original or copy of a current other government document that shows the voters name and current address.