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State of the Band

The State of the Band Address will be delivered by Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. on March 6, 2020 at Northern Lights Casino.

Constitution Reform

The MCT Constitutional Reform Committee has submitted their latest progress update.

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1855 Treaty

February 22, 1855. Treaty signed creating the Leech Lake and Mille Lacs Reservations.

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Photography and article by Kayla Duoos

Candidates Certified for 2020 Election

*Primary Contest for
Chairperson, District III set
for March 31, 2020*

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE – At a special meeting held February 7 at Cedar Lakes Casino, the Leech Lake Tribal Council unanimously approved certification of candidates for the 2020 election cycle.

In the contest for Chairperson, five of the seven band members who filed were certified. Two were found ineligible due to criminal history in accordance with the MN Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance.

In the District III Committeeperson contest, three of four band members who filed for office were certified. The remaining person withdrew their filing request prior to the certification meeting.

Ballot order drawings for all certified candidates were completed immediately following the special meeting.

Candidates for the 2020 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Election will appear on the March 31, 2020 Primary ballot as follows:

Chairperson

- Faron Jackson Sr. (Incumbent)
- Janice Gale-Dahmen
- Peter Jackson
- Stephen “Steven” Howard
- Leonard “Lenny” Fineday

District III Committeeperson

- Ronald “Ron” Hare
- Rodney “Rod” Northbird
- LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks (Incumbent)

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- » Steve White, District II Representative
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Onigum Nighthawks Back Row: Fred Jackson, Clyde Monroe, Bill Schaaf, Joe Aitken, Don Day, Roger Aitken.
Kneeling: Ron Day and Steve Day.

History of The Onigum Nighthawks

By Kayla Duoos

WALKER – There's something distinctly special about a sports story. The way the description of a game can take you back to that moment. The final seconds of a championship game, the roar of a crowd, that final buzzer, the heart-break, the triumph.

Sports stories are David and Goliath in real life. The Leech Lake reservation has had many of these match ups on the basketball court in the past, but one of the most notable and least discussed is the 1970's city league basketball team the "Onigum Nighthawks."

The Onigum nighthawks founded in 1966 centered around a few men dedicated to the sport and a coach who saw them practicing nightly. The 8 player team consisted of Walker high school graduates and a few from Bemidji, Red Lake, and Minneapolis who met up frequently to play in the high school gym which the administration let them use.

The men's dedication, and fans did not go unnoticed as LLBO council shortly thereafter began helping

pay for early team tournament registrations, which then led to a two decade long run in the city leagues. All culminating up to a two year championship in Arizona for "best American Indian basketball team." A title the Onigum Nighthawks held onto for two consecutive years.

The team in addition to attracting fans, began attracting families and forming family legacies and traditions on the reservation to play on the team. Two men who can attest to this aspect are the Day brothers.

A Brothers Journey

Don and Steve Day are brothers, friends and former teammates. Both men sat down and discussed the team's legacy, their own journeys and what it meant to be apart of something so historic.

The Day brothers played for the team in the years 1974-1994 playing as the teams point guard and forward respectively. Both said even though it's been 30 years since they wore the jerseys, the

memories of playing with the team are still bright and present.

"It was great being on the team. It was more fun than playing in high school said Don. I mean we got to go places, the game was a lot rough, people were stronger. It challenged us. The camaraderie among the team was really something else, everyone got along really well, we stuck together.

The Day brothers traveled across the country with the team for tournaments often in family member vans or on planes that tickets for were earned through fundraising or bingo winnings-back when the weekly game was held at the facility center.

"It was hard to scrap things together back then for travel but everyone always came together," said Steve.

They both defined the connections they made while on the team as important ones citing that if you spend so much time traveling across the country and working together bonds are bound to form especially familial ones.

Historical Impact

Since the team disbanded in the late 90's, the game of basketball has changed drastically. Thanks in part to the addition of the three point shooting line(1979), dunking, score point changes, shot clocks and even more recently, a new genre. Thanks in large part to a Netflix documentary on an

Arizona reservation team, the term "rez ball" has now been defined as an entirely new genre within the sport.

The Netflix documentary "Basketball or Nothing" that follows a Chinle HS basketball team in Arizona and it's participants defined the style of rez ball in the series as "the game of basketball but faster paced, a more aggressive style of play that is defined by high scoring games and slim to no turnovers." The Day brothers agreed to this definition despite the game changes over the years. Steve Day described the game as a basketball with an edge and not for those without high stamina.

"Everything evolves-basketball included. When we played, we were just as athletic as the players are today and we could get up and down the court for those fast breaks but the big difference is how often you see that happen in a single game now" said Steve. "Plus the addition of a three point line, changed the way players and coaches move. What I see a lot today are players going for that shot or making a powerdrive to the rim. You see this in both boys and girls basketball."

Legacy

Though the teams history has been left untold publicly until now, their legacy lives on at the Onigum community center. The community center which had its grand opening in 2016 is themed around the team. The team's yellow and blue logo covers the gym floor and walls. And within a delicate glass display cases are old newspaper articles on the team, tournament boards, and statements from team members, even jerseys. Don Day said even though he didn't attend the opening himself, it's a good feeling to have been apart of something so powerful and meaningful to the community.

"Playing for the team was some of the best times I had in my life," said Don.

If you'd like to learn more about the Onigum Nighthawks, you can visit the Onigum Community Center at 8825 Onigum Rd NW Onigum, MN 56647.

MMIW Task Force Public Meeting Announcement

By Kayla Duoos

BEMIDJI – The public is invited to attend a meeting of Minnesota's MMIW Task force, March 5th at the Northwest Indian Community Development Center, in Bemidji, MN. The meeting will last from 9am-4pm and include a time for public comments.

The task force has been designated by the state of Minnesota to look into the underlying causes in violence against Native American women, gather data, as well as offer legislation suggestions moving forward. The meeting agenda can be found online at the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website is expected to cover legislation suggestions, current safety measures being taken, community education, and time set aside for public comments. Public com-

ments which will be added to the official record, are asked to be directed less around personal experience but to focus on systemic issues that the Taskforce can review.

Public commenters should be aware that the Taskforce is not staffed or trained to help victims process trauma or heal, and that the role of the Taskforce is not to investigate cases and victims. Public commenters who are looking for such help will be directed to external victim support resources.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, online written and mail in comments will be open until April 26, 2020. All submitted comments, unless permission has been denied will be included in a report to the Minnesota Legislature in December 2020. Comments can

be emailed to MMIWTaskForce@wilder.org, paper forms can also be found online and given it to staff from DPS or Wilder Research. You can also call 651-280-2661 and leaving a voicemail with your comment.

For individuals who are looking for help, please check the following resources:

Leech Lake Police Department (218) 335-8277

Leech Lake Behavioral Health (218) 335-7211

Leech Lake Family Violence Prevention (218) 335-3560

Leech Lake Women Services (218) 335-3560

Day One – 1-866-223-1111

Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line – 1-886-385-2699

StrongHearts Native Helpline – 1-844762-8483

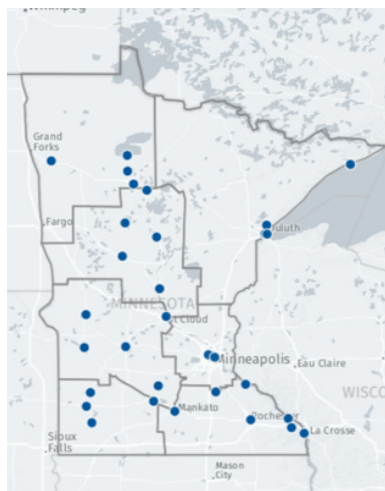
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Receives Grant for Local Energy Project

Community-focused clean energy effort will take shape throughout 2020

It is an energizing start to 2020 for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who received a \$5,000 Seed Grant from the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) today.

“We’re very excited to learn about the grant award,” said Brandy Toft. “We can’t wait to get started on our project, Guiding Leech Lake to Sustainability.”

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe seeks to significantly advance sustainability in their built environment. Their approach will be threefold: solar readiness of new construction and major renovations, approaching net zero energy and overall sustainability of new construction and major renovations, and electric vehicle readiness and infrastructure support. The funding secured from CERTs will cover the cost of hiring a design professional to develop guidance, policies, and ordinances that will facilitate the implementation of the Band’s new initiatives.



The project is one of 35 funded across the state of Minnesota.

The award is one of 35 grants given to innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in communities across Minnesota. These awards mark the tenth round of Seed Grants from CERTs, totaling over \$1.3 million to 393 projects since 2006. A complete list of funded projects can be accessed at

cleanenergyresourceteams.org/2020grants.

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

For more information, contact Brandy Toft, 218-335-7429.



BSU NAMES INTERIM AIRC OUTREACH SPECIALIST

By Bemidji State P.R.

Ron Wilson has been named interim outreach specialist for Bemidji State University's American Indian Resource Center. Wilson returns to BSU, where he worked as an admissions representative, with experience as a motivational musician and advocate for higher education among American Indian students.

Wilson, a nationally known hip-hop artist touring under the name Kaboose, uses the power of music to create connections with students.

“I signed with a record label in 2008 and toured full-time for about eight years, really focusing on helping underrepresented youth overcome barriers and challenges,” he said. “A big thing for me is talking about Higher Ed. I wouldn’t be where I am at without it. Going to college really forced me to grow up, be more responsible and helped me understand a whole new world around me.”

In his role as outreach specialist, Wilson will bring American Indian students to campus and help them through processes such as applications and financial aid, and strengthen relationships between BSU and the northern Minnesota region’s four tribal colleges. BSU has had dual-enrollment agreements with each of Minnesota’s four tribal colleges — Red Lake Nation College, White Earth Tribal and Community College, Leech Lake Tribal College and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College — since May 2017.

“I really have a heart for not only our native students, but underrepresented students in general,” he said. “Being one of those students growing up and seeing the world from that perspective has helped me flip around and want to help those who are in the same situation that I was in.”

After working in the BSU admissions office, Wilson spent four years at Bemidji High School as its Indian education career and academic adviser. He said that during



Ron Wilson, new interim outreach specialist at BSU.

this time, he never lost touch with his music, which he used to create connections with students. He left that position and toured as Kaboose for about three years before joining the American Indian Resource Center.

A first-generation college graduate, Wilson says he is most looking forward to building bridges with students and meeting students as they come into the center. He also wants to use his experience in Indian education to strengthen the relationship between the AIRC and prospective students.

“I want to continue building relationships with local Indian Ed programs, but also within the inner city. I think we have a lot of students in the inner city who want to come back up North and learn the culture and learn our language,” he said. “I want to reach the students who have lived in the city their whole lives — the ones who are thinking ‘I’m Native American — what does that mean?’”

Wilson has a bachelor’s degree in youth ministry from Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji and began his work at Bemidji State on Jan. 22. He was preceded by Chrissy Koch, who was appointed executive director of the AIRC on Jan. 8. A meet and greet with Wilson was held at the AIRC on Jan. 29, formally welcoming him to campus.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE MCT CONSTITUTION REFORM COMMITTEE PROGRESS UPDATE

Submitted by Sally Fineday

The MCT Constitution Reform is citizen-driven. All members of the MCT Bands are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend the Leech Lake MCT Constitution Reform Committee meetings you may send your email address to Sally, sallyfineday@hotmail.com and she will add you to the email list and you will receive information on local meetings. The MCT Constitution Delegates are meeting at a Convention each month and are voting each month on business that is implemented to assist with reforming the Constitution. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) Constitution Reform Conventions are held once a month – generally on the 3rd Friday of each month, depending on availability of meeting space.

There are roughly sixty Delegates; ten from each Band (White Earth, Leech Lake, Bois Forte, Grand Portage, Fond Du Lac, and Mille Lacs). The next Convention is December 13, 2019 hosted by White Earth Delegation at the Shooting Star Casino. The convention is held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00/4:30 p.m. The January Convention is hosted by Grand Portage; possible dates are January 24 & 25; final dates and Submitted by Sally Fineday Anishinaabe of the Anishinaabe Akiin – White Earth, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage. We honor the creator and follow the laws of nature. We are all of one mind with each other. We are coming together for the

shared love for our people and our children. We speak for people and those who cannot speak for themselves (animals, manoomin, water, air). We are Anishinaabe who throughout history have powerful alliances with other nations and we may continue to align ourselves. We are the first people of this land, we have survived, and we will remain here forever. Rights that are honored by the People are inherent, our creator given rights, freedom, and natural rights. location will be determined at the next Convention.

The next constitutional convention meeting will take place 5:00 p.m. March 9, at Leech Lake Tribal College regarding issues of enrollment.

FMI: Sally Fineday 218-368-1766

Meeting Minutes/Additional Updates (FEBRUARY)

- The first two day meeting was held in January. It was then decided moving forward, that on a quarterly basis the reform committee will meet for two days, as the language being developed for the constitution needs more time allotted.
- The Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) was invited to the two day meeting and six members were in attendance over the two days; April M. McCormick (Grand Portage Reservation Secretary/

Treasurer), Beth Drost Grand Portage Reservation Chairwoman), Ferdinand W. Martineau, Jr. (Fond du Lac Reservation Secretary/Treasurer), Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr. (Fond du Lac Reservation Chairman), Arthur LaRose (Leech Lake Reservation Secretary/Treasurer) and Faron Jackson, Sr. (TEC Vice President, Leech Lake Reservation Chairman)

- TEC remains supportive of constitutional reform efforts.
- Lenny Fineday offered a proposal for TEC to declare that the constitutional reform groups/TEC do not need the support from the Secretary of Interior to do secretarial elections. Proposal was later tabled due to the absence of constitutional reform committee members.
- Jason Decker offered proposal regarding constitution reform committee members to take the language used in reform documents back to home communities for large community feedback and education before voting. Committee has begun implementing Decker's proposal.
- The first task of the committee is identifying the way individual Tribes shall be structured, while maintaining federal MCT status. Goal is to return priority and powers to community members. Once structure is defined, enrollment issues will be addressed.

Leech Lake Delegation's Motion for the December 13, 2019, Constitutional Convention Delegates meeting (Tabled until February 2020 Constitutional Convention)



At the October 2019 Constitutional Convention meeting at Cedar Lakes Casino in Cass Lake, the Constitutional Convention Delegates voted on adopting a process to help guide our reform efforts. That process is as follows:

- 1) Setting ground rules;
- 2) Identifying and prioritizing issues;
- 3) Working through possible solutions to those issues and gaining community input;
- 4) Drafting the document;
- 5) Holding community meetings to hear input on that draft;
- 6) Making revisions (if warranted); and
- 7) Finalizing and presenting the final draft.

At that meeting, we also identified "How are we to be structured" as the first identified and prioritized issue.

Although this is a welcomed step in setting our direction, the Leech Lake Delegation believes that the further step of setting a general timeline for steps 2 and 3 is needed. Specifically, the Leech Lake Delegation proposes the following:

- 1) In regard to step 2 of the process, we propose that we set aside one meeting to identify and prioritize what issue we will work on and ask what do we need to know to answer that question. (We have already

done this in regard to structure)

- 2) That we set aside the next one or two meetings to discuss the possible solutions to that identified issue. Essentially, we would brainstorm what all our possible choices could be, not voting on what will be. After this meeting(s), we will take back our list of possible solutions to our communities (or tribal councils if required) for their input ahead of the next meeting.
- 3) At the next Constitutional Convention meeting (one meeting), with the input of our communities, we will then take a vote on which direction to take.

- 4) Then, with a vote taken, and a choice of direction decided on for the identified issue, we will start to draft the relevant portion of the Constitution (if warranted) and start the process over by choosing the next prioritized issue.

- 5) Last, we propose that any of these general timelines can be modified if the convention determines that more discussion is needed.

We believe that setting these flexible timelines will sharpen our focus and will keep us moving forward. Having an identified timeline for the work we are doing will also allow us to better update our fellow MCT members, the RBCs, and the TEC. The Leech Lake Delegation respectfully asks that this be added to the agenda for the upcoming December 18, 2019, Constitutional Convention meeting. Miigwech.

MN STATE DRUM & DANCE COMPETITION

MARCH 21, 2020 // CASS LAKE - BENA H.S. GYMNASIUM

**GRAND ENTRY 11 AM // FEAST 5 PM
ROUND DANCE 7PM - 9PM**

MC - DAVE NORTHBIRD // ARENA DIRECTOR - ROD NORTHBIRD
DRUM JUDGE - JOE JOURDAIN // HEAD DANCE JUDGE - TYLER JONES

Environmental review of Highway 200 Improvement Project now available

Comments about the review will be accepted January 21 through February 21, 2020



190 Sail Star Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

Written comments will be accepted January 21 through February 21, 2020. Comments should be submitted to Stephen Frisco, Project Manager: Minnesota Department of Transportation, 3920 Highway 2 West Bemidji, MN 56601, 218-308-2953, Stephen.frisco@state.mn.us.

The EA documents include project area information regarding aquatic resources, wetland mitigation, storm water requirements, and wildlife, including federally threatened and endangered species.

BEMIDJI – The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to review the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) regarding the future resurfacing project on Highway 200 near Walker. The proposed project is planned for 2021.

The EA/EAW was prepared by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and MnDOT in coordination with the United States Forest Service. The document is being distributed for a 30-day review and comment period pursuant to federal and state requirements. The comment period will begin January 21, 2020 and close on February 21, 2020. Copies of the EA/EAW are available for the public during regular business hours at the following locations: Minnesota Department of Transportation, District 2: 3920 Highway 2 West Bemidji, MN 56601; Minnesota Department of Transportation Library: 395 John Ireland Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155; Walker Public Library: 207 4th St., P.O. Box 550, Walker MN 56484; Bemidji Public Library: 509 America Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601;

Walker Ranger District 201 Minnesota Avenue East, Walker MN 56484; Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Division of Resource Management:

The project would consist of shoulder widening, resurfacing and culvert replacement on the 15.6 mile stretch of Highway 200 between the junction of Highways 371 and 84 in Cass County. Site specific tree thinning of conifers will occur sporadically along the corridor to reduce winter icing on the roadway. The project will benefit the highway with better safety, longer lasting road, and improved drainage. For more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the EA/EAW, please visit www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/2021/hwy200-walker/resources.html. The United States Forest Service website is an additional resource for the EA documents: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=57435.

To request this document in an alternative format, please contact the Affirmative Action Office at (651) 366-4718 or 1-800657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an email to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us.

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.



"Operation Lady Justice" Task Force members pictured above. Photo from [Twitter.com @USIndianAffairs](https://twitter.com/USIndianAffairs)

Trump Administration Launches Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

By Kayla Duos

WASHINGTON, DC – Trump's Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Women Task Force "Operation Lady Justice" has begun taking its first steps in addressing the widespread crisis in Indian Country.

Despite announcing no-new funding for the task force, the Department of the Interior released a press release Wednesday January 29th, 2020 announcing a new Executive Director for the Task Force; Marcia Good and an upcoming series of cross-country listening sessions. The listening sessions will be for survivors, tribal members, and professionals to help identify gaps in legislation.

The federal MMIW task force signed into law by President Donald Trump, Tuesday November 26th will look at developing new protocols to apply to new and unsolved cases. Other goals held by the taskforce include creating a multi-jurisdictional team from

Federal and Tribal Law enforcement, as well as conducting an in depth review of federal databases to determine best practices for collecting data on MMIW.

An interim report on the task force findings is expected November 26th, 2020, with a final report due to the President November 26th, 2021.

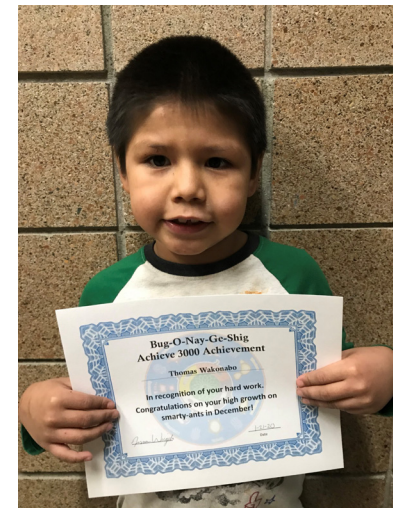
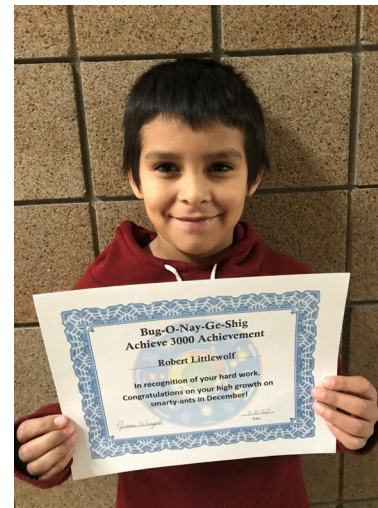
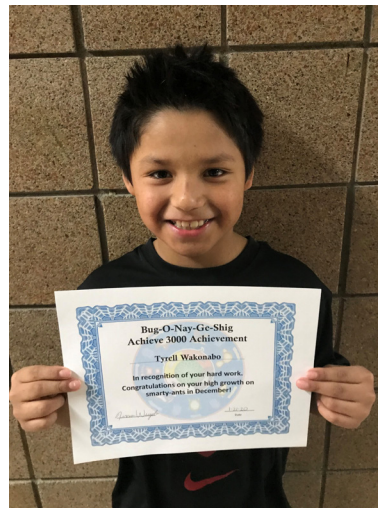
A full schedule of the listening session locations are expected to be released February 12th at a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meeting, in Washington, DC.

The members of the task force are:

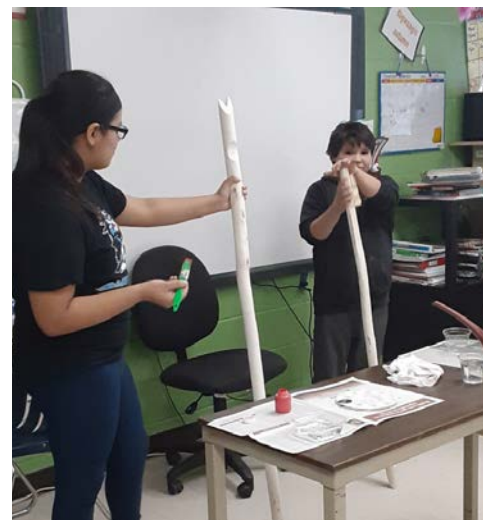
- Katharine Sullivan, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, designee for the Attorney General;
- Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs,

- designee for the Secretary of the Interior;
- Terry Wade, Executive Assistant Director, Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- Laura Rogers, Acting Director, Office on Violence Against Women;
- Charles Addington, Deputy Bureau Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services;
- Trent Shores, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma and Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee;
- Jean Hovland, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs and Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



The following students were recognized for their hard work and growth in our Smarty-ants reading program for the month of December : Kianna, Luna, Tyrell, Robert and Thomas.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School 5th and 6th graders are feverishly designing their snow snakes in preparation for upcoming annual school-wide activity. The kids are getting anxious and excited for the sub-zero weather to wain in anticipation of this fun competition every year!



A Traditional Perspective **IN A MODERN WORLD**

Delina White gives her introductory speech to attendees at Northwest Indian Center, which was host to her latest IAmAnishinaabe fashion show.

BEMIDJI – “We’re celebrating who we are as Anishinaabe.”

Was the statement of the night by Fashion Designer and Entrepreneur Delina White as an eager crowd looked on to see her latest clothing collection, Saturday February 1st at the Northwest Indian Center.

White has been a name within Indigenous fashion for years, first working in traditional beadwork, regalia design, and fashion since a young age before officially opening her company “IAmAnishinaabe” alongside her daughters in 2015. Since that time, White has been the recipient of a number of awards for her unique woodland style including: 2019 5-Wings Arts Council Master Artist, 2017 Native Arts & Cultures Foundation Mentor Fellowship; and the 2015 Folk and Traditional Arts award from the MN State Arts Board.

The seven look collection presented Saturday entitled “A traditional perspective in a modern world” was inspired by Whites understanding of Native history and how it impacted local communities. The show was a multimedia affair, interwoven with lecture style history lessons by White, music and photos. All items in the show were modeled by local community members and friends of White and her family.

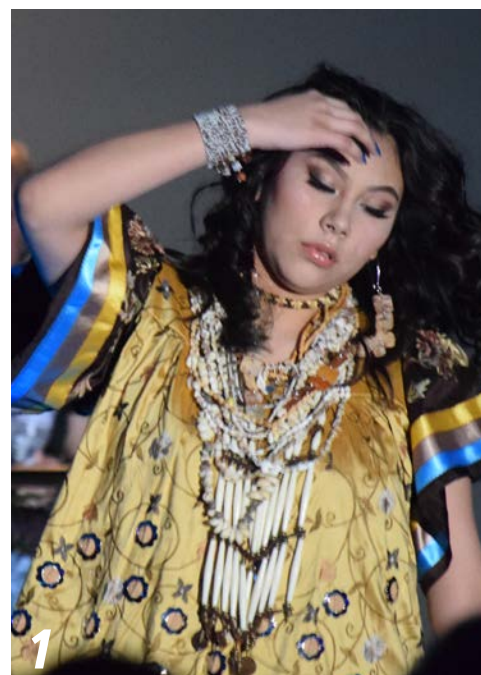
“As the original people to this continent we gave everything. It is crucial to the healing of

my people to be empowered with the tools necessary to thrive. opportunity, healthy food, and most importantly education. Education includes the inter generational knowledge sharing made customary by our ancestors as a means of perpetuating our traditional value systems. It is integral to our well-being that we know our history from our perspective. To understand and respect that we are resilient. We are beautiful, we are worthwhile and have a high level of intellect,” said White.

Past collections designed by White have tackled issues like deforestation, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Two Spirit rights/identities and the environment. White said incorporating Indigenous movements and issues have always been at the forefront of her work.

“I am a humanitarian, committed to building the awareness of diversity through art. My artistic philosophy is to design awareness. Call to attention and inspire connections between artistry and ancestry. I am dedicated to the learning and sharing of my traditional teachings, values, beliefs, and cultural perspectives through the fabrication of apparel worn by Anishinaabe throughout the centuries,” said White.

You can find more information on White and her designs, online at her website IAmAnishinaabe.com.



White’s first look of the night was one inspired by traditional Ho-Chunk regalia and was widely used in promotional material. White while describing the look said “This dress celebrates our connection to the land, and to our relatives...it’s a rich and elegant dress of the Ho-Chunk nation who reside in the east in Wisconsin and South in Nebraska.”



White’s second look was inspired by 15th and 16th century styles, what she referred to as “the age of discovery.” The garment modeled after looks often worn by royals. “This look is a fine example of clothing prohibited to be worn by anyone outside of royalty of that time. It is a highly textured skirt made of polished cotton taffeta and velvet damask designs, embellished with polished gold cotton fringe and metal sequins,” said White.



White’s third look entitled “Goth Goddess” embodied a darker time period in Native history as assimilation, disease and boarding schools became more widely prominent. “This look uses several layers of tulle under the skirt to create the fullness, it depicts a grave time of darkness and destruction for Native people-yet enduring beauty that rises from the ashes,” said White.



White’s fourth look took inspiration from the 18th century fur trades, and how it shaped the Great Lakes Region. “This look was created to represent a channeling of oneself into that of a wild animal. A short contemporary flowy skirt made of minky-fabric is used to illustrate the importance of saving our fur-bearing animals in modern times and how sad it would be if they should become extinct,” said White.

Additional looks on Page 12 ►

► **Election Continued.**

Appointees to the 2020 General Election Board were also approved at the meeting and will be staffed as follows:

- Chair- Sharon Wilson
- Clerk- Terri Boswell
- Clerk- Nancy Whitebird
- Clerk- Jody Bellanger
- Clerk- Jay Nordmarken

Leech Lake Band members will go to the polls on March 31, 2020 to decide who will advance to the General Election on June 9, 2020. Should a candidate secure more than 50% of the total votes during the Primary Election, they will be declared the winner and no General Election for that race will be held. Elected candidates will serve a four year term beginning in July 2020 and ending in 2024.

The March Issue of Debahjimon will feature a pullout section with written submissions from all of the candidates and full election details. Stay up to date on the latest election information and other LLBO related news at <http://www.leechlakenews.com>.

ELECTION CALENDAR 2019 – 2020

Regular Election

March 31	Primary Election (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
April 1	General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)
April 2	General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.
April 3	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
April 3	Deadline to Post Regular Election Notice without Primary.
April 7	4:30 p.m. – Deadline for Contest of Primary Election. (Filed with the Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)
April 8	Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
April 17	Deadline for Decision on Contest.
April 20	4:30 p.m. – Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision.)
April 23	Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals. (Or within 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal.)
April 27	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal. (Hearing within 7 days notice of appeal.)
May 7	Last Day for Decision on Appeal. (10 days from hearing on appeal.)
May 8	Notice of General Election.
May 8	TEC provides ballots for General Election.
June 9	General Election (Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
June 10	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
June 11	General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
July 14	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the LEECH LAKE Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on March 31, 2020 to fill the following positions:

ELECTION DATE: March 31, 2020

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
Squaw 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 Comm. Ctr.
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, 2126 Finch Lane, SE, Cass Lake MN
Onigum – Community Center, 08825 County Rd #13, Walker MN
Oak Point – Community Center, 5468 170th St NW, Cass Lake MN
Cass River – Community Center, 1731 Scenic Hwy, SE, Pennington, MN

*** GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD**

Che we Building SE Corner,
190 Sailstar Drive NE
Cass Lake, MN 56633

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

BEMIDJI

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

DULUTH

Dr. Robert Powless
Cultural Center
212 W. 2nd St.
Duluth, MN

LEECH LAKE TWIN CITIES

Mpls American Indian Ctr.
1530 E. Franklin Ave.
Mpls, MN

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m.

POLLS CLOSE: 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON – 4 Year Term

Faron Jackson Sr. (Incumbent)
Janice Gale-Dahmen
Peter Jackson
Stephen "Steven" Howard
Leonard "Lenny" Fineday

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON – 4 Year Term

Ronald "Ron" Hare
Rodney "Rod" Northbird
Leroy Staples-Fairbanks (Incumbent)

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised December 9, 2019, which states the voting requirements.

Date: February 20, 2020

Gary S. Frazer
Gary S. Frazer, Executive Director

MCT ELECTION ORDINANCE- SECTION 1.6 VOTER ELIGIBILITY

1.6 (A). Judging Qualifications.

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6 (B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by

secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6 (C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.

Whenever, due to

reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the

event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. A voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.

LLTC Student of the Year 2019

Shawna Semmens



Shawna Semmens has been selected as Leech Lake Tribal Colleges 2019 Student Of the Year. LLTC's Student of the Year honorees are selected based on good grades and consistent attendance. Semmens is a second year, Liberal Education STEM emphasis student who is expected to graduate in May 2020. Semmens is a tutor at the colleges learning center, and is extremely passionate about her school world. Semmens chose to attend Leech Lake Tribal college because of

the schools location and cultural components. Semmens said growing up she wasn't fully immersed in the culture, the way she is at LLTC. Semmens said the college has given her many opportunities to learn cultural traditions. Following Graduation, Semmens plans to transfer to Bemidji State University and major in Indigenous Sustainability Studies.

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For the following dates, voters who live in the listed townships may vote early in the upcoming scheduled 2020 Elections.

OPEN 8:30AM - 4:30PM | M-F

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Government Building is an absentee voting location for the following precincts :

Bena
Cass Lake
Federal Dam
Gould Township
Ottetail Peninsula Township
Pike Bay Township
Sucker Lakes
Wilkinson Township
Winnie Portage Lakes

Presidential Nomination Primary |
March 3, 2020
Absentee Voting : **January 17 through
March 2, 2020**

State Primary | August 11, 2020
Absentee Voting : **June 26 through
August 10, 2020**

General Election | November 3, 2020
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through November 2, 2020**

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Obituaries



Alyce Graham



Alyce Marie Graham, 54 years old, of Fargo, North Dakota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, January 12th, 2020 from the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. She was born to Leona Elizabeth (Goodman) and William Walter Whipple on May 7th, 1965 in Park Rapids, MN.

Alyce, though quiet, lived her life to the fullest through her family, friends, her cat and her music. There wasn't a day that had gone by without a smile or a laugh. She cheered and booted when her two favorite football teams, the Minnesota Vikings and the NDSU Bison, either won or lost. She loved to tease and crack jokes. She was there when you needed an ear; she cast no judgement, was always sympathetic and held everyone close to her. When it came to her music (granted it was mostly heavy metal and rock), she would get excited and talk a mile a minute. Her nature was gentle and simple. She taught that no matter what life throws at you...just keep one foot moving in front of the other.

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her parents, Leona and William; a brother, Leonard Tanner; sister, Lois Jourdain and a granddaughter, Caramia.

Alyce leaves behind her daughters, Sierra (Jeremy) Holt of Grand Rapids, Amber Goodman of White Earth, Velvet Goodman of Cass Lake, Crystal (Richard) White of Florida

and Tashina (Andrew) Simon of Staples; sons, Alex Thompson of North Carolina, Dakota Burcham of Bemidji and Ethan Kenney of Detroit Lakes; her fiancé, Russell Brown; grandchildren, Lucian, Ares, Joshua, Chad Jr., Dylan, Juel, Joel, Jordan and Jael; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and too many friends to mention.

A wake for Alyce will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 17th and continue until her 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Sunday, January 19th all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers will be Elliott Whipple, Dakota Burcham, Sierra Holt, Tony Mainville, Kevin Mainville and Dean Jourdain. Her honorary pallbearers are Amber Goodman, Alex Burcham, Velvet Goodman, Tashina Simon, Crystal White, Alex Thompson, Jennifer Kall, Annette Cloud, Russell Brown, Tarrin McLachlan, Gary Puckett, Edward Padilla, Stephanie Padilla, David Benson and Lisa Marien. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN on Sunday.

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

Kevin TeJohn



Kevin Wayne TeJohn, age 58, of Cass Lake and the Turtle Clan, began his spiritual journey on January 8, 2020. He was born December 9, 1961, in Park Rapids, Minnesota to James Lawrence TeJohn, Sr. and Elizabeth Blakely.

Kevin spent the past thirty years working as a

blackjack dealer for Northern Lights Casino. Earlier in life, he had been a Wild Land firefighter for Leech Lake DRM. Kevin enjoyed fishing and loved to play pool. He had many trophies from the leagues and tournaments he had played in. Some say he had a "mean stick". His favorite music was the oldies, and as he worked a lot of nights, many family and friends woke to a song he had sent them.

Kevin is reunited with his mother, Elizabeth, and his father James; brother, Kenneth TeJohn; and daughter, Miranda Ogema. Kevin leaves behind his daughters, Raquel and Shantell Jourdain; son, Anthony Stewart Whipple; brother, James TeJohn, Jr.; sisters, Beverly Kamrowski, Linda TeJohn, Barbara Bullhead, and Jenny Ellis; as well as several grandchildren.

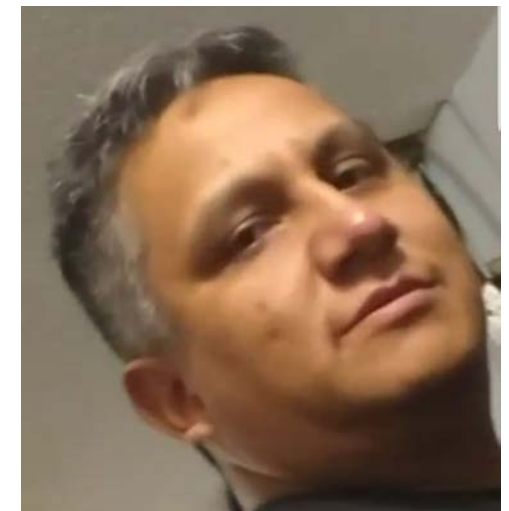
A wake for Kevin will begin on Monday, January 13th at 3 p.m. and continue until his Traditional Services Wednesday, January 15, at 12:00 p.m. all being held at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Interment will be in the Chippewa Bible Church, following his Service. Pallbearers for Kevin are, Jeremiah Thompson, Bradley TeJohn, Jason French, Terry O'Conner, Iroquois Anoka, and James TeJohn, III. Honorary Pallbearers are James TeJohn, Jr., Beverly Kamrowski, Linda TeJohn, Barbara Bullhead, Jenny Ellis, and all the Northern Lights coworkers he also considered family.

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

Merrick Wade Moose

Merrick "Son" Wade Moose, "Quay Quay Wah Desi", 43 years young, of the Bear Clan and Bena, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 from the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on April 22nd, 1976 to Patricia (Morgan) and Gilbert Moose.

Merrick grew up in Pine City and Bena. He attended the Cass Lake-Bena schools and graduated from high school in 1994. Merrick was fun to be around, and his laugh will forever be remembered. He was a very well-organized man who enjoyed being outdoors as much as he could. He liked attending powwows, ricing and was an amazing cook. Merrick also liked muscle cars and metal music but his favorite thing to do was spending time with his children, joking around and doing whatever they wanted to do. Merrick was a devoted son to his parents, taking care of both of them for the last three months of their lives, before their



passing (just one week apart) in November of 2019. His memory will live on in those who knew and loved him.

Family that welcome Merrick are his parents, Patricia and Gilbert Moose; baby, Bezhigo Jarbo; aunts, Karin Morgan, Josephine Skinaway, Bonita Martin, Florence Papenpheus and Delphine Benjamin; uncles, Leonard Moose and Richard "Boy" Martin; grandparents, David and Josephine Morgan and Jack and Mary Moose; great uncle, Harrison Cloud; niece, Sheila Weaver and his good friend, Brian Northbird.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his children, Kyrell, Merakis and Mikaila Moose and Calvin Whitebird; sisters, Luvette, Maureen, Jacklyn "Jackie" and Corrina Moose; brothers, Darren (Deanna), Darryl and Quinten Moose; his significant other, Sarah Whitebird; aunts, Doreen Morgan and Pauline Moose; special aunt, Dawn Morgan; uncles, Clyde, Kerry and David "Chief" Morgan, numerous other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Merrick will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9th and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, February 10th all to be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Officiating his services will be Lenny Fineday. Pallbearers for Merrick will be Terrance "TJ" Jourdain, Brandon White, Dave Bismarck, Josh-wah Morgan, William "Guy" Martin, Dominick May, Richard "Fudd" Martin and Justin "Gus" Raschke. His honorary pallbearers are Clyde Morgan, Kerry Morgan, Christie Jo Ryan-Conn, Pam Moose-St. John, Kari Fisherman, Amanda Johnson, Steve Richardson and his children Mikaila Moose, Kyrell Moose, Merakis Moose and Calvin Whitebird. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery at Bena, MN following his Monday services.

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

LLBO Tribal Transportation Seeks Input via Community Survey

Leech Lake Tribal Transportation is working on a Transportation Development Plan (TDP) to identify transportation related needs for the Leech Lake reservation. An integral part of this process is to work with internal and external stakeholders to identify opportunities, challenges and constraints of the Leech Lake Tribal Transportation system and how the system can be improved. The following are key tasks that will be completed throughout the duration of the project.

- 1. Rider Survey:** Transportation riders can easily fill out this quick survey during their trip. Surveys will be distributed on buses. The survey will be distributed on buses and can also be accessed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLTTRiderSurvey>.
- 2. Community Survey:** Residents can share their feedback on the transportation system and services via this community survey. This survey will help understand how the community perceives Leech Lake Tribal Transportation and learn why residents choose to or choose not to use the transportation

service. The survey can be accessed any time online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLTcommunitysurvey>

- 3. Internal and External Stakeholders:** Internal stakeholder meetings were held to meet with internal agencies that provide transportation services. External stakeholder meetings were also held to meet with partner agencies that provide or need transportation services surrounding the reservation for future collaboration opportunities.
- 4. Draft Plan:** The draft plan will include a system evaluation, service recommendations, guidelines and performance indicators, peer assessment, capital, financial, and operating plans.
- 5. Final Plan:** Following the draft plan, internal stakeholders and the members of the Project Management Team will review the draft plan. The plan may recommend changes that impact transportation routes and service times. The plan will be completed later in 2020.

2020 Kids Perch Jerk Canceled

Regretfully, the 2020 Kids Perch Jerk scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020 has been canceled due to poor ice conditions at the tournament site.

As a youth focused event, safety is our number one concern. Given the current conditions and growing size of the event, we were forced to make this tough decision. The Kids Perch Jerk will return in 2021.

We encourage all community members to look forward to and participate in our "Take a Kid Fishing" event scheduled for June 5 & 6!

Please visit www.LeechLakeNews.com/events and our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/LeechLakeBandofOjibwe for more info on events including "Take a Kid Fishing" as they become available.

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2020 POW WOW SCHEDULE

**Memorial Day
Traditional Pow Wow**
May 22 - 24, 2020
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Waa Wiye Gaa Mag
17th Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
June 12 - 14, 2020
S. Lake, MN 56681

**Leech Lake Days
Traditional Pow Wow**
June 26 - 28, 2020
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days
58th Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
July 17 - 19, 2020
Ball Club, MN

**22nd Annual Onigum
Traditional Pow Wow**
July 24 - 26, 2020
Onigum, MN 56484

**Cha Cha Bah Ning
40th Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
August 21 - 23, 2020
Inger, MN 56636

**Labor Day
Traditional Pow Wow**
September 4 - 6, 2020
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Battle Point
23rd Annual Traditional
Pow Wow**
September 18 - 20, 2020
Battle/Sugar Point, MN 56641

For more info call: 218-335-4483 or visit facebook.com/llpowwows

LEECH LAKE AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE

MARCH 2020

Cass Lake - Bena High School Varsity Basketball

Boys

02.14.20	Kelliher/Northome	HOME
02.18.20	Walker-Jackensack-Akeley	AWAY

Girls

02.14.20	Kelliher/Northome	HOME
02.18.20	Lake of the Woods	AWAY

LLTC Lakers Basketball

Mens

02.21.20	NIAC Conference	TBA
02.22.20	NIAC Conference	TBA
02.23.20	NIAC Conference	TBA
02.29.20	Ogala Lakota College	HOME

District III Elder Birthdays

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

March

Elizabeth Aitken
Wanda Headbird
Terry Smith
Marcella Ardito
Burton Howard
Linda Staples
Lois Armstrong
Melvin Hunt
Joel Stokka
Gloria Beaudreau
Patrice Jones
James Tibbetts
David Beaulieu
Beverly Jordan
Ronald Wakanbo
Donna Beaulieu
Steven Kmett
Terrance White
Douglas Beaulieu
Sharon Kotla
Charlotte White

Edward Beaulieu
Faith Littlewolf
Debra White
Marlyce Bellanger
Raymond Lyons
Natalie Wickner
Dawn Benjamin
Marjorie McCree
James Wilson
Janice Bryan
Valerie Meneely
Alvin J. Wind
Sharon Burnette
Franklin Michaud
William Windom
Ella Campbell
Michael Morris
Emily Woodfield
Gladys Chase
Karen Moses
Darlene Cloud

Alfred Pemberton
Janice Cloud
Beverly Raisch
Donald Day
Mary Lou Reich
Gloria Dudley
Elaine Saccoman
William Fisher
Betty Lou Sayers
Lila George
Boyd Schluter
Thelma Goodwin
Marlene Schulman
Timothy Goose
Bradley Senogles
David Hare
Iris Sherer
Jessica Harrison
John P. Smith
Brian Haugen
Kenneth Smith

ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO \$10 SLOT PLAY & \$10 MEAL COUPON
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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Honorable Paul W. Day **Chief Judge of Tribal Court**
Honorable Amber Ahola **Associate Judge of Tribal Court**

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Giniwgiizhig, Petitioner, and Terry LaDuke, Respondent

Case No. CV-20-05

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Giniwgiizhig, Petitioner, and Thomas Casey Jr., Respondent

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White's fifth look was representative of Native American survival despite historical and contemporary oppression. "Clothing is essential but it is more than just a way to cover nakedness. Fashion is more than just clothing, it is a multifaceted portrait of identity...this look is based on the double meaning of the word naked. It's about being vulnerable and revealing the real you, and being accepted for who you are. The skirt is a short, contemporary version of a traditional style, with rich blacktaffeta with velour damask designs, outlined in gold thread, with gold ribbon fringed down the side seams. This contemporary look was paired with Canadian Muk-Luks, and accessorized with a traditional otter-wrapped hat of the Women Warriors, wooden beaded jewelry and an eagle feather fan," said White.



White's sixth look was modeled after new and contemporary styles in Native American fashion, as well as the "hat and boot" dance often seen at Powwows. "The ribbon skirt has dyed-pink rabbit fur tassels, that move like jingles when one dances. We are here to have a good time and have fun living our culture and tradition of our ancestors in creating new traditions for the future," said White.



White's final and seventh look in the show took inspiration from Native American service in the US Military. It featured White's well-known woodland wraparound scarf, beaded moccasins, and a traditional skirt.

Minneapolis-In a published letter by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, all six governing bodies have come together for the first time to publicly support a bill written to ban a proposed copper-nickel mine near Ely, on the Boundary Waters.

On Jan. 31, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe President Cathy Chavers, the Chairwoman for the Bois Forte Band, signed a letter addressed to a trio of Democratic members of Congress in support of H.R. 5598, otherwise known as the “Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act.” The bill, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, a Democrat who represents the Fourth Congressional District in Minnesota. The proposed bill expands the existing mining buffer zone around the Boundary Waters by an additional 234,000 acres. The measure, if signed into law, would preclude only the development of sulfide-based copper-nickel mining on the affected lands. It would not prevent the mining of iron ore, taconite, gravel, or granite. The bill was heard by a congressional hearing February 5th in front of the House Natural Resources Committee’s Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee in Washington D.C.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribes letter regarding the bill was addressed to McCollum, who chairs the House Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, the chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, and California Congressman Alan Lowenthal, the chair of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. In the letter, the tribes detail their concerns with future mining prospects and effects on tribal citizens.

“The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is concerned with the prospect of a series of sulfide mines being developed in the

headwaters of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area watershed,” President Chavers stated in the letter. The watershed of the Boundary Waters, in the 1854 Ceded Territory, “is comprised of vast area of pristine interconnected waterways that have been used by the Chippewa for centuries” and “low buffering capacity of water and soil and the interconnection of lakes and streams, make the BWCA watershed particularly vulnerable to the impacts of mining.”

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe voices support for BWCAW protection

Letter backs bill to halt copper-nickel mining in portion of the Rainy River watershed

By Kayla Duoos

at risk, as pollution and habitat destruction will have wide reaching impacts.”

The letter notes that mining discharges are known to increase the amount of mercury in fish tissue, which is a toxin “of great concern to our members who depend on wild caught fish for their sustenance,” the letter continued. Three of the six member bands of the MCT, specifically the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Grand Portage, have long standing treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather across northeastern Minnesota, including the area proposed for the Twin Metals mine. “All of this is at risk if any mining proposal in the watershed moves forward,” concludes the letter. “It is unacceptable to trade this precious landscape and our way of life to enrich foreign mining companies that will leave a legacy of degradation that will last forever.”

“As former US Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell stated, sulfide-ore copper mining has the potential to permanently destroy the pure waters and intact forests in the area of the proposed Twin Metals mine. The fish in adjacent waters — Birch Lake, the South Kawishiwi River and downstream water bodies — are subject to consumption advisories designated by the Minnesota Department of Health because of mercury in their flesh. Sulfide-ore copper mining will increase the amount of mercury in the fish, a toxin of great concern to our members who depend on wild caught fish for their sustenance. Wild rice and terrestrial species will also be

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

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Friday, March 6th

10:00 AM until **3:00 PM**

Registration opens at **8:00 AM**
Northern Lights Casino Event Center

Band Members are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE

Leech Lake Tribal College IT Support Specialist

VACANCY

Interviews will begin on February 10.
Position will be open until filled.

\$15-\$16 per hr. DOQ

Key qualifications:

- Provide technical assistance on hardware and software support & configure new computer equipment
- Assist in all IT projects and troubleshooting of PC and network issues
- Research and order equipment; assist IT team to keep inventory database current
- Perform preventive maintenance on all IT equipment as assigned by Director of IT
- Must be willing to cross-train in all IT areas for additional coverage of duties
- Serves of various college committees and participates in professional organizations

Please see the full position description on the LLTC website <https://www.lltc.edu/> or pick up an application or request one via email:

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Hope Thompson
Lorna Urrutia
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Lewis Bowstring
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Diane Eason
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LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

FT Vehicle Operator ~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-014

PT Vehicle Operator ~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-015

Maintenance Technician ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-016

Cass Lake Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-017

Bena Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-018

Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-019

Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-020

Cook-Cass Lake ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-021

Maternal Child-Health Nurse ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-004

SUD Maternal Support Specialist ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-005

Intake Worker ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-006

Technician (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-007

Nutrition Manager ~ Education/ECD ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-182

Cook-Bemidji ~ Education/ECD ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-183

Education Program Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-181

Compactor Driver/Operator ~ DPW ~ Job Code: 19-179

Tribal Planner ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 19-173

Grant Writer ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-174

Planning Assistant ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 19-175

Crisis Response Mental Health Professional ~ Human Service ~ Job Code: 19-164

Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-138

Tribal Police Officer ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-19-156

Foster Care Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-149

Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-042

February 22nd is the Anniversary of the 1855 Treaty Signing

The Treaty of Washington, commonly referred to as the 1855 Treaty, was signed on February 22, 1855 between the United States government and representatives of the Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish and Mississippi bands of Ojibwe.

This treaty established a reservation at Leech Lake for the Pillager & Lake Winnibigoshish bands and a reservation at Mille Lacs for the Mississippi bands. These reservations were established a full three years before Minnesota was admitted to the Union and recognized as a State in 1858.

Much of the land in what would become Minnesota was acquired earlier through treaties with the Ojibwe in 1837 and 1854, and treaties with the Dakota in 1851 (see Left graphic). The United States wanted further access to lucrative logging and mining opportunities in north-central Minnesota, the 1855 treaty fulfilled their desires.

Hoping to avoid a similar situation to 1854 treaty negotiations, in which thousands of Ojibwe traveled to La Pointe to voice their concerns, the U.S. Government invited a small number of Ojibwe leaders to Washington D.C. The true purpose of their visit was kept secret from them until their arrival in the nation's Capitol.

Negotiations were held for three days, from February 17 to February 20, 1855. In the end, a majority of the land in this territory was ceded to the United States with the exception of the newly established Leech Lake and Mille Lacs reservations.

Treaty Rights

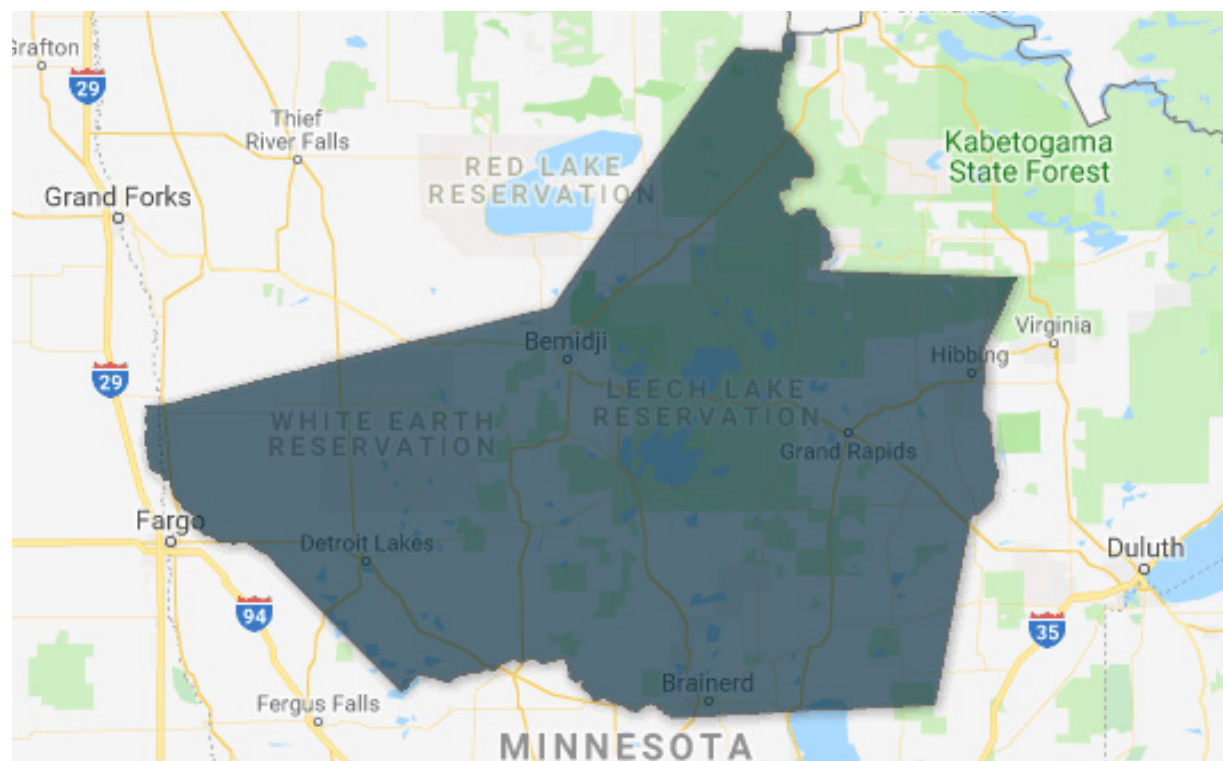
While both the 1837 and 1854 included stipulations that the Ojibwe would retain their hunting and fishing rights in the ceded territory, the 1855 did not explicitly state this. This led to legal battles that are still being decided in court cases between band members and various county and state agencies.

At issue, are the usufructuary rights of Ojibwe band Members to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded in the 1855 treaty.

In a highly publicized decision, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed these rights for the Mille Lacs band in their 1999 decision, see quote below.

Established in 2010, the 1855 Treaty Authority is leading the fight to have these rights legally recognized. The group includes members from the Ojibwe communities of East Lake, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Sandy Lake and White Earth. Twenty or so members meet monthly to work on strategies to force a legal decision on the matter and put the issue to rest once and for all.

Their most effective tactic to date, is public demonstrations of off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights through-



The shaded area shows the land which was ceded in the 1855 Treaty. Band Members retain Hunting, Fishing and other rights within this area. ©Google

out the ceded territory. These demonstrations have included setting net and harvesting wild rice. The participating tribal members hope to receive citations from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or county officials. The 1855 Treaty Authority then represents these Band members in state court, with the hope that a decision will be issued and elevated all the way to the United States Supreme Court in the same manner as the Mille Lacs Decision.

“The Anishinaabe-Ojibwe derive these rights from Gitchi Manidoo, the creator. These rights predate contact with the Europeans” says Bedonahkwaad, Dale Greene, 1855 Treaty Authority board member and enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, “The concept of land ownership was such a foreign idea to the Indians at that time, How can you own the land? Will you pick it up and bring it with you wherever you go?”

He further states; “We maintained the right of occupancy, the right to exist off of our resources. The right to hunt, fish, gather and travel were unalienable to the Indians. The 1855 is important because it does not state that we are giving up any of these rights in the ceded territories. That’s the bottom line. We’ve already won, we are just waiting for the decision.”

Another crucial factor in the interpretation of the 1855 treaty is what is known as the reserved rights doctrine, which holds that any rights that are not specifically addressed in a treaty are reserved to the tribe. In other words, treaties outline the specific rights that the tribes gave up, not those that they retained.

The courts have consistently interpreted treaties in this fashion, beginning with *United States v. Winans* (1905), in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a treaty is “not a grant of rights to the Indians, but a grant of rights from them.” Any right not explicitly extinguished by a treaty or a federal statute is considered to be “reserved” to the tribe.

“In 1837, the United States entered into a Treaty with several Bands of Chippewa Indians. Under terms of this Treaty, the Indians ceded land in present-day Wisconsin and Minnesota to the United States, and the United States guaranteed to the Indians certain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on the ceded land.”

We must decide whether the Chippewa Indians retain these usufructuary rights today. The State of Minnesota argues that the Indians lost these rights through an Executive Order in 1850, and 1855 Treaty, and the admission of Minnesota into the Union in 1858.

After an examination of the historical record, we conclude that the Chippewa retain the usufructuary rights guaranteed to them under the 1837 Treaty.”

-Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, U.S Supreme Court, 1999



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