

LEECH LAKE DAYS 2022

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2022 Leech Lake Tribal Council, pictured left to right: Newly elected District I Representative Kyle Fairbanks, Chairman Faron Jackson Sr., newly elected Secretary-Treasurer Lenny Fineday, District III Representative LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III and re-elected District II Representative Steve White.



District I representative Kyle Fairbanks takes the oath of office administered by Geraldine Howard.



District II Representative Steve White takes the oath of office administered by his family members.



Secretary - Treasurer Lenny Fineday takes the oath of office administered by Rebekah Fineday.

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Team Reservation Bandits, winners of the Best Dressed Contest for the 2022 Leech Lake Days Bed Races. Hosted and sponsored by Leech Lake Gaming.

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake days celebration returned to the reservation, Friday June 24.

The celebration which began in 2018 is a 3 day community wide event followed by a weekend Powwow.

This year's event housed several booths from the bands various programs, a food tent, and childrens bouncy houses. The celebration also featured a community cleanup, tradition-

al games, hand drum contests, cook-offs, bed races and a new event this year titled "the deadliest aunty and uncle." An event that the band hopes other reservations pick up on, so they can continue to host the contest on an even larger scale.

In the late afternoon, Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson took to the main stage to talk to community members about how good it is to meet up and how these types of community

gatherings are essential to creating a good environment.

"It's a good thing what we're doing today. It's always been a part of our culture to be around community and to be together. Leech Lake days is all about this and having good energy together," said Jackson.

Further coverage on Leech Lake Days and all the contest winners can be found on the official LLBO Facebook page.





Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, July Quarterly Meeting

The Band recently held a special Inauguration for newly elected and re-elected candidates and it's Quarterly Meeting July 8, this quarters meeting was held at the Northern Lights Event Center

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Leech Lake Tribal Council was held at 1:00PM on Friday, July 8th at Northern Lights Casino. It was the first in-person quarterly meeting held since 2019.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from newly elected Secretary-Treasurer, Lenny Fineday. The report featured financial data from both government and gaming operations. You can read the full *Secretary-Treasurer's report* at: <https://www.leechlakenews.com/secretary-treasurer-financial-report/>

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

Last on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months. For those who were unable to attend in person, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vimeo and Facebook page.

Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in October 2022.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Twin Cities Office

- Office building is in need of repairs to meet safety and city

ordinance.

- 159 food boxes were distributed through the Twin Cities office and curbside delivery for elders.
- 800 masks were distributed to band members through the Twin Cities office and curbside delivery for elders.
- 10 COVID antigen tests were distributed to band members through the Twin Cities office and curbside delivery for elders.
- 83 Tribal IDs were created during Tribal ID days June 9 and June 10.
- Sewing and Beading program ran for 6 weeks.

Tribal Court

- There were 107 new cases filed between April 1, 2022 and June 31, 2022.
- The court conducted 285 hearings the past quarter.
- The Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) group met April 8, May 13, and June 10, 2022.

Human Resources

- The remodel of the HR office continues, the new benefits office should be completed within the next quarter. This will free up the current benefits office to be modified and donated to MIS for expansion of their office space.
- In the last quarter HR has begun work with LL Gaming to create a universal policy regarding drug testing that would be applicable to all LL entities. HR will work with all divisions to determine which

positions are safety sensitive and will require drug testing.

- LL Gaming will be transitioning to swab-testing as the primary method of drug testing with the UA process being retained as a secondary method of testing.
- Wage and salary schedule has been revised to reflect the new minimum wage (\$15/hour.)
- The online portal for training modules is live and as of June 16, 2022 there is a 40% activity rate for current enrolled users.
- 35 new employees attended new employee orientation between April 1, 2022 and June 31, 2022.
- 21 employees attended LL Civics with Levi Brown between April 1, 2022 and June 31, 2022.

Legal

- The process of updating all Tribal existing case files into a new software for staff will be completed by July 1st and Minnesota case files are expected to be completed by the end of next quarter.
- The work with DRM and special environmental council OGden Murphy Wallace on the St.Regis Superfund site towards settling Natural Resource Damages is progressing.
- The negotiations with the City of Cass Lake for potential settlement of NRD liability have reached an agreement. Details are being worked out and should be finalized within the next 6 months.
- The federal multidistrict opioid

litigation is moving slowly but settlements are moving towards a final approval.

- The Legal department is actively working with DRM/ Government relations in efforts to oppose the construction of a OSB manufacturing facility that would be located in Cohasset, MN, 1 mile east of the reservation boundary.

Education

- Education administration held the second of two Tribal consultations with CLB schools.
- The Education Director served as a research fellow on the TRUTH (Towards Recognition and University-Tribal Healing) project, which focused on sharing Tribal history through our own lens. More information on the project can be found on the UMN website.
- Post Secondary Education awarded 183 students funding for SY 21-22.

Tribal Roads

- Cass Lake Bike Trail project is scheduled to be finished by 2022.
- Bena Bike trail project will be bid out in 2022, and construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

Health

- The Health Division is currently working on implementing a new work plan for the department.
- The Health Division organization chart has been redesigned and will be presented next quarter.
- Established monthly meetings with IHS to clear up community member billing issues.
- Hosted the Spirit Run across the Reservation in May 2022.
- There has been a steady increase rate of COVID 19 cases during the month of June.
- There is a large volume of home test kits, masks and sanitizing equipment available for community use and distribution when needed.

Public Safety

- Pets for Life programing has been successful and care/rehoming of animals has been getting continuously easier for staff on project as connections are made with outside networks and veterinary staff.
- Land is expected to be broken in Fall 2022 for building of a veterinary clinic.

Resource Management

- Work on the Huber Frontier Project will continue for the next two quarters.
- BIA identified another 4,362 acres of secretarial land transfers in Cass County to add to the original listing. LL DRM staff are working to review lands that will be transferred.
- Brandy Toft was promoted from Environmental Deputy Director to Interim Environmental Director in December 2021. She has been intermittently serving as interim ED as appropriate.
- Environmental program hosted kickoff events for City of Cass Lake St.Regis and Brownfield redevelopment work.

Tribal Development

- Housing initiative work continues, next Wilder Foundation survey regarding homelessness on reservations will take place in October 2022.
- In addition to expanding housing options on the Reservation, substandard homes need to be addressed. Only 3% of homes on the Reservation are newer housing. 1/3rd of all housing units are over 50 years old.
- Land use planning continues with the department currently looking for building sites in all three districts.
- The Capital Improvement Plan for the Reservation was passed by the Tribal Council May 24.
- Tribal Development website is currently nearing completion. Website will be Band Member login only that features basic demographics, various statistics, interactive maps and documents.
- Food security research and development continues.
- Tribal Development has launched a weekly newsletter, newsletter is distributed through employee email system.

Housing

- Radon Control Technicians inspected 8 radon mitigation systems, installed 1 mitigation system and tested 60 homes for radon.
- Inspectors conducted 215 unit inspections during the reporting period.
- The modernization department renovated 19 homes during the reporting period.
- Project VII development: 10 new tenants have occupied homes, 5 more units will be ready in July 2022 and 15 more units will be ready for occupancy in August 2022.

Tribal Council Quarterly Reports



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

Introductory Monthly Update Secretary/Treasurer's Summary

Aniin Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag anishinabeg! Greetings Leech Lake people! I had the honor of being sworn in as Secretary/Treasurer for the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee on July 1, 2022, and we have been able to hit the ground running on a number of issues.

First, July 1 was the start of Fiscal Year 2023, which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. We should have had a budget for all of our operations in place prior to July 1, but we fell short of that goal on the government side. Realizing we wouldn't have a duly adopted budget in place before the start of the fiscal year, the RBC adopted a resolution to authorize spending for the continuing operation of governmental functions through October 31, 2022. This Continuing Resolution authorizes governmental operations to spend 1/10th of FY22 expenditure levels per month through October 31, 2022.

The Continuing Resolution was adopted before the start of the fiscal year and thus before I was sworn in. However, since I have assumed the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, I have been working diligently with our finance staff and division directors to finalize the governmental budget for RBC adoption. Completing this budget is a top priority for me and I will keep everyone updated as to the progress on that goal.

Regarding our General Fund

financial status as of the end of FY22, we have approximately \$14.2 million in reserve. However, our FY21 annual audit is still outstanding. FY21 ran from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and this audit should have been completed on or before September 30, 2021. Due to a number of mitigating factors, this audit is still outstanding and our finance staff is working very hard with outside auditors to finalize this audit. The final audit report could result in minor changes to the amount we have in our General Fund reserve. Again, completing this audit is a top priority for me, but also depends on the responsiveness from our outside auditors, so an exact goal for completion is outside our control. However, I will continue to keep everyone updated on this matter as we move forward.

We are also continuing the preparation work for the second round of pandemic-related individual financial assistance to our Band members 18 and over, with distribution set for some time in August 2022. Finance is working with RBC to set an exact date for distribution, so watch for future announcements regarding those specific details. The RBC has authorized this second round of individual assistance at \$1,700.00 per adult band member. This individual assistance is for pandemic-related financial burdens and will come from American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds the Band received last year from the Federal government.

The RBC has also authorized a \$250.00 payment to each account in the Minor's Trust fund for our band members younger than 18. This payment will come from General Fund reserves as the ARPA does not allow State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to be placed in a trust account.

Last year, the Band received \$81,734,349.88 in total State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and must spend them in accordance with the requirements outlined in the appropriating legislation and the regulations issued by the Department of Treasury. To date, the Band has spent approximately \$24,466,959.00 of these funds in the areas of Premium Pay, Personal Leave Payout and Indirect Costs. This leaves approximately \$57,267,390.88 remaining in our State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. We plan to utilize these funds to pay for the second-round of the pandemic-related individual

assistance. The RBC and our communications and finance teams are working together to gather input from our Band members regarding the use of the remaining funds, so please continue to watch for updates from LLBO regarding ways you can have your voice heard in how these remaining funds are expended.

We are also working hard to resolve issues surrounding our third-party billing activities and the programs that bill for those services, such as Opiate Treatment, Behavioral Health, Chemical Dependency, Indian Child Welfare and Assisted Living. I will be working closely with our program managers, division directors and finance staff to develop work plans to ensure that we are providing top quality services to our Band members and receiving the appropriate reimbursements for those services. Of course, this will take some time to develop and implement, but we will follow through and continue to keep Band members informed of our progress.

I am also working with our Gaming Division to review our financial status in our gaming operations as well as the status of our loan with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. I want to ensure we are complying with all applicable terms and covenants in the loan. As in other areas, I will keep all Band members apprised of my findings and actions.

On July 11, 2022, I attended my first Tribal Executive Committee meeting. I was sworn in and was elected Treasurer for the TEC. At the meeting, we discussed the advisory referendum on enrollment, the ongoing efforts from the delegation regarding Constitutional Reform, adopted a resolution that recognized the original boundaries of the Sandy Lake Reservation, and had a brief discussion regarding the MCT land transfer issue. Additional follow-up will be held regarding the land transfer issue. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other MCT-related issues, please reach out to me and I'll be happy to share what information I have.

In closing, I want to thank the people of Leech Lake for this opportunity. I am thankful to be serving in this capacity and look forward, with optimism, to the progress that we can make together. Miigwech!

Leonard "Lenny" Fineday

Secretary - Treasurer



MN Supreme Court Associate Justice Anne K. McKeig, speaker for the event.



The event began with the drum group Timberland and Leech Lake dancers.



Chairman Faron Jackson conducts swearing in of the newly elected Housing Authority Board members. Left to right, Brenda White, Terri Goggeley and Michael Reyes.

The Inauguration of newly elected Candidates also brought about a return to in-person Quarterly Meetings

By KAYLA DUOOS

WALKER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held its official inauguration ceremony, Friday July 8th at the Northern Lights events center.

The inauguration event featured the swearing in of all newly elected candidates for the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school board, Leech Lake Housing Authority Board members, and RBC District I Representative, District II Representative and Secretary-Treasurer.

The invocation was performed by Michael Smith Sr. and Michael Smith Jr., with posting of the colors done by the Leech Lake Color Guard.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson welcomed the newly elected officials and delivered a speech that reflected on the importance of unity and developing strong working relationships.

"The key to success is working together...it should never be us against them, I've always stated from day one, "we're all in this

together." All of our families face the same issues everyday in the three districts and we need unity to overcome this. We need to remember our Grandfather Teachings and keep them at the forefront of everything we do, everyday" said Jackson.

Jackson's speech was followed by short remarks from each of the RBC district representatives and secretary treasurer, who thanked community members for their votes and shared their hope for advancing the band throughout their terms.

Closing out the inauguration was the first Native American woman to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court, Associate Justice Anne K. McKeig who delivered remarks celebrating the reservations triumphs and instilled words of wisdom to all elected officials.

All officials sworn in will serve four year terms, and will serve the community in their respective positions, until 2026.

A livestream of the full inauguration ceremony is available on the Leech Lakes official Facebook and Vimeo page.

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Aanish niwii-tibaajim i'iw Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag. Mii widi wenjibaayan idi Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag. Naaniibowa gaawin ogikendanzinaawaa iw baataniinowag imaa ozagaskwaajimeg, ge-sh giiwenh gaa-izhiwebak jibwaa-dagoshinowaad chi-moo-komaanag imaa. Nimaamaanaan iko niwiindamaagonaanig gaa-inakamigak iidog.

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Azhigwa omaa naawayi'ii imaa, gii-ayaa ge aanakwad. Miinawaa giiwenh chi-baa-baashkikwa'amowaad idi, gii-nisaa-waagwen iniw ozagaskwaajimen. Mii gaa-izhi-gichi-awang gii-kimiwang. Mii gii-ombinaawaad iniw ozagaskwaajimen.

Gaawin-sh wiikaa geyaabi ogii-waabamaasiwaawaan iniw Chi-ozagaskwaajimen. Mii i'iw wenji-izhinikaadeg iidog iw Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag.

Mii iw.



That's it.

Well, I want to talk about Leech Lake. That's where I'm from, Leech Lake. Lots of people don't know that there are a lot of leeches in there, and also what happened before the white man came. Our mom would tell us about what happened. Well, those Indians lived over there. They were by the lake. It was really calm. There were no clouds. They saw that Big Blood Sucker. It came out of the water, coming up off the water in the lake. The rest of the Indians saw it. "It's a big blood sucker," they said. There were people around the lake on a perfectly clear day, not a cloud in the sky. Then they saw a very small dark cloud coming from the north. It was coming very, very fast. It came right above the leech. Then the cloud was there in the middle of the lake. And they [the thunderbirds] made lots of thunder, really loud thunderclaps. They killed the leech. Then it got really foggy and it rained. That's when the leech disappeared. And so now they never see that Big Blood Sucker anymore. That's why Leech Lake is called that.

THEY SAW A BIG LEECH

Submitted by Camille Naslund, Ed.D.,
Niigaane Program Director / Teacher
Illustration by Anthony Belgarde

LLBO Homeowners Assistance Fund Accepting Applications

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – A new assistance program for homeowners is now accepting applications. The Leech Lake Band Department of Public Works is administering the program. Funded by a U.S. Treasury Grant included in the American Rescue Plan Act, the program is available to Leech Lake Band members who meet the eligibility requirements and live on or near the reservation (up to 20 miles from the boundaries) or within the Duluth and Twin Cities offices service area.

The Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) program can help with:

- Mortgage Payment Assistance (if fallen behind)
- Forbearance, Delinquency and Arrears
- Payment assistance on Utility bills
- Internet and Broadband
- Delinquent Property Taxes to prevent foreclosure

» **Note:** All areas above have been limited to \$6,000.00 in total combined assistance.

- Prevention of Displacement (Home Repairs to include roofing, windows, siding and skirting and any interior work (bathroom, kitchen and flooring repairs) contract work. Only one (1) major repair is to be chosen at this time.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Enrolled Member Be a homeowner within the LLBO Boundaries or service area (20 miles out), Twin Cities and Duluth included
- Have a total family income of less than 150% of the Median area Income, to avoid confusion, please visit the attached site to determine your eligibility www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/haf-il.html#:~:text=HAF%20funds%20are%20used%20for,of%20Housing%20and%20Urban%20Development Gather your total household income and with that total, find your County and make sure you fall under the 150% under the Median Income for your County.
- Have Past Due mortgages, bills, property taxes, arrears, delinquencies and past due bills for internet Have been financially impacted by the COVID pandemic

For more information please contact LLBO's HAF program administrator, Val Pacheco at valentino.pacheco@llojibwe.net or call 218-760-4411.

More information on the program, including application and

other forms, is available on our website at: <https://www.llojibwe.org/haf.html>

About the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) federal program

According to the U.S. Treasury website, the purpose of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) is to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020. Funds from the HAF may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner's insurance, utility payments, and other specified purposes. The law prioritizes funds for homeowners who have experienced the greatest hardships, leveraging local and national income indicators to maximize the impact.

The Homeowner Assistance Fund provides:

- A minimum of \$50 million for each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
- \$498 million for Tribes or Tribally designated housing entities and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
- \$30 million for the territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

For additional information on the program please visit: www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/help-for-homeowners/get-homeowner-assistance-funds/



PRESERVING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

BUG O NAY GE SHIG



SCHOOL NEWS



◀ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School recently honored two retirees with a plaque and a blanket. Jullita Grayhawk (pictured) worked at the school for 17 years with the Culture Department and also organized many special family events. Mike Shuka was a very popular bus driver with the school for five years.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig Summer School continues with an emphasis in the mornings on improving reading and math skills and with outdoor learning activities in the afternoons. Summer school will continue until July 1.

Gweyakmino Wiisinidaa!

Let's eat the right foods!

Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)



Bison Chili with Black Beans

Ingredients
(*Commodity Foods)

- 1 tablespoon oil*
 - 1lb Bison/ground beef* 2 cups canned corn*
 - 1 15-ounce tomatoes (undrained)*
 - 1 15-ounce can kidney beans (drained & rinsed)*
 - 1 15-ounce can black beans (drained & rinsed)*
(home-made or low sodium if available)
 - 1 medium onion* 2 garlic cloves (minced)
 - 1 red bell pepper 1 green bell pepper*
 - 1 yellow bell pepper 1 4-ounce can green chilis
 - 2 tablespoons chili powder
 - 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 - 1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt or to taste
 - 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes (optional)
 - ½ teaspoon black pepper 1 ½ cups tomato juice*
 - 2-3 teaspoons Epazote (optional) can be found at Walmart
- Toppings: chopped fresh cilantro, sour cream, grated cheese.

Directions:

Heat oil in a large heavy pot over medium-high add bison/buffalo meat and brown, breaking into small pieces. **Note:** if using ground beef drain. Add the chopped onion, peppers, garlic, tomatoes, corn, beans, spices, and tomato juice. Stir to combine. Simmer, covered for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Serve with toppings.

Nutrition facts

Calories 429 kcal, Protein 26g, fat 23g saturated fat 8g, cholesterol 79mg, sodium 1919mg, potassium

1073mg, fiber 6g, sugar 10g, Vitamin A 3210iu, Vitamin C 139.9mg, calcium 69mg, iron 5.7mg
Bison meat is high in Iron and has

a lighter slightly sweeter, more delicate flavor than ground beef. It is also leaner & has few calories and more B12 & protein than the hamburger.

For more recipes and resources on this delicious recipe contact Chyrle or Josh Red Day at the Leech Lake Diabetes Clinic at 218-335-4511 or stop by.

August

District III Elder Birthdays

Harlan Anderson
Yvonne Armstrong
Alice Averill
Lenore Barsness
Guy Beaulieu
Heidi Bilyeu
Delphine Bixby
Janice Bongo
Patricia Broker

From the District III
Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Bernard Brown
Franklin Brown
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Kim Burnette
Edward Burns
Linda Butcher
Myron Cloud
Shannon Cronquist
Barbara Dubois
Donna Fineday
Mary Finn
Leila Goggeley
Linda Goggeley

Benjamin Gotchie
Laura Gould-Smith
Gene Hanks
James Harris
Nancy Hawkins
Donald Headbird
Joseph Howard
Stephen Howard
Deborah Isham
Beverly Jacobs
George Jacobs
Cherlene Jenkins
Barbara Johnston

Duwayne Jones
Julie Jones
Crystal Jones-Desjarlais
Carol Kloehn
Bonnie Knutson
Elizabeth LeDoux
Cheryl Littlewolf
Leonard Losh
Ronald Lowry
Peter Maas
Estelle Marotta
William McCarter
Pamela Mitchell
Donna Morgan
Harry Morris
Timothy O'Brien

Diane Osceola
Valentino Pacheco
Nancy Patterson
Simone Pemberton
Cynthia Reed
Kelly Robinson
Robert Robinson
Valerie Robinson
David Roy
Loretta Sayers
Kenneth Schwartz
Scott Seelye
Mark Stangel
Cheryl Staples
Susan Swanson
Brenda Thomas

Nancy Washington
Gary White
Randolph White
Daniel Wilson
Eva Wilson



ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO \$10 SLOT PLAY & \$10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.



**Leech Lake
Band of Ojibwe**

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is creating the first Climate Action Plan for our community. The plan will help those who live and work in Leech Lake imagine and achieve a future where the earth and all who live on it thrive.

**We want to hear from you!
Two ways to get involved:**

- 1 CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY**
Take the Leech Lake Climate Action Survey and help shape our climate action priorities. Please share the survey with your neighbors, friends, and family. Find the survey here: <https://palebluedot.llc/llbo-climate-action-survey>
- 2 CLIMATE STORIES PROJECT**
Everyone has a climate change story and the Leech Lake Band wants to hear yours! Your climate stories will help give others a better understanding of how climate change is being experienced in our community.

You can share your story in writing, video, or even through art! To begin sharing your climate story go here: <https://palebluedot.llc/llbo-climate-stories-project>

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is creating its first Climate Action Plan for our community! This plan will shape the ways that we prepare for and adapt to a changing climate while helping those that live and work in Leech Lake to imagine and achieve a future where the Earth and all who live on it thrive.

This plan can't be successful without your input! Here's how to get involved:

- Take the Climate Action Survey- help shape our climate action priorities. Share the survey with your neighbors, friends, and family. Enter the URL below into a search bar on your phone or computer to participate.

Survey URL: <https://palebluedot.llc/llbo-climate-action-survey>

- Submit your Climate Story- everyone has one, from the stories your grandpa told you about how cold it used to get, to your own observations on the weather, animals, plants, and how they may have changed with the climate. Think about how climate change has affected your life, or those of your family members. Climate stories can be shared through writing, video, or art, and will help give others a better understanding of how climate change is experienced in our communities. Enter the URL below into a search bar on your phone or computer to participate.

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With your help we can ensure that as the climate changes, we change along with it, and that we can continue to take care of our family, friends, and neighbors for the next seven generations.



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline Statement — Impacts of the Roe v. Wade Decision on Native American and Alaska Native Women Sexual Violence Victim-Survivors

via STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

The June 24 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the constitutional right to an abortion will adversely impact Native American and Alaska Native victim-survivors of sexual violence in several ways. The ruling paves the way for national criminalization of abortion. A number of states, including Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, already have existing trigger laws that allow those states to ban abortion now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned.

“Native women and girls suffer the highest rates of stalking, rape and femicide in the nation,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), chief executive officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “Abortion is not offered at the Indian Health Service (IHS) and having planned parenthood clinics is essential to the health and well-being of sexual assault victims. It’s a breach of trust responsibility and body sovereignty that goes back to colonization.”

In fact, the IH (which provides health care on reservations) is prohibited under the 1976 Hyde Amendment from using federal monies for abortion services, except when the mother’s life is endangered and in instances of incest and rape.

Making it difficult for any woman to obtain an abortion or by criminalizing it in some, or even all, states won’t make abortions disappear. It makes them unsafe

and potentially fatal. Those at most risk will be poor women and women of color, especially Native women who reside on tribal lands or in remote areas where abortion services are difficult to access.

Making abortion services inaccessible to Native women whether they live in an urban or rural area further exacerbates the enormous socio-economic and health disparities. For example, the poverty rate among Native women is the highest among racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. at 28.1 percent. Overall, one in three Native Americans live in poverty with an annual median income of \$23,000. Complications during pregnancy or childbirth (or both) are three to four times more likely for Native women.

There are also barriers to acquiring emergency contraception outside of reservation communities and travel to obtain abortion services can require exorbitant travel and other expenses that Native women simply cannot afford. Financial abuse — a form of relationship abuse where one partner controls their partner’s financial situation — also can figure into the picture. An intimate partner who takes control of their partner’s finances ultimately has control over making financial decisions that undermine their partner’s well-being and, in cases such as these, make it difficult or even impossible for that partner to seek abortion services.

Native women in the United States suffer from the

highest rates of sexual violence. In Indigenous communities, more than half of American Indian and Alaska Native women (56.1%) have experienced sexual violence in their lives and the vast majority (96%) are victimized by a non-Native perpetrator. Sexual violence is based on power and control and an abuser may see the unpredictability of pregnancy as an opportunity to increase power and control. Sexual violence robs Native women of the right to body sovereignty and the choice of reproductive autonomy.

Sexual violence is a tool and result of colonization, which has been responsible for the enslavement and genocide of Native peoples and the theft, occupation, resource extraction and exploitation of Native lands that began at contact. The same government infrastructure and its federal laws, policies and institutions has targeted and permitted sexual violence, abuse and harassment of Native women for centuries. The legacy of colonialism continues to exist in 2022 through this most recent action by the U.S. Supreme Court to deny Native — and all — women the right to body sovereignty.

About StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7/365 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org.



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Join us! For a social gathering with traditional and herbal teas for our youth.
Inger Community Center
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First Indigenous Person Appointed to the Minnesota Board of Regents

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – A Bois Forte member just became the first Native American to be appointed to the Minnesota Board of Regents.

Tadd Johnson was appointed by Governor Tim Walz, Wednesday July 11. Minnesota's board of regents, established in 1851 at the founding of the University of Minnesota, is the university's governing board. Regents articulate a vision for the University and work to ensure the University of Minnesota fulfills its mission of education, research, and outreach for the benefit of the people of Minnesota, the nation, and the world. Johnson will be the first Native American to serve on this before despite it being established more than 170 years ago.

Johnson, 65, is a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa who lives in Duluth. He recently retired as the University of Minnesota's first senior director of American Indian Tribal Nations relations. He's also a former professor, Tribal attorney and Tribal court judge. He also serves as senior advisor on government affairs for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Johnson will represent the 8th Congressional District on the Board.

Johnson said it's important for Native Americans to be represented on the governing board of a University that was built with funds



generated from land taken from Native people.

"As a retired professor, I have first-hand knowledge of the struggles students face on a day-to-day basis, along with the faculty and staff who are devoted to teaching and nurturing them during their educational journey. I want to speak for the voices that are not heard often enough by the Regents; the students, the educators, Native Americans, rural Minnesotans and the working class. That's where I come from and that's who I am."

Johnson's appointment fills a vacancy for former regent David McMillan, who resigned from the role. McMillan was appointed Wednesday to a two-year role as interim chancellor at UMD.

Johnson said he'll likely seek an appointment for a full six-year term when this term expires next February.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Economic Assistance Payment

The Leech Lake RBC has approved \$1700.00 as the amount for the upcoming August 2022 Economic Assistance payment. Full details on the distribution including eligibility, dates, time, locations and other important information will be released soon.

Visit LLOJIBWE.ORG for more info & miigwech for your continued patience!



Obituaries

Darlene Plumer



Darlene (Tibbetts) Plumer, age 90, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Deer River died at home after a long convalescence on Sunday, June 12, 2022 with her family by her side.

Born at home with the help of midwife, Mrs. John George Fairbanks, in rural Deer River to parents George and Katherine (Jackson) Tibbetts, Darlene was the second youngest of five children. Raised on a small family farm on Highway 46, Darlene and her sisters and brother learned the value of hard work: cutting ice on Big Winnie every winter, tapping maple trees in the spring and harvesting wild rice at the end each summer. She attended Russell School (a one room school house), graduated from Deer River High School in 1949 and moved to Coleraine, where she completed an associate degree at Itasca Community College.

Eventually, Darlene and her sister Mabel moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she met and married her husband Joseph Plumer. In 1965, the couple moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they raised their four children. Darlene was a dedicated homemaker who loved her family most in life. She enjoyed music and dancing, entertaining guests in her home every Saturday night, finding a bargain and frequent trips back to Minnesota to visit family and friends.

Darlene is survived by her sister Joanne Goeller (Monte) of San Diego, CA; children, Joseph (Mona), David (Nancy), Kathleen Santosuosso (Raymond) and Diana Wolpaw (Erik); grandchildren, Carla Santosuosso (John), Jodi Santosuosso, Suzanne Pizzolatto (Nic), Shane Plumer (Dawn), Steven Plumer (Neanah), Lisa Plumer, Joseph Plumer Jr.,

Gina Plumer Macarro (David), Riley Plumer and Jack Wolpaw; great grand children, Julian, Skylar, Bear, Adrianna, Isabella, Rory, Wren, Brandon and Maceo. Darlene is preceded in death by her husband Joseph; sisters, Lenora and Mabel; and brother Robert.

Darlene (Tibbetts) Plumer, age 90, beloved wife of the late Francis Joseph, loving mother of Joseph Plumer (Mona), Kathleen Santosuosso (Raymond), David Plumer (Nancy) and Diana Wolpaw (Erik); proud grandmother of Carla Santosuosso (John Wallis), Jodi Santosuosso, Suzanne Pizzolatto (Nic), Shane Plumer (Dawn), Steven Plumer (Neanah), Lisa Plumer, Joseph Plumer Jr., Gina Plumer Macarro (David), Riley Plumer and Jack Wolpaw; great grandmother to Julian, Skylar, Bear, Adrianna, Isabella, Brandon, Maceo, Rory and Wren; daughter of the late Katherine (Jackson) and George Tibbetts; sister to Joanne Goeller (Monte), the late Lenora, Mabel and Robert. Darlene passed away on the morning of Sunday, June 12 at her Middleburg Heights home after a long convalescence. Born in Deer River, Minnesota, Darlene met and married her husband Joseph in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1965, they moved to the Cleveland area where they raised their four children. Darlene enjoyed being a homemaker, entertaining guests and summer travel to Ocean City, Maryland with her family and friends.

Andrew "Scooby" Bongo



Andrew M. Bongo, affectionately known as "Scooby", began his journey to the spirit world on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the Red Lake Indian Health Service Hospital. His spirit name is Awan (Fog), and his namesake

is the late Jim Jackson.

Andrew, a member of the Bear clan, was born on June 19, 1988, to devoted mother Sharon Norris in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He grew up in Walker and Coon Rapids, Minnesota. He earned his high school diploma in Walker. He began his post-secondary education at Red Lake Nation College, and later graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College with two degrees: one in Liberal Studies, and another in Indigenous Leadership.

Andy worked at the Red Lake Indian Health Service Hospital as an Administrative Support Specialist. He took pride in his work, serving patients and supporting co-workers. He loved his co-workers.

He was an essential worker throughout the pandemic. Although the hospital was short-staffed, he persevered, remaining on the frontlines. He extended kindness and compassion to everyone who entered the hospital.

Andy gave freely the same warmth and generosity to everyone he knew, whether he was feeding the neighborhood stray dogs, helping out a friend who sold beadwork, or cooking a big, hearty supper for his mom and granny. He loved animals and had a special place in his heart for his two small chihuahuas: a girl named Cal, and his little man Shorty. They will miss him dearly.

Andy loved to gather—powwows, dinners, barbecues, and evening conversations about everyday life with his loving mother. He enjoyed spending time at his Twin Cities home where he would can tomatoes and salsa every fall season, a skill taught to him by his Grandpa Truman.

Andy's love for travel began as a child when he and his mother would visit amusement parks Disney World and Universal Studios often. As an adult, he loved to visit Las Vegas, Kansas City, Albuquerque, and powwows.

Andy was a master at the grill. He loved the Minnesota State Fair, food trucks, collecting turtle figures, telling and hearing a good story, and doting on his two little dogs. He was an endlessly devoted son and grandson. His presence will be deeply missed.

Andy is welcomed into the spirit world by his biological Father Michael Bongo, Maternal Grandfather William Truman Norris, Paternal Grandmother Louise Geving, Cousin Robert Lee Barrett, Aunts Alice Spears and Catherine Burns, and Beloved Dog Missy.

He leaves behind Mother Sharon Norris, Step-Father Oscar Arredondo, Maternal Grandmother Alberta Norris, Beloved Dogs Cal and Shorty, and a long list of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A wake for Andy will begin on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 1:00pm, with a procession at the Red Lake Reservation line on Hwy 89. Services will continue at the Little Rock Center until the service on Thursday, June 30, at 10:00am. Pallbearers: Keith Bedeau Sr, Tom Barrett Sr, Tom Barrett Jr, Oscar Arredondo, Donovan Williams MD, and Arnie Wood. Honorary Pallbearers: Charlie Norris, Pete Geving, Richard Geving, Dayton Bachand, Mike Thunder, Richard

LaFramboise, Kathy Dudley, Jane Fayant, Linda Donnell, Rhonda Wipf, Melanie Roy, IHS Co-workers, and Comprehensive Health Co-workers. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Red Lake, Minnesota.

Arrangements are being provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service, serving Northern Minnesota.

Judith "Judy" Wilson



Judith "Judy" Ann Wilson — Miziwekamigookiban (All around the world woman) 59 years old. Date of Death: June 25, 2022 Place of Death: Deer River, MN. Date of Birth: September 14, 1962 Place of Birth: Cass Lake, MN.

Judy is survived by her children; Clarissa (Jamaal) Wilson, William (Ashley) Losh Jr., Carla (Travis) Losh, Cassandra Losh; grandchildren, Raquel, Nakaya, Tamia, Summer, Ava, Autumn, Liam, Ilijah, Noah, Braylynn, Miikawaadizi; siblings, Burton "Luke" (Linda) Wilson, James (Regina) Wilson, Ron (Sue) Wilson, Daniel "Fudd" Wilson, Yvonne "Bonny" Wilson, Sharon Wilson; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

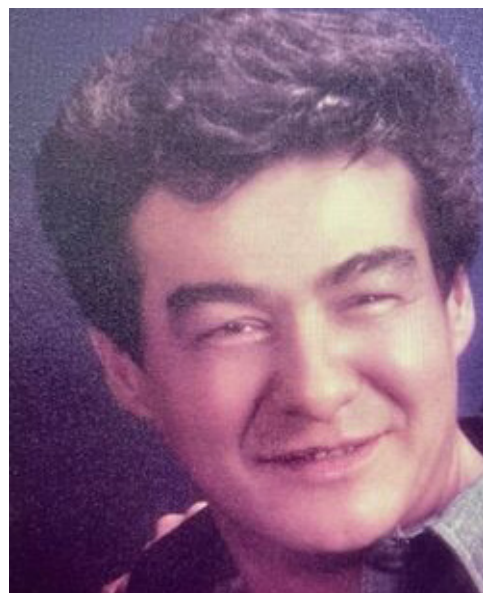
Judy is welcomed by her parents; James and Mary Jane Wilson; brothers, Byron Wilson, Donald "Doc" Wilson; sister; Roseanne Wilson; grandson, Dayton Losh.

Judy was born in Cass Lake, MN on September 14, 1962, and was the ninth child to James and MaryJane. She attended Leech Lake Head Start and then Deer River Schools. In her sophomore year she transferred to Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, OK, graduating in 1980. In 1986 she received her Liberal Arts Degree (LPN) from Itasca Community College. In 2006 she graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College with her Associate of Arts degree. She was employed with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Health Division as a Respite Care Technician from 1992-2015. Judy and William Losh Sr. began their life together in 1981 raising their children in Ball Club, MN. She was well known and respected around Leech Lake for her dedication and passion towards her clients. She enjoyed bringing her clients gifts and

would spend hours caring for and visiting them. Judy enjoyed ricing with her family, she was known as "the best poler around." She loved music and dancing along with her favorite songs. She enjoyed sharing stories with her family particularly about her Riverside days in Oklahoma. Judy was as "tough as nails" and always made sure to protect those she loved. When she was younger, she spent much of her time with her grandma Maggie Wilson and her aunt Margaret Wilson. Judy loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, she will be missed dearly.

Officiated by: Melvin Goodman. Pallbearers: Jamaal Baird, Kellen Brown, Terrance Wilson, Jamie Chase, Kelly Bowstring, and Jake Bowstring. Honorary Pallbearers: Lisa Jackson, Wanda Young Running Crane, Brenda Schaaf, Gayle Wilson, Donna Gotchie, Travis Gale and all her nieces, nephews.

Michael Brown



Michael Duane Brown was born in Cass Lake, MN to Ruth Dolly Johnson and Michael Brown Sr. He was a dedicated sports fan and spent years coaching the women's Sugar Bush softball team, playing for the Inger/Sugar Bush softball team and watching his boys play football, baseball and basketball. He married the love of his life on October 8th, 1976 in Gaffney South Carolina. He had various jobs prior to his career working as a Leech Lake Safety Officer starting in 1994 and retiring in December 2021.

He is preceded in death by his mother Ruth Johnson, father Mike Brown, daughter Michelle Brown, and son Mike "Sonny" Brown.

He leaves behind his wife Josephine Brown, his sons Scott Brown (Kristina Watson), Darrick Brown, and daughters Tamara Brown, Lois Bowstring (Ken Keezer), and Lisa Hemachandra (Rob Thibert), and his sister Nancy Brown. He also leaves behind numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family members, and many friends.

Harold "Tex" Kolkin



Harold "Tex" Elmer Kolkin, Jr., 61, of Cass Lake, MN died Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 5:30 pm Friday, June 24, 2022 at the old American Legion in Cass Lake, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. The Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji assisted the family.

Harold was born April 24, 1961 in Bemidji, MN, the son of Harold and Lavonne (Troxel) Kolkin. He was raised and educated in Cass Lake, where he graduated from Cass Lake High School. Harold was self-employed in carpentry, docking, roofing, and shingling. Tex met his Linda Treichel and were married July 17, 1998. They lived in Cass Lake. He looked forward to his weekly visits with his cousin Donna Kimmes. He loved to hunt, fish, golf, garden, and spend time with his grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kolkin, 2 sons- Kristopher (Tara) Kolkin of Bemidji, Dusty (Rayne) Kolkin of Cass Lake, Grandchildren Kace, Carly and Liberty, Hunter, Addison, and Avery, 2 stepdaughters- Nicole Treichel of North Carolina, Brittany (Matt) Collins, brother- Donovan (Phyllis) Kolkin of Bemidji 2 sisters Angie Buchanan Kolkin of Twin Valley, MN, Michelle (Clayton) Landa of Bemidji, Mother-in-law Florence Olson of Guthrie, Sister-in-law Cindy (Steve) Miller of Bemidji, Brother-in-law Brian (Anita) Treichel of Laporte, Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Davine Morris

Davine Joy Morris, age 51, of Cass Lake, Minnesota, passed away with family by her side at home in Harris, Minnesota, on

Tuesday, July 5, 2022. She was born to Juanita Finn and Harry Morris, Jr. on February 22, 1971, in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

She loved her children and grandchildren very much, loved to spoil them whenever possible. She loved helping people when they needed it. She enjoyed reading books and doing crossword puzzles. She liked going camping when her children were young. She also enjoyed planting a few vegetables and doing arts n crafts. She had a heart of gold and would do anything for her family. she was brave like her mother.

Davine will be greeted by her daughter, Leann Harding; nephew, Michael Morris; sister, Elverna Morris; mother, Juanita Finn; grandparents, Elverna and Harold Finn, Sr.; uncles, Harold Jr., Kevin & Michael Finn, Jake and Paul Munnell; and aunts, Holly & Jewell Finn.

She is survived by her daughters, Natasha Morris (Cass lake, MN), Jerrica Hardy (Cass Lake, MN), and Courtney Morris (Harris, MN), brother, Tony Morris (Bemidji, MN); nieces and nephews, Krissy Morris, Aaron Morris, Dynell Morris, Tonya Morris, and Jasmine Morris; grandchildren, Annaleigh Villebrun, Josiah Howard, Oliver Swaw, and Luca Morris.

Patricia "Tater" Wade



Patricia Lynn Wade "Tater" Her Spirit name is Asiginaak (Blackbird) of the Ajiijaak (Crane) Clan.

Born August 27, 1967 in St. Paul, Mn. Passed July 3, 2022 in Fargo, ND Officiated by Adrian Naabek Liberty

Pallbearers: Chris Stauffer, Sammy Cleveland, Alvin Wilson, Ralph Wakonabo Jr., Mike Hill, Pat O'shea, Corey Applebee, and Scott Fairbanks Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers: Samuel Goggleye, Andrew Wade, Dathan Leith, Debowance Goggleye, Diane Thompson, Trish Serfling, Sherri Rodriguez, Gary Charwood, Del Matthews, Renee Gurneau, Donny Sherman Sr., Jim Baird, George "Chop" Donnell, Paul Schaefer

Patricia was born to Beatrice Bivens and

Michea Wade Sr. on August 27, 1967 in St. Paul, Mn. She started her journey to the spirit world surrounded by her four children, family and friends. Tater is survived by her longtime significant other Bryan Finn, her father Micheal Wade Sr. Her four Children Nicole Wade (Danny), Stuart Wade (Brandi), Myra Robinson (Keith) Dawn Wilson, here eight grandchildren, Antown Wade, Jordan Nason, Eli Nason, Sunny Rae Wade, Lulu Deegan, Brayson Deegan, and Rebel Robinson. Her siblings Calvin Goggleye, Phyllis Wade, Michael "Ode" Wade, Lori Wade, Christine Leith. Pat was known to many as "Tater". Growing up around the cities, and even the Duluth area, Tater's favorite place was living in Cha Cha with her grandma Maggie, uncles, and brother.

Tater loved to spend time with her granies. She graduated from Bugonaygeshig, and Leech Lake Tribal College. Like every Minnesotan, she loved spending time on the lake, fishing, or in the woods exploring, trapping or just spending time with her family. When Pat wasn't outdoors, she would be at home gardening, spending time in her she-shed, or out with her many friends whom she adored. If there was ever a celebration to be had, you could count on Tater, to decorate for the occasion. She enjoyed making everyone happy no matter where she was. During the summers, you would find Tater at yard sales finding craft supplies, collecting knick knock, patty wacks, or giving Sis a bone. Sis was her dog, one of many animals she loved and had throughout her life. Tater was a mother figure to many in the communities. Working within the community for 16 years at LL Youth Division. Where she made the biggest impact by providing youth with a summer filled with safe activities. Wake and Funeral service will be held at Inger Community Center.

Wake, Sunday July 10, 2022 at 6:00pm. Funeral, Monday July 11, 2022 at 10:00am.

Thea Wakanabo

Thea Louise Wakonabo – Aan Watin Oo Kwe (Misty Calm Water) 83 of Inger, MN went to the spirit world on June 6, 2022 with loved ones by her side.

Thea was born & raise in Inger, MN, she attended school in Inger until the 8th grade, later obtaining her GED. Thea worked as CHR, at the Bug School, bus monitor, head-start she was also a homemaker.

Preceded in death by her father Joe, mother Cecilia, husband Henry, sons Roger, Joe & Dick, siblings Arnie, Joe & Leona.

Survived by; sisters Jessie & Audrey, brother Hershel. Sons Gordon, Henry & Jerome, daughters Roberta, Sharon & Jan, Special Sister Mary.

Thea's wake will start on June 10, 2022 after 4:00 P.M. and will continue until her service on June 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. all at the Inger Community Center.

Pallbearers will be Mark Jackson, Patrick Fairbanks, Derrick Beaulieu, Brad Bowstring, Cat Bowstring & Anthony Bellanger. Officiating the service will be Chief Jay Saros.



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 Re: Estate of: Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., DOB: 08/28/1967, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-25

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., died December 30, 2021. **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 9th, day of June, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Madeline Dorothy Parks, surviving spouse of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on June 9, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Madeline D. Parks, 1144 Porcupine Rd. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Leonard Bruce Parks Sr.,

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

Leech Lake Child Support Enforcement Program, by Assignment of Lakisha R. Curry, Petitioners,

vs. Robert E. Keezer Jr., Respondent.

Case No. FA-22-29

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACTION YOU, RESPONDENT, Robert E. Keezer Jr., ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on August 11th, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to an defend against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Sup-

port and Income Withholding filed the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

You are notified that judgment by default may be taken against you unless you file with the Tribal Court an Answer and appear for the Initial Hearing, at the date, time and place specified above.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Kymberly Hare and Jerald Vos.

Court File No. CP-13-10

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Motion to Review and Revoke Final Order for Suspension of Parental Rights has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. **A hearing has been scheduled for August 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Court.** Please Contact LL TC Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. Telephone number is 218-335-3682/3586. 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 a judgement against you.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-009*
- Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-018*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-023*
- Cook (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-024*
- Demographer Research Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-033*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-036*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-037*
- WIC Competent Professional Authority ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-040*
- On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Professional (3) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-062*
- On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Practitioner (5) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-063*
- Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-076*
- Field Director ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-085*
- CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-095*
- ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-096*
- Mental Health Targeted Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-097*
- Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-099*
- Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-105*
- Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115*
- Gekinwaaamaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-118*
- Cook (Inger) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-119*
- Home Healthcare LPN (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-122*
- Cook (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-124*
- Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-125*
- Community Health Representative (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-129*
- Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-130*
- Infant Toddler Teacher/Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-131*
- Police Officer (4) ~ DPS ~ Job Code: 21-133*
- Driver (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-137*
- Pre School Teacher (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-141*
- Accounting Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-168*
- ARC Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-170*
- Accounts Payable Clerk (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-003*
- Registered Dietitian ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-008*
- Adolescent & Maternal Child Health Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-009*
- Long Term Care (LTC) Case Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-010*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-011*
- Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-012*
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-014*
- Administrative Assistant/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-017*
- Training Center Coordinator/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-018*
- Network Associate ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-020*
- Help Desk T1 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-021*
- Help Desk T2 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-022*
- Family Skills Worker (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-027*
- Driver (Part time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-033*
- Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-035*
- Cook (ENP) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-036*
- Youth Programs Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-037*
- Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-040*
- Cook ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-042*

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