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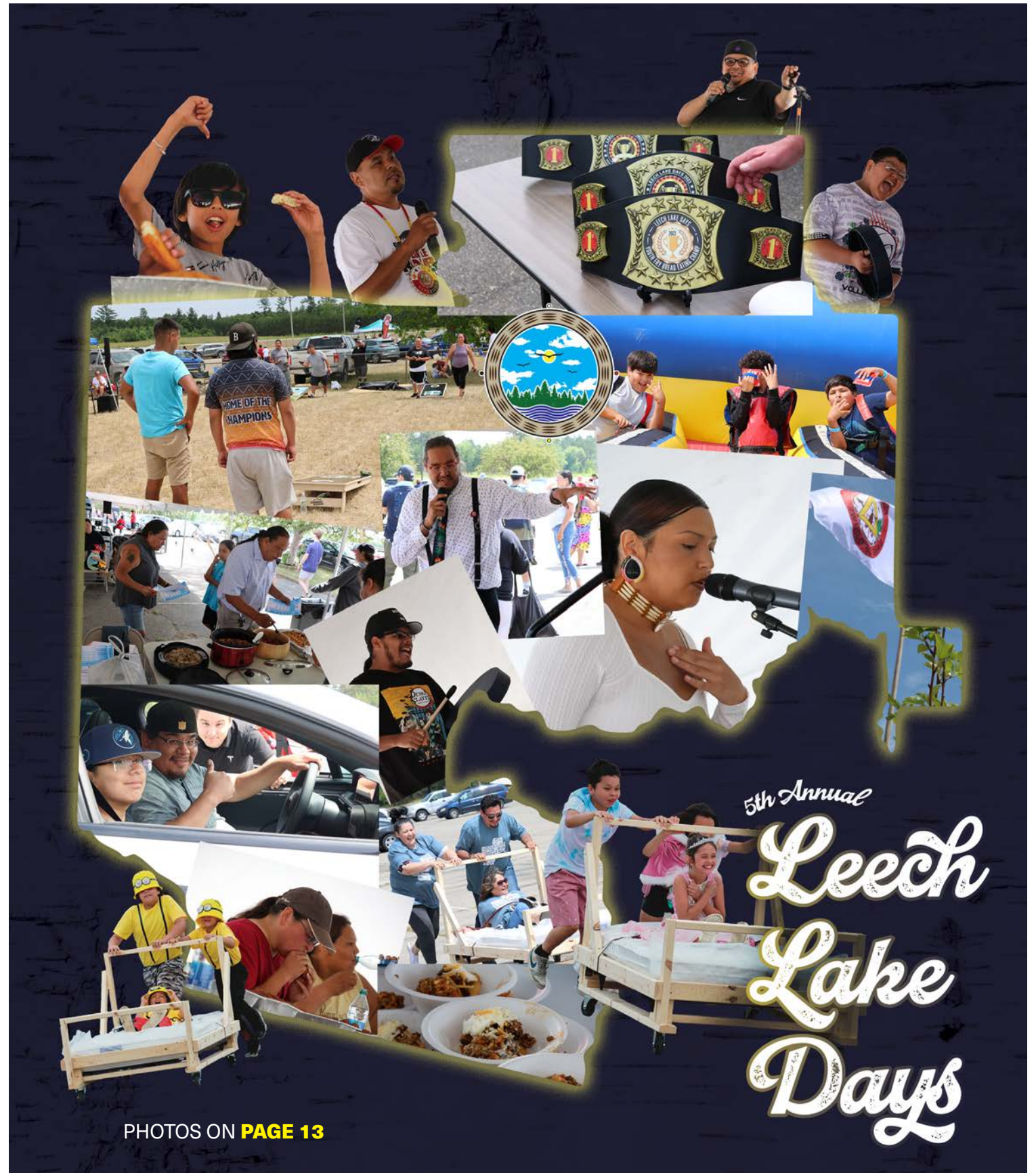
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Honorees at the annual Graduation Celebration held at Morse Town Hall, Deer River.

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LLBO Hosts 2nd Annual Graduation Celebration, Honoring Leech Lake Band Member Graduates

By KAYLA DUOOS

DEER RIVER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held its 2nd Annual Graduation Celebration, June 21 at the Morse Town Hall.

The event which is put on by the bands Education Division seeks to celebrate all band members who

have earned their degrees within the previous school year. The celebration is open to all community members but seeks to highlight and honor band members who have returned home with an A.A, A.A.S, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degree.

The event featured a walleye meal, the Nut Hill drum group, and

blankets specifically designed for the graduates and gifted eagle feathers for each honoree.

Education Division Director, Laurie Harper says the event is really about celebrating graduates and showing them that there's careers within the Band and tons of support still back home for them to return to.

“We want our people to come back to us, and to know—they have a place here. This event is important not just for our graduates but for our kids too. We need our children and youth to see us be successful and celebrated for that,” said Harper.

Harper hopes to continue to see the event grow in the coming years.

FDLTCC and LLTC Receive \$9 Million Grant From USDA NextGen Program

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CLOQUET – Through a new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) in Cloquet, MN, and Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC) in Cass Lake, MN, are excited to work together to build sustainable educational and experiential systems that prepare Tribal college students to enter agricultural and STEM workforces. The \$9 million grant is part of the USDA's inaugural From Learning to Leading: Cultivating the Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals Program (NextGen).

“Our tribal colleges have served their Anishinaabe communities by providing higher education opportunities based in Indigenous values,” shared Courtney Kowalczak, Director of the Environmental Institute at FDLTCC, “We are excited that this USDA funding allows us

to have the opportunity to work with Leech Lake Tribal College. Our partnership leverages the unique program strengths at each campus to increase student interest, access and success in future food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences careers.”

The project from FDLTCC and LLTC is titled “Development of Enhanced Education and Training (DEET) in FANH (food, agriculture, natural and human sciences)” and brings together two Tribally chartered colleges to build sustainable educational and experiential systems for preparing Tribal College students to enter the agricultural and STEM workforces.

The DEET project offers holistic support for students to successfully achieve academic and career goals through scholarships, experiences and community engagement. The project will result in greater capacity to deliver FANH classes and activities at both Tribal colleges, increased student retention and matriculation

rates, stronger partnerships with USDA and project collaborators, increased capacity for outreach and experiential learning opportunities, and as a result, more students prepared for and interested in careers in food, agriculture, natural science, and human health.

“DEET strengthens our ability to serve the whole student, beyond just their academic success,” shared Melinda Neville, Director of Sponsored Programs at LLTC, “Focus areas include traditional foods, food sovereignty, sustainability, and community well-being, which reflect the Anishinaabe land ethic of reciprocity and responsibility. At Leech Lake Tribal College, we are launching our DEET program with new demonstration gardens on campus that will provide learning, nutrition, and research opportunities to our community.”

FDLTCC and LLTC fulfill the land grant mission through teaching, research, and service with an emphasis on environmental sustainability.

For more information on FDLTCC, please visit <https://fdltcc.edu/>. For more information on LLTC, please visit <https://www.lltc.edu/>.

NextGen is part of the USDA's investment in institutions of higher education to foster the next generation of diverse agricultural professionals across the nation. Eligible institutions included: 1890 Land-grant Universities, 1994 Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving Institutions (HSI), Alaska Native-serving and Native Hawaiian-serving Institutions and institutions of higher education located in the insular areas, as well as their partners.

A full list of the NextGen awards is available here: <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/press-releases/usda-announces-inaugural-learning-leading-cultivating-next-generation>.

For more information on the DEET program with FDLTCC and LLTC, please contact Courtney Kowalczak, Director of the Environmental Institute at FDLTCC, at courtneyk@fdltcc.edu, or Melinda Neville, Director of Sponsored Programs at LLTC, at melinda.neville@lltc.edu.

RBC BRIEFS • July 2023



By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee (RBC) holds weekly briefings on Tuesdays, followed by RBC meetings on Thursdays.

RBC briefings are attended by all available council members alongside scheduled presenters and LLBO division directors. Agenda items are presented for discussion at the Tuesday briefings and then are voted on for passage at the Thursday meeting. Occasionally, due to time constraints, a combination briefing and meeting will take place on the same day.

Two meetings were held in June 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on lechlakenews.com under “Videos.” Official meeting minutes can also be found on lechlakenews.com under “LL Tribal Council” and “Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.”

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. June, 27, 2023 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers. All resolutions and contracts presented were later voted on and discussed further on a second meeting June 29.

Presentations Given:

- **Robert Washington, accounting, William Brunelle, DRM** — Presented a proposal on the increase of wild rice from \$7 to \$11 for Band Members and Band departments. Non-band members/vendors would also see an increase in cost from \$10 to \$15. The proposal was submitted as the current cost is exceeding sale price.
- **Chris Murray, Legal** — Presented a resolution authorization of homeland restoration, and an update on St.Regis settlement funds.
- **William Ethier, Regulatory Board** — Presented a resolution proposal for use of class 2 facility licenses. The first of which will be used at Big Winnie Bar, which has newly opened class 2 slot machines.
- **Kyle Applebee, Finance** — Presentation covered the fiscal year 2024 budget for the Band.

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No cost quality health care provided through a community partnership.

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Walking Shield IRT Mission Returns to Cass Lake Area July 18 to July 26, 2023

Community Partnership Event Offers No-Cost Quality Healthcare Services to All

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, in collaboration with the Cass Lake Indian Health Service (IHS), the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve, is proud to announce the return of a transformative community partnership aimed at providing comprehensive healthcare services to community members in need. This collective effort brings together dedicated organizations to deliver vital medical, dental, and veterinary care, addressing the diverse healthcare needs of our area.

The event will take place from July 18 to July 26, 2023, at the Cass Lake High School, located at 15314 State HWY 371, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

The Walking Shield IRT event is open to everyone and promises to deliver comprehensive healthcare solutions through a collaboration of dedicated professionals and community organizations. Attendees can benefit from a range of services including veterinary care, mental health services, pharmacy assistance, medical examinations, and dental treatments.

Services offered during the event

include:

- **Mental Health Services**
 - » Confidential counseling and support
- **Pharmacy**
 - » Basic analgesics (pain relievers)
 - » Antibiotics
- **Medical**
 - » General medical care
 - » Physical examinations
 - » School and sport physicals
- **Dental**
 - » Oral exams and x-rays
 - » Extractions
 - » Fillings

Organizers are now accepting appointments for healthcare services through a convenient online registration process. Community members can schedule their appointments by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CLWS2023> or by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer, allowing them to secure a time slot for the desired services during the event.

To ensure efficient service delivery, appointments must be made for veterinary care. However, all other services are also available on a walk-in basis. The event operates from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm each day, allowing ample time for individuals

to seek the healthcare they need. For updates and additional information, individuals are encouraged to visit the LLBO and Cass Lake IHS Facebook pages, where event announcements and important updates will be posted.

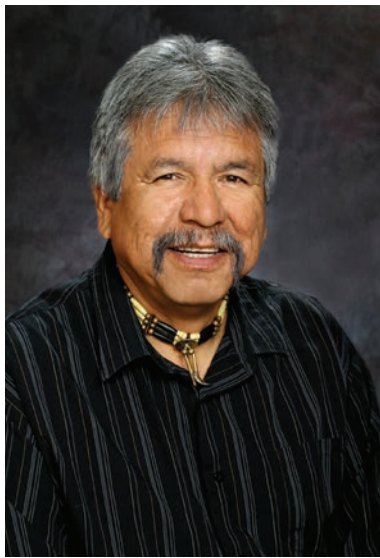
“We are excited to assist in hosting the Walking Shield IRT event again and provide quality healthcare services to individuals who may not have easy access to them,” said Michael Chosa, Communications Director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. “By working together with all of our partners and dedicated healthcare professionals, we aim to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our community members.”

This community partnership not only focuses on healthcare service delivery but also encompasses extensive training activities to enhance the capabilities of the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Training exercises will concentrate on expeditionary deployment operations, Force Health Protection (FHP) activities, and command post operations, ensuring readiness and effective healthcare provision during various scenarios.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake IHS, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve share a collective commitment to serve and support communities. Through this collaborative effort, the partnership aims to bridge healthcare gaps, enhance access to quality care, and promote the overall health and quality of life for community members.

For any questions or inquiries regarding the event, please reach out to the event organizers via email at casslakeirt2023@gmail.com.

Chairman's Report



**CHAIRMAN
FARON JACKSON SR.**

Governmental Activities
Chairman's Summary

Monthly Report

Boozhoo, my relatives, friends, community members and all! The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council had many events that ranged from the Welcome Babies Celebration to the Minnesota DHS consultations. Leech Lake Days 2023 was well attended and the number of booths providing information on our programs and services was outstanding. As we keep moving forward, here is some of the exciting news being reported to the great Leech Lake People.

Red Cedar Assisted Living Center – On June 13, 2023 the Leech Lake Health Division Task

Force, Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) employees, that included Vern LaPlante and Chairman Jackson had met at the Cedar Lake Casino. The meeting was about the Red Cedar Assisted Living Center and exploring other programs and services within the complex. The Minnesota DHS had stated that in two pots of money that over \$400,000 dollars could be utilized to explore and develop a business model for the center. Vern LaPlante had mentioned that a Sioux Tribe was beginning the process of licensing their own facility with the help of the Minnesota Department of Health. It was further explained that the Tribal Nations will be able to establish its own licensing requirements. In order to do third party billing, the staff will need to have the proper credentials and follow Minnesota Standards for Services.

Indian Child Welfare Act – On June 21, 2023 the U.S. Supreme Court in a 7-2 vote upheld the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Chairman Jackson had stated, "ICWA had stopped forced removal of our children and it has been an honor for my wife and I to be foster parents for 35-years." Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch had stated, "the history that led to ICWA's enactment—including the federal government's efforts to destroy tribal identity and force assimilation through its boarding school initiative for Native American children and the promotion of adoption of Native American children by non-Native families." Native American Tribes, including Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council was involved in the case had hailed the ruling as a "major victory for

Native Tribes, children, and the future of our culture and heritage." The Tribes also said, "a broad affirmation of the rule of law, and of the basic constitutional principles surrounding the relationships between Congress and Tribal Nations."

Pipestone Indian Boarding School – On May 12, 2023 Chairman Jackson, Sr. had sent a letter to the U.S. DOI Secretary Deb Haaland on the Pipestone Indian School cemetery. Chairman Jackson had stated, "After 120 years, one of the darkest chapters in Native American history, we stand with no answers or information on these school records, no record of children buried in the cemetery, how many children have exactly been buried in the Pipestone Indian School cemetery, and why it took 120 years for this information to be released to the families and to the Leech Lake Tribal government." The MCT had provided the Pipestone Boarding School Students List that was sent to the Leech Lake Tribal Historical Preservation Officer on June 22, 2023.

Governor Walz Signs Bill Legalizing Adult-Use Cannabis will include Expungement of Criminal Records – In 2023, the Minnesota Legislation calls for automatically expunging low-level cannabis convictions and for creating a Cannabis Expungement Board, which will review felonies for expungement or resentencing. Expungement seals a person's conviction record, making the record not publicly accessible from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Sealing records is intended to remove barriers for people with

cannabis-related offenses who are subject to a background check for a job or housing. More details about the expungement process will be posted when they are available.

Leech Lake's Question on MCT Enrollment Eligibility Requirement – At 2:30 pm on Monday, July 10, 2023 at the Northern Lights Casino, we are inviting the MCT enrollees and Leech Lake Band members to attend the MCT, TEC Quarterly Meeting. Chairman Jackson has drafted a statement with a few excerpts that will state, "The Leech Lake Chairman's office has always held the position that the individual Band(s) are distinct federally recognized Tribal Nations with inherent sovereign authority and the right to govern themselves. The Leech Lake Band is not trying to change the enrollment for any of the other Band(s). In fact, my position is that the Leech Lake People have the sovereign authority under their indigenous rights and supported by the many Treaty(s) signed by our ancestors to vote or decide on the requirements of their specific enrollment criteria. Since the beginning of time, we decided who is a member. MCT Enrollment Ordinance, III. Definitions., K. "Minnesota Chippewa Indian Blood" and "MCT Indian Blood" mean blood derived from the six (6) Bands comprising the MCT: B.F., F.D.L, G.P., L.L., M.L., and W.E. The Handbook of Federal Indian Law sites the Wheeler-Howard bill in the Foreword that states, "It allows the Indian people to take an active and responsible part in the solution of their own problems." We as leaders have to take the first giant step in recognizing the inherent sovereign authority of the BAND(S)!"

LCO Tribe Begins Process of Retrocession from P.L. 280 – Interesting exercise in sovereignty,

the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board passed a motion to begin the process of retrocession under federal law PL 280. The law allowed states to assume criminal and civil authority on reservations without tribal consent, since 1953. The law was later criticized for not considering tribal sovereignty and further complicating civil and criminal jurisdiction on reservations, so in 1968, Congress amended the law to include retrocession, a provision allowing states to return all or some jurisdiction over Native Americans back to the federal government, and essentially, to Tribes. The news editor that published this story was Joe Morey.

Chairman Jackson Attends Minnesota Housing Partnership – On Thursday, June 8, 2023 Donald Goggeye of MHP had invited Chairman Faron Jackson to provide a welcome for the conference. Chairman Jackson had stated that Leech Lake's experiences with addressing the homeless epidemic and housing crisis. The Leech Lake Housing Authority has a "waiting list" of 573 eligible applicants seeking a home. Future endeavors will include building capitol for affordable housing ownership on the Leech Lake Reservation. New home ownership and low-income homes in rural Minnesota would address two key areas of a strained system and reduce the immediate need of housing for a rural area.

Safety note, please be careful of the air quality and public warnings. Presently, we have 491 fires burning out of control in Canada. Multiple U.S. states to declare 'code red' due to poor air quality with smoke. Some folks are wearing masks and spending less time outdoors, especially those with asthma and upper respiratory conditions. Summer is finally here! *Miigwech, Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr.*

Leech Lake Gaming set to Lift Smoking Ban within Casinos

via LEECH LAKE GAMING

CASS LAKE – Leech Lake Gaming CEO Michael Michaud recently announced to all Gaming Associates and to the public that effective July 14, 2023, that casino patrons will be allowed to smoke cigarettes inside Northern Lights Casino-Walker, Cedar Lakes Casino-Cass Lake and White Oak Casino-Deer River. The smoking

ban will remain intact with their Shingobee on the Bay property located in Walker.

When asked why the decision was made to lift the indoor smoking ban Michaud replied "Gambling and smoking go hand and hand. If you've visited Las Vegas recently you'll see that all the casinos have re-introduced smoking. After reviewing the properties' data we determined that it is a key

component in choosing which casino you'll visit. We will offer non-smoking sections in the casinos to cater to those who do not smoke." Michaud went on further to say, "Before reaching this final decision we did discuss with some of our Associates and guests. Although according to industry standards stating only 13 to 17% of people who gamble smoke we feel it was important to those who do smoke in northern Minnesota to have a choice."

Northern Lights Casino-Hotel & Event Center offers over 750 slot machines, blackjack & poker, three

dining venues, Cabaret lounge, gift shop, 10,700 sq. ft event center and 105 hotel rooms.

Cedar Lakes Casino & Hotel features over 650 slot machines, blackjack & poker, four dining venues, the Sand Bar, gift shop, 4,900 sq. ft event center and 100 hotel rooms.

White Oak Casino offers over 350 slot machines, blackjack, snack bar, gift shop and is within minutes of area hotels.

Shingobee on the Bay overlooks beautiful Leech Lake and offers a variety dining options, pull tabs and slot machines.

Leech Lake Gaming is successfully owned and operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a federally recognized, sovereign Native American tribe located in north central Minnesota. The LLBO is committed to the responsible operation of government, preservation of our heritage, promotion of our sovereignty, and the protection of natural resources for our elders and future generations, while enhancing the health, economic well-being, education, and our inherent right to live as Ojibwe people.

Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

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Monthly Report

Hello Leech Lakers! I am pleased to provide each of you with this report for the activities we have undertaken in the month of June 2023. Summer is in full swing and we are moving forward in a positive direction on a number of initiatives!

FY 2024 BUDGET UPDATE

I am very happy to report that on June 29, 2023, the RBC adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, two days before the Fiscal Year was set to start on July 1, 2023. The Budget Committee's diligent work over the past several months produced a spending plan that is balanced, measured and reasonable. Getting a budget completed and approved, and doing so on time, has been a goal since I took office last year. I am pleased that together, we were able to accomplish this important task.

We are continuing to review the Budget Ordinance, which hasn't been updated in a couple decades. We want to ensure the budget process we have best fits our operational needs, as well as allow our people to have a greater opportunity to provide input into the government's spending priorities.

I want to say *chi miigwech* to all the division directors, program accountants, and budget committee members for all your hard work. I also want to express my

gratitude to the Leech Lake Band members that came out for the public budget hearings throughout June and for providing valuable insight and feedback.

Before the close of FY 23, the RBC was able to finalize our Indirect Cost Rate for FY 23 as well. Even though this was accomplished a little late due to the untimeliness of our external audits, we were able to negotiate this rate and get the agreement finalized with the Department of Interior before the start of FY 24. As I have previously reported, we are still working diligently to get caught up with our external audits and our target remains to be fully caught up by the time our FY 23 audit is due on March 31, 2024.

BRACKEEN DECISION

On June 15, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its long-anticipated decision in *Brackeen v. Haaland*, a case that challenged the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. In its decision, the Supreme Court upheld ICWA and found that states will still be required to follow the mandates of the law, including placement preferences. While there is some concern that the Court did not address the equal protection argument on the merits, the decision itself is a startling victory for tribes and the continued protection of our children and families. The work we have been engaged in with our state counterparts regarding ICWA compliance in the courts and the requirements outlined in the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act will continue unabated.

CLASS II GAMING UPDATE

The LLBO is slowing moving forward with the implementation of our expanded jurisdiction to regulate Class II Gaming throughout the boundaries of the Reservation. Even though I have reported on this expended jurisdiction for several months, implementation is intentionally going slow as it is uncharted territory for both our gaming regulators and our gaming management. In June, the RBC approved the first Class II License for a non-Band owned facility in compliance with our Amended Gaming Ordinance and NIGC regulations. We will continue the roll out of this expanded jurisdiction slowly to ensure we are doing things cor-



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Secretary/Treasurer's Office offered LLBO members cold treats, sunglasses and other prizes during the 5th Annual Leech Lake Days festivities on June 23, 2023.

rectly. Please watch for more information to be forthcoming, specifically announcements regarding the legal basis for this expanded jurisdiction and the potential financial benefits to exercising this regulatory authority.

FOUR WALLS POLICY UPDATE

We have continued to work with other tribes in Minnesota, the State of Minnesota's Department of Human Services, and the Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) regarding the federal government's attempt to implement a policy that would limit our ability to be reimbursed for the services that we provide to our Band members. On June 30, 2023, representatives from Leech Lake and other tribes met with the CMCS Deputy Administrator to discuss progress on this matter. CMCS announced to us that they are extending the grace period from February 2024

to February 2025 and exploring making the regulatory changes necessary to allow us to continue to offer our services and receive the full reimbursement we are entitled to. This again is progress. I have been working on this issue since 2019, and the progress we have made with the federal government from March to June has been the most substantial than in the last three years. I am very hopeful that within the next several months we will be able to report a full victory regarding the four walls policy that will allow our health and human services to continue to operate.

SECRETARIAL TRANSFERS UPDATE

The RBC met with officials from the US Forest Service on June 27, 2023 to discuss the progress being made on completing implementation of the Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Act. This

Act, adopted by Congress in December 2020, transfers over 11,000 acres of land back to the Reservation's land base. The RBC and the Forest Service will work collaboratively to accomplish the transfer of these lands, with the target completion date of December 31, 2023.

Meanwhile, we are continuing our work with the U.S. Congress to enact our technical amendment to the original law, to authorize the transfer of additional land back to the Reservation that was previously not identified as illegally taken through secretarial transfers. This amendment must be approved by Congress and we are working to get it done during this session.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve each of you in this role as Secretary/Treasurer. *Chi miigwech!*



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, July Quarterly Meeting

The Band recently held its Quarterly Meeting July 7, this quarters meeting was held at the LLBO Twin Cities Office.

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting in person Friday, July 7, at the Twin Cities office.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Lenny Fineday. The report featured financial data from both government and gaming operations.

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 2023.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Tribal Court

- 86 new cases filed in court, 277 hearings conducted this quarter.

Education

- Bug O Nay Ge Shig currently has compliance issues with the Clean Drinking Water Act (EPA) and will be addressed.
- Post secondary funded 207 students for 2023 Spring Semester.



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TCO Office Director Christine Roy introduces new employees at the Quarterly Meeting.

- 29 students registered with post secondary graduated this past spring and were celebrated at the annual graduates celebration event.

Health

- A development plan for the Red Cedar building has been started and is on-going.
- The Bemidji clinic is now open in a new location. A grand opening event was held June 12, 2023.
- A registered dietician was hired and the WIC program will begin holding appointments with this staff member starting August 10, 2023.
- As the pandemic has been declared over—everyone signed up for Medicaid health insurance will lose coverage beginning July 1st, 2023. The band is sending out letters in the mail with information to assist affected community members.
- The food program is continuing to give out fresh fruit and veggies at the food distribu-

tion and food boxes are being delivered to outlying communities. Coolers and freezers are being purchased to be installed at community centers for LIC distribution of food and perishables.

- LLBH no longer has a 90 day wait and can now process intake paperwork and assign a therapist in 1-2 weeks.
- On May 12, 2023, the Traditional Healing Grant Hosted the 3rd Annual Gaa-Miskwaawaakokaag Cass Lake Mental Health Awareness Walk.
- A public relations push has started at the Opioid treatment center. Lakeland News has a contract with OTP for one year to advertise services every other day at 3x a day. Another contract is in the process for a one-year contract with KOJB, the station will have six jingles daily with recovery messages.
- The Cass Lake Emergency Shelter Program is now open with no COVID 19 restric-



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tions for either dorms or the family room area. As of 6/15/2023 the program has taken in 85 single individuals in both the men and women's dorm. In the family room area, we have had 2 families apply for a room.

- The Lyman Losh Transitional home in Bena is working towards becoming a full-time transitional home come July. The transition will move the location from being known as a temporary shelter.

Resource Management

- DRM worked collaboratively with the Chippewa National Forest (CNF) in reviewing the National 5-year forest plan as applicable to Leech Lake, develop cohesive strategies between the Tribe and the CNF to determine when a TFPA (Tribal Forest Protection Act.)
- DRM worked in conjunction with the Tribal Council, legal-council, government relations, Mapetsi policy group, conservation enforcement and fish & wildlife to negotiate with the State D R and USFWS to develop and secure a safety buffer zone for Tribal members to protect them from errant birdshot while harvesting wild rice during the early teal season.
- Currently in the process of providing contracted archaeological services for the Cass County Ah Gwah Ching project to ensure that there are no unmarked burial sites being disturbed that may have historically originated from tribal occupancy of services previously administered to reservations by Aw Gwah Ching programs. There is a portion of the project that could potentially contain unmarked burials but that is still under inves-

tigation and not part of the ongoing road project until a work plan is developed.

- DRM is working with the land department and other tribal agencies towards developing a process for identifying abandoned, burnt out and dilapidated tribal properties within the exterior boundaries of the reservation for removing, cleaning up and restoring the land for new land owners. The process is still in the planning stages.
- DRM worked with accounting in developing a proposed price increase for wild rice to tribal and non-tribal members due to the tribal ricing program not making any profit or lacking in financial stability because of low per pound selling.
- Work continues with the US Forest Service regarding the secretarial transfer of 11,000 plus acres back to Leech Lake.
- CWD testing results have been completed for deer harvested by Tribal members in the last hunting season and 0 positives were detected. DRM has begun work on a CWD management plan if the disease shows up on the Reservation.
- Legal and DRM have begun working to establish L Land Restoration LLC. This is to receive land via NRDSuperfund claim from the City of Cass Lake.
- Addressing PFAS at Bug School with LL Education, Environmental, Bug School staff/school board, BIE, EPA, MDH, MPCA, DNR, CNF, IHS, volunteer contractors/experts. PFAS sampling across the LL Reservation at Community Well systems. 7 Community and 4 education water systems were sampled and all but the Bug School came back NON-DETECT.



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LLBO Health Division employees and those in attendance pose for a quick photo in front of the new location.

Bemidji LLBO Health Clinic Holds Grand Re-Opening in new Location

By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI – The Bemidji LLBO Health clinic is officially open.

The LLBO clinic held its grand re-opening June 12, at its new location on the outskirts of Bemidji. The new clinic sits at 136 Peaceful Meadow LN, SE in Bemidji in the same building as the Bemidji Head Start.

The clinic has moved from its former location located in downtown Bemidji on 5th street and has been in a state of limbo since the COVID pandemic.

The grand opening event fea-

tured light refreshments, a tour of the facility, Gary Charwood provided spiritual services, and LLBO Health Director, Doris Jones provided opening remarks on the staff's excitement and satisfaction to finally get the clinic up and operating.

“The Bemidji Clinic has been shut down 3 or 4 years now and it's been a huge goal for me and my fellow staff members to get this place back up and running. We've been working on this project since I've come on board and I'm happy that our community members are going to have yet another location available for them to get their needs met and taken care of,” said Jones.

The facility features 3 exam rooms, 1 treatment room, 1 chiropractor office which will be staffed two days a week, staff offices and a triage room.

The new Bemidji clinic is located at 136 Peaceful Meadow LN, SE, Bemidji, MN 56601, and is open M-F 8am-4:30pm.



Ribbon cutting at the Big Winnie Bar in Bena, MN, showcasing the new Class 2 slot machines.

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Class 2 Slot Machines Available at Big Winnie Bar, More Locations to Offer the Same Soon

By KAYLA DUOOS

BENA – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is expanding its gaming repertoire.

The Band will now be offering off-site gaming with Class 2 slot machines at the Big Winnie Bar in Bena. A grand unveiling of the machines was held at Winnie Bar, July 6. The opening event featured speeches from Big Winnie Bars owner Scott ??, National Indian Gaming Association Director, Kevin Leecy, and Leech Lake Secretary and Treasurer Lenny Fineday.

“We've known for a decade that we've had the exclusive jurisdiction to regulate class 2 gaming within the boundaries of the reservation

but our former gaming ordinance did not regulate this conduct. We made the change to recognize this jurisdictional right this year with the work of our staff and this right is something other Tribes are taking advantage of and it's helping move us forward,” said Fineday.

The machines in Big Winnie Bar are “Class 2 slot machines” which mimic actual slot machines with the outcome of the game being determined by drawing bingo numbers that are then translated into actual slot reel combinations.

The band hopes to move class 2 slot machines into other locations across the surrounding areas in the near future, and will move forward in exercising their sovereign rights when it comes to gambling by part-

nering with all locations in the reservation boundaries who currently offer pull-tab gambling. A full roll-out of information regarding this decision is expected soon.

“It's great to see this new project finally begin,” Leech Lake Gaming CEO Michael Michaud said. “It's been in the planning stages for a while. The Big Winnie Bar will be the first of several locations that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will be featuring class 2 slot machines in.”

Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson added that the cooperative effort will be a win-win for both the Leech Lake Band and other potential locations that Leech Lake will work with.

The Big Winnie Bar is located at 4 County Road 8 NE.

August

District III Elder Birthdays

Harlan Anderson
Yvonne Armstrong
Alice Averill
Lenore Barsness
Guy Beaulieu
Heidi Bilyeu
Delphine Bixby
Janice Bongo
Patricia Broker
Bernard Brown
Franklin Brown
Harold Budreau

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Kim Burnette
Edward Burns
Linda Butcher
Myron Cloud
Shannon Cronquist
Barbara Dubois
Donna Fineday
Mary Finn
Leila Goggleye
Linda Goggleye
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
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Robert Robinson
Valerie Robinson
David Roy
Loretta Sayers
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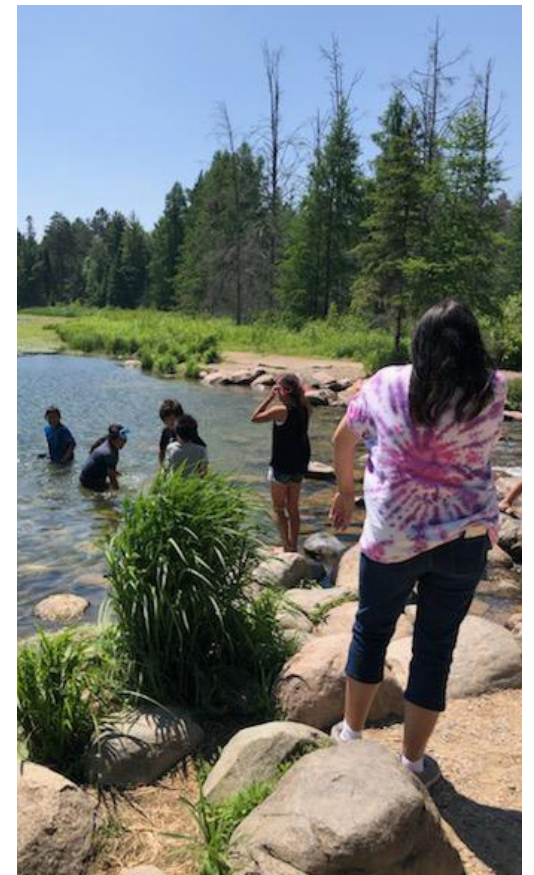
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Mark Stangel
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Susan Swanson
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▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's Culture Camp last week included Ojibwe language, traditional games, birchbark construction, beadwork, knife safety, and plenty of fun activities.

▲ During Summer School at Bug O Nay Ge Shig students had taken part in fun educational activities at school as well as field trips to Itasca State Park and the Forest Center. Concluding this years Summer School students were treated to a field trip to the Science Museum of MN and the Como Zoo. The enjoyable trip lasted all day as both are located in St. Paul.

Gweyakmino Wiisinidaa!

Let's eat the right foods!

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



Chicken Burrito

Ingredients (*Commodity Foods)

- ½ Tablespoon oil 1 large onion*, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper*, sliced
- 1 green bell pepper*, sliced
- salt & pepper to taste ¼ teaspoon cumin
- ½ can (14-16oz.) black beans, drained
- Juice of 1 lime Hot sauce (your choice)
- 4 (10") tortillas* 1 cup cheese*
- 2 cups of shredded cooked chicken*
- Salsa (your choice)

Directions:

Heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add the onion and red and green peppers and cook until browned, about 7 to 8 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Combine the beans with cumin in a saucepan and warm through. Add the lime juice and a few shakes of hot sauce. Preheat a griddle, cast-iron skillet, or large nonstick pan over medium heat. Microwave the tortillas for 20 seconds, just enough so they're pliable. Building one burrito at a time, sprinkle on some cheese, top with some beans, the onion-pepper mixture, chicken, and salsa. Roll into a tight package.

Nutrition Facts

Red peppers contain 11 times more beta-carotene (an antioxidant associated with cancer-fighting properties), eight times more vitamin A, and 1.5 times more vitamin C. Green peppers are a highly nutritious vegetable they provide the body with a number of essential nutrients, including antioxidants and fiber. Green peppers also contain vitamin C, folate, niacin, riboflavin, and thiamine. Onions are good sources of vitamin C, vitamin B6, potassium, and folate. Black beans help in maintaining healthy bones, lower blood pressure, managing diabetes, heart disease, preventing cancer, healthy digestion, and weight loss. Beans are high in protein and fiber. Chicken is a lean protein and an excellent source build stronger muscles of amino acids. Our bodies use amino acids to build muscle tissue, something that is particularly important as we age. Higher protein intake helps to maintain bone mineral density. Eating chicken can help to promote healthier bones, decreasing the risk of injuries and diseases such as osteoporosis. Cheese is made from milk, it's also packed with calcium. Calcium can help developing bones grow stronger and prevent osteoporosis as we age. Vitamins A, D, K, and zinc in cheese are also thought to contribute to bone health and less inflammation.

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.

DEBAHJIMON

Debahjimon can be found at the following locations:

District I

Ball Club Comm. Center
White Oak Casino
Cenex Station
Max Mart
Inger Comm. Center
Deer River School

District II

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School
Bena Community Center
Bena Store
Sugar Point Comm. Center
Kego Lake Comm. Center

District III

Cass Lake Rest Area
Che We Station
Leech Lake RTC

Tribal Justice Center
Facility Center
Dairy Queen
Cass Lake IHS
Cass Lake Dental Clinic
Leech Lake Market
Shell Station
Diabetes Clinic
Woman's Halfway House
White Earth Office
Child Welfare Office

Financial Services
Woman's Services
Opioid Clinic
Leech Lake DRM
MCT Headquarters
Cass Lake-Bena H.S.
Cedar Lakes Casino
Leech Lake Gaming
Junction Station
Leech Lake Tribal College
Men's Halfway House

Leech Lake Health Division
RBC Building
Tribal Development
Leech Lake Housing

Bemidji

Sanford Center Box Office
Tesoro Station
Bemidji Public Library
Social Services Building
Bemidji IHS Building

LLBO Health Clinic
Bemidji State Univ. AIRC
Northwest OIC
Oshki Manidoo Center
Simonson's Station
Tesoro Station

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Obituaries

Dawn Staples



Dawn Marie Staples, "Kiizhiganang" meaning "Morning Star", age 52, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, June 2, 2023, from her home in Cass Lake, MN. She was born on September 1st, 1970, in Cass Lake, the daughter of Joann (Bobolink) and Donald Staples.

Dawn loved being around her kids and grandkids. She enjoyed going to the casino, gambling, and playing bingo. Dawn preferred joking around, smiling, and having a good time. She always made sure everyone else was taken care of. Dawn was a good cook, always cooking for everyone without being asked, and made the best meatloaf. Dawn loved going to pow wows, watching her grandkids dance, and listening to the singers. In her own time at home, she would watch, "2 Broke Girls" or be fixing something around the house.

Those greeting Dawn in the spirit world are her parents, Joann and Donald; sister, Josephine "Kissy" Roybal; daughter, Janelle Jack; grandparents, Ima and William Bobolink; and special aunties, Marion Bobolink, Gloria (Duane) Budreau, and MaryAnn Bobolink.

Those Dawn leaves behind to forever cherish her memory are her daughter, Sarrell Jack; sons, Skylare Jack and Donovan (Cheyenne) Staples; Ex-Husband, Joseph Jack; brothers, William "Bill" (Jolene) Staples, John Roybal, Donald Roybal; sisters, Joann (Rodney) Staples, Glendora "Glenny" Ellis, Cherilyn Staples; special uncle, Bruce Bobolink; special nephew, William White; 8 grandchildren, Cameron, Rayna, Layla, Aaliyah, Khayorie, Kahlyla, Kyzhia, Jaymian; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

An overnight wake for Dawn will begin Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and continue until her Friday, June 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Dawn's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Dawn to rest are Donovan Staples, William White, William Bobolink Staples, George Whipple, Markell Whitefeather, Rosalie Staples. Alternates will be Carol Staples and Mona Staples. Honorary pallbearers are Sarrell Jack, Skylare Jack, and all Dawn's family and friends. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Dawn'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.

Arthur "Uncle Abe" Paquette



Arthur "Uncle Abe" David Paquette, 72, of Park Rapids, MN met his Lord and Savior on July 1, 2023.

Arthur was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Peter George Paquette, Sr. and Susan (Jones) Paquette. The family moved to Duluth in his early years and finally moved to the place he called home, Minneapolis. He had 11 brothers and sisters and loved each of them with all of his heart. The family was very close and raised their families together. The entire family sang Ojibwe Hymns and had a singing group called The Paquette Singers.

Arthur met the love of his life for 53 years, Edythe, in 1970 and they raised 5 children. He dedicated his entire life to his family, teaching them that family is the most important thing in life. He was super proud of and loved his children and grandchildren.

In Minneapolis, Arthur worked at the SuperValue warehouse and was a member of the Teamsters Local 544. Art and Edie moved to northern Minnesota in 2000 and he then worked at Luetgers Oil Company until he retired. After retirement, he enjoyed time with his grandchildren and his dogs. He also joined the Ojibwe Hymn Singers in Cass Lake. He sang at more than 300 wakes. He would travel to Cass Lake, White Earth, Red Lake, and Minneapolis to sing.

Arthur was a lover of life and was the salt of the earth. He was a devout Christian and loved the Lord. He liked to share his love of the Lord by collecting and giving away cross necklaces. He always blessed his meals and believed in the power of prayer. His nickname was Abe, and he really was an "Honest Abe". He always did the right thing and taught his children to do the same. He was generous and put others before himself. He would help anyone, even total strangers, if he could. He would give you the shirt off his back and the last dollar in his pocket. He was a people person and liked talking about his life and adventures with friends and family. He had hundreds of great stories to tell of mischief and honor. He had a great sense of humor and found a way to lighten even the most difficult situations. He was very smart due to his love of reading and he could fix anything. He enjoyed going out for a night on the town for drinks and dancing. He liked dressing nice and his shoes were always shined. He loved music and enjoyed listening to Johnny Rivers and Motown music, especially Smokey Robinson, Sam Cooke, The Temptations and Marvin Gaye. His blood was purple and gold as he was a diehard Vikings fan. He liked to watch and listen to the Twins. He also liked to watch old black and white movies and westerns. He was a great cook and grill master. He had a special technique for all of his recipes and no one can duplicate Dad's pizza sauce, chili, or mac soup.

Those Arthur leaves behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Edythe; son, Truman of Park Rapids, MN; daughters, Vicki Savior of Minneapolis, MN, Cari (Henry) Ross of Cass Lake, MN, Terri (Thomas) Boos of Duluth, MN; grandchildren, Lacy, Jordan (Grace), Justice, Cecilia, Noah, Riley, Ryker, and Caiya; 3 great-grandchildren and 1 on the way; brother, Frank; sister, Patricia; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Arthur is preceded in death by his son, Richard; parents, Peter and Susan; brothers, Peter, Truman and Warren Tibbetts; sisters, Sylvia, Frances, Celeste, Mary, Gwendolyn, Constance and Marilyn. A piece of Art died with each of his loved ones.

Robert Fairbanks

Robert Fairbanks, age 48 of Bemidji, MN passed away on June 14 at 1:15 am peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Robbie grew up in Tamarack, Minnesota. He enjoyed playing video games with his siblings, running track and field in high school, listening to many genres of music, and enjoying good food. You could often find Robbie on the pow wow trail with his family. Robbie

loved meeting new people at pow wows and making new friends everywhere he went. There wasn't a room Robbie couldn't make laugh, may he live on in our hearts forever.

Memorial Services will begin at 9:00 am, Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN and continue until 3:00 pm, Sunday, June 18, 2023.

Elizabeth "Peggy" Reese



Elizabeth "Peggy" Margret Reese, 76, of Onigum, Minnesota was called home by her Lord and Savior on Monday, June 5th, 2023, from the St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN.

Peggy was born to Margret Rice on Wednesday, September 25th, 1946, in Cass Lake, MN. She worked as a cook and maintenance tech for the Little Earth Center for many years. During her free time, Peggy enjoyed traveling, finding little treasures at thrift stores and beading; but her heart belonged to her family. Peggy devoted her life to her family, raising three generations as well as finding time to give a loving home to many foster children over the years, who then became part of her family. She was the glue, the matriarch.

Family that Peggy is reunited with are her daughters, Vicki Sue Reese, Georgia Santerno, and Lori Gillings; her mother, Margret Rice; granddaughter, Frances Reese and many more relatives.

Peggy leaves behind her children, Gordon, Jeri Lyn, and Fena Reese; a brother; Frank Reese, a sister, Hazel Nordmarken; grandchildren, Pernell Reese, Arelio and Ramondo Adan and numerous other grandbabies, many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family members too many to list.

The wake for Peggy will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8th and continue until her 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass on Saturday, June 10th all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Deacon Jim will officiate. Pallbearers for Peggy will be Pernell Reese, Gordon Yellow, Dennis Yellow, Sam Reese, Archie Yellow and Joe Yellow, Sr. Her honorary

pallbearers are Jesse Gillings, Arelio Adan, James Gillings, Jay Nordmarken, Ramondo Adan, and Angelo Reese. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

Peggy'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.

Evelyn Evans



Evelyn Elaine Evans, Giizhig Anang Ikwe "Sky Star Woman" 55, of Bemidji, MN died Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji, MN.

Traditional Services will be held at 12 Noon, Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. A wake will begin at 4:00pm, Friday, July 7, 2023, at the Onigum Community Center and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum, MN. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

She was born November 16, 1967, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Lyman and Sharon (Kakkak) Tanner. At the age of 5 her family moved to Minneapolis, and at the age of 10 they moved north to Laporte, MN. She attended school in Laporte including the Laporte High School where she was active in volleyball, cheerleading, track and field. She married Jessie Evans, and together they had two sons; John and Jesse. She was widowed when her husband Jessie passed away. She later married Darrin Losh, and they had two boys; Josh and Lorin. She worked in Early Childhood Education, and delivered Meals on Wheels to elders. She retired due to health issues, starting dialysis in February of 2017. She had a foster mother named Sarah Smith who loved her very much. They would often go to the Casino, and get her nails done by her. She would take her to dialysis, make sure she would take her meds, and make her appointments she needed. Evelyn's family would like to say "Bless You" for being there,

and being a part of her life. Evelyn enjoyed arts and crafts, following the Pow-Wow trail including camping. She enjoyed the Casino and playing Bingo. She loved beadwork, and made medallions for family and friends. She was a free spirit who did things when and how she wanted.

She is survived by her: Sons, John Evans of St. Cloud, MN, Josh Losh of Bemidji, MN, Nephew, Levi Losh of Bemidji, MN, Sisters Nancy Marie Tanner of Bemidji, MN, Barbara Silas of Sioux Falls, SD, Carol Lyons of Sioux Falls, SD, Grandchildren, Sammy Ceanna, Laila Losh, Darius Losh, and Nina Losh, Foster Mother, Sarah Smith of Bemidji, MN.

She was preceded in death by her sons Lorin Losh, Jesse Evans, her parents, and husband Jessie Evans.

Kevin Fairbanks Sr.



Kevin Michael Fairbanks Sr. born January, 24 1959 in Deer River, MN to Leona Mae Fairbanks and Alfred Wayne Fairbanks Sr. Passed June 10, 2023 at home in Ball Club, MN.

Kevin attended Deer River High School where he was active in several sports. Throughout the years, Kevin worked for Leech Lake Gaming as a black jack dealer and trapped spot-tail shiners with his brother Alfred Jr. Kevin took pride in his lawn and cared for the Pow-Wow grounds for the Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days Traditional Pow-Wow in Ball Club, MN. Kevin was also a fan of Plains Ojibwe Singers and was proud to have sang with them at Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days.

Kevin was preceded in death by parents Alfred Sr. and Leona "Dolly" Fairbanks; son Matthew Schaaf, brother Larry "Judge" Fairbanks and brother-in-law Earnest Bebeau. Kevin is survived by children Kevin Fairbanks Jr, Leanne Fairbanks, Brian Fairbanks, Rochelle Fairbanks, Kyle (Amanda) Fairbanks, Jenna (Daniel Head) Fairbanks, Eric Fairbanks, Karmen Fairbanks, and Nicole Fairbanks. Siblings Mary Bebeau, Alfred (Kathy) Fairbanks Jr, and Lisa (Simon) Jackson, Special brother Kelly Bowstring.

Grandchildren Aubree, Danica, Trey, Jayden, Kaydence, Keenan, Makenzie, Mataya, Macoy, Makai, Makotah, Paxton, Greyson, Mya, Fred IV, Cale, Collin, Caiden, Ariaiana, Jeron, Jace, Kai and Halo. Great-great grandchildren Roscelia and Zander. Many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers- Mike White, Duane "Skudder" Bebeau, Curtis Jackson, David "Neptune" Fairbanks, Trey Fairbanks, Brandon Bebeau, Michael Fairbanks, Fred Jackson III, Daniel Head and Myron Wakonabo.

Honorary Pallbearers- Lacy Johnson, Edward Chavers, Roger Gotchie, Mary Jo Gotchie, Stuart Sweeny, Jim Fisher, Roger Fairbanks, Matthew Perrington, Gordon Adams, Willie Laroque, Lawrence "Rerun" Gotchie Jr., Ben Schulman, Simon Jackson and Gene Fairbanks.

James Koutsky



James was born October 16, 1975 in Cass Lake, MN, he graduated form Deer River High School in 1994. James was a "Jack of all trades" He had had worked at Northern Lights Casino, Leech Lake Plumbing and Heating, Leech Lake Housing Authority and also Bemidji Cabinetry.

Later in life he was self employed doing different things such as plumbing, construction, yard work, working on almost any handyman skills. He enjoyed helping other community members and was always willing no matter what James loved to do beautiful pencil drawings and was very talented in art. He also loved to cheer on his favorite team, the Minnesota Vikings .

James is survived by his Mother Mary Koutsky/ Schwochert and his Father Craig Koutsky. His beloved and treasured son James Cloud. His sisters: Gloria Headbird, Diane (James) Koutsky, Alisha (Joshua) Seeleye, Tahnee (Joshua) Oshea, His Brother Craig Jr (Katey) Koutsky Nieces and nephews: Tristan, Dylan, Tashaun, Tiara, Tasia, Gordon "Gabby", Sincere, Summer, Nate, Aubree, Izaiah, Josh Jr, and Talon.

James was preceded in death by his Grandparents Bud (Arnold) and Gladys Koutsky, Stella and Vincent Schwochert. Special Cousins: John Wayne Grauman, Lyle "Butch" Grauman, Myron Lyons, Jack and Andy Wilson and best friend Samuel Bellanger. Honorary Pallbearers will be all of his friends and close relatives.

Douglas Pemberton Sr.



Douglas Jerome Pemberton Sr., age 82, of New Brighton, passed away on July 5, 2023, in New Brighton, MN. A mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 13th at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake. Fr. Kuriakose "KK" Nediakala will officiate. Pallbearers were Blake Pemberton, Kyle Wold, Rich Lewis, Isaiah Pemberton, Lamarco Pemberton, and Mark Goodwin. Interment was in the Thompson Cemetery, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Douglas Jerome Pemberton Sr., son of John C. and Margaret R. (Thompson) Pemberton, was born on March 12, 1941, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He grew up and attended school in Cass Lake and later joined the U.S. Army. He was married to Nancy Goodwin in 1961.

Doug spent most of his life in Minneapolis. He loved to drive. There isn't a road in the Twin Cities Metro that Doug didn't know. After many hardships and struggles Doug became sober in 1990 and enjoyed 30+ years of sobriety. Doug dearly loved spending time with his family and friends.

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Carla Jo Pemberton, His Brother John Wayne Pemberton, and a brother and sister in infancy.

He's survived by Nancy Pemberton, son Douglas J. (Linda Marie) Pemberton Jr., daughter Mary (David) Wold, son Dennis (Laurie) Pemberton, 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, his sister Betty (Kenneth) Anderson, a brother Robert Pemberton other relatives and friends.

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



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 the Guardianship of: A.A.W., Child, DOB: 07/05/2016; T.L.W., Child, DOB: 04/07/2019. Karyn & Donald Wind, Petitioners, And Arianna Kinchen-Wind & Rowan D. White, Respondents

Case No. FA-22-125

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 29th, 2022, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on July 20th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Review Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Kelly R. Isham, Petitioner, v. LeRoy M. Pemberton Jr., Respondent

Case No. CV-23-28

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND HEARING TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Order for Protection has been issued based on the hearing held on March 20, 2023.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS ORDER MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

- 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.
- 3) RESPONDENT MUST NOT ENTER PETITIONER'S RESIDENCE OR ANY FUTURE RESIDENCE.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Supreme Court Upholds Indian Child Welfare Act, Rejecting Challenge to Protect Native Families

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court has voted to keep the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) intact.

In a 7-2 vote, the court ruled that the law does not impose a federal mandate on traditionally state-regulated areas of power. The case the Supreme court heard challenging ICWAs reach was that of *Haaland vs Brackeen*, which alleged that the law illegally discriminates against non-Native families based on race when placing Native children in homes.

ICWA, which was originally passed in 1978, prioritized Native American children remaining with extend-

ed family/community members instead of being moved to homes off reservation. The law is a direct response to the disproportionate removal of Native children from their homes, families, communities and forced assimilation in the decades prior.

The challenge to ICWA upset a large number of Tribal communities and organizations, and left many searching to find solutions in case the court ruled against the Tribes. A local solution included the state of Minnesota codifying the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) to ensure Tribal children were not removed from their homes.

Leech Lake Chairman

Faron Jackson Sr released a short statement following the Supreme Court decision, celebrating the win.

“This is a great victory for Indian Country, our families, parents, grandparents and more importantly our children, and generations to come. We are so happy today on Leech Lake and in Indian Country, so many Tribes have worked so hard to keep our children in our family circles, to keep our identity, and culture strong and home with our people, I am so relieved, our prayers were answered,” said Jackson.

For more information on the Supreme Court's ruling, you can visit www.supremecourt.gov.



photo by DARREN THOMPSON

Protesters gathered at the Supreme Court in November 2022 during oral arguments for *Brackeen v. Haaland*.



Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list for July

OJIBWEMOWIN

Baakaakonon waasechigan / ishkwaandem.	Open the window / door.
Gibaakwa'an waasechigan / ishkwaandem.	Close the window / door.
Wiinad.	It is dirty.
Biinitoon.	Clean it.
Biinitoon i'iw adoopowin.	Clean that table.
Biinitoon o'ow adoopowin.	Clean this table.
Biinitoon i'iw apabiwin.	Clean that chair.
Biinitoon o'ow apabiwin.	Clean this chair.
Giziibiiqinan.	Wash it.
Oqziibiiqinaanan waasechiganan.	She/he is washing the windows.
Oqziibiiqinaanan ishkwaandeman.	She/he is washing the doors.
Giziibiiqinaaqane.	She/he is washing dishes.
Giziibiiqinaaqane na?	Is she/he washing the dishes?
Gii-kiziibiiqinaaqane na?	Did she/he wash the dishes?

ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

OJIBWE SOUND CHART

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OJIBWE SOUND

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esiban (raccoon)
bine (partridge)
niwin (four)
opin (potato)
oodenaa (town)

ENGLISH EQUIVALENT

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boat, boot

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OJIBWE SOUND

bakwezhigan (bread)
gichi-oginiig (tomatoes)
doodooshaboo (milk)
gaag (porcupine)
hay' (oops)
maajaan (go)
mikinaak (turtle)
mamoon (take it)
bine (partridge)
baapiwag (they laugh)
es (clam)
waagosh (fox)
anit (fish spear)
waawaan (egg)
babagiwayan (shirt)
mooz (moose)
niizh (two)
ma'iingan (wolf)

ENGLISH EQUIVALENT

big
chin
dog
go
hi
jello
kite
milk
name
pig
sun
bush
time
woman
yell
zebra
measure
oh – oh (glottal stop)

Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

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Notes:

The English letters and sounds of f, l, q, r, u, v, and x are not part of the Ojibwe alphabet.

The Ojibwe alphabet contains the additional double-letter symbols of aa, ch, ii, oo, sh, and zh.

The glottal stop, which is represented by an apostrophe, is a sound made by a release of air from your throat, similar to when someone punches you in the stomach.



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Responses are anonymous.

Questions? Contact Tribal Health, Tribal Human Services or Cass Lake IHS.





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18th Annual Niimi'idiwin (Powwow)

The Healing Power of Heritage Thursday, August 17 • 12-6 p.m.

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12 p.m.	Grand entry
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4:30 p.m.	Prayer and traditional feast
5:45 p.m.	Award dancers




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Gregory Bebeau	David Fairbanks	Arnold Crowe
Doreen Whitebird	Shelly Bebeau	Louis Boyd
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From the District I Office Kyle, Amanda & Janelle

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Robert Johnson



From the District II Office
Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle



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