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## The History of Native American Heritage Month

Timeline of events leading up to Native American Heritage Month as it is today

<b>1912</b>	<b>1915</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1990</b>
Dr. Parker and Boy scouts of America set aside day in Honor of the first Americans.	Lawrence, Kansas approves American Indian Day within the State.	Several States follow suit with Kansas declaring days in early September honoring America's first people.	All Native Americans born in the U.S. are granted citizenship.	President Reagan signs resolution designating November 23-30 American Indian Week.	President George H.W. Bush approves resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – November marks not only election season and Thanksgiving, but also Native American Heritage Month. A celebration of all things Indigenous.

Native American Heritage month has been a recurring monthly event in November since April 3, 1990 when former President HW Bush signed a resolution declaring November "Native American Heritage Month."

One of the earliest documented advocates of heritage month before it went to the government level, was a Seneca man named Dr. Arthur C. Parker who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y at the time. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs historical recollection, Parker convinced the "Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the First Americans" which they did for a running of 3 years from 1912 to 1915. Across the country at the same time Reverend Red Fox James also known as Red Fox Skiukusha began a 4,000 - mile trek on

horseback to Washington, D.C., to petition the United States for an "Indian Day." James also travelled state-to-state seeking support for U.S. citizenship to be extended to American Indians which did not happen until 9 years later in 1924. Later in 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association in Lawrence, Kansas formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day for the state.

The American Indian Association president at the time Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapaho Minister, also issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as US citizens. Following Kansas's lead several states followed suit in 1919 by declaring days in early September honoring America's first people. Once heritage month reached the government level it was first presented as a day of observance, then a week in 1986 due to prompts from Congress. Both law and pro-

clamations passed by Congress recognized American Indians as the first inhabitants of the lands as well as made mentions of their contributions to the United States.

Since that time as requested by Congress, Presidents have been making proclamations yearly honoring the achievements of the American Indians. The National Congress of American Indians says this "month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges."

Lectures and events celebrating this historic month are currently happening throughout the reservation and neighboring cities. Check [www.leechlakenews.com](http://www.leechlakenews.com) for more information.

## HF 211: Minnesota Replaces Columbus Day, Recognizing Indigenous People's Day as a State Holiday for First Time

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – For the first time ever, Indigenous People's Day is now a state-recognized holiday.

While Indigenous People's Day has been celebrated in Minnesota via proclamation for many years, state lawmakers passed HF 211 in February, following years of advocacy by the Minnesota House Native American Legislative Caucus and members of the eleven tribal nations in Minnesota. The day replaces Columbus day which falls on the second Monday in October.

"This has been years in the making, and I'm thrilled to celebrate the first Indigenous Peoples Day in Minnesota as a state holiday," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, a White Earth

Nation enrollee. "Native people are still here, and we've always been here. Honoring and marking that is an important step in the work to make sure our history continues to be told for our children and our children's children. Thank you to the advocates and legislators who have been working to make this day a reality for many years. We have so much to celebrate."

Schools that remain open during the holiday will dedicate at least one hour to educating students about the day's significance. The move is the latest in the state's efforts to require the education of non-natives on Native American issues, both historical and contemporary.

In addition to devoting at least one hour of the program to the day's significance, school

districts may provide professional development to teachers and staff or instruction to students on the following topics:

- The history of treaties between the United States and Indigenous peoples
- The history of federal boarding schools for Indigenous children
- Indigenous languages
- Indigenous traditional medicines and cultural or spiritual practices
- The sovereignty of Tribal nations
- The contributions of Indigenous people to American culture, literature, and society
- Current issues affecting Indigenous communities.

More information on HF 211 and Indigenous Peoples day, can be found at [mn.gov](http://mn.gov).

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# Minnesota's MMIR Report Reveals 9 Disturbing Themes Perpetuating Injustices Against Indigenous People

## Study Exposes Injustices in Indigenous MMIR Cases, Urges Reform.

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – Minnesota's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) office has released a new report that highlights 9 major themes, which define and perpetuate the injustices of Indigenous people.

The MMIR office partnered with Wilder Research in 2022 to conduct this comprehensive study of the federal, state and Tribal level policy landscape. The report is 153 pages long and work involved examining emerging best practices in cases of missing and murdered Indigenous people, identifying current issues in Minnesota and offering recommendations for addressing the MMIR injustice.

"Research shows that Indigenous relatives don't always receive an effective or just response from the system when they have gone missing or died under suspicious circumstances," said MMIR Office Director Juliet Rudie. "Every person deserves the same swift and effective response regardless of their race or other characteristics. That's why this report is so important."

To conduct the study, Wilder Research reviewed literature and completed in-depth interviews and listening sessions with experts from around Minnesota. This included people with lived experience and family members of Indigenous people who are missing, or who died by murder or other suspicious circumstances.

### THE THEMES ARE

- Reporting and initial investigations of missing person cases
- Communication and alert systems
- Review and investigation of unresolved ("cold") cases
- Death investigation
- Jurisdiction issues and government-to-government collaboration
- Data issues
- Victim and family services
- Prevention
- Media reporting

### MMIR Issues A Report Roadmap

pg 15	<b>Reporting and initial investigation of missing person cases</b>	Inconsistent use of investigative best practices, community distrust, biases against vulnerable populations, and staffing challenges contribute to delays, de-prioritization, and inadequate investigation of missing person cases.
pg 34	<b>Communication and alert systems</b>	The effectiveness of Minnesota's AMBER Alert system is impacted by community distrust and lack of awareness of alert criteria among law enforcement and the public. There are opportunities to bolster Minnesota's alert system for missing and endangered adults.
pg 48	<b>Death investigation</b>	Improved communication with families can help navigate cultural considerations for autopsies and address concerns over the official cause or manner of death. Death investigation and autopsy decision-making should be standardized across jurisdictions.
pg 72	<b>Data issues</b>	There are concerns about the quality and completeness of data related to the MMIR injustice, particularly related to participation in data systems among Tribes and law enforcement, and tracking and documenting race, ethnicity, and Tribal affiliation data.
pg 94	<b>Prevention</b>	Bolstering protective factors such as cultural and community connections, increasing access to healthy relationships education, improving law enforcement and social service system responses to domestic violence and trafficking cases, and supporting Indigenous restorative justice practices can reduce the incidence of MMIR.
pg 41	<b>Review and investigation of unresolved ("cold") cases</b>	Many factors make it difficult for law enforcement to maintain momentum on long-term unresolved cases. Having a statewide expert review panel re-examine cases with fresh eyes may help identify new leads.
pg 59	<b>Jurisdiction issues and government-to-government collaboration</b>	Tribal Nations and communities navigate a complex web of jurisdictional issues, and their sovereignty to exercise criminal authority has been eroded over time. Cross-jurisdictional and inter-governmental relationship building, communication, and collaboration are needed.
pg 79	<b>Victim and family services</b>	There is a need for victim-centered, survivor-informed, trauma-informed, and culturally-responsive services and flexible financial supports. Consistent, compassionate communication with families is needed to reconcile families' needs and investigative priorities.
pg 115	<b>Media reporting</b>	Historically, MMIR cases have received less media attention than their White counterparts. Media should adopt a survivor-centered approach to create a positive character profile of victims, and law enforcement should utilize mainstream and social media tools to spread awareness of missing persons.

Although they make up less than 1% of the population, Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people account for 8% of all murder victims in Minnesota. Every month, between 27 and 54 American Indian women and girls were listed as missing in Minnesota from 2012 to 2020.

The report finds that current legislation has shortcomings that "undermined and erode Tribal sovereignty in exercising criminal jurisdiction," and that often racial biases play a large role in the reporting and investigative work done by officers. The report states that there is a "presumption by some law enforcement officers that youth who have run away from care—are not in need of help. Conversely, some officers conclude that exploited youth who commit offenses are criminals, not victims." Another problem mentioned in the

report was the lack of data and the process to report missing adults.

To help combat the large number of issues hindering MMIR cases, the report recommends key takeaways for MMIR office partners, such as the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Safe Harbor Minnesota and local and Tribal law enforcement. Researchers stress the individuals within those agencies are properly trained, use best practices and follow state and federal laws. In addition, the report recommends that law enforcement training programs, such as the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board, incorporate MMIR topics under existing learning objectives.

The report recommends key strategies and solutions for the MMIR office to maximize its impact over the next three years, such as:

- Improve the training of law enforcement and other officials to increase knowledge about, and use of, best practices in investigating missing persons and suspicious deaths.
- Enhance partnerships among all government and non-government organizations involved in preventing victimization, investigating cases and supporting families and communities affected by trauma. This is especially important for law enforcement jurisdictions that have some role in missing persons and suspicious death investigations in Indian Country, including the 11 reservations in Minnesota.
- Ensure immediate action by law enforcement, community and family. This means reporting of missing persons, along with appropriate and immediate follow-up by law enforcement. This also includes strengthening adherence to existing missing persons' laws (e.g., Brandon's Law) and working with community-based organizations.

"The recommendations in this report will help the MMIR office prioritize where to focus our efforts as we continue to facilitate and implement the recommendations from the 2020 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force report," said Rudie. "We consider it a privilege to partner with state agencies, law enforcement, victim service providers and the media in the years to come to incorporate these recommendations with the end goal of responding to MMIR cases swiftly and effectively."

The MN MMIR office most recently helped in a large-scale two day search for Neveah Kingbird, a 15 year old from the Leech Lake Reservation who went missing 2 years ago. Rudie, who attended the search, encouraged families to reach out to them, if they were in need of help facilitating communication on the work being done on their loved ones' cases or setting up a search.

The MMIR can be contacted via email [mmiroffice.dps@state.mn.us](mailto:mmiroffice.dps@state.mn.us) or called at **651-201-7344**, and the full Wilder report can be found on the MN Department of Public Safety's website.



via MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Rediscovered Photos and Modern Indigenous Narratives: Minnesota History Center's 'Reframing Our Stories'

*New exhibit recaptures forgotten images, honors native communities, and fosters cultural understanding.*

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota History Center's Native American Initiatives (NAI) department has a new exhibit, reexamining and reframing photographs taken by Twin Cities journalists from the 1950's - 90's.

The "Reframing Our Stories" exhibit, opening to the public on October 21 as a powerful addition to Our Home: Native Minnesota, transforms the narratives of photos from a box simply labeled "Indians." Striking photos line the gallery

walls, with new text showcasing strength and resilience of Native communities – both past and present – in their own words.

"Community involvement is the most important aspect of this exhibit," said Amber Annis (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe), director of Native American Initiatives at the Minnesota Historical Society. "Throughout the development, our team sought out the input and opinions of several Native community members from across

Minnesota. Our goal is to create a space where Native Community members feel represented, as well as an opportunity for visitors to connect with our communities and develop cultural empathy."

Many of the featured photographs have not been seen since their initial publication and focus on Native community members, organizations, activities, and events, with particular attention to topics still extremely relevant in the lives of community members today. The exhibit aims to connect the past to the present by highlighting the memories of Native community elders, friends, descendants, and their organizing successors.

The Minnesota History Center is located at 345 W. Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, Minnesota.

## RBC BRIEFS • November 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.

One meeting was held in October 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on [leechlakeneews.com](http://leechlakeneews.com) under "Videos." Official meeting minutes can also be found on [leechlakeneews.com](http://leechlakeneews.com) under "LL Tribal Council" and "Tribal Council Meeting Minutes."

### BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

**1. Tuesday, October 17, 2023** A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

#### Presentations Given:

- **William Brunelle, DRM** – Presented a grant application to begin work on a new Wild Rice processing plant. A new plant has the ability to eliminate current outside costs and expand the reservations income by processing other reservations' rice.
- **Kyle Fairbanks, District I Representative** – Presented the updated LIC bylaws.
- **Ryan White, Leech Lake Tribal College** – Appeared on behalf of the college to ask for a matching donation for Give to the Max day 2023.



## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, October Quarterly Meeting

*The Band recently held its Quarterly Meeting on October 20, the meeting was held at the Ball Club Community Center and broadcasted to Band Members via livestream.*

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting in person Friday, October 20, at the Ball Club Community Center.

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 January 2024.

### Quarterly Report Summaries

#### Tribal Court

- 98 new cases were filed, and 288 hearings were conducted this past quarter.
- A “Board of Justice” was created. A new name for the board and goals/objectives will be updated.

#### Education

- For the school year 22-23, 213



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Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Fineday, District III Rep. LeRoy Fairbanks, Chairman Faron Jackson, District I Rep. Kyle Fairbanks and District II Rep. Steve White, Ball Club Community Center.

- students were funded through the post secondary program.
- For the school year 23-24, 118 students have been funded with more applications to be reviewed.
- The Gaa-Niigaaniziwaad (LL Leadership) Program is currently in process of being implemented. Program seeks to hire additional staff and promote outreach.
- Inger classroom was closed due to lack of students and staff.
- The Ojibwe Audio Enhancement project was completed and made into a 60-minute master copy.

#### Health

- The Onigum clinic is open each Tuesday weekly and a nurse/nurse practitioner will be available on site. In the future—the clinic will move to being open two days a week,

- Tuesdays / Wednesdays.
- A community health worker course is currently being offered at Northwest Technical College.
- Food distribution program has a new loading dock, entrance and walk-in freezer/cooler. Further plans to expand the program are in the work.
- Work continues on address water issues—PFAS at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig/Arsenic in wells in Mission homes. A number of homes were tested for arsenic, to get your home tested for arsenic—call LL Environmental Health at the Health Division.

#### Public Safety

- The Veterinary clinic is slated for a groundbreaking in 2024.
- Bi-weekly meetings with other LL programs have continued to address fentanyl



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District III Rep. LeRoy Fairbanks speaks to attendees in Ball Club.

- and opioid overdoses within the community.
- Pets for life treated close to 300 animals over the summer of 2023. Program is currently operating at max capacity and is looking into expanding kennel holding services for animals who await transportation to adoption agencies.

#### Resource Management

- Planning is underway to construct a new Wild Rice processing plant on the reservation.
- DRM purchased 240,000+ pounds of wild rice over a span of 21 days beginning on 8/23/23 and ending on 9/15/23.
- Meetings have continued on developing cleanup strategies for the St. Regis Superfund site.
- The Cass County Ah-Gawh-Ching project is nearly finished and there is a new plan in place to ensure there are no unmarked burial sites being disturbed.
- Work continues with the land department to develop new strategies for getting more land base for Tribal members seeking allotments to develop for occupancy.
- DRM continues to collaborate with the US forest service in moving forward with the secretarial land transfer.
- Work continues to address PFAS in water systems.
- DOE energy 534Kw solar project is expected to break ground in spring 2024.

#### Housing

- Housing inspections conduct-

- ed 373 unit inspections for substandard conditions in the LLHAA stock.
- The Modernization Department renovated 22 vacant homes and renovated 37 occupied units with health and safety issues during the reporting period.

#### Leech Lake Behavioral Health


- LLBH has reached case-load capacity as of 9/27/23 due to staffing shortages and surge in referrals. New patients will now have a 30 day wait for an appointment until further notice. The crisis response team is available for anyone experiencing a crisis or is considered high-risk.
- In July 2023, LLBH welcomed a Holistic Healing practitioner and consultant who is trained in herbs and reiki.
- LLBH now has an energy based services program development plan in place. LLBH is expecting to open energy based services to current LLBH clients in the late fall and the wider community following. Community members can expect to see herbal education classes soon.

#### Tribal Development and Planning

- A potential 200 acre site has been identified near the Tribal college for a herd of bison, to further develop the band's food sovereignty.
- The community economic development plan is being drafted and will be presented to council once completed and go out to the community for further comments and approval.

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# 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 is moving forward on a methodical agenda with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and the U.S. Congress. The Tribal Council members continue to work tirelessly in advocating for unmet need dollars for the Leech Lake Band and its People. As we continue to move forward, here is some of the news being reported to the great Leech Lake Nation.

**Onigum Head Start Program Invites Chairman Faron Jackson,**



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

**Sr. for Pumpkin Carving** – On October 19, 2023 Chairman Jackson, Sr. and his wife Laurel had been invited to the Leech Lake Onigum Head Start to share in carving pumpkins with our precious children. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated, "He had forgotten how much fun it was to carve pumpkins with the children. The smiles on their faces had lit up the entire room. My wife and I had been honored to share this community event with the children. We will definitely be back next year to share in the fun and watching the big smiles on our children's faces with ear to ear grins."

**Leech Lake Quarterly Meeting was Hosted by the Ball Club Community** – On October 20, 2023 Chairman Jackson, Sr. had provided a brief quarterly report on the news, hot topics, and U.S. Congressional action items supported by the Leech Lake Nation. The Chairman's office has made the enrollment criteria a top priority that needs to be addressed for our children's future. In almost 9 years, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe,

Tribal Executive Committee has been trying to resolve the enrollment eligibility because it's too restrictive. The MCT, TEC had passed Resolution 32-15 states, "... adult members of the MCT should be able to cast a ballot on the question of whether other Chippewa blood should be counted towards Tribal membership." This would be a good starting point that could run in tandem with the MCT Constitution Delegation Reform's process. It's time, we count all Chippewa blood in the enrollment process.

On February 25, 2015 MCT Resolution 32-15 was passed with a vote of 11 for, 0 against, and 1 silent. The purpose of passing this resolution was to fairly count all Chippewa blood in enrollment eligibility. The MCT Resolution 32-15 had stated, "Minnesota Chippewa Indian Blood has been defined by the MCT TEC to be blood derived from one or more of the six constituent Bands of the MCT." In July of 2023 at the MCT TEC Quarterly Meeting, we had a motion to implement MCT Resolution 32-15 that passed with a vote of 7 for, 4 against, and 1 silent. The purpose of this MCT Resolution 32-15 was to address the Wilder Research Report on population projections and methodology. The Wilder Research Report had a graph that showed Leech Lake's population in 2013 was 9,244 enrollees and by 2098, the enrollment numbers would be 3,152 to 5,914 enrolled members. We are systematically losing our Leech Lake Nation and its children from being enrolled under the present MCT Enrollment Ordinance.

Finally, your Chairman's posi-

tion is simple, Leech Lake is a sovereign and an independent Nation that exercised those rights before a treaty(s) was ever signed or the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe existed. Leech Lake is not asking the other five (5) Bands to change their enrollment process. As the Chairman, we have the inherent authority to decide our enrollment criteria as a point of exercising self-determination.

**Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council has been Supporting the Cass Lake Indian Hospital Expansions & Improvements** –

On October 20, 2023 Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. at the Ball Club Quarterly Meeting is requesting community support from the City of Cass Lake, Leech Lake enrollees to call or write their City Councils members to support the I.H.S. Expansion and Drive-thru Pharmacy. In recent years and going forward the Cass Lake I.H.S. in collaboration with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has made the expansion and improvement of the facility a high priority with goals of improving access, patient experiences and making this facility the first choice for quality healthcare for the Leech Lake Band.



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

**Chairman Jackson, Sr. Receives New Covid-19 Booster and Flu Vaccination Shots at Cass**

**Lake Indian Health Services** – On October 3, 2023 Chairman Jackson, Jr. and his wife Laurel had been vaccinated with the new Covid-19 booster and flu shots. Chairman Jackson, Sr. is cordially encouraging all Leech Lake Band members to make an appointment for their vaccination shots. This public service notice is especially for our loved ones that are older, with autoimmune health conditions and protecting themselves from illness. The Cass Lake I.H.S. had just received the new Covid-19 booster shots and ready for appointments.

**New Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council Donation Policy** – The Leech Lake Administration and Tribal Council have been reviewing the Draft Donation Policy. The Policy statement is the LLBO Tribal Council will apply fair, consistent, and transparent processes when providing donations for worthy activities benefitting Tribal members, individuals or groups. Please feel free to request a copy for your review.

**New Leech Lake Solid Waste Price Increases** – The Department of Public Works is recommending a price increase because of the high cost of fuel and dumping fees will be effective December 1, 2023. Please feel free to request a copy for your review.

Safety note, as we stoke up our furnaces for the cooler fall weather. Please check your filter for better efficiency with the operation of your furnace and you may save some money in the long run. A general inspection of the furnace, smoke stack positioning, and does the blower sound correct when operating. If not, contact a professional for service, like LLHA or LLBO Community Services Programs. Please be safe and take care!

## December

District III Elder Birthdays

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Vernon Barsness  
Beverly Beaulieu  
Carol Blue  
Sharon Brown  
Arlen Buckanaga  
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Lorie Howard  
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Teri Howard  
Vikki Howard  
Patricia Jackson  
Carol Jenkins  
Cheryl Johnson  
Nancy Johnson  
Annabel Kingbird  
Margery Kumalae  
Helen Lindemann  
Francis Littlewolf  
Roselie Lovelace  
Kim Lucero  
Jeffrey Lyons  
Deborah MacKinnon

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Betty McCormack  
Jerry Morgan  
Tracy Morrow  
James Nason  
Jay Nordmarken  
Russell Northbird  
Vernon Northbird  
Roberta Olson  
Lawrence Otto  
Jacqueline Peltier  
Teresa Persell  
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Larry Robinson  
Bernard Rock  
Eugene Rock  
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# Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER  
LEONARD FINEDAY**

Governmental Activities  
Secretary/Treasurer's Summary

## Monthly Report

Greetings Leech Lake Band members! Autumn is definitely upon us and it will not be long until winter is in full swing. I hope everyone is taking the time to prepare for the upcoming seasonal changes! It is my honor to present this report for October 2023 to you, including a recap of our finances for the entire FY 23 year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

### GOVERNMENT FY24 QUARTER 1 REPORT

For the 12 months ending June 30, 2023, the total revenue for the General Fund was \$30,097,610, reflecting an increase of \$2,998,281 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 11.1%. Total General Fund expenditures

for the year ending June 30, 2023 were \$30,854,803, reflecting a \$3,144,073 increase over the same period last year, for a year over year increase in General Fund expenditures of 11.3%.

For the 12 months ending June 30, 2023, the total revenue for the Special Revenue Fund was \$87,427,444, reflecting an increase of \$2,172,585 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 2.5%. Total Special Revenue Fund expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2023 were \$90,760,769, reflecting an increase of \$1,202,966 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase in Special Revenue expenditures of 1.3%.

For the 12 months ending June 30, 2023, the total revenue for the Indirect Cost Pool was \$14,268,196, reflecting an increase of \$951,950, for a year over year increase of 7.1% for the same period last year. Total Indirect Cost Pool expenditures for the same period were \$14,249,802, reflecting an increase of \$1,185,705 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 9.1% in Indirect Cost Pool expenditures.

As I have previously reported, work continues on streamlining our billing procedures so we can increase reimbursements to the Band. Work also continues on revising the Budget Ordinance for more clarity and increased Band member participation. And we continue to prioritize the completion of our external annual audits so we can stay in compliance with our own laws and other funding sources.

### ENTERPRISE FY24 QUARTER 1 REPORT

On our enterprise side, for the twelve months ending June 30, 2023, which covers the entire fiscal year, Total Casino, Small Business and Gaming Administration revenue

increased by 1.19% over last year. The Total Cost of Goods increased by 8.95% over last year. Total Payroll Expense decreased by 14.33% over last year. Total Operating Expenses increased by 36.36% over last year. The total Net Profit from Casino, Small Business and Gaming Administration for Fiscal Year 2023 decreased by 74.00% over Fiscal Year 2022. Importantly, as I have reported multiple times over the last year, we always recognized that 2023, the year of correction, would reflect deflated profitability from the banner gaming income year of 2022.

While these numbers are alarming from a year-over-year standpoint alone, it is important to keep in mind the bigger picture. First, 2022 was a banner year for gaming revenue. Costs were very low, employment and payroll were down, and revenue was record setting. Since that time, more people have come back to work, costs have increased dramatically as a result of inflation, and gaming revenue (at our casino properties alone) has been stagnant or slightly decreasing since 2022.

When all factors are taken into consideration, our enterprises are in a solid position from both a financial perspective and a market perspective. We are in line with profitability considering business acquisitions (and the ancillary rise in both net revenue and overhead expenses), business expansion (and additional debt service), and overall market conditions. We continue to closely monitor our enterprise financial performance to ensure we are maximizing profitability.

### MINNESOTA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION UPDATE

On October 2, 2023, I attended the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association meeting. At this meeting, tribal leaders heard an update on sports betting and iGaming

from a Michigan tribal leader. Discussion was held regarding our priorities as Minnesota tribes and the political realities we face in the legislature this upcoming session. We continue to formulate strategies and ideas that will keep Leech Lake well-positioned as we consider all opportunities for the Band going forward.

### ST. REGIS SUPERFUND AND EPA UPDATE

On October 18, 2023, Leech Lake leadership and staff met with leadership from the Environmental Protection Agency headquarters as well as EPA Region 5 leadership to discuss progress on remediation of the St. Regis Superfund Site in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Following up on the government-to-government consultation that was held in August 2023, Leech Lake pushed the EPA to consider additional remediation alternatives that are more aligned with tribal clean up standards and include removing contaminated soil from the site all together. The meetings with EPA were productive and we are hoping for positive outcomes in the upcoming remedial design for cleanup of Operable Units 1 and 2 of the site.

### MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE UPDATE

On October 25, 2023 the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe held a Tribal Executive Committee meeting in Mahnomon, Minnesota. At the meeting, an update was provided regarding the proposed Secretarial Election to amend Article II of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (enrollment). In July, the TEC voted to re-initiate the secretarial election process under MCT Resolution 34-15, which would accept all Ojibwe/Chippewa/Anishinabe blood into the ¼

blood quantum requirement. MCT legal and staff have been working with the Department of Interior and BIA since August, but have ran into many roadblocks in getting the secretarial election scheduled. Leaders from the TEC will meet with BIA regional and headquarters staff to resolve these issues and get the secretarial election scheduled.

In the meantime, it is important that we keep all of our members informed and updated, as well as provide education so we can have a high voter turnout in this election, whenever it is finally scheduled. Please watch for updates from LLBO and from your LIC regarding educational opportunities and outreach sessions.

### MN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPDATE

On October 25, 2023, Leech Lake leaders and staff met with Minnesota Department of Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart and his staff to discuss a number of issues including the Tax Agreement between LLBO and the State, upcoming funding opportunities including Aid to Tribal Governments and housing assistance, and educational opportunities for Band members around new state tax initiatives including the Child Tax Credit. The Department of Revenue will have an informational booth at the upcoming LLBO Quarterly Meeting in January 2024. We will also begin renegotiations for a new Tax Agreement in the spring of 2024. I will continue to keep Band members informed as we move forward.

This concludes my report for October 2023. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. As always, it is my privilege and honor to serve you all! *Chi-miigwech!*

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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  
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### 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  
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### Bemidji

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Bemidji Public Library  
Social Services Building  
Bemidji IHS Building

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# BUG O NAY GE SHIG SCHOOL NEWS

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▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Seasonal Activities class spent a few hours gathering swamp tea near the school. After it is dried and bagged, it will be given to community elders.



▲ Biology Class students at Bug O Nay Ge Shig practiced going through the steps of the scientific method with a bubble blowing lab.



◀ The Battle of Sugar Point took place during the first week of Oct. 1898 and is known as the last battle between a band of Indians and the U.S. Army. It involved the Bear Island Pillagers (Leech Lakers) and an elder named Bug O Nay Ge Shig (not the same as the two Bug O Nay Ge Shig who were leaders of the Gull Lake Band). The Bear Island Pillagers were victorious in spite of being greatly outmanned and outgunned.



▲ Students in the Seasonal Activities class at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School prepared for the Annual Fall Feast and Pow-wow by parching, jigging, and fanning the wild rice gathered from rice camp. They also cleaned and prepared several whitefish. The Feast and Powwow was held last Friday with many community members enjoying the meal and pow-wow.



▲ A group of Bug O Nay Ge Shig seniors recently took a field trip to Fort Ripley where they ate with the troops. Following the presentation and tour, they picked enough sage to meet the school's needs for a whole year.



▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Lady Silver Eagles tasted victory in their final home game against Hill City with scores of 25-11, 16-25, 25-15, and 25-19.



▲ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School are already preparing for the winter games. The first step in participating in the "Snowsnake Competition" is to find the perfect stick. So that meant an expedition to the woods surrounding the school.




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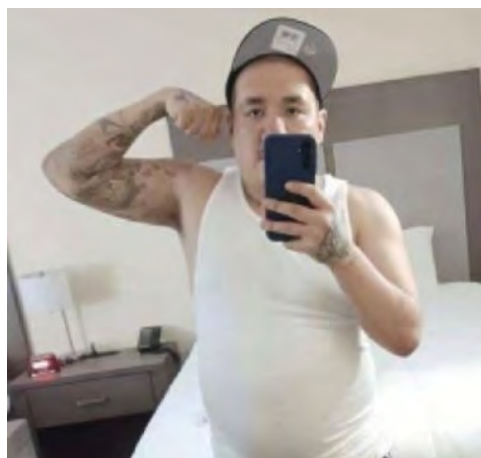
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# Obituaries

## Kevin Basswood Jr.



Kevin Basswood Jr. “Manidoo inini” which means “Spirit Man” the son of Crystal Tucker and Kevin Basswood Sr. Passed away on October 6, 2023. Kevin was born September 7, 1994.

Growing up Kevin spent a lot of his youth growing up in Pine Point with his 3 younger siblings. (Brittany Tucker-Spears, Tiffany Tucker-Spears, Blaze Tucker) He enjoyed videogames and football growing up, as he got older and older, he loved spending his free time driving around listening to his music, visiting his family, and watching the Vikings on Sundays. He loved his family and friends; he was always hyper and joking around. He has always been known to go out of his way to help you, no matter what, he would give you the clothes off his back if he needed too. He had 3 adorable little kids, Kiauna Basswood as his oldest daughter and Cayden Clark as his son and another that passed away during pregnancy. He had an unbreakable bond with his nieces and nephew.

Those greeting Kevin in the spirit world are his mother, Crystal Tucker; grandmother, Patsy Warren and many relatives and friends. Kevin is survived by his grandmother, Delores Bellanger; father, Kevin Basswood, Sr.; son, Kayden Basswood; daughter, Kianna Basswood; brother, Blaze Tucker; sisters, Brittany Tucker-Spears and Tiffany Tucker-Spears; nieces, Envy Tucker, Azayla Tucker, Aiyanna Tucker, A’lani Tucker; nephew, Armani Tucker, aunts, Rochelle Basswood, Kristine, Missy, Tina, Nakita, and Zeegwunikay Warren; uncles, Leroy and Kelvin Basswood, and Harley Warren, and numerous other relatives and friends.

A wake for Kevin will begin on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. and continue until his Saturday, October 14, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Traditional Service, all to be held at the Pine Point “Old School” Community Center, Ponsford, Minnesota. Kevin’s Spiritual

Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Kevin to rest are Blaze Tucker, Randy Kettle, Dan Warren, Brett Stevens, Devon French, Randy Warren, Kristine Warren, and Zeegwunikay Warren. Honorary pallbearers are Brittany Tucker-Spears, Tiffany Tucker-Spears, Adrian Warren, Brett Warren, and Delores Bellanger. Interment will follow services in the St. Theodore Catholic Cemetery Ponsford, MN.

Kevin’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## John Dunn Jr.



John Dunn, Jr., “ManaBozh” age 81, of the Bullhead Clan and Cass Lake, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, MN. He was born on September 9, 1942, the son of Alice (Taylor) and John Dunn, Sr., in Cass Lake, MN.

John attended country school in Wilkinson and Cass Lake Elementary and high school, finishing his G.E.D. after his years in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He worked Maintenance at IHS in Cass Lake, retiring after 24 years. He worked several other places, including 10 years at CL-B Elementary School as head custodian before another retirement in 2008. John was a loving dad, uncle, and grandpa, the last of his siblings in his family to pass. He loved football, feeding animals, ricing, small engines, drawing, going to the casino, and electronics, if it wasn’t broken he couldn’t fix it. He loved and cherished his visits with his son, Glen, right up to the time of his death.

Those John leaves behind to forever cherish his memory are his son, Glen “Tuffy” Fisher; stepdaughters, Jane Fisher and Patsy Fisher; nieces, Bee Dunn and Barb (Haugen) Dunn; nephew, Ernest Dunn; special granddaughter, Lucille Fisher; special friend, Karen Frazier; many great nieces and nephews,

grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Greeting John in the spirit world are his daughter, Carla Dunn, who came to take him on his journey on October 3, 2023, the same day she passed 18 years ago; parents, Alice and John Dunn, Sr.; mother of his children, Shirley Dunn; brothers, Richard, Wesley, and Louie Dunn, Sr.; sisters, Dorothy (Jenkins) Dunn and Roberta Dunn; nieces, Dora (Powers) Dunn, Onawa Dunn, Deborah Dunn Fairbanks, Kandace Dunn; nephews, Adrian Dunn and Nathan “Newt” Dunn Jenkins; grandsons, Ed Fisher, Doug Clark, and Brandon Humphrey.

A two-night wake for John will begin on Friday, October 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and continue until his Sunday, October 8, 2023, 12:00 p.m. service, all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. John’s Spiritual Advisor is Zach Early. Those helping to lay John to rest are Eugene Tibbetts, Chris Fisher, Kyle Dunn, Jesse Dunn, Colter Humphrey, and Sage Humphrey. Honorary pallbearers are all of John’s family and friends. Interment will be in the Morgan Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

John’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be let at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Geraldine “Gerri” Hardy



Geraldine “Gerri” Diane Hardy, “Peach,” O’zhaawashko-bineshii meaning “Bluebird” of the Bullhead Clan and Cass Lake, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, October 9, 2023, from the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. She was born in Cass Lake on November 6, 1970, the daughter of Janice (Holstein) and Walter Hardy, Jr.

Gerri was raised and lived her entire life in Cass Lake on Tract 33. She attended school at Cass Lake-Bena Schools and completed her GED in 1993. Gerri attended the Leech Lake Tribal College in 1993 and achieved degrees in Associates of applied science office occupation, Anishinaabe studies, and associate of arts completed in 1996. She worked at the Leech Lake Tribal College, BIA Office in Bemidji, and numerous positions with the Leech Lake Reservation until she retired due to her health in 2015. Gerri enjoyed going to the casino, watching tv, and visiting with

everyone who crossed paths with her. Gerri treasured time with her family, that meant the most to her. She liked Prince and listening to his music.

Those greeting Gerri in the spirit world are her father, Walter Hardy, Jr.; mother, Janice Morgan; brothers, Clyde Morgan, Jr., Walter Hardy, Jr.; and numerous relatives and friends.

Gerri is survived by her stepfather, Clyde Morgan, Sr.; husband, Brendin English-Deegan; sons, Joel “Moonie” Roy, Jr. and Lordez Deegan; 3 grandchildren, Brayden, Dax, and Aubrey; sisters, Paula (Dave), Kristi (Ron), Crystal, and Dianna; brother, Bobby Joe Holstein; numerous other relatives and friends.

A two-night wake for Gerri will begin on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until her Friday, October 13, 2023, 1:00 p.m. service, all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Gerri’s Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Gerri to rest are Lordez Deegan, Dylan Fairbanks, Launz Brown, Frank White, Jr., Chad Budreau, and Clyde Morgan, Sr. Alternates are David Hare, Jr. and Dominic Ross. Honorary pallbearers are all Gerri’s friends and family. Interment will follow services in the Lakeview Cemetery in Bena, MN.

Gerri’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](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Archie Robinson Jr.



Archie Robinson Jr. “Be-Sheez” passed away on October 18, 2023 in Duluth, MN. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on June 25, 1959 to parents, Archie Sr. & Loretta (Tuttule). He was a lover of music, family, and friends. Archie had an appreciation for the simple things in life. Constantly exploring his surroundings, he loved spending time in the park and his weekly breakfast at Uncle Lois. Always humble but rarely silent. His vast knowledge combined with quick wit gave him a wicked sense of humor. The best word to describe him is a “character”, or maybe “trouble”. He was a brilliant man. Throughout his life Archie amassed an impressive collection of books, he would eventually share with his grandchildren in “Grandfathers Library”.

He would even read the dictionary for fun. He had brawn to match his brains. He was a star athlete while in High School in Deer River. He was an auto mechanic and loved working on cars with his brother, Owen. Above all things, Archie was a family man. His children and grandchildren meant the world to him, and he will be missed by all. Archie is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Elise, Donna, Mary, Delores, Cynthia, and Carol; brothers, Owen & William; daughter, Rose Mary Washington; and wife, Jodi Robinson (Herbsleb-Schaffer). He is survived by his children, Jackie Abshire, Annette (Jesse) Smith, Tawnya Herbsleb, and Travis (Kat) Herbsleb, and Winona Bellanger; grandchildren, Donelle, William, Michael, MaKayla, Jennifer, Grace Lynne, Josiah, Victoria, and Justin; siblings, Edna Robinson, Alice & Charles May; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

VISITATION: Friday, October 20, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E Second Street, Duluth, MN 55805. And continues at 5:00 p.m. at the Inger Community Center, 53736 County Rd 146 Inger, MN 56636.

## Kenneth Perrault



Kenneth Verdell Perrault “Majiigabow” passed away on October 19, 2023. His Loving wife of 52 years, Evelyn was by his side. Kenneth was born March 20, 1944, in White Earth Minnesota.

Kenneth grew up in Deer River MN., where he graduated high school in 1962. Immediately upon graduating he joined the United States Marines. He served from 1962 until 1965, he was stationed on the USS Oriskany off the shores of Vietnam during the war.

After being discharged from the Marines he worked for Electric Machinery and for the U.S. Geological Survey.

On October 30, 1971, he married his soul mate Evelyn (Bullock). Also, in that year he got a job with Great Lakes Gas, and in 1976 he was recruited to work for Alyeska Pipeline Company. He worked for them for 23 years as a pump station supervisor.

He retired in 1999 and they moved to Cass Lake Minnesota. He was a proud member of the post 2001 of the American Legion and the Leech Lake Honor Guard; he was the post commander from 2002-2006. He served

on the parish council at St Theodores church in Laporte Minnesota and was Chairman of Kateri Tekakwitha from 2004-2012. At St. Charles, Ken and Evelyn were able to go to Rome Italy for the Canonization Ceremony for Kateri Tekakwitha in October of 2012.

Those greeting Ken in the Spirit World are his mother, Veryl “Scotty” Perrault; father, Roland “Bud” Perrault; sister, Cheryl Churchill; brothers, William Perrault and Mark Perrault.

Ken is Survived by his loving wife of 52 years Evelyn Perrault; Son, Kevin Perrault; daughter, Stepanie (Mike) Kurtzweil; Brother, Richard (Lynn) Perrault; sister, Cindy (Keith) Kuck; grandchildren, Bradley (Judy) Kurtzweil, Brandon Kurtzweil, Brianna (Edward) McGowen, and Kodi Perrault.

A wake for Kenneth will begin on Friday October 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, Minnesota and continue until his Mass of Christian Burial at St. Charles Catholic Church, Cass Lake, MN. Saturday October 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow at the church. Those helping to lay Ken to rest are the Leech Lake Honor Guard from American Legion Post 2001. Honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends.

Kens care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, Minnesota. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Carrie Bongo



Carrie Dionne Bongo, Bugonaygeshigikwe “Hole In The Day Woman”, age 53, of Bemidji, MN, travelled to the spirit world on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Carrie was born on December 15, 1969, in Bemidji, MN. She was a beautiful Ojibwe woman and is now more gorgeous than ever. She will be dearly missed by her family.

Services will begin at 8AM on Monday, October 9, 2023, at Mission Community Center. Burial will be at Morgan Cemetery in Oak Point, next to her mother, Janice Bongo. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack ([whisperingpinesnorth.com](http://whisperingpinesnorth.com)).

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Honorable Paul W. Day **Chief Judge of Tribal Court**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Clarissa Bobrowski and Darnell Johnson, Parents

Court File No. CP-21-04

## NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. The next hearing in this matter is on January 18, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the children to the individual(s) named in the petition by default.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Housing Authority v. Shallah Washington

Court file No. CV-23-70

## NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Complaint in Unlawful Detainer has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding Unit 23 – 16190 John Moose Drive, Cass Lake, MN 56633. A hearing has been scheduled for November 7, at 1:30pm in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Duane Anthony Beaudreau Sr., DOB: 05/31/1937, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-95

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Duane Anthony Beaudreau Sr., died November 12, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate 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 21st, day of September, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Desiree Finn, surviving granddaughter of the decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Diane Frances Goodman, DOB: 09/03/1946, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-88

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Diane Frances Goodman, died November 30, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate 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 7th, day of September, 2023 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 Gary Miettinen III, surviving nephew of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 7th, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Gary Miettinen III, 16598 65th Ave., Unit B, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Diane Frances Goodman, decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Debra Elaine Beaulieu, DOB: 08/25/1957, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-84

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Debra Elaine Beaulieu, died February 2, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate 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 10th, day of August 2023 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Jesse Beaulieu, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 10th, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Jesse Beaulieu, PO Box 175 Bena, MN 56626 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Debra Elaine Beaulieu, decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Daniel Charles May, DOB: 12/01/1993, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-64

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Daniel Charles May, died April 2, 2023. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate 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 3rd, day of August 2023 at 2:30 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Penny Jones, surviving significant other of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 3rd, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Penny Jones, PO Box 1022 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel Charles May, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim

against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Leona Elizabeth Cloud, DOB: 01/09/1936, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-144

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Leona Elizabeth Cloud, died September 29, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate 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 27th, day of July 2023 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Colleen Gullickson, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 27, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Merrill Cloud, OID #169024 MCF – Moose Lake, 1000 Lake Shore Drive Moose Lake, MN 55767 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Leona Elizabeth Cloud, decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: David Bruce Seelye, DOB: 01/25/1953, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-114

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, David Bruce Seelye, died February 2, 2015. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate 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 2nd, day of March, 2023 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 Jesse Seelye, surviving nephew of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on March 2, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Jesse E. Seelye, PO Box 83 Bena, MN 56626 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of David Bruce Seelye, decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Custody of: Anoodin S. Isham, DOB: 09/05/2013. Kristen Bryan, Petitioner, and Daniel Isham, Respondent,

Case No. FA-23-68

ORDER

Based on the above Affidavit, IT IS ORDERED:

× 1. Notice shall be given by publication in two consecutive issues of the DeBahJiMon.

× 2. Notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation of \_\_\_\_\_ at least once a week for three consecutive weeks at Petitioner's expense.

× 3. The date and time of the Hearing in this matter is December 14th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Leech Lake Tribal Court in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

× 4. Applicant's request for publication is denied.

#### 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.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Colleen Rushman, OBO, N.W., minor child, Petitioner, v. Amber Lord, OBO, A.L., minor Child Respondent.

Case No. CV-23-63

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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

- 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT HARASS THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSONS, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.
- 3) RESPONDENT IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING WITHIN 200 FEET OF PETITIONER'S HOME.
- 4) RESPONDENT MUST STAY AT LEAST 20 FEET AWAY WHILE AT SCHOOL.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Shirley Jane Young, Petitioner, v. Nicholas Boyd Sherman, Respondent,

Case No. CV-23-27

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND HEARING TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Order for Protection has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter. You are hereby required to appear before the Judge of this Court on June 6th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota. If you fail

to appear, judgement by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS 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.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of Anevey Arlene Keezer and Lucas Michael Hilton Sr. (deceased), Parents.

Court File No. CP-23-18

NOTICE: YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Transfer to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. A hearing has been scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM In the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Court Administration with any further questions and/or for copies of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may, by default, transfer permanent custody of the children to the individual(s) named in this petition.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Vanessa Smith (deceased) and Llewellyn Kingbird, Parents

Court File No. CP-22-11

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. The next hearing in this matter is on January 24, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the children to the individual(s) named in the petition by default.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Custody of: T.L.F., Minor Child, DOB: 05/21/2009. Margret Headbird, Petitioner, v. Amanda K. Bush and Juel F Fairbanks, Respondents,

CASE NO. FA-23-84

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 18, 2023, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) and a Notice of Motion and Motion for Ex-Parte Guardianship and Request for Emergency Hearing were filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before January 25th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Initial Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

## LLBO Is seeking band members interested in serving on the Cannabis Regulatory Commission!

### REQUIREMENTS\*

- **Age 21 or older**
- **Not a member or office of the Tribal Council**
- **Not a judge or employee of the Tribal Court**
- **Not a convicted felon**
- **Able to establish and maintain eligibility to serve as a commissioner**

**\*Full position description and requirements are available from the Leech Lake Human Resources Department**

**Three (3) applicants will be selected to fulfill the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. These positions will be the commissioners for the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. The Commission shall authorize and regulate cannabis businesses within the reservation.**

Interested applicants should submit a Letter of Interest by **Friday, November 17, 2023 at 4:30PM to:**  
**Terri Gogleye, Executive Director**  
*Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*  
*190 Sailstar Dr NW*  
*Cass Lake, MN 56633*

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

## November Birthdays

### District I

Charles Grauman  
Ralph Schaaf  
Lisa Nason  
Mabel Roy  
Candace Gotchie  
Gary Charwood Sr.  
Darlene Autio  
John Beaulieu  
Lucille White  
Shannon White  
Bradley Bowstring Sr.  
Sandra Armstrong  
William Evers Jr  
Simon Jackson  
Lorayne Harper  
June Drift  
Donna Cloud  
Stuart Smith  
Selma Jackson  
Gerald Bowstring  
John Charwood

From the District I Office  
Kyle, Amanda & Janelle

### District II

Bruce Bobolink  
Clarice Rockboy-White  
Franklin Bowstring  
Winona Richardson  
James Samuelson  
Genny Chase

From the District II Office  
Steve, Stephanie & Michelle



### District III\*

Bonnie Beaulieu  
Sharon Bebeau-Cavitt  
John Bedeau  
William Bedeau  
Willis Burnette  
Evelyn Campbell  
Sheryl Charwood  
Janet Cloud  
Eleanor Craven  
George Donnell  
Dean Elmberg  
Anita Fahlstrom  
Kenneth Fahlstrom  
Donald Fairbanks  
John Fairbanks  
Jerome Finn  
Glen Fisher  
Mary Goggeley  
Russell Goggeley

Charles Hanson  
Kerry Harper  
Shari Headbird  
Peter Hunt  
Debra Jackson  
Kenneth Johnson  
Marlene Johnson  
Karen Jones  
Connie Littlewolf  
Roselyn Loeken  
Andrea Lyons  
Darlene Monroe  
Cynthia Morris  
Peter Morris  
Terrence Morris  
Eugen Northbird  
Suzanne Northbird  
Steven O'Brien  
Clayton Oothoudt  
Ethelyn Peacock

Joseph Plumer  
Richard Raish  
Robert Randall  
Walter Reese  
Winona Richardson  
Jeffrey Riewer  
Mary Rober  
James Samuelson  
Jeffrey Sande  
Angela Sayers  
Linda TeJohn  
Lana Tucker  
Kerri Wakefield  
Carol White  
Lyman White  
Mary White  
Timothy White  
Robin Windom

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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### CASS LAKE/BENA LOCAL INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT COMMITTEE NOTICE OF TVII/AIPAC/LIEC ELECTION

The Cass Lake/Bena AIPAC/LIEC is seeking candidates to fill the following expired terms of office:  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS THAT ATTEND  
CASS LAKE/BENA SCHOOLS

Seven **(7)** VACANCIES FOR A TWO **(2)** YEAR TERM EACH Two **(2)** VACANCIES FOR A ONE **(1)** YEAR TERM EACH

All candidates, with the exception of students and teachers/counselors, shall be parents, guardians or have legal custody of American Indian children attending ISD #115 schools. In order for grandparents to vote, grandchildren must reside in the grandparent's home. School employees are not eligible to serve as Parent Representatives on this Committee.

If you are eligible and interested in filing for one of these vacancies, call Emmy at **335-2203**, ext. **1206** or ext. **1322**. Filing will open on 11/1/23 and close on 2/20/24 at 4:00 pm. Ballots will be sent out in the mail starting on 3/1/24. If you did not receive your ballot in the mail by 3/10/24, please contact Shelly at the above number and she will make arrangements for you to vote. Voting will close on 5/1 /24 at 4:00 pm. The election results will be certified on 5/13/2024.

The AIPAC/LIEC is also looking for one **(1)** elder representative to serve on this Committee. This is done by appointment of the AIPAC/LIEC. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Shelly or Emmy at the number listed above.

To file, contact Emmy at the Indian Education Office at the Cass Lake-Bena High School. For further information call: **335-2203** ext. **1206**

# Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

## Words and sentences list for November

### OJIBWEMOWIN

Dagwaaqin. Ani-gisinaa.  
 Gidaa-biizikaan  
 qibabiinzikawaagan.  
 Gaawiin nimikanziin nimbabiinzikawaagan.  
 Gagwe-mikan qibabiinzikawaagan.  
 Aaniindi qibabiinzikawaagan?  
 Gibabiinzikawaagan ina o'ow?  
 Ayaamaqad ina omaa qibabiinzikawaagan?  
 Ayaamaqad ina imaa qibabiinzikawaagan?  
 Aaniin enaandeg qibabiinzikawaagan?  
 Awenen obabiinzikawaagan o'ow?  
 Awenen obabiinzikawaagan i'iw?  
 Ninqji-mikaan nimbabiinzikawaagan.

### ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

It is fall.  
 It is becoming cold.  
 You should put on your coat.  
 I can't find my coat.  
 Try to find your coat.  
 Where is your coat?  
 Is this your coat?  
 Is your coat here?  
 Is your coat there?  
 What color is your coat?  
 Whose coat is this?  
 Whose coat is that?  
 I found my coat.

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Developed by Camille Naslund, Ed.D.,  
 Niigaane Program Director / Teacher

### OJIBWE SOUND CHART

#### VOWELS

a  
 aa  
 e  
 i  
 ii  
 o  
 oo

#### OJIBWE SOUND

asemaa (tobacco)  
 omaa (here)  
 esiban (raccoon)  
 bine (partridge)  
 niwin (four)  
 opin (potato)  
 oodenaa (town)

#### ENGLISH EQUIVALENT

about  
 father  
 way  
 pin  
 seen  
 obey, book  
 boat, boot

#### CONSANANTS

b  
 ch  
 d  
 g  
 h  
 j  
 k  
 m  
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 p  
 s  
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#### OJIBWE SOUND

bakwezigan (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)

#### 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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**\$10 FREE PLAY**  
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**COMPLIMENTARY 22oz TUMBLER**  
(While supplies last)





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6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2023

# POW WOW CONTEST

WALKER, MN

**NOVEMBER 24**  
GRAND ENTRY 7PM



**NOVEMBER 25**  
GRAND ENTRY 1PM & 7PM



ALL CATEGORIES ARE SEPARATE

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For additional questions please contact Rod Northbird at (218) 335-7563 or Samara Lohnes at samara.lohnes@leechlakegaming.com



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NOV. 23, 2023



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